**Myrtle Webb’s 1924-54 diary**

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**April 1924**

April 20th, 1924

April 20th Windy. N.E. Easter Sunday. Snowing until 10 a.m. A lot of snow. Fields covered. Froze hard at night. Up to B.View.Radio Poor**.** Long day. No preaching.

21 wind. S.W. Fine day. Ernest helping Cecil haul in hay stack. Finished Anitas serge shirt. Collecting for Ernie Laird. Froze hard at night.

22 S.W. Lovely morning. Heavy white frost. Ernest got load of hay from Cecil. Marion cleaned her room. Started cleaning pantry. Rained in evening. Wind S.E.

23 S.E. Very heavy rain. Fine in afternoon. Finished pantry. Papered front porch. Car ferry crossed last night. Had been stuck in ice for some days.

24 S. & S.W. Lovely fine bright day. Washed in A.M. Ernest finished collecting for E. Laird. Got 44.00. J.F.G. met at Fenners. Lots of snow yet but going fast.

25 N.E. Cold foggy and rain and sleet at night. J.F.G went up to mothers. Cleaned our bedroom little hall & spare room. Marion ironed. Darnley quite sick.

26 N.E. fine. Ernest went to Creek in A.M. Got bag of flour and clover seeds. Did Saturdays work. Broke road from brook to Ham’s gate.

27 Sunday N.E. Fine in morning. Snowed a little in evening. Mother and Cecil down. Pres church in afternoon. Ernest and girls went. Keith has sore throat. Darnley pretty miserable. I spent the day in bed, sore back.

28 S.W. In morning, turned to N.E. in afternoon. Very heavy fog at night. In bed till 4 PM. Back very sore. Snow very slow going. Sent order to [?] $6.30

29 S.E. Snowing in AM. Ernest and Keith cleaning grain. Up today but pretty crippled. Sent order to Lou S. Darling for seeds $1.00. Letter from Aunt Sadie. She is in Gladstone, getting settled. Ernest up to Wilburs getting glass cut for hot bed.

30 S. and S.E. Pretty fine day. Warm south wind, thawed a lot. Broke road from corner to Forge. From 3 to 6 ft snow. No mail. Very bad road. Feeling better today. Set 2 hens today.

May 1st, Sir Louis Davis died to-day within 4 days of his 79th birthday. Was born 1845 on May 4th.

1st S.E. Blowing gale, threatening rain all day. Mail came. Terrible road. Ernest to see Darnley. Very poorly, did not see him. Got Anita shoes & rubbers from Reuel. Shoes, $3.50 Rubbers 90. Letters from Myron and Elaine Ice got a start off today. Very heavy ice on shore yet. Sir Louis Davis died.

2 S.W. Fog in air. Cleared off lovely. Warm day. Dad walked to Forge. Clipped Laddie. Ironed & baked. Marion swept. J.F.C.s here at night.

3 A.M. S.W. N&NE. E & S.E. Fine day but chilly in evening. Ernest yarding out lumber. Made hot bed frame in afternoon. Went to Stanley to factory meeting. Took a sleigh. Mrs Billie Taylor had a boy. Bad road. Keith went to run for smelts. Got 5. Set a hen in boiler house. Girls cleaning up yard in afternoon.

Sunday 4th Perfect day. Wind southeast and warm. No church. Keith went up to Bay View on horseback. Ernest & Winnie over in evening.

5 S.W. & S.E. Blowing a gale Washed regular & bedding Marion cleaned Anitas room. Keith went to run for smelts. Got 6 & some perch. Raining at 11. P.M. Darnley better today. Put manure in hot bed. Saw first carriage come down hill this A.M. XYZ

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**May 1924**

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6th S.W. & W. Lovely fine day, cool. Had Mrs. Murray up to clean Aunties house. Not very spry myself, me. Ernest & K. took banking away. No mail today.

7 N.W. & N.E. & S.E. Ice back again. Wind cold but a lovely bright day. Ernest went to Kensington with Will Graham to Patterson Walkers sale. Anna over in afternoon. Road drying up very good. Got our seeds from Rennies. Saw swallows.

8 S.E. N.E & N.W. At night tried to rain but failed. Planted hot bed. Ernest & K. got 5 beauty trout for supper. Down to Alberts at night.

9 N.E. wind cold and foggy all day till 5 PM. Ice back again lots of it. Not doing much. Ernest and Keith in cemetery. K & Anita went to B. View PM.

10 N.E. Fine but cold wind all day. Very heavy frost in morning. Ernest went to Rustico in AM. Girls cleaned dining room. Ernest to Stanley and Marion up to Mothers at night. Very tired. We can’t find Sandy.

11 Sunday. East wind but fine. Pres church in AM. Mothers day. Lorraine found strawberry blossoms. Anita and K went for May Flower Class at Mothers at night. Heard a little on Radio. Junior Laird sick. Sadie Head has no.5 in Epping NH.

12 East. Fine day. Washed in AM. Ernest went to Cecils for hay. Did a little gardening. Loraine went to school. Went to Jerrys in the evening. Anna[?] not very well. Cemetery meeting at night. Wind south east, looks like rain.

13 S.E. Rained in AM. Ernest had two trips to Mayfield with & for sow. Concert in Mayfield, Keith and George have gone. Margaret has pneumonia. Planted lettuce parsley and a few onions. Hot bed up good. Roy Toombs’ have a baby girl.

14 S.W. Ernest went to H. River for fertilizer. ~~RoyTo~~ Went to Rustico in evening, stayed at Hammond Toombs while Ernest went to Creek. First violets.

15 S.W. Lovely warm day. Heavy showers in the afternoon E. & I went up for clams, got them off Art Simpsons shore. Yum Yum Planted a few early potatoes in afternoon.

16 S.W. Lovely Day. Keith plowing the wheat land. Cleaned the front room & hall. Pretty tired tonight. Letters from Elaine

17 S.W.; W; N; + S.W. Lovely day, warm. Ernest went to Creek for rope. Seed & fertilizer for Cemetery. Busy all day. Keith in bed in afternoon. Marion and Anita went up for Mayflowers.

18 Sunday. S. Lovely day but blew a gale all day. Enid & Reuel’s got as far as Dolph Fleming’s had a blow out and had to turn back. Had our first rhubarb in a pudding today. Children went up to Bay View to-night.

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19 S.W. and a gale. N. at night and cold. Keith planting spuds at Mr. Greens. Ernest harrowing back at end of lane fields. Got Eaton order. Did some digging in Garden. Lettuce is up in garden

20 W & N.W. + S.W. Fine day but cold. Keith harrowing. Washed in AM. Marion went over to Jerrys in afternoon.

21 N.E. in AM. Bitter cold all day. Ice in Gulf, not in close. Poor lobster season so far. Ernest sowed wheat this afternoon and mixed feed behind the barn. Churned in AM. Chickens hatching. Got seeds from Darling’s. Planted them in hot bed.

22 East Wind and bitter cold all day. Frost in AM. Cleaned washroom. Ernest got load of hay from Jerry. Keith harrowing.

23 N.W. Bitter cold. All kinds of ice in to-night. Rained in AM. Keith harrowing. E & I went up to Mothers in evening.

24 S.W. Perfect Morning, much warmer today. Took Keith up to Will Graham’s to plant potatoes. Ernest sowed seven acres back lane field. Reuel & Enid were out, called in evening. Mr Spriggs, his two daughters and two Misses Tompsons[?] here for awhile. They had lunch back lovers lane. Letter from Lizzie. Elmer has been sick. Everybody very tired tonight.

25 S Blowing hard, started to rain about 4 PM and looks like all night. The first real rain since January. I went over to see Jimmie[?] Laird in the morning. Ellice is home. Jimmie looks very miserable. Thyra here to tea, came from Sunday School. Nobody went to church from here on account of rain. I have $8 chickens**.**

26 W. S.W. Perfect Morning after the rain. Cutting sets. Keith harrowing back. Mr Stavert, Mr Aitken, and Miss Minnie Alward came in car at dinner time. Gave them dinner. Enjoyed their visit particularly Miss A’s She is Sam Alwards daughter. Ernest and I went up to Mothers after milking and Marion[?] & I went down to Ceds’. Everybody pretty well there. Marjorie looks fine.

27 S.W. Blowing hard. Have had so much high wind this spring. Ernest sewed middle back field. Marion & I washed. Cut sets in afternoon. Aunt M. miserable in morning. Churned after supper and set out dahlias. Ernest got hay at Jerry’s.

28 S. Raining early. Started planting potatoes about 9 AM. Mrs Ernest[?] Murray & Keith. Ernest got a bag of flour at Harold Toombs’. Went over to Jerry’s for setting of eggs. Lorraine’s birthday, Marjorie was here for supper.

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**May-June 1924**

May 1924 & June

29th s. Finishing planting spuds. Digging in garden all day. Aunt M. very miserable. Girls came home.

30 S.W. Blowing hard. Ernest putting out manure for mangels. Elaine came down. E & I went over to Jerrys. Anna sick, mishap. Too bad.

31 W & N.W. & S.W. At night quite a heavy rain. Lorraine had a little party. Marion over with Anna until 3 PM. Then I went. Had Doctor see her. Hope she will be alright.

Sunday, June 1st. Showery this morning. Wind N.W. cold. Went over to Jerrys after dinner. Anna helping nicely. Gasperaux at night. Reuel and Keith went down to run got one seventy. XYZ.

2 E. Nice day. Thunder squall in afternoon. Ernest planted mangles. I was in bed most of day. Anna keeping better.

3 All around today lovely morning. Washed. Ernest planted garden stuff. Beans, corn & pumpkins. Awful tired at night.

4 S.W. Foggy in AM. N.E. and more fog in afternoon, very cold at night. Mrs Stirling and Doris came just after dinner. Myron & Elaine in here for supper. Keith planting potatoes at James O’s. Factory started today.

5 E.SE. Lovely warm day. Ernest finished sowing pond field. Keith planting at J.O’s. Ernest & I went down to Rustico Creek in the evening. Tired out and cold.

6 Fair and very warm. Marion’s birthday. She was at Jerry’s all day. Had choir practice at night and ice cream.

7 S. Fine day. Very busy, Keith finished harrowing. K., Anita & Waine went up for clams. Ernest up to Bay View

8 Sunday. W. n. Very cold tonight blowing hard. Myron preached a very good sermon. Enid & Reuel & E.P. Mother Cecil. Elaine and Myron here to supper. Feel better to-night. Ducks hatched.

9 N.E. Bitter cold & blowing hard all day. Ernest set out strawberry plants. Went into Allen Wyands in evening. Chum[?] has a family of puppies 8.

10 N.E. Fine but wind cold. Big washing in morning. Ernest working on road with team. Lemmie is running road machine. Aunt M. very miserable. Class at Jerry’s. Got parcel from Maud.

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**June 1924**

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11 NE & E. Bright fine day but cold. Marion at Mothers. Nan at Jerrys. Keith at Freds. Aunt M. very poorly. Ernest working on road in forenoon. Went up to Cecils for bull after dinner. Tired to-night.

12 S & S.W. Lovely day. Jerry Jerome here for dinner. Aunt Margaret’s birthday. Murray Robertson came in afternoon and stayed all night. Pauline very sick, feverish. Keith rolling wheat in AM. Planting at Freds

13 S.W. Fine day. Mrs Robert Brown Stanley died yesterday. They dug the grave this AM. Pauline is pretty sick. Aunt M. up again. Ernest took load of wood to Jerry Jerome, Mima coming home to-night. Myron went to Montague to-day.

14 S. S.E. Very warm all day. Looked like rain but did not manage it. Mrs. Brown buried this afternoon. Ernest went to Stanley to factory meeting. Pauline better. Mrs. Alex McN up in evening for dahlias. Pretty tired to-night. Elaine here all night.

15 S.E. A glorious rain all day long. Regular downpour at night and in afternoon. Elaine here all day. More ducks hatched.

16 W. & N.W. Lovely day, rained in afternoon. Set on a lot of plants- in morning- tomatoes, cabbage, etc. I went over to see Mima in evening. Ernest & Marion started for Hunter River but turned back. Were down to see Mrs. Albert in evening. Saw rainbow in the north when we were coming home. Full moon and a dark cloud and raining out at sea. Looked weird.

17 S.W. Lovely day. Rained in morning. Washed. Cleared up about 9: AM. I went over to Jerry’s to sew. School meeting in afternoon and telephone meeting at night. Tired.

18 S. Lovely morning. Ernest & Marion out to H. River to Dentist. Thunderstorm after dinner and quite a heavy rain. Sewing. Finished my black dress. Sent Simpson order. Got bag of flour.

19 W. Perfect day after the rain. Ernest took a load of logs to mill. Jimmie Laird died this forenoon. Ernest there till 7. PM. I was at Jerry’s sewing. Got my rose dress finished.

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**June 1924**

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20 N. Lovely day. rather cool. Keith & girls sick. Jimmie Laird’s funeral this afternoon. Quite a large funeral. Mr. Aitkin spoke very well. Winnie, Mima & Hester here in evening.

21 N.W. & N.E. & E. Lovely morning. Ernest went to town with wm moffat. Busy all day. No news.

22 Sunday. N. Cloudy in AM. Lovely in evening. Pres church at night. Mr. Murchison preached & sang. Marion found a few strawberries up by Fenners barn. Lettuce for dinner.

23rd S.W. Lovely day quite warm. 78 degrees about 1: PM. Wind came north about 3PM. Ernest & I went to Creek in evening. telephone meeting at Alberts. Pauline not well at all. Country lovely now. Crops looking good. Some hay looks thin.

24 Every way. quite a lot of thunder but no rain. Very hot. Busy all day sewing.

25 Cloudy all day started raining about 4 PM. Lovely warm rain. Artie Clark & wife, Jeremiah and wife and Mrs. Sterns here for a few minutes to see Aunt Margaret. Auntie pretty miserable today.

26 Lovely fine day. Set out our flowers from hot bed. Artie Clarke told Ernest that PEI is two weeks ahead of Ont and other provinces in farming and crops. The warm rain last night has freshened everything. Ernest helping Nelson haul Pierce’s hen house up to Geo R place for a garage for Mr. Bonnell. Institute meeting at Mrs. Hammond Toombs.

27th Lovely day. Pretty warm. Sick in AM. School exam in afternoon. Elaine came down and went with Marion. Headache at night pretty bad. Keith and Reuel Gauthier went fishing. Blowing

28th Fine but blowing a gale. Terrible headache this AM, quite sick too. Marion had it pretty hard. To-day Ernest & Keith fencing XYZ.

29 Sunday. Cloudy but very little rain. Feeling better. K. took Marion up to mothers this AM. Gordon Hyde [?] & family came out from town and Anita went in with them. Mother down all day. Ernest and I went over to Jerry’s in evening. mima home alone.

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**June-July 1924**

June and July

30 Lovely day. Dark in AM but lovely afternoon. Cedric Simpson & wife have a Boy. Busy all day. Ernest fencing. I was over at John Fs this evening with the kiddies.

July 1st. Lovely day. Washed in AM and sewed in P.M. A lot of cars on the go today. Two cars went back the lane and had their supper. Class at night.

2nd S.W. & S. Fine and very warm. Ernest and Keith hoeing mangles. Shoot [?] in P.M. Baseball practice. Telephone meeting & Directors meeting. E went to T. meeting.

3 S.W. very warm day. No rain. Mima and Marion went to Rustico. Sewing all day. Tired.

4 S. S.E. & E. 80 degrees. Very hot day. Marion in bed. Fridays work to do. Busy all day. Choir practice at night.

5 S.W. 84 degrees. Very hot. Ernest hauling lumber. Tea at English Church Rustico. Cecil and Elaine went with Mr. Bonnell. Ernest & I went up for clams. Gordon & Lydie brought Anita home and left Ruth & Reggie out. Vernies[?] birthday.

6 Sunday. S.W. Very hot again. Little shower in morning. Mr Herman S. Side preached in afternoon. Elaine & Mary Stuart here for supper. Anita & Ruthie & Thyra gone to shore. Strawberries for supper.

7 N.w. Washed in morning, baked bread. Hoeing mangles. Ernest went in to Andrew Macks for Dory. Baseball game at night. Very smokey fires in northern New Brunswick.

8 Lovely day but very heavy smoke cloud in morning. Everything covered with ashes. Maud Montgomery came in afternoon. She looks fine. She is in for her Aunt Annie’s funeral. Mother, Cecil, & Elaine in after class. Pretty busy day.

9th Blowing hard. Very hot 85 degrees in afternoon. Took Maud down to Alex’s in AM. Nelson got the barn off of Pierce's place moved up to the Geo. R. place. Washed in afternoon.

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**July 1924**

9th Enid & Reuel came in for a while after supper and Ernest and Reuel went fishing. Got a kitten from Alex for Lorraine. Very tired.

10th S.W. 86. Very hot, blowing and dry. Roads very dusty. Children had picnic at shore. Ernest & I went to Rustico at night.

11th W. Blowing hard. Very busy. Jim & Lizzie came down, got here about three. Got over a bucket of berries. Jim and Ernest went fishing. Choir practice at McLures. Anna, Mima, & Jerry over for a little while in evening.

12th Orange tea at Borden. Hope River tea at St Annes. Richard Bagnall at New Glasgow buried. Jim & Lizzie, Alex McNeil & Ernest and I went to Park Corner to Mrs. Campbell’s funeral. Quite a large crowd there. Margaret Whitman, Mary Stewart, Cecil & Elaine in this evening. The kiddies were up to Mothers & Freds saw Maria at the funeral. She came to Park Corner with Stella last night and went with Jim & Lizzie to O’Leary to-night.

Sunday 13th S. Cloudy and blowing a gale. Looks like rain to-night. Rev. N.A. Whitman preached to-day in B. church. Roads very dry and dusty. Gordon & Lydia came for the children at 5 PM. Marion & Keith went back with them to town. Big circus tomorrow. Old Home Week in the City this week. Roderick McClure very poorly. Unconscious today he is in his 90th year. Peter M. McClure died today at 11 pm.

14th ~~Roderick died at 4:AM.~~ We had a wee small shower last night. Picked about 12 qts. of berries. Mr & Mrs. Albert here this evening.

15 S.W. Still blowing a gale and so dry. Washed in morning. Picked berries in afternoon.

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**July 1924**

July 1924 Sweet Peas just starting to bloom

15th Ernest to mill with lumber in morning took a load to EC LePages. Myron & Elaine here in AM.

16 S.W. Dry and blowing. Ernest and I went to Roderick McClure’s funeral. Very large funeral. Dr. George Carruthers buried to-day in Ch’Town. Gordon brought Keith home. Marion & Ruth came out with them. Down fishing, got one.

17 S. wind. Very warm. Had a very heavy thunderstorm about 9: AM. Heavy clouds all day. And thunder and more rain at night. Keith & Nan started fishing in morning but the storm drove them home. Picked about 7 qts berries to-day.

18 Heavy rain this morning and some thunder. Had very heavy thunder early in the morning in town. Busy all day. Gordon’s crowd came out in the evening to stay here and start for O’Leary in morning.

19 Red sunrise. Up at 4:30. The crowd Ernest & Puppy included got away a little after six. Picked berries till dinner time. Tired. Feeling very tired to-day. Blowing hard all day. Had a very heavy shower about 6:30 PM, almost like a cloud burst. A little hail with it and a magnificent rainbow after it was all over. Cecil took me down to McLure to practice.

20 Sunday. Raspberries for breakfast. Just one perfect day. Pres church in AM. Keith & Anita & Waine went. Marion came home at noon. Enid & Reuel brought her. She got her hair cut in town. Mr Mason preached this afternoon and he & Judson Simpson came here to supper. Another busy day.

21 Lovely day. Up at 4:30 AM got milk out and breakfast ready by 6 AM. Picked berries all day. Sold ten quarts and gave Lydie a bucketful. They got home at 8:15. Had a great trip.

22 Lovely day, very warm. Started haying. Cut field below Pierces. I was up at Mothers all day. Not feeling extra good. George Clarke fell off horse back and broke a bone in wrist.

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**July 1924**

23 Rained in AM. Washed, Elaine came down and they went to raspberries. Good lot of them this year. Ernest went down to Creek. Institute at Mrs. Robert McKenzies.

24 Fine day. Cloudy after dinner but cleared up again. I picked a few raspberries after dinner. The children, Elaine, Marion, & Keith went out fishing on pond before daylight. Cutting & Coiling hay across lane. Took in two loads. Typhoid. Jean Coles, Mrs Preston Warren’s sister died last night. She left four small children.

25 Threatening rain but held off. Took in seven loads of hay. Busy all day. Murray McNeil & family and Stella Campbell called. Supper outdoors to-night.

26 Little shower in morning. Cleared up before noon. They took in 13 loads of hay after dinner. Got about six quarts of berries, Mima over for a little while in evening.

27 Sunday. Fine warm. Milton Simpson preached in morning in Baptist Church. Headache all day. Ernest & I went for tramp to woods at night. Marion went up to Mothers from church. Mr. Bonnell preached in Rustico to-night.

28 Very fine & very warm 84 degrees. Great hay day. Headache all day. Girls picked berries. Ernest and I went to Creek in evening. Keith cut field across brook. Splendid hay. XYZ

29 Fine, cloudless & very hot. Blew a gale all day. Finished cutting hay and were hauling in. Have 32 loads in now. I was in bed nearly all day.

30 Very hot. 86 degrees all afternoon. Cloudy tonight like rain. Will Hill & Belle arrived at 12:30 from O’Leary. We went to Creek this evening. Finished hay 39 single loads.

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**August 1924**

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July 31 Lovely day. Very busy all day. Mrs. Eustache washing in AM. Belle & Marion & Keith went back for raspberries and got about 14 qts. Ernest working at Cecil’s at hay & Director’s meeting at night. Tired. Had Dr. Fleming yesterday to see Aunt M.

Aug 1st N. Fine clear. Wind north & northeast. Ernest at Bay View all day at hay. Aunt M pretty cranky. Clam stew for lunch. Reuel called and left some trout.

2nd 3 new potatoes for dinner. Fried trout for breakfast. Will & Belle & Keith caught 7 trout and two perch. Will and Ernest went to Rustico Harbour for fish. Joseph Bagnall is very sick in PEI hospital, blood poisoning. Mrs. Eddie Toombs in asylum.

3 Sunday. Fine north wind. Reuel, Enid, Pauline, Cecil & mother down for a while this AM. Will, Belle & Ernest & I went to church at French River. Went to see Stella Keller before church. Mr. Mackintosh, Mr. Aitken, and Miss Haslam spoke in Pres church to-night.

4 S.W. & blowing a gale and oh so dry. The ground is like ashes. Belle & Ernest & I washed this morning. The girls & Keith went for raspberries, got over a bucket full. Darkened up this evening and rained a little at 9: 30.

5 Cloudy in AM. The rain didn’t amount to much. Busy all day. Ernest went to Bradalbane with cheese. Belle & I went over to Jerry’s for a little while this evening. Belle, Will, & Keith caught 29 trout this AM.

6 Very very hot. 87 after dinner and 93 before supper. Bell & Will left for town this morning. They were going to Gordon’s. Ernest & I & 2 small folks went down to the shore after milking.

7th Very warm. Washed in AM. Joseph Bagnall died at 7:30 this morning.

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7 Preston Warren from Wolfville here for dinner. I drove him to New Glasgow this afternoon. Telegram to-day that Granville Bulman is dead. Reuel brought Cecil home from provincial school and went down fishing. Oh yes, we are having rain at last. A lovely shower at noon and another tonight. Very bright lightning tonight.

8 Very warm day. Made wreath in AM and Ernest & I went to Mr. Bagnalls funeral. Had tea at James. Called to see Eva & Geo R. George has just got home from his trip to England and was quite interesting to talk to. He had been to Scotland France & Belgium and to Wembley to the Empire Exposition. Got home at 9 PM pretty tired.

9 Very fine & very hot. Temp 86. Keith got hurt this am, thrown off rake. Not serious but got a bad shaking up. Practice at McLures to-night.

10 Sunday. Fine. Went to New Glasgow to church. Christain Association went to Townsends to dinner. Little shower in evening. Preston Warren preached a splendid sermon. Very hot and close

11 S.W. N.W. Very cloudy & warm in AM. Tried to rain but failed. Washed. Girls went to Bay View for blueberries. I got a few (2 ½ qts) raspberries for supper. Took in 3 loads of green feed. Granville Bulmans’s body came home to-night. The new schoolteacher George McKinley arrived in Cavendish today. Auntie is very hungry.

12 Nice. Aunt M pretty fussy to-day. Mrs. Artie & Ethel McNeill here for supper. Ernest & I went fishing. Got a whale and lost him. Rain at last a gentle steady rain, turned

13 to north east in morning. Misty until afternoon. Busy all day. Mrs. Green got quite badly hurt thrown out of her carriage over by school. Reuel, Enid, Lucy, Mrs. B.W. and Miss Clara LePage here for awhile this evening. Reuel broke spring of car.

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14 Cloudy. Sunday School picnic. Baseball game. Rustico beat Cavendish. Raining a little tonight.

15 Lovely fine day. Cooler. Busy. Ernest & I went to Rustico this evening. Called to see Mrs. Green. She is feeling a little better. Mrs. Jerry’s boarders were here this evening. Aunt M. very fussy. White frost in some places tonight.

16 Perfect day. Bad fire at Kensington last night and early this morning. Tuplins store, McG[?] meat store, Bank, Drug store and Kennedys warehouse burnt $100,000 lost. Elmer, Lizzie, & Maria came down after dinner. Ernest & Maria went fishing, caught one.

17 Sunday. Lovely morning, rained a little after church till about 2 PM. I went to church with the crowd. Gordon, Lydia, Everett Stewart and a Mr. Vickerson here for supper.

18th Fine in AM. Rained about 11. Elmer & Lizzie started for O’Leary about 4:15. Maria & Keith caught 20 trout today. Women’s Institute at Chester Woolners. Miss Matheson there.

19th Fine. Washed. Maria & Marion went picking raspberries. Ernest cut barley after dinner. Lorraine got her first beating in school. Elaine went down and they went to shore. Gordon & Lydia & Reggie and Will Smith came out for Maria about 9 o’Clock.

20th Just one perfect day all day. Ernest crippled with a very stiff neck. Marion and Keith got a bucket of blueberries this afternoon. Aunt M. terrible cranky. Nerves pretty bad today. New Annanraces. Raspberries about done.

21st Lovely rain this AM. Very busy all day. Expecting Miss Johnson but she didn’t come. Aunt M. had an extra special on to-day. Letter from Aunt Lizzie.

22 Fine cool like fall. Ernest cutting 1st field at end of lane. Ella Warren, Hattie & Ella Wyand are here to tea. Baseball game at Rustico. Mother down in evening. The Johnsons came to Jerry’s today. XYZ

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**August 1924**

23 Lovely day but cool. Not feeling extra good but managed to keep busy all day. The girls went to the shore with Miss Moore. Margaret Johnson & Mima called this evening.

24 Sunday. Perfect day in bed till nearly dinner time. Anna & Jerry came over for a little while. Elaine down for the day. The Johnsons here for a little while this afternoon. Rachel has had a stroke but is a little bit better today. Aunt Margaret terrible today.

25 Fine day but a damp fog in the morning. Brighter in afternoon. Ernest took in barley. Myron came up from Montague. I went down to McCoubreys in evening. Rachel pretty poorly, has had a stroke I think. Myron & Elaine here when I came home.

26 S, S.E. Rained all day and very heavy in evening with a little thunder & lightning. Keith & Marion caught 35 trout and seven perch. Had a pretty good dinner and supper. Aunt M. very miserable all day. Captain Will Miller and crew of The “Anna McDonald” & the vessel wrecked off Halifax.

27 Terrible night rained and blew a gale. My poor garden flat this morning, dahlias broken. Ernest cut the wheat to-day. Myron & Elaine here for supper.

28 Fine, quite warm. Not feeling very well to-day. Just tired. Ernest cut 2nd back field of oats. Heard that Captain Miller’s vessel wrecked. No word yet of crew. I went over to Jerry’s this evening. Aunt M. very quiet today. No word of Captain Miller & crew. It is feared all are lost.

29th Lovely day quite warm. Ernest thrashed timothy. The Blackmoors went away today. Ernest & I went to Rustico to-night.

30 Lovely harvest day again. Ernest & Keith took in 5 loads of oats today. Baked Elaine’s wedding cake. Dr. Nelson Banks speaking in Pres Church to-night. Aunt M. very poorly.

31 Sunday. Fine. Ham here to dinner. I went in to town with Enid & Reuel in evening. Poured rain all night.

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**September 1924**

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1 Cloudy labor day. Reuel, Enid, & E.P. Gordon Keith & James Holmes came out for days picnic. Mrs. A.J. McLeod died this morning, took a stroke Saturday night. Kidney trouble.

2nd Cloudy & showery all day. Washed in AM. Went over to Jerrys & Freds in evening. Planning for a shower for Elaine.

3rd Rained all night last night and part of forenoon. Cleared up lovely in afternoon. We went up to Stanley to Mrs. Archie McLeod’s funeral. Very large funeral & very sad. Cut up cucumbers for a second batch of mustard pickles.

4 Cloudy rain before dinner and a real nor’easter by night. Mother & Elaine down this afternoon. The girls frosted the wedding cake. Aunt M. getting very weak and wandering bad to-night.

5 Cleared up lovely. Busy all day. Marion & I went up to Rustico in AM. Aunt M. very noisy all day & night. Big shower for Elaine at Jerry’s at night. She got a lot of lovely presents. Very, very tired. Ernest McNeil has grippe.

6 Fine but big fog clouds. Mother came down about 11 and helped me. About all in but the boots.

7 sunday. Very busy all day. Lovely and fine. Marion & I went in to the city. Marion with Reuel and I went with Gordon and stayed there all night. Aunt M. very weak.

8 Lovely morning. Gordon took me in to Enids early. Elaine was married at noon. Mr. Lindsay performed the ceremony. Everything was lovely. Reuel brought us home this evening. John F. got badly hurt today. Fell off a truck wagon & the wheel went over him.

9 Lovely day all day. Ernest finished cutting grain. Keith at Cecils. Aunt M. pretty low at dinner time today. Marion sick with cold and feeling pretty badly too about girls[?] going away. Got word to-day of Mrs Wedlock’s death. Jim’s mother died yesterday morning.

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**September 1924**

September 1924

10 Lovely fine day. Wind S.E & E. Perfect moonlight to-night. Aunt M. very quiet all day. Mrs. Eustice here to wash.

11 Rained this morning. Keith plowing. Aunt M. a little brighter today. Mr Aitken called in the afternoon and Darnley & Wife called in evening. Dad & Anita went to Rustico, got a supply of fish. Stayed downstairs last night. Ernest got some lovely fresh berries.

12 Very fine day. Aunt Margaret unconscious all day. Mother came down at noon. Hester called. Pretty tired to-night.

13 Fine. Mother went home in morning. Aunt M. very quiet all day. Took a turn in evening. Very bad all night. Bob & Jennie came up in evening and stayed until 3:30.

14 Sunday. We are all very tired this morning. It rained last night. Aunt M quiet this morning again but unconscious. Not taking anything, but a few drops of water, cannot swallow. Think she has had a stroke. Cannot move her right hand or foot. Had quite a thunder shower this afternoon. I am tired and we all are. If this strain was only over. Perfect night tonight. Clear and cool and a gorgeous moon. Aunt M. very bad all night.

15 Lovely fine day. Aunt Margaret died at 9:15 PM. after a terrible hard day, mother here. Bob & Jennie & Hester here until midnight. The long long watch is over. XYZ.

16 Perfect day. Very busy in morning. Heard that Harold Bagnalls had lost their little boy to spinal meningitis. Quite a number in tonight.

17 Fine day. The funeral was at 2 0 clock. Had Mr Whitman from Bedeque & Mr Aitkens. Very large funeral. Institute meeting at Allen Wyands at night. Mr. Johnson gave an address on birds and Miss Johnson sang.

18 Cloudy. Finished harvest before the rain started. I washed sheets etc. off Aunt M’s bed. Did some sorting up and burning this afternoon. It seems so strange not to hear Aunt Margaret calling. It is the first day that we have been alone just ourselves for a good many years.

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**September 1924**

September 1924

19 North wind, showery in morning and a rainbow but cleared up lovely. Picked some tomatoes and beans. Marion & Margaret Johnson went to Rustico tired to-night. Sold 2 ¼ bushels of tomatoes price, 80 cents per bunch.

20 Our wedding anniversary. It has been a beautiful cloudless day. Washed bedding in the morning. Marion, Keith & Anita went to Hunter River to dentist. The children and I went down for cranberries. Baseball game between Cavendish and Rustico with Rustico ahead. Ernest & I went up to mothers, sold 1 bushel of tomatoes.

21 sunday. glorious day. Went to Rustico this morning. Children went to hear radio at night. Ernest, kiddies & I went to see John F.

22 Perfect weather very warm today. Keith went to North Carleton to pick potatoes. They are paying $2.00 per day. Margaret, Anita, and Margaret Johnson went to Rustico for a drive. John Johnson, Mayfield died this morning at 3 o clock. Very bad with asthma and choked to death. Peter Stewart, Mrs. Darley’s brother died aged 89 yrs. Started boiling for pigs.

23 Fine day. Washed, Ernest went to the funeral in afternoon. Rev. Wm [?] Milligan lectured on irish wit & humour in Pres. Church. Geordie Billie McKay, Stanley died.

24 Cold and fall like. Ernest plowing. I was in bed with headache until 4:PM. Ernest Clarkes have a brand new boy.

25 Cold and blowing a gale. Felt pretty mean. Finished picking our tomatoes. Had a bushel of cherry tomatoes. Anna had the school children and the older folks for the afternoon and evening to see the Johnson Paintings. Had a lovely evening. Poor Nan got a whipping in school.

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**September-October 1924**

September and October

26 Fine, clear and lovely in afternoon. Marion picking cranberries all day. Did some baking. Marion, Anita & Miss Johnson went up to Bay View to hear radio. Alex’s up for tom~~o~~atoes. Have over 20 nice citron this year. Feels like frost tonight.

27 Just a perfect day, quite warm. Did not have frost here but there was in some places. Keith came home from Carleton. He has had quite enough. Mother down picking cranberries this afternoon. Directors meeting tonight. Leonora McNeil died this evening at Josie McEwens where she has been working as housekeeper for sometime.

28 Sunday. Perfect day. Rev H R Boyer preached in B. church in afternoon. Enid & Reuel out.

29 Perfect weather, clear and warm. Washed in morning and went to Campbellton to Marie McNeil’s funeral at 10 o clock. Got apples at Wallace McKay’s. Went over to Jerry’s to say goodbye to the Johnsons and up to Mothers to hear radio up to eleven I guess.

30 Fine but cloudy. Dr. Thompson here today. Went to pick cranberries and Emily McNeil came. Chivarive at Mother’s tonight for Myron & Elaine. Marion went to Emerald with Cecil for them.

Oct 1st Rained in forenoon. Mother & Cecil came down to see Emily and Myron & Elaine came to pick cranberries. Willie McNeil came up before dinner and they left in the rain. Mr. & Mrs. Green up in evening. Children went up to Bay View to social evening.

2 Colder but fine. Did a tremendous washing tonight this morning of bedding. Elaine & Myron came down and picked cranberries. Anita & I went down after dinner. Finished at shore. Two men came and stayed all night.

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**October 1924**

October 1924

3rd Just a perfect day. Heavy frost last night but nothing in garden hurt. Elaine & Myron went to Montague today. Busy and tired today. Ernest & I went to Harold Toombs for flour.

4th Lovely day. A little foggy in morning but beautiful in afternoon. Finished cranberries. Anna & I went to Hammond Toombs for the afternoon. They took us to Oliver Bernards. Got home about 10: pm. Lovely moonlight night. Gordon Laird operated on last night. Appendicitis.

5 Fine day. Home all day. Miss Trotter spoke in Pres church in afternoon.

6 Fine, blowing quite hard. Digging spuds all day. Everybody tired. Back gone bust.

7 Fine. Ernest took steer to Frank Exchange. Had to haul it in truckwagon. Marion & Anita were at Jerry’s picking apples. Class here tonight. Keith at Jim Stewarts picking spuds. Mary Stewarts party

8 Colder today, wind n.e. Keith at Fergusons washed in AM. Finished early potatoes.

9 Cold northeastern blowing and showers all day. Keith at Alberts until 3 or 4.

10 Misty in AM, not cold. Keith went to Alberts after dinner. Ernest & I went to Creek at night. Got some butter from Anna.

11 Lovely day, quite warm after the storm. Keith at John F’s at potatoes. Hattie Wyand came in afternoon, made Pauline’s coat. Nita & Dad finished our potatoes. Nita went to B.V. tonight.

12 Sunday. Blowing cold. Rachel died at 3:30 this afternoon. George came up for me at 5:40. Was there all day. Wrote to Maud to-night.

13 Cold & showery funeral in Pres. Church in afternoon. Mr James spoke. Large funeral.

14 Cold again. Picked butter beans and 1 ½ bus of tomatoes. Ernest took grist to roller mill. 3 little Eustis trash here all afternoon. Missionary meeting at Mrs. Millers.

15 Fine today. Ernest at Cecils. Keith at J.F.’s. Institute at Oliver Benards.

16 Perfect day. Ernest in cemetary this am. Hammond Toombs sale. Big crowd, tired. XYZ.

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**October 1924**

Oct 1924

17 S.E. and heavy rain in morning. Showery with hail in afternoon. Wind w. and colder at night. Put chickens in. Percy Ramsey very low. Ernest McNeil quite poorly.

18 Fine, cloudy in forenoon. Eustace & wife and Ernest at mangles. Everybody worked today. Townsend and Annie came up this evening. Gerturde, George, Jack & Clarence here. Percy Ramsay died this evening.

19 Sunday. Showery, cold. Got message from O’Leary. Ernest talking to Gordon. No preaching. Keith went up to Bay View tonight. Ern McNeil pretty poorly.

20 Blowing a gale and cold, finished mangles. Gordon & Lydia & Ernest & I went to O’Leary. Had a very good road. Poor Louise and the kiddies. E. & I stayed with Louise.

21 Showery in morning. Lydia & I fixed flowers and all went to funeral. Poured rain in afternoon. Very large funeral. Mr. Seymour took charge. Gordon took us into Ray McNeil’s in evening.

22 Fine today but cloudy. Left O’Leary’s after dinner. Called at Geo Webbs and at S Side. Got home around 5:30. Muddy road. Run into gutter once. Children got along fine.

23 N.W. & n. Washed this A.M. Cecil here butchering. Anita & I drove over to dentists. Austin Laird married. Cherivari tonight. Enid & Reuel out, mother and P.J went in with them.

24 N. Dad went to Hunter River this A.M. Anita & Elaine miserable. Letters from NZ and Doris here for supper, cut up citron tonight. Kids went to club. Pretty tired. Alfred Moores have a baby girl.

25 Fine. S.W. Dad and Anita harrowed potato land, got about a cart load. Reuel here this evening, returned flour. Made pies. Got Saturday’s work all done. Ruth Moffats’ two day old baby died. Wrote mother

26 N.E & N. Keith and I to shore in A.M. Dad to Alberts in PM. Anita to Rally Day Service. Church this evening.

27 Mrs. Eustace and family here in A.M. washing. Beautiful day. Dad harrowed next year’s mangle land. went to Rustico tonight. Feel rotten. Guess I’m taking the cold.

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**October-November 1924**

Oct 1924

28th Another beautiful day but very smoky. Nonnies [?] ankle a little better. Dad ploughing in swamp field. Finished ironing. Word from Mother that she is in Montague, Letter from Myron. Class to-night.

29th fine colder. Keith and Dad threshed in AM. Dad got cheese at Stanley this afternoon. Also beauty smelts from Mrs. Dance and fish. Started night gowns and made cookies

30th came up from Montague. Dewer at Clemmies. Not feeling very well at all. Finished the turnips.

Nov 1st Lovely day, at Gordon’s last evening and came home tonight. Feeling a little better.

2 Lovely warm day. South west wind. Mother and Cecil here for dinner & supper and Reuel & Enid here for supper. Tired tonight. Mrs. Albert McNeil came home from hospital today.

3 North East & North, quite a change. Cold and rain and snow. Ernest plowing in AM. Keith still at JF Froze hard

4 Finer to-day and much colder. Ernest went to Ch Town on business in connection with Aunt M’s will. Mrs. Eustace washed. Busy all day. Mrs. Albert worse. They have a nurse.

5 fine and cold. Froze hard. Ernest got home at noon. Mrs. A Wyand here for supper. Marion and Keith went to Rustico.

6 Blowing a gale from south. Rained in evening. Ernest not feeling well today. Mrs. Albert a little better today. Keith & I went down in evening.

7 Dark drizzly day. Mrs. Albert had a good night. Busy all day and didn't do much.

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**November 1924**

Nov 1924

8 Mild all day. Turned cold and blowing a gale at night. Ernest plowing. I cut out Anitas dress. E & I went to Alberts & John F’s this evening. Mrs. A. keeping better. Ernest McN pretty poorly.

Sunday 9. Frost last night. Clear and cold. Sacrament Sunday today. Pres church union service at night. M. Hodges preached. big crowd. XYZ.

10 Snow in morning, then rain, but cleared up lovely in afternoon. The girls picked 3 bags of apples at Jerrys. Margaret Jack died in her 90th year.

11 Lovely day. Finishing ploughing. M.C. McNeil and Emily Stewart here from Harrington.

12 Lovely day again. Ernest & Keith working at cow stable putting in a new floor. I finished Anita’s dress. Missionary meeting at Cecil Simpson’s tonight. Margaret Jack buried.

13 Just a perfect day. I went to Artie’s to get Maria Matheson to make Marion’s dress. Marion & PJ Keith head to Rustico. Mrs. Albert keeping a little better but very weak yet.

14 Fine but cloudy Felt a little better today. Jerry S. got hurt while hauling logs to mill. K & I were over to see him this evening. Busy all day. Remmy Rogers have twin girls on November 15th.

15 Paid taxes $15.20. Jerry pretty sore. Marion went up to Mothers this evening. K. & Anita took her up. M & A. were in to Sarah Jacks and called on Mrs. Austin Laird.

16 Cloudy, not cold. Ernest went to see Jerry in AM & Mrs. Albert in afternoon. The children went to N. Glasgow to a musical service.

17 Our first snow storm. Rain & snow & altogether dirty. Mr. Stirling at Alex McNeil’s. Guess he came to see Mrs. Albert K. at John F’s today.

18 Ground white this morning. Stayed on too. Washed K. at JF. sawing slabs. Ernest finished floor of stable. Class to-night. Children went.

19 Cold, clear. 12 degrees above zero tonight. Marion & Anita at institute at Fenners. Keith & Reuel went to Creek.

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**hours & November 1924**

Ernest at Cecils

2 days July 30 & 31. At hay.

Sept 9 & 10. Keith at Cecils.

June 8th. Paid Reuel for Marion’s shoes. 4.60

June 21st. Paid Reuel for my shoes 2.60

Sept 8. Paid Reuel for Marion’s stockings 4.80

1924

Nov 20th Fine, warmer. Keith home. Thrashed, went to mill. Ernest got horses shod. All home this evening.

21 Cloudy but no rain. Milder. K at J.Fs. Ernest churned, went to Stanley. Marion got her green dress.

22 Fine day. Busy. Muddy. Lorraine & I went to Jerrys for afternoon. Choir practice here tonight.

23 Lovely mild day. Mr. Hodges preached this morning. Ernest & Pauline & I went up to B. View for supper. Pouring rain tonight.

24 Lovely morning, had a heavy rain last night. Ernest took Cecil back home. Ham here for this evening. Raining.

25 Fine morning. Washed, Ernest killed sow Sick with cold & back. Class tonight. Anna in bed.

26 Perfect day. Sold sow to Harold Toomb 7 ¾ cents per pound. Ernest hauling manure, Marion at Jerry’s in afternoon. Anna poorly. Ernest went to Stanley & 5 kids went to Wyands, took dad & cart. Got home at midnight.

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**Hours 1924**

May 9th Time in cemetery

Started work- Ernest - Keith

Hours 9 1/2

15th 4

20 5/5 ½

22 3/3 ½

8

23 5 1/2

29 4

June 6th 3

7 7

12 10

13 6 1/2

14 7

21 8

23 3

24 5 1/2

25 10.

July 3rd

4

8

10

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Bred sow May 13/ 1924

Bred Bobbie June 5th & July 28th

Bred Heifer (red) June 11th

Girlie June 20th.

Guernsey July 7th in July 26.

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**November-December 1924**

November 1924

Nov 27 Lovely day. Anna sick. I was there all day. She went to the hospital in evening. Wonderful weather, sunshine everyday.

28Fine again. Anna operated on this morning and is doing as well as can be expected. Marion in bed all day. The children & Wyand three went to Bay View to hear radio.

29Perfect morning. Feeling awfully miserable sore throat, etc. Keith home now. Jerry got home. Anna not too bad.

30 N.E First real snow storm. Keith & Marion went to woods. In bed all day.

December 1 Snowy and wintery. Neuritis pretty bad.

2 Same as yesterday, not very cold, blowing hard.

3 Lovely day. Plum pudding & duck for dinner. Bob & Jennie Mckenzie up this evening. Marion & K. up at mothers. Back sore. XYZ

4 Grey cold day, drifting. Quite cold tonight. Anna doing fine. Letter from Mrs. Toombs. Children all home this evening.

5 Lovely bright day. K. at J.F.’s Ernest hauling manure. 3 oldest at Wyands to-night.

6 S.E. & N.E. Snow, Rain & snow. Still thawing. Dreary & dirty. Anita went up to Bay View to-night.

7 Sunday. Fine day. Pres Church AM. Irene W. came over from Church. Mr. Hodges & Randall Houston here to tea. B. preaching this evening. Splendid sleighing.

8 Raining in AM. Keith’s birthday. Killed duck, washed and made a plum pudding. Tired to-night. 4 eggs today.

9 Foggy all day. Rained hard last night. Blowing and freezing to-night, clear. No news.

10 Blowing a gale, not very cold, cut three big trees by boiler house old landmarks. Jerry went to town. Girls, Gertrude, Nellie, Mary here to practice.

11 N.E. Blowing and snow flurries. Jerry came home. Anna doing fine. Ernest went to Creek, bad road, neither sleighing or wheeling.

12 Fine day. Party at night for school children. Big time. Tired.

13 Just a lovely day, wind SE. Not doing much. Anita’s birthday. Practice here to-night.

14 Raining in morning, clear at noon. Blowing and cold tonight. Jerry over this evening. No preaching. Marion Montague Irene & Keith up to Mothers to listen to radio.

15 Blowing a gale and bitter cold. Killed chickens and working. 6 degrees above 0. at Elaine’s comfortable. Killed 15 chickens. 7 for Reuel. 4 ½ pound.

16 10 above. Ernest went to Hunter River with chickens. Jerry brought Anna home. A bitter cold day but bright. Class at mother’s at night. Bad roads, no snow.

17 Washed. Ernest working at cow stable & getting wood home. Keith got the [?] to work.

18 Fine, cold. Letters from Vernie & Maud. Aunt Sadie hasn’t been very well. Vernie has had to leave college.

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**December 1924 – January 1925**

Dec 1924

19th S.W. Fine, wind cold. Busy trying to get ready for Xmas. Practice here. Wyands and Cecil came over to see Anna after noon. She is pretty sore and weak right now.

20th 10 degree above. Cold blustery day. Thrashing in AM. Practice in church for concert. Cold to-night.

21st 4 degrees below. W. Very cold, blowing very hard and drifting. We did not have any church today. Thermometer at zero this afternoon.

22nd 4 above. Still pretty cold. Cecil went to town, Elaine & Myron came from Montague. Concert and and Xmas tree at Pres. Church. Very good program and a present for all the kiddies.

23 Fine milder. Washed. Myron & Elaine down in afternoon. School examination, Ernest went. Ernest, K.L, P & me went up to Bay View to hear radio in evening. Got home at 12.

24 Anita at Jerry’s. All pretty busy here. Box of books from Maud, 30 books. Made doughnuts and candy.

25 A mild and Merry Xmas. Everybody got up at first call. Santa very very good to all. Going up to mother’s for Xmas dinner. Called to see Anna in the morning and Mrs. Albert in afternoon. Both looked so happy. Marion packed her trunk. Good roads for sleighing.

26 Marion went to Montague. Cold cold day. Got a book from Maria. Cecil down in evening.

27 36 above. Ernest went to Wheatley River to Roller Mill. Lovely day. Anita at Jerry’s.

28 sunday. 2 below this morning. Blew a gale all night. Cold but bright and clear to-day.

29 Lovely bright day. Cold. Sawed wood at Cecil’s. XYZ

30 Snowed a little in morning, sawed wood. Letter from Marion. Feeling pretty mean, back sore.

31 Lovely morning. Ernest went to town about Aunt Margaret’s will. Turned cold in afternoon, blowing hard and colder to-night.

1925 January 1st Bitter cold day. 2 degrees below and blowing hard from NW & W. Calmer this evening. Daddy not home, guess it was too cold for him to start out. Keeping the fires going. Sleepy to-night.

2 0 degrees this morning. Bright fine day but cold. Ernest got home about 4pm. Cecil down in evening.

3 Fine day. Anna over in afternoon. Jerry came for her in evening. Practice here.

4 Sunday. Pres church in am. Union sermon by Mr. Aitken, Mr Hodges preached his last sermon in the evening. Big crowd out. Lovely mild night.

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**January 1925**

Jan 1925

5 Mrs Murray here to wash. Bad headache all day. Feel mean to-night. Perfect moon light night.

6 Just a perfect day all day. Wind came around round N.E. at night and colder. Got in the ice to-day. Very good. 15 inches clear ice. Class at Mothers.

7 N.E. Very blowy in AM. 18 degrees above. K. at John Fs. Not doing much. K knit a pair of socks to-night.

8 SE. Snow storm. Very thick for awhile. K. at John F’s in forenoon.

9 Lovely day. Dad & Keith at Cecil’s in afternoon. Sawing wood. Letters from Lizzie Will Hill in hospital.

10 Fine day. Ernest & K. in woods. Dad churned. Pretty busy, not doing much. Mrs. Fred & Gertrude are quite sick with a sore throat. Dad, Lorraine, PJ & I went to Jerry’s in evening.

11 N.E snow storm this morning and blowing and drifting all day. No church. Mr. Aitkens got stuck on the road on his way to Stanley and stayed here til after tea. Feeling mean. Very cold.

12 Fine but very cold. Concert and lecture in Mayfield at night. On my back all day.

13 S.E. Very thick snowstorm, turned soft in the evening.

14 Lovely day. Not very cold. Turned frosty in evening. Whole family went up to Mother’s in evening, Radio not much. Lucy Sellars married.

15 8 below. 15 degrees at Hunter River. Blowing very hard clear and cold all day. Keith froze his face this morning coming home from woods. Didn’t do much to-day.

16 8 below. Very cold but not blowing and very bright all day. Moderated in afternoon.

17 20 above, snowed some in night. Ernest went to Rustico for sow. Road very bad. Anna came over after dinner. Howard Simpson died this morning.

18 Very cold and drifting. Pres. Church in the afternoon. 22 below at the mill at night. We went over to Jerry’s at night.

19 16 here this morning, 18 at mill. The men had a bitter cold day in cemetery. James Simpson here from 9 am to nearly one. Church meeting at 1 PM. Funeral at 3. Miss Margaret Bagnall and Mrs Wyand here for the afternoon and evening. Miss B. is from New Zealand and is a very interesting person to talk to. 6 below tonight.

20 16 below. Fine but very cold. Hammond McKenzie & wife called this afternoon. Earl Simpson’s baby has pneumonia.

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**January-February 1925**

21 8A. Snowing in morning. Washed. Ernest & Cecil nearly all day butchering. Institute meeting at Mrs L B Toombs, Keith and Anita went. Chum has 9 puppies.

22 18A. milder. Cecil went to H River. Heavy road. Ernest & I went down to Alberts in evening. Chum has pups. XYZ

23 Snowstorm wind n.e. And a very wild rough day. No school. No mail. Got much colder at night. Churned.

24 6 above and a gale from west. Breaking roads in am. Montague Wyand here this evening and got gramophone. 2 below tonight. Eclipses of the sun (total in Hamilton & N. York). Very good here. Will not happen again for many years.

25 Sunday. 16A. Milder today. Thyra was here this afternoon. Lorraine has a bad cold.

26 Lorraine has terrible cough. Keith went to Hunter River with Austin. Roads very bad. Pitchy.

27 10A in morning. N.E. snow storm all day. Blew hard at night. Cecil down, helped Dad butcher. K at JF’s

28 4A. This AM and 15-B to-night. Loraine pretty sick yet. Got Pynex for her. Big dance at Fenners’ to-night. Our lads, K & A, at Fenners

29 Lovely day. Ernest washed in am. Had a lovely long letter from Maud. Ernest & I went to see Darnley in the evening. He has had the cold and a good deal of bladder trouble lately. Frosty but fine tonight.

30 16A up to 34A. Snowstorm very thick in AM. Almost soft after dinner. Came on a regular howler at night. Children have colds, Lorraine better. No mail.

31 Pretty fine day but drifting. Fred C. came from Hunter River and brought over our mail. Road is very bad. Louis Toombs called in evening.

February 1st Pres. preaching in morning, came up quite a squall. Children coughing. Keith & Nan and three Wyands went up to Bay View to-night.

2nd 0 degrees. Fine, bad roads. Ernest went to Hunter River with pork and old red cow. Got 12 ½ cents for pork. Bleak south east wind last night. Marjorie Clarke here all night.

3 4A. This morning and 14B at 10 PM. Fine today but had storm in night. Roads full. Scalded my hand this morning. All have colds pretty bad. Letters from Marion. She has started her music, two lessons a week.

4 13B. Fine day Not feeling very good. Social at Westley’s tonight. Keith and Anita went thrashing this afternoon.

5 Milder. Keith went up to Bay View in afternoon. Cecil finished thrashing. Dad & I went over to JF’s in evening. Headache all day. Snowing a little to-night. Dance at Milton McKenzie’s.

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**February 1925**

Feb 1925

6 Lovely day all day. In bed all day with headache. Keith & Anita went to Rustico tonight.

7 Another fine day. Head bad till noon. Went with Ernest to call on Mrs Austin Laird. Perfect night.

8 40A. Perfect day all day and quite mild. Mother & Cecil came down in the afternoon. Ernest, Lorraine & PJ and myself went up to Ced Simpsons to-night and then to Mothers. Radio poor tonight. Keith & Nan went to Jerrys. Eclipse of moon.

9 34A. Mild, Miss Eustis here and did a big washing and days work. Big dance at Simons (at Billy P’s).

10 48A. At noon to-day. The first thaw we have had this winter. Cecil went to town. Keith is up there. Stanley Bridge Factory meeting in afternoon. Fred Clark & Hester down in the evening.

11 Mild again to-day. Cecil got home tonight. Roads bad.

12 45A. Very mild and foggy all day. Raining hard to-night. Terrible freshet at brook. Roads bad bad. Dad had to cut our wire fence in the hollow to get the children home from school.

13 40A. This morning but down to freezing to-night. A great clean up of the snow. Canned fowl to-day.

14 Just a perfect day all day. Very bad roads. Dad and I went over to Jerry’s in evening. I had a walk after supper to Fenners Line. Fields all clean and bare.

15 Sunday. A lovely day. Pres. preaching in afternoon. Nan went to Wilburs after church and Thyra came down and stayed all night. Pouring rain to-night.

16 Wonderful weather for Feb. The thermometer has hardly been below freezing for over a week. 42A at noon. Lovely and warm like April weather. Had a few folks in, planning for JF’s golden wedding anniversary. John F. caught a red fox in trap.

17 Still fine and warm. Keith and Ernest working in woods. New calf this evening. Dance at Albert McNeill’s last night.

18 Fine but colder. Busy getting ready for Institute at Freds. I was on lunch committee. Had quite a good meeting, lots of fun. Anna & Mrs Irving had papers on an ideal home.

19 Pretty frosty this morning. Alfred Moore got his team with load of mud in the creek, got them out again with some help. Ethel Wyand, Nan & K. have gone up to BV to hear the radio. Blowing but not very cold to-night. Wind S.W.

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**February-March 1925**

Feb 1925

20 Lovely fine day. Practice at Wesley Smith’s last night.

21 Fine but wind cold, round to S.E. to-night and blowing hard. Ernest & Albert to Frank Houston to an Egg Circle director’s meeting. Nan at Wilburs to-night. Letters from the Herd girls in N.Z.

22 Sunday. Squall in morning, rainbow. Cleared up and fine all day. Nan went to Roy Toombs with Wilburs.

23 Mrs Eustis here to wash. Dark and bleak in the morning. Poured rain in afternoon and night. Mother sick.

24 Cecil called up this AM. Mother very sick. Had Dr. Stevenson, he said ‘twas gall stones. Fine day. Practice at Fred’s.

25 Fine day, warm. Mother little better. Wrote to Enid & Elaine. Company in evening.

26 Thursday big thaw. Poured rain. Cecil went to H. River for Elaine, terrible road. Mother pretty miserable all day. Came home to-night, pretty tired.

27 Cold wind to-day, blowing a gale and freezing. Keith & Anita went to Wyands to-night to a Young People’s meeting.

28 Very cold this AM and blowing a gale. Ernest at Cecil’s in afternoon. Butchering. Practice at Bob McKenzie’s for the Golden Wedding. Wild roads.

March 1st A very decided earthquake felt last night at 10:20. We did not feel it but nearly everyone did. The centre was at the mouth of the Sagunaw river and Quebec got a severe shock. Almost panic in Montreal. Lovely fine day, fairly cold. Mr. Miller preached. Ernest & I went up to see Mother this afternoon. Roads very wild.

2 Raining this AM. Big thaw again. Over to Jerry’s in afternoon. Elaine has a bad cold. Albert up this evening. He and Ernest planning to go to town to-morrow.

3 Lovely day but fairly cold west wind. Albert & Ernest went to town. Albert’s pigs came. Letter from Marion. Mother keeping better. Wrote to Maud to-night. Keith up skating at J. Stewart.

4 Very fine again, busy all day. Practice here tonight, a big crowd. Dad & Albert got home about 7:30 PM. Got a pair of chairs for Mr. & Mrs. JF. Tired.

5 Sawed wood. Dirty in afternoon. Dad & I went up to Bay View at night. Aching like toothache

6 44A. Ernest went to Roller Mill this morning and to Hunter River for the chairs. Keith & Anita went to Hamilton Lairds to their club meeting. Anna over this afternoon. Soft this evening. Harry came over. Big strike in Sydney. 14,000 men out of work.

7 Harry Lowther came from Carleton in carriage. First wheeling. Just a lovely spring day. Thawed a lot. Elaine went home to Montague. We went to Wesley’s to practice, took a carriage. The sky just looked like summer to-day. Pauline & Wayne made their first mud pies for this year.

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**March 1925**

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Two children Rosie McDougall and Aleere Gaudin drowned in Alberton while skating home

8 Sunday. A perfect morning but clouded up and got quite dark in the afternoon. Keith, Lorraine, PJ, and myself went back to the woods for a tramp. Saw a very funny track. Wind N.E. to-night.

9 Snowed a little last night and this morning the woods was a wonderful sight. Albert, Anna and Mrs Bob here this afternoon and made the arch. Tennis & wife here this evening.

10 Quite cold this am. Keith & Dad hauling manure all day. Mrs Eustis here. Baking. Tired.

11 Poured rain in forenoon and about 5oclock. Cleared up at sundown. The community gave Mr & Mrs. John F McNeil a surprise party on their Golden Wedding day. They presented them with a pretty good program and two very comfortable armchairs. Pretty tired to-night.

12 The morning after the night before, pretty tired all day. We went up to see Mother this evening. There was 68 guests at the wedding and over twenty serenaders.

13 Snowed some in afternoon. Dad at Cecil’s sawing wood. Y.P.P.G. met here to-night about 40.

14 Snowing in afternoon. Quite a storm by night. Pauline’s birthday, feeling pretty mean.

15 Sunday. Colder and quite wintery this morning. Mr. Stirling preached in the Presbyterian Church this afternoon. Dad, Nan, & myself went. Cold to-night. Keith and Anita, Montague & Blanche went up to Bay View to listen in on radio. XYZ

16 Quite cold today. Ernest went to Hunter River in forenoon. Hauling manure all day. Everybody taking advantage of the bit of snow. We went down to Alberts this evening. Wind S.E. and bitter cold.

17 Keith at Austin’s. Dad hauling lumber to mill, four trips. Went to Fred’s at night. bleak south east wind.

18 S.E. Dark day, thawed like smoke. Ernest cut hole between two big rooms. Went to Institute at Milton McKenzie’s at night. Annual meeting, Mrs Ben Woolner new Pres. Mrs Leigh Warren, Mrs Webb Vice Pres. Took a carriage, a lot of bare road. Foggy all afternoon.

19 Thawing all day and a pouring rainstorm to-night. Keith at Austin’s. Dad churned. Sewing.

20 Dark but did not rain, very mild. Keith at John F’s in afternoon. Dad at Ham’s Y.P. P.G. meeting at Bob McKenzie’s. Finished Nan’s dress. Radio extra good, heard When You & I Were Young over ‘phone.

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**March-April 1925**

March 1925

21 Perfect day, clear, wind cool but still it thawed quite a lot. Ernest finished door between two big rooms. Heifer had a calf. Cemetery meeting at Alex McNeil’s, John Laird & Ernest tendered both $50. Practice at Preston’s for MacDougall affair. I went up with Hester. Road bad.

22 Sunday. Another lovely day. Keith & Kiddies & I had a glorious tramp back though Jerry’s wood down through our own. Very very tired when I got home. Wrote to Aunt Sed & Minna.

23 Cloudy in AM. Wind N. Did a great big washing. Mrs Eustis came for her dinner. Anna there in PM. Very tired. First black bird.

24 Lovely fine day but wind cold. Closed fences across field. Finished ironing. Dad & Keith working in woods. Ernest & Winnie brought the arch home. Freezing a little.

25 Everything covered with white frost or frozen fog. Wind south. Keith went with Austin to Jim Andrews with a heifer. Waine, P.J & I went over to John F’s. Lovely spring evening. Dad saw a robin this evening.

26 S all day until evening then came north with a very dense fog. Had a little affair for Mr. McDougall at night at Fred’s. Gave him a purse of $22. Had a very pleasant time. Roads are pretty bad, bad drain at our gate. Jessie Stewart, Mrs Darnley’s sister died this morning.

27 Just a perfect day all day. Ernest, P.J. & I went up to see Mother this afternoon. Some spots on the road are drying, others pretty muddy and along by Graham’s there is quite a bit of snow. K & Nan went up to Reve Toombs to Y.P.P.G. Lovely night, starlight and springlike.

28 E. Just one perfect cloudless day but the wind cold. Heavy white frost. Ernest went to Hunter River for our wall paper & paint. House cleaning to-day. Cemetery meeting to-night.

29 E wind, foggy, and misty all day. Mr. Aitkins preached in AM.

30 SE wind and rain nearly all day. Mrs Eustis here. Papered Marion’s room and went up to B.V. to church meeting at night. Terrible roads.

31 E wind and a regular downpour of rain. Papered the parlor ceiling and part of the wall. Went to bed at dark.

April 1st Misty this morning but cleared up lovely this afternoon. Keith sawing wood at Jerry’s. Anna here this afternoon papering. The heavy rain has helped the roads.

2 SE & NE. a lovely bright day. Business rushing around here. Mrs. Eustis here washing. Dad churned. Ham came to split wood. Sawed wood in afternoon. Mother came down with Cecil in afternoon.

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**April 1925**

April 1925

3 NE. Miserable damp day all day. Peter & K. splitting. Ernest painting all day rooms, ceiling, and pantry, cupboard, etc. I cleaned the pantry. Going to bed early.

4 NE & N. Just horrid all day, fog and freezing out to the trees. New calf. Papered the big room, pretty tired to-night.

5 Sunday N. Cold all day. Everybody tired, no church. Anna & Jerry and Austin Laird and wife here in PM.

6 N. this AM and froze quite hard. West wind to-night and looks finer. Papered ceiling in Anita’s room to-day. Down to Albert’s for a few minutes this evening. Anne and Jerry there so we called at McCoubreys. Perfect night.

7 SW and S. Lovely this AM. Blowing and bright. Had bedding out this am. Papered Nita’s room to-day. Blowing a gale tonight. Keith & Nan went into Wyands.

8 N. Blowing hard. 3 yrs ago to-day Dad cut his hand with axe. In bed all day with sick headache. Ernest went to Creek for seeds. Red clover 43 ½ c. [?] 21 ½. Pres. Miss meeting at John Fs. Anna & I invited but Anna had to go alone. Marion, Clara, Marjorie & Elmer here.

9 N & S.W. feeling a little better. Busy all day. Expecting Marion tomorrow. Tired tonight. XYZ.

10 S.W. this am & NE to-night. Mr Webster & Mr. Prowse out to-day. Keith went to town to meet Marion. They got home at 5:45 tonight. Marion looks fine. It is pretty good to have her home again. Set 2 hens.

11 E. Wind cold cold all day. Dad went to H. River for Marion’s trunk. Hester down in evening. Nan & I went up with Thyra & I came home with Nan.

12 Easter Sunday. E. wind and cold all day. Marion[?] & Cecil down for dinner. Thyra here all day. Preaching in afternoon. 3 oldest went over to Jerry’s.

13 E or NE and nearly as cold as yesterday. Ground white this am. George, Gertrude & Mary here to-night. Made taffy. Dad & I over to Jerry’s for a little while.

14 E. heavy white frost but a perfect morning. Mrs. Eustis washed. Wind came around at noon. Dad & I went over to Hazel Grove to see Mrs. Bagnall. Marion & girls over to Jerry’s. Keith went up to Herbies for smelts. Got none. Saw a butterfly. Roads wonderfully dry. Cars running.

15 S & SE. Dad went with load of oats to Stanley for Cecil. Rained in afternoon. Marion sick with grippe. Ironed, mending and darning. Dad churned.

16 SW & NE. Marion still in bed, feeling pretty miserable. I cleaned spare room. Got first herring and may flowers to-day. Herring 2c each. Ernest clipped Laddie and went to mill. political meeting to-night at Mayfield & Dad [?].

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**April 1925**

April 1925

17 W. S.E. & S. Fine but blowing hard and cold. Washed curtains & cleaned halls. K & nan away to Y.P.P.G. at church to-night. Mrs. Tennis here.

18 S.W & N.E. Bitter cold to-night and a little snow flurry. Had ice cream. Cleaned kitchen or most of it.

19 N&E. fine but cold. Enid & Reuel & Pauline were out today. Anna was over. Keith sent for 50 chicks to-day with [?].

20 NE. Just a year since I started to keep a diary. Bitter cold grey day. Blowing hard and very cold. Keith & Ernest making a chicken house. Murray Robertson dropped dead at Hunter River this morning. 26A

21 NE. Clear and cold. Ernest at cemetery all day nearly. Keith got his day old chicks from Town. E & I went to Creek. Called at Alberts and Alex’s.

22 NE. but a lovely day. Funeral in afternoon and institute here to-night. Had the Pauline Johnson program here, a big crowd about 60 present. Mr. & Mrs. Hammond Toombs and Mr & Mrs. Wm. Geo. Simpson came from Kensington to our meeting. Had a good time. Anna got 100 baby chicks. Austin Laird has had 300 baby chicks this spring.

23 S. This morning but NW this evening. Keith got a trout this morning and a dandy mess of clams this afternoon. Everybody tired to-day. Ernest working in cemetery

24 N. Blowing a gale all day. In bed with a terrible headache.

25 Finer to-day. Ernest has a wretched cold to-night. I’m badly banged up with rheumatism. Chickens doing fine, have only lost two.

26 Sunday. Head bad this am. Pres preaching, Dad & Keith went. Cleaned up beautiful in afternoon. 3 oldest went to Jerry’s. The rest went for walk back Lover’s Lane. Marion & Keith went up to Bay View.

27 S.E. Raining in am. Washed, cleared up lovely. Came up a big thunder squall about 4PM. Jerry Simpson harrowing. Had the chickens out to-day for awhile. Dad saw a swallow. Very thick fog to-night.

28 NE. miserable cold wet day. Blowing hard. Marion ironed. Dad clipped Dolly.

29 NE. Lovely early but came up a drizzly rain. Started plowing mangle land, some frost under manure. Washed a few blankets this morning, didn’t dry. Quite a lot of northern ice in and seals. Hard on lobster gear. Dorothy Warren has mumps.

30 E and SE. Dull and warmer. Very heavy rain from about 3PM til night. House cleaned sewing room and store room. Keith went to Creek. K. & Marion caught 5 nice trout. Corn muffins for supper.

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**May 1925**

May 1st 1925

May 1st S.E. Warm and fine in am. Started to rain about 3 PM. Marion at Jerry’s practicing. 2 hens hatching to-day. Tired and miserable tonight.

2 SE. Rained & foggy until afternoon. Baking in am. Dad in cemetery. K. ploughing down below house. 2 hens brought out 23 chicks. Blanche & Mont Wyand here to-night. Over to Jerry’s.

3 Sunday SW. Just a lovely bright day. Warm drying wind. K & Marion went to shore. Dad & I & 2 small kids went up to Bay View after dinner and we all went for Mayflowers in Nannies Barrens. Down to Alberts this evening. Nellie McCoubrey operated on for appendicitis.

4 SW & around N, NE to SE to-night. Has been a lovely day. Washed, baked, cleaned up the garden a little. Got Dahlias up out of cellar. They have kept very well. Dad & Anita to a school fair meeting in Mayfield. Dad to a reorganizing meeting at North Side Institute.

5 SE. Keith harrowing, Dad in cemetery. Not much good. Rained in afternoon. Dad got 4 nice trout.

6 SW. Fine day. Keith harrowing. House cleaned Keith’s room. Sowed lettuce & shallots. Hot bed up.

7 SW. fine. Keith harrowing. Planted sweet pea seed. House cleaning a little. Tired to-night. Nellie McCoubrey has been pretty sick in hospital. Planted early potatoes.

8 SW. Fine and blowing dry. Ernest sewed mixed feed in the little field below house. Anna over this evening. A skunk under barn. Young people’s meeting to-night at church.

9 SW. fine. Ernest sowed wheat, Keith worked up some of garden. Planted nasturtiums. Headache all day, tired.

10 SW. Fine, Enid and Reuel out and Mother & Cecil came down with them to supper. Pres church in afternoon. Girls got mayflowers to-night.

11 SE & SW. nice warm day. Dad sowing mixed feed in back field. Rained in afternoon. Went fishing, got 11, not very big.

12 NW to NE & SE. Very fine but wind cool. Ernest finished sowing field of mixed feed. Worked in cemetery in PM. washed, chickens hatching, Geo Day around with fresh codfish. Rhubarb for supper.

13 All around. Very fine. Keith has sore ankle. Ernest harrowing all day. Road machine in the district.

14 E & N.E and bitter cold. Ernest on road machine to-day. Marion & PJ and I went to Creek. Nearly froze. Mrs Albert has grippe.

15 NE. and raining a little nearly all day. Planted peas this am. Cleaned our room this afternoon.

16 NE & N. Cleared off but wind cold. Harrowing swamp field. Busy all day. Everybody tired to-night. Mrs. Albert very sick to-night with grippe. Roy Toombs & Dolph Flemings are in bed.

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**May 1925**

May 1925

17 S.E. Fine in morning, started to rain after dinner. Raining hard to-night. Children went up to Bay View to-night. Mother has been miserable with the cold. Thunder to-night.

18 W by NW & N to-night and very cold. Wind has been cold all day. Ernest went to Hunter River for fertilizer. Jean & Mrs Irving here this evening.

19 SW, much finer and warmer to-day. Ernest sowed pond field this afternoon. Had McCoubreys drill. Canned roosters. Walked over to Jerry’s in evening.

20 SW Fine but blowing a gale. Ernest sowed swamp field. K., Marion, & PJ went up for clams.

21 SW. Very warm and blowing hard. Ernest harrowing, Keith harrowing at Jerry’s. Clarence is sick with grippe. Down in pond fishing, got none. Thunder squall this evening.

22 NW. Colder this AM. Ernest finished sowing all but green field. K. and Jerry went down to McCoubreys this evening. Nellie doing nicely now.

23 N.W. and bitter cold wind with snow in am. Cleared off fine in afternoon. Ernest sowed mangles. the Wyand girls here this evening.

24 Sunday. S.W. & N.W. and N.E. fine but cool. Pres church in morning, long day.

25 Wind still cool, E. & N. E. & S.E. to-night. Keith harrowing, below orchard. Cutting sets. Nita came home from Mothers has been there since Friday. 1 gosling hatched.

26 NE and a miserable day, cold and wet. Went to Creek in afternoon called at Albert’s. Set 2 hens on goose eggs. I have 78 chickens now and K. has 49.

27 Showery in morning, washed. Ernest & K spreading manure for potatoes and cutting sets. Nelson McCoubrey’s old cow got in bog down here at brook.

28 S.W. & N. and around by E & SE to-night. A beautiful day all day. Planted potatoes. Geo Clarke here. Marion went to Rustico with Anna. Busy all day. Lorraine’s birthday.

29 E & S wind and warm all day. Keith planting at Jerry’s. Ernest hauling conche[?]. Making a little dress for Waine. Tennis’ sent us some gaspereau.

30 S. Warm and Fine. Ernest finished sowing green field and was spreading manure this afternoon. Baking and busy. We went up for clams this evening.

31 Sunday. SE and a glorious raining day, just a gentle rain all day. Mother & Cecil down in evening. XYZ.

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**June 1925**

June 1st 1925 Glorious rain all day. Myron & Elaine drove up from Montague. Keith got over 30 nice trout. In bed all day.

2 Fine, sowed turnips, planted garden, beans, etc. Elaine, Eva & Myron called in evening. Marion & I went up for a little while. Sick headache all day.

3 Raining a little in forenoon and a glorious pour in afternoon. K. Got 16 beauty trout. Albert up in afternoon. Reuel and Enid out. Keith paid Reuel 5.50 for boots socks & gartars. Set out 57 tomatoes & 99 cabbage, etc.

4 89 degrees. Very hot and blowing hard. Elaine & Myron down for the day. A rain squall and cooler to-night. Anita and Waine pretty sick.

5 N. Fine and cooler. K. at Jerry’s. Dad in Cemetery. Lorraine quite sick. Nan better.

6 N & E lovely morning but turned cold. Lorraine a little better. K. at Jerry’s. Clarence & Clair gone to P County hospital. Anna over this evening.

7 Sunday. E. Lovely day but wind cold. Gordon & Lydia came out about 11 am. Keith feeling pretty mean to-night. Nellie McCoubrey came home from town to-day. Jerry & Anna over. Cold to-night like frost.

8 Fine day. S. Washed in am. K. sick with sore throat. Got Sport shod at Frank Murphy’s to-night.

9 Fine. Ernest spreading fertilizer. Marion and Nan went down to Alberts and to see Nellie. Hester down this evening. Mrs Dan Wedlock has been at Fenners for some time. Exciting times around there.

10 S. Warm. a glorious rain this am, thunder. Sewing. Ernest & I to Rustico in evening. Called at Roy Toombs.

11 Thunder this morning but no rain here. Zion Church struck yesterday, not seriously damaged. Mrs. Bob & Hettie here today. Ernest took load of paling to J. Jerome[?]

12 Just one perfect day. Washed bedding and Ernest & I went to Hunter River. Had a great chat with Jamie and called at Nelson Orrs on our way home. Got home at 10PM.

13 Fine. blowing, very busy. Marion & Nan went to McCoubrey’s to tea. Tired.

14 Sunday. Cloudless all day til evening. Blew a gale. Herb Toombs preaches at Rustico to-night.

15 Lovely day but very warm. Play in Rustico Church to-night. Dad working in cemetery. Went to shore with children. Thyra here all night.

16 Glorious rain all day. School meeting, Austin re-elected trustee. Telephone meeting to-night. Anna and I went up to Fred’s.

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**June 1925**

June

17 Terrible gale and very heavy sea. Lobster fishing stopped at Rustico a week ago. Lovely evening but bitter cold. Ernest & I went to Institute at Leigh Warrens. Nearly froze coming home. Good meeting.

18 Lovely day. Frost on bridge below road this am. Clouded up and a glorious rain to-night. Nan at Wilburs to-day all day. They are in town.

19 NE. Perfect day. Ernest working in cemetery. Keith laid up with sore throat & ear. Nan went up to Mother’s. Anna & I were down to Alex’s.

20 Keith quite sick quinsey. Had Dr. Stevenson, he lanced his throat and relieved it some. Ernest took load of lumber to Rustico. Just a glorious day after the heavy shower last night.

21 Sunday. Fine day. Mr Paton of Manchester England spoke in Pres. Church. Marion went to Wyand and Anita is at Bay View. Keith better.

22 Warm sultry. Heavy rain in town all day. Alex McNeil took Jerrys in. Marion there to-day. Glorious rain here to-night, just a spill.

23 Fine to-day. Peter Murray here working in woods. Mrs Herbie Simpson very poorly. Marion and Anna away all afternoon to Rustico.

24 Fine. K. took Mr. Phillips to H. River. Washed. Ernest hauling lumber to Mill & to Rustico, then another trip to Roy Toombs with sow. Marion went to B View for Nan. XYZ.

25 Fine in am but glorious rain to-night. Ernest still hauling lumber. Stayed in bed til noon.

26 Fine. busy. Ernest took load to mill. Keith went to Roy’s for sow. Weeding strawberries. Anna & I went down to Milton McKenzies to arrange for picnic to Exp. Farm.

27 Fine. Peter here hoeing. Marion & Nan got a nice lot of wild strawberries. Busy all day. Ernest took last load of lumber to Rustico. Back at field to-night.

28 Sunday. Warm sultry day. Enid & Reuel were out and took Mother. Cecil & I down to Townsends. Had a glorious drive. Girls at shore all day. Glorious rain to-night. Just a downpour and so warm.

29 Warm again and blowing hard. Ernest & K. working at manure, making compost pile by the binder house. Mother & I went up to Herbie Simpson’s to-night. Mrs. Herbie very very poorly.

30 Just a downpour of rain in am and nearly all day and still raining. Mrs. Herbie very poorly to-night. School exam. The last of Geo McKinley. Marion went. Mr. Aitken called this evening.

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**July 1925**

July 1925

July 1 Fine and cooler. Ernest & K. hoeing. Washed. Had cultivated berries for supper. Tea at Rustico to-day.

2 Fine. Ironed. Cleaned Church. Mrs. Albert here in afternoon. Velda & baby are up at Mother’s to-night. Ernest & K. hoeing.

3 Ernest working in cemetery. Marion & Anita up to see Velda. Ernest & I went up to Rustico, Frank Andrews, etc. Cold night, heavy dew.

4 Lovely day. Working in cemetery. Sewing K. & J. went for clams and to see Mother & Velda.

5 Sunday. Rained in afternoon. Cecil, Velda and Bobby Jean down. Leta McCoubrey’s little Marion died this afternoon. Preaching to-night.

6 Fine very warm. Sewing. Bob & Jennie up this evening.

7 Glorious rain to-day. Washed. Ernest hauling gravel. Velda came down this evening.

8 Just glorious all day. Velda & Marion went to Jerrys. Enid & Reuel, Mr and Mrs Bruce were out.

9 Perfect day. Girls went to shore. Anna over in morning. Montague & Blanche here to-night.

10 Dark & threatened rain. Picked 20 qts of berries. Institute at night. At Mrs. Allen Wyands. K., Marion, I went.

11 Fine but very warm. Picked quite a few berries. Velda went to Bay View. Cecil has a Ford runabout.

12 Sunday. Very fine early. Rained hard by nine oclock. Cleared up again by 10. Perley, Daisy Reynolds, Ray & Velda here for supper. Beautiful evening. Very warm. Nan went to O’Leary.

13 Fine, washed, Ernest got shingles at Stanley. Keith went to Hunter River for Eaton parcel. Busy getting ready for picnic to-morrow.

14 Cloudy and a little shower in AM. Institute picnic at Exp. farm Ch Town. Ernest & I went up with Ben Woolner in truck. Had a glorious time all together. Tired at night, Old Home Week in town. Everything decorated up.

15 Just a perfect day. Keith went into town with Wade Smith. Mrs Herbie Simpson died this afternoon. Has been in bed for weeks. Picked a lot of berries to-day.

16 Little baby Jean McNeill one year old. Very warm to-day. Cecil went to town. Soldiers memorial unveiled. Ernest & Keith in cemetery all day. XYZ.

17 Very warm. Funeral this afternoon. Mary & Laura Bagnall Lank and Mr. Lank here to tea

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**July 1925**

July

18 Very very warm all day. Went to shore in evening. Ernest & K. working at cement. Chum Entertaining.

19 Sunday. Foggy and some cooler. No preaching. 1st raspberries for tea. Mother & Cecil down to dinner. Marion, Dad & I over to Jerry’s. First sweet peas blooming.

20 Very foggy. Started cutting hay. Mr & Mrs Spriggs & family here for picnic also Mrs Wallace of Moncton. Sewing. Went in to Harolds to-night.

21 87. Very very hot to-day. Fog cleared off. Cutting, raking, and coiling. Marion picked quite a few strawberries and I got a nice lot of raspberries. Gordons came at 9:45 PM

22 Very hot and sultry. Threatened rain all day. Went up to Bay View in evening for clams.

23 Rained nearly all day. Went down to Albert’s this evening. Had ice cream.

24 Fine this morning. Gordon & Lydia took E. & I up to town. Got arch supports for our feet.

25 Great day, got in 13 loads of hay. Elaine came up with Mr Armstrong. Allen Wyand & wife here tonight, after 11.

26 Sunday. Pretty warm. Mr. Armstrong preached in B. Church Vivian here all night. Elaine & Mrs Stewart came up with them last evening. Gordons & us up to Mother’s to-night.

27 Ernest went to Kensington with Cecil with a bull. Gordons started for O’Leary. Mrs. Stewart Elaine & Eva down to tea. All the folks went to shore in afternoon. Mr. H.E. Harris and family of Connecticut[?] here, they are boarding at Jerry’s. Raining & cool to-night.

28 Dull and warm. Very heavy rain all afternoon. Vivian, Marion & K. went fishing. Dad & I washed. Thyra here all night.

29 Fine, Ernest & Cecil went to H. R. with poultry. The Misses Harris asked the kiddies to a picnic at shore. They had a wonderful time. Had a fire and roasted hot dogs & marshmallows. Vivian with them. Heavy thunder to-night. Aileen Laird is dead. Heavy hail at Kensington. Mr Myles McDonald and team of horses killed at Darlington.

30 Fine to-day, very warm and close, squall this evening. Very poor hay weather. Vivian went home this am. Picked a lot of berries today. Ernest & I went up to Herbies this evening.

31 Showery & cold. Cleared up in the evening. Sewing & picking berries. Had a New Brunswick car here [?]. Julia Fowler Hicks and family from Havelock.

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**August 1925**

August 1925

1st Fine, warm, finished hay. Marion picked some cherries at Freds and gooseberries in swamp field. Everybody glad that tomorrow is Sunday.

2 Sunday. Fine, cloudy. Herb Toombs preached in Pres C. in afternoon. Ella Champion Henry etc. are here, picnic back lane. I went over to help Anna after tea.

3 Very hot all day. Washed & picked berries. Ernest & K. whitewashed hen house.

4 Fine, hot. Anita came home from O’Leary. Keith & Marion went to H.R. to meet Helen Mellish but she didn’t come. Gordon’s crowd here for supper. Ice cream social and lecture at church by Mr. Green missionary.

5 86 degrees. Very hot all day. Sewing. Ernest hauling logs to mill. Supper in old orchard.

6 84 degrees. Fine, warm, hazy. Girls got a few blueberries. Had blueberry pudding for dinner.

7 Cooler to-day. Ernest & K. working at hen house. Sewing. Mother at Greens. Nothing doing. Blanche Robertson called this evening. Pouring rain to-night, has been showery all day.

8 Rained hard all day. Mother at Greens again. New baby girl there no.2. Mr & Mrs Harris Anita, Jerry and Eleanor here this evening. I was at Mother’s all day.

9 Sunday. Beautiful after the rain. Went to North Rustico to church to-night.

10 Fine, very warm. Washed. Maria came just after dinner. Elaine, Myron, Isabel R, Helen Mellish came up from Montague. Pretty busy afternoon. Dad & I went to Rustico at night. Saw Edna Doiron Currie.

11 Very warm all day. Bright lightning at night. Mr. Bonnell spoke in P. church. Maria & I got some raspberries and the girls got blueberries. XYZ.

12 Much cooler to-day and quite fall like to-night. Meeting of church to-night. Parsonage sold to Mr Green. Children in at Wyands.

13 Perfect day. Ernest, Mima, Jerry, Anna & Wilbur went to town.

14 Fine, warm, sultry, Mima & I went up to Ced’s, pouring rain to-night

15 Fine after the rain. The family minus Nan & Hebert & Mima went up to sand hills for a picnic. Very warm and very tired.

16 Sunday. Preaching this morning. Very hot day. Reuel brought Nan home. Judson Simpson crowd here in afternoon. Big crowd at shore.

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**August 1925**

17 84. Jerry & Anna’s wedding anniversary. Sunday school picnic at shore. Very hot day. Went down to shore in evening. Quite a big crowd.

18 Fine & very warm until about 2 PM. Turned quite cool in evening. Wyand youngsters out. Mima went to Jerry’s.

19 Cooler and fine. Perfect day. A good many are cutting grain. It has been ripening very fast. Anita got her glasses to-day.

20 Cloudy but did not rain. Marion & Helen Mellish went to Montague. Ernest & K. took in green feed. Cut out pink gingham dress. Johnsons came to Jerry’s

21 Much cooler. Feels like fall. Nearly everybody has grain cut. Dad started cutting but a shower stopped him. Mrs. Gordon Laird in hospital, had a operation two days ago.

22 Cool. Cut swamp field, showery. Dad & I down to Alberts in evening.

23 A beautiful day. Mr Daggal preached in our church in AM. Pierce here for dinner. Miss Johnson, Anna, Mrs Moore & Mrs Billman here this evening. Headache all day.

24 84 degrees. Very warm. Cut oats below road and wheat grain ripening very fast. Not doing much.

25 84 degrees again to-day. Ernest finished cutting all but 3 acres. Miss Henderson & Mrs Gordon came to Jerry’s. I was over to J’s awhile this evening.

26 84 degrees until about 2 PM. then wind north much cooler. Mima came back again. Ernest cutting grain at Cecil’s. Washed. Keith at Ham’s.

27 54 degrees. Much cooler to-day. Telephone line out of business. Ironed. Ernest finished cutting at Cecil’s. At night 52 degrees. Keith at Ham’s. Making first pickles of season.

28 Lovely day, clear & cool. Finished cutting grain, hauled in 5 loads. Practice at church to-night.

29 Very fine Ham & Geo. Clarke here putting the grain. Mr. Holman (Watkins) here for dinner. Mima & I went to Bob’s for tea & alex’s for lunch. Got a new kitty.

30 Fine but cloudy. Preaching in our church. Rev J. W. Tyndall. Rather amusing. Mr Aitken preached this evening. All went.

31 Fine and warm. Finished hauling in big field behind bush and got in part of the wheat. Mima went to Geo Robertson.

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**September 1925**

Sept 1925

1st Quite heavy thunder squall last night and delightful rain, much needed. Washed. Cattle inspector here. Our cattle OK. Over to Jerry’s this evening. Rec’d complimentary copy of “Emily Climbs.”

2 Showery. No school. Teachers Convention at H.R. Ethel & Irene Simpson here to tea.

3 Glorious rain last night and a perfect day to-day. Mima came back this AM. And we went up to Elder James Simpson J. Stewart and Anna’s. Mr & Mrs. Albert & the Johnsons here this evening.

4 Lovely day. Mima started on her journey back. K. took her to Nelson Orr’s. Business meeting at Church to-night.

5 Showery all day. E & K. working at hen house. E & I went to Creek at night. Rained hard at night.

6 Cooler to-day. Mother went to Montague with Eva & Rupie Simpson. Cecil here to dinner. He & K. went to Winsloe. Keith & Nan & Miss Johnson went to Rustico.

7 Cool and fine blowing hard. Elaine & Marion came home to-day. Both have cold. Ernest finished hauling in all but one load.

8 Ernest & K. got in the last load before the rain came. Rained hard, cleared up in afternoon. I went up to see Elaine & Myron before they go away.

9 Elaine & Myron started for St. Croix this morning. They are going to Rochester. Fine day, washed. Keith at Wilbur’s, Ernest at McCoubry’s this PM.

10 Red sunrise and a downpour by about 4:30 PM. Ernest went up to Stanley in am. K. at Clarkes, Ernest at McCoubrey’s this AM.

11 Fine but dark and damp. Practice at Jerry’s. Cecil & Anna in town to-day. Political meeting in Mayfield.

12 Dark and rained hard in afternoon. Putting roofing on hen house. In bed most of the day. Reading “Emily Climbs.” XYZ

13 Showery. Mr Green preached in pres C & Mr Tyndale in evening. Mother & Cecil came to dinner.

14 Quite a storm to-day and blowing a gale to-night. Has rained very hard. There is still a lot of grain out in the country. Practice here to-night for Rally Day.

15 Lovely day, washed. Busy. Class started at night. Had indigestion and did not go.

16 Busy baking for Institute. On the lunch committee meeting at Alex McNeills. Big crowd.

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**September 1925**

Sept 1925

17 Fine but dark. Went up to Mother’s, cut out her little house dress. Went to school Fair at St. Annes. Mrs Johnson, Mrs J. and Margaret & Anna here this evening.

18 Lovely day. Made pickles. School kiddies, their teachers, the Johnsons had a tramp through the woods. The parents helped with a picnic supper in the old orchard. Tired. Dance at Fenners & pouring rain at night.

19 Showery in the morning but cleared up fine & cool in afternoon. Practice for Rally Day at P. Church. Dad & I went to Creek at night.

20 Lovely morning. Ernest & I went for honeymoon trip to French River to light house. Rained very hard before we got home. Rally service in P church to-night. Very nice.

21 Cloudy and warm to-day. Ernest went to Cecils to thrash. K. Margaret & Marion went up this evening to hear radio.

22 Fine but cold. Marion & K. sick in night. Ernest & I picked beans all day. Went to Rustico with Anna.

Exhibition week in CH town.

23 Cold day. Washed, baked, preserved plums and tomatoes and got cuc’s ready for pickles. Missionary meeting at mothers.

24 Fine. busy picking some beans. Ironing etc. Marion & K. started picking cranberries.

25 Rained all night, wind came round N ward blew a gale all day, shook apple trees and everything. Exhibition of the Johnson painting at Jerry’s at night. School Kiddies in afternoon. Gave Anna & Margaret each an address and birthday book.

26 Still cold and blowing in am. Calmed down at night. Marion to practice, Keith up to Jim Stewarts for cow and Nita at Wyands.

27 Fine warmer. Church in afternoon & evening. Johnsons here to tea.

28 Pouring rain half night and this forenoon. Lazy to-day. Lovely afternoon and evening. Ernest shelled bean. have nearly three bushels.

29 Fine day. Ernest helping Ham with spuds. K. there in afternoon. Got basket of corn at Fred yum- yum. No class. Rain & hail to-night.

30 Fine all day. K. at Jim Stewart’s. Practice here to-night. Ernest & I over to bid Johnsons good bye.

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**October 1925**

October 25

1 fine, frost. Ernest went to Emerald with cheese. Washed. Getting stuff for school fair, Lorne up in evening for K. to plant. There will be a heavy frost tonight.

2 Lovely day all day. 1st school fair at Mayfield hall. Children took several prizes. Rifle shoot in afternoon and chicken supper at Mother’s to-night. Tired? Oh no.

3 Dad & I picking cranberries until about four when it started to rain. Keith picking spuds at Alberts. Nan went up to Bay View.

4 Pouring rain. Bad headache all day. Cleared up in afternoon.

5 Not very dry. Keith picked at JF’s until noon. Rained in afternoon. In bed most of day. Got first egg in K. hen house. XYZ.

6 Cloudy but no rain. K. at JF’s. Marion went with Jerry’s & Cecil’s to Fairview to Quarters[?].

7 Cloudy in AM and rained in PM. K. at J.O.’s. Practice at Wesley’s to-night.

8 Showery all day. K. at J.O.’s Dad Ham & Nan spuds in afternoon. Wretched weather. Sore back.

9 Digging spuds. Showery in forenoon but fine the rest of time. Everybody tired tonight.

10 Rained hard all day long, regular storm. Made chow & yeast

11 Stormy all day, rain, hail & snow. Mr Aitken preached in am. Mr Tyndall at night.

12 Fine and cold, blowing hard, sold heifer to Frank, washed, thrashed, & finished potatoes. Ham & Peter Murray here in afternoon. Girls picking cranberries, practice at Wyands to-night.

13 Fine but bitter cold. Keith & Ernest have terrible colds. K. had to give up work at noon. Girls still picking cranberries. Class here to-night.

14 Lovely fine day, the first since Oct 2nd we finished picking the cranberries. Very tired to-night. Enid and Reuel were here for a little while this evening.

15 Rained nearly all day. Cleared up at night, went down to Alberts.

16 Lovely cloudless day. Pulling mangels all day. Dr. Rogerson died. Marion has bad cold YPPG at Rustico. Keith went.

17 Cloudy in forenoon and rained hard in afternoon and just spilled to-night. Finished taking in mangels.

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**October-November 1925**

Oct 1925

17 Nan went up to Bay View with Cecil.

18 N.W. Fine day. Missionary meeting at Jerry’s. Dad & I went over to John F’s for evening. K & Marion at Bay View.

19 Fine day. Keith at Milton Greens. Washed, went over to Jerry’s in afternoon and to Wyand’s at night.

20 Rained in morning. Cleared up nice but blowing cold. Class at night and Ira and Upton here to practice dialogue.

21 Fine all day but pretty cold Keith & Anita and Montague and Mary Stewart went to S. side with Cecil. Institute at Chester Woolners. Didn’t go. Frost to-night.

22 Fine all day. Ernest went to Hunter River. K. at Ernest Clarks in afternoon. Reception in Cavendish at Wesley’s for Mr Aitkin & wife and gave them a lovely clock.

23 Cold north east rain storm all day. Marion in bed. Cold dark night.

24 Froze this am but fine. Had snow at Hunter River. Keith at Milton Green’s this afternoon. Practice at the hall to-night. Louis Toombs & Wife here this evening. Started separating. No butter.

25 Rainy dark day. Mr. Tyndall preached in afternoon. Terrible storm at night. Herb Simpson’s flue caught fire. Montague & Blanche here for supper.

26 Blowing a gale. Marion & Dad at hall fixing up in afternoon. K. at John F’s working at turnips. Practice until 11:40. Everybody tired.

27 Fine day and lovely night. The childrens concert out came off very well. They took in over $40. $38.55 clear I think. Short of candy. Froze hard.

28 Lovely day all day. Ernest at Mayfield in afternoon. Ballot box came. Washed, etc. Class here at night, everybody nearly dead.

29 Such a spill for election day. Pouring in torrents in morning. Blowing a gale and showery in afternoon. Freezing cold to-night. General Election.

30 Froze in back porch, don’t know whether dahlias are ruined or not. Election returns so far are 117 cons, 97 liberals, 20 progressives, 4 independent. sorting potatoes for Hunter River.

31 Fine day, Ernest went to Hunter River with spuds. Albert and wife here for supper. XYZ.

November 1st Fine all day. Dad & I went to Bay View. Keith to Rustico to-night.

2 Fine. Keith at Green’s in afternoon. Ernest & I went to Stanley. Took Pauline to get a tooth out

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**November 1925**

November 1925

3 Cold wind but fine. Keith at Greens, turnips. Ernest helping Jerry this afternoon. Mr Kochaly speak in Pres. C. to-night. 3 kiddies went.

4 Fine day. Ernest & K. spreading manure. Dad & I went down to Hammond McKenzies to-night. Got some dry cod fish, froze hard all day.

5 Just one perfect day all day. K. at Fred’s this afternoon. Institute at mother’s to-night. My head tired. Feel mean.

6 Fine. milder. House cleaned my room. Beads came from Maud, Y.P.P.G. at Chester Woolners to-night.

7 Fine day. Rupert Simpson took Keith, Ira & Upton up to Kensington to Boy Conference. Ernest finished plowing.

8 Rained a little in forenoon. Mr. Aitken preached in AM. Mr Tyndall in afternoon. Thanksgiving service in New Glasgow to-night.

9 Lovely day. Killed 17 of Keith’s chickens. K. at John F’s sawing wood this afternoon. The 3 oldest at Wyands to-night.

10 Fine in morning but big snow squall in afternoon. Mr Nash, poultry promoter was to speak in Mayfield Hall. Keith’s chickens weighed 95 lbs at 25 cents.

11 Fine day. Quite cold in am. Ground white but all the snow gone to-night. Sold 8 ½ doz eggs to-day. Baked for a missionary meeting.

12 Fine day. Ernest went to Hunter River with spuds. I went to Wheatley River at night to an institute meeting with Alex McNeils.

13 Lazy to-day. Keith helping thrash at Jerry’s. Pouring rain to-night.

14 Did not rain much to-day. Quite mild. Marion got her third hat. Practice at Fenners to-night. Mother and Cecil went to town. Had car trouble and are in Milton to-night. Lorraine at Wesley’s.

15 Showery in am. Cecil & Mother got home about 4 pm. Mr Tyndall preached to-night. Very good.

16 Cloudy and poured rain all afternoon. Ploughed the gardens & below K’s henhouse to-day. Fine to-night and blowing a gale.

17 Blowing a gale, with snow. Flurries. Keith harrowing. Marion went over to Jerry’s to tea & class to-night.

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**November-December 1925**

Nov 1925

18 Blustery in am but fine in afternoon. Got washing out and dry. Institute at night at Mrs Bob McKenzies.

19 Fine. busy Stirling institute had a social at Mother’s.

20 Lovely day Ernest & I drove to Kensington and had dinner at Hammond Toombs. They took to S. Side. Rained at night. Got a hat for Marion. Went to Geo Simpson’s in the evening. Stayed all night at Hammond Toombs. Sick all day.

21 Raining and snowing. Got home at noon, feeling pretty miserable.

22 Lovely day in bed all day. Mother down in evening. Pres. church at night.

23 Perfect morning. Harrowing potato land. Lovely day all day, feeling better. Dad & Anita went to Mr. Buotes’s to-night together to make Nan’s coat. Marion at McCoubrey’s. Isabell Henry died this morning.

24 Rained this morning. Funeral this afternoon. Ernest cleaned out the sink drain to-day. Anna made a little velvet dress for Waine. Missionary meeting here to-night. XYZ.

25 Froze and blowing hard and cold. Got 3 outside windows on sewing. Got the room curtains up. Lorne McN. got a load of straw. Young People’s committee meeting here to-night.

26 Fine and cold. Ernest went to roller mill. Keith piling wood. Choir practice at Wesley’s.

27 Fine Ernest went up with cream. Got final cheque $124.44. Went to Creek paid EC. LePage and Central. YPPG at EC LePages.

28 Raining in am. Thawed all day. Lots of mud. K. at Hams thrashing. Dora Smith here all night.

29 Cold and fine. Froze hard. Blowing hard to-night. Mr. T. preached in afternoon.

30 10A. Bitter cold and blowing hard. Killed roosters 20 got 26 cents per lbs. Children up to Bay View to-night.

Dec 1st Lovely day, washed in AM. Went to Town afternoon. Terrible rough road. Went to pictures. Harold Lloyd in The Freshman. Good. Stayed at Enids all night

2 Beautiful day. Busy. Bought a new organ at A.E. Toombs. Came home. Had tea at Janes’[?]. Good skating on ponds.

3rd Lovely day all day and perfect moon light night. Anita & Marion drove to Mrs. Buotes’s to get a coat fitted. Isabel’s mother died last night. Mrs Sophia Gallant.

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**December 1925**

Dec

3 Mrs Nelson Orr broke her leg. Fell from a carriage. Practice at McCoubrey’s.

4 Fine but cloudy all day. YPPG at Blair Andrews. Letters from Elaine & Helen.

5 Fine. Cecil & Keith went to town. Brought out our new organ. Ernest & Peter busy in woods etc. Practice here to-night.

6 Fine. Mr Bonnell preached this morning. The youngsters up at Mothers to-night to hear radio.

7 Fine. very mild. Ernest went to Hunter River with hogs. Road very very bad. Practice here to-night.

8 Fine. washed. Chicken for dinner. K.’s birthday. Put up new stove in room. Isobel Louise Brinton arrived.

9 Dark and rainy. Killed geese and half dozen chickens. Wind came around cold and freezing to-night.

10 8A Fine but bitter cold. Anita and I went to Creek with geese and chickens, 70 lbs geese, 23 chickens. Practiced at night.

11 4A. Cold. thrashed in afternoon. YPPG at Jerrys.

12 Milder snowed in AM & rained all afternoon. In to Mrs Wyand’s at night.

13 Nan has tooth ache and a plum pudding. Snowed and rained and froze. Roads wild. Mr Tyndall preached in afternoon. I went to [?] to tea.

14 Got word of Elaine’s baby’s arrival. Cold blowy day. Invitation to Golden Wedding came. Mr & Mrs Aitkins here for tea.

15 Fine, blowing hard but not very frosty. Sold 24 1/2 doz eggs. Hester, Anna, & Montague here. Ernest went to H. River for Eaton order and Maud’s box of books.

16 Fine day. Girls miserable and K. laid up. Killed steer at Freds. Over to JF’s for little while. Mrs Irving J. Laird, Jerry, Anna, Lemmie, Wyand & Hattie here in evening.

17 Another lovely day. Cut up beef. K. feels mean.

18 fine day, went up to see mother in morning, she has been pretty miserable. Ernest busy getting in money for Golden Wedding. Went down to Alberts in evening.

19 Lovely day. Ernest & Preston Warren went to town. Got two chairs for Mr and Mrs Darnley Clark. Frosty. Irene Wyand here to tea.

20 Beautiful day. Sarah Jack buried in afternoon, funeral at church. Mr Aitken preached at night.

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**December 1925-January 1926**

Dec 1925

21 Dark in forenoon. Our first snow storm in afternoon. Decorating in church for concert and Xmas tree. XYZ.

22 Fine. Decorating at Darnley in afternoon. Concert & Christmas tree at night. Very good. Rained.

23 Snow in the night. Started to blow in afternoon. Golden Wedding at night. Wild, blustery & much colder. Darnley Clarkes’ Golden Wedding.

24 12A. Quite cold. A lot of snow down. Santa busy all day. Awfully tired. Got home from Golden Wedding at 2:30. Busy baking etc. Pauline has cold.

25 Lovely day. Bright and not very cold. Santa extra good to us this year. Keith gave me a dozen silver spoons. Dad overshoes and the girls slippers and a fancy basket, stocking from Mima, etc.

26 Milder, snowed a little all day. A big dose of cards came and parcel from Gordon’s. Not feeling extra well to-day. Shower at Joe Stewarts for Carol Simpson. Nita went up with Cecil.

27 Zero. Cold and blustery. Roads bad. No preaching.

28 28A All my plants got a second freezing. Mild all day, turned colder again at night. Marion has bad cold.

29 15A. Washed. Cold. Marion quite grippy. Keith sleepy worked too hard at rink yesterday.

30 Dark gray day, chilly. Roads bad. Lots of snow.

31 Keith thrashing at Jerry’s. Dad went to Stanley with cream. Lorraine, sick all day, and Marion not much better. Practice here at night.

Jan 1, 1926 Fine day. Dad hauling wood. Anita, Dad & I went over to New Glasgow to a concert in Christian church. Bad road but not very cold. Got home at midnight.

2 Not feeling very well. Baptist practice here at night. Marion keeping a little better. All sick at Charlie Wyands.

3 Fine but drifting. Mr. McGowan of Georgetown preached in United Church. Very Irish.

4 Cold, headache, Marion had earache.

5.Mild. Marion in bed most of day with with earache. Anita brought autoharp over yesterday

6 Washed but pouring rain so could not dry clothes. Rained hard and thawed quite a lot. Ernest has bad cold.

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**January 1926**

Jan 1926

7 Fine in AM. Snow storm after dinner. Keith went to Stanley with cream. Marion went to Wesley’s to practice. Blowing a gale and bitter cold to-night. Keith and Anita up at the Cosy Corner Rink.

8 Zero. Blowing hard but fine. Calmed down and moderated in evening. YPPG here. Not many here.

9 Fine and milder. Marion pretty miserable. Muriel Stewart & Dora here for music lessons.

10 Just a perfect day, snowed about 10 inches last night and stayed where it fell. Went up to Bay View to hear radio Baptist sermon from Saracuse, NY.

11 Lovely day. Ernest getting ready to saw wood. Big dance at Fenners. Marion over to Jerry’s in afternoon.

12 Snowing a little all day, quite mild. Dirty for sawing but they finished it. Had to saw back in the field. Too much snow in yard. Cecil home and Ham here.

13 Fine. Washed. Calm. A lot of light snow down. Ernest and I went down to Bob McKenzies in the evening. They have been pretty sick with grippe. Keith skating at McCoubrey’s in evening.

14 Lovely morning but wind came round, N.E. and its cold to-night. Big skate at rink to-night. P Practice at Wesley’s. Snowing at bed time.

15 Rather blustery, snowed a lot last night. A lot of snow down and a very heavy road everywhere. Went over to set Mrs. Austin Laird in afternoon. She has eczema.

16 Not very cold, drifting all day. Anna has toothache. Got a magazine from Joyce Herd. New Zealand. Practice here at night. Blanche Wyand stayed all night. XYZ.

17 Mild grey day all day. Mr Aitken preached in afternoon. Keith and Marion went up to Bay View.

18 Fine day in bed til noon. Ernest getting ready for thrashing. Very mild.

19 Pouring rain, rained all night. Has thawed a lot. No thrashing to-day.

20 Washed. Keith at Alberts sawing wood. Ernest & I went to see Darnley Institute to-night at Jerry’s. Scotch night.

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**January-February 1926**

21 Fine in forenoon. Snowed all afternoon. Very calm and not cold. Skating at night and choir practicing at Bob’s. Felt miserable all day.

22 Snowed all night and all day. Blowing hard and much colder to-night. Montague Wyand here to-day helping thrash. Got a long letter from Maud. she writes that they are leaving Leaskdale the middle of February.

23 10B. Blew a gale all night and the foot of light snow that fell has piled up in all kinds of banks. Bitter cold this am. My plants had another scorching. Not doing much. No mail.

24 Milder, lovely in morning. Lots of great big snow banks. Ernest, Waine, PJ and I went to Mother’s in afternoon. Roads bad. Started to snow and was storming very thick by 5 PM. No preaching. Mrs Fairbairn died in Lawrence.

25 Colder, blustery, Wind west. Mail came.

26 2A. S.W. lovely day. Ernest busy shoveling snow in am. Keith went to Harold’s & Dad & I went to McCoubrey’s and to Alberts to tea. Silas Wyand & wife & Bob & Jennie & us there to tea. About 50 at rink tonight. Montague’s birthday

27 20A S.E. and snowing. Kept getting worse all day. Very thick storm by noon. Dad got the children home at dinner time. Cleared up about 4:PM. Mail came to Fred’s.

28 Fine this morning not cold. Thermometer up to 30A degrees at noon to-day. Snowed very thick in evening, cleared off and blowing a gale to-night. Marion went over to John F’s in afternoon. No mail.

29 6B. Regular old sneezer, blowing a gale wind W. Drifting, no school. Marion pieced a quilt. Made shin pads for K. Bitter day all day. No school, no mail.

30 Fine, but very cold. Ernest & K. busy shoveling snow all day. A very big bank west of house. Marion sick with tonsillitis.

31 Fine Mr. Aitken preached in AM. Dad & I went to Bay View. Gertrude here in afternoon, came on her snowshoes. At home in evening.

Feb 1st 1926 2A Bleak cold wind from N.E. Ernest & K. thrashed in forenoon and K. went up to Mother’s to thrash in afternoon. Montague & Irene were out in the evening to see Marion. Mum Feeling better. Mail came.

2 Snowing all day. N.E. storm, not doing much. P.J. home from school again with bad cold.

3 4B fine day. washed. Albert and Ernest went to Egg Circle Meeting. Directors in afternoon at Frank Houston’s. Albert stayed here this evening. Big skate at rink.

4 East wind and chill. Ernest & I went to Cecil Simpsons in afternoon. Aunt Clarrie has been

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**February 1926**

Feb 1926

4 poorly. Quite a snow storm to-night.

5 NE. A terrible snow storm all day. Didn’t sleep much last night. Bad night, very dreary. Trains blocked again. Not cold.

6 Lovely morning, colder. Ernest & K. shoveling snow nearly all day. Lots of shoveling before they could get cattle watered. Montague out in evening.

7 Sunday. Snowing this morning from S.E. Didn’t amount to much. Ernest & I went over to Jerry’s in afternoon. Took Lorraine & P.J. Got a mean cold.

8 Zero. Fine, quite cold all day. Keith helping at rink.

9 Zero. Fine, but a very cold wind. Ernest did most of the washing this morning. Moderated in afternoon. Youngsters went up to rink. Montague went to Cecil’s afterward and got here at 12:40. Irene was here.

10 15B. Snappy this morning. Wind came round N. E and bitter cold. Big wedding in at Tennis’s at night. Mary & Robert Zeb. Big crowd there. We went with Jerry’s. Got home at 9:45. Snowing at night.

11 Snow storm this am but not much cold. Snowed all day but not blowing hard. Aunt Clarrie died this evening. No mail to-day. XYZ

12 Not so stormy as yesterday and not cold. Ernest working in Cemetery all afternoon. No mail. 26A.

13 Perfect day all day. Not cold. Ernest finished in cemetery at 3:30 PM, a terrible job. Nan went up to Bay View. Keith at rink afternoon and evening. Choir practice here to-night.

14 Sunday. Fine wind east. Preaching in United Church in afternoon.

15 Snow storm, north east. Aunt Clarrie buried in afternoon. Not a large funeral. Terrible day. Tired.

16 Milder but snowed some all day. Dad & I went down to Alberts in afternoon.

17 Fine, washed & scrubbed. Institute at Roy Toombs last night. Quite a good crowd there. Perfect night. Montague & Irene here for evening.

18 Fine. Marion went over to Wyands for the day. Y.P.P.G & practice here at night. 1st at Preston’s, 2nd at Fred’s. Dad got canvas for mat

19 Quite a snow storm, turned soft in afternoon. Got my mat in and started.

20 Everybody hooking. Wrist crippled first day not a good beginning. Rink to-night. Blowing a gale and cold. Keith froze ears bad.

21 7B very bitter cold blowing a gale all day. Fine. Mr. Tyndale preached in afternoon.

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**February-March 1926**

Feb 1926

22 2A, Still blowing hard and very cold. Moderated in afternoon. Keith & Marion went to Wyands.

23 Fine day. Hooking. Ernest went to Roller Mill. All went to rink to-night but Marion. Dad & Kiddies & Mrs Fred & went to Mothers. Marion got her snow shoes. Anna sick grippe.

24 Fine. Jerry John and Mike Blacquire here for wood. Very frosty to-night, Cecil sick. Baby at Louis Toombs boy.

25 Fine day. Ernest & Albert to a director’s meeting at Frank Houstons. Marion went to New Glasgow with Wyands to Bean Supper. Rink at night. Not cold.

26 Raining in morning. Cleared up & Ernest went to Roller Mill, brought our & Cecil’s grist home. We were over to Jerry’s in evening.

27 Fine all day. Snowing to-night. Finished my mat yesterday. Canned beef to-day. Hockey this afternoon and a skate to-night. Stanley serving hot lunch. Made 75.90 Storming.

28 Drifting this AM. Mr Aitken preached. Ernest went to Ceds with a telephone message & Mothers to tea etc. Fine, not cold now.

March

1 Fine in AM, snowing a little at night. Sewing. Dad picking over spuds in cellar. Practice here at night for parlour social

2 Snowing a little most of the day, practice again at night here.

3 Mild in morning, turned colder and snowed very hard all day. Cleared up in the evening. Road heavy. Parlour social at John F’s, not many there. Fine when we came home. Irene & Blanche here all night.

4 SW. Wind and quite a drift. Quite an extra dose of snow to-day, feeling rather lazy all day.

5 Marion ironed. I went with Dad to Mayfield, stayed at Wyands. Young People’s group at Wesley Fairly fine, colder at night

6 4A this morning. Clear and frosty. Hockey match with Stanley & Carvendish. Cavendish won game. Ernest & i went up.

7 Lovely morning, mild but no thaw. Snow storm at night. Wind almost east. Mr. Tyndale preached. Quite a number out. Marion & Nan went down to Alberts. Marion on her snow shoes. Mary Bernard was operated on last Monday. Appendicitis & gall stones. XYZ.

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**March 1926**

March 1926

8 Pouring rain all morning. In bed all day with headache. Practice at Wyands at night. No mail.

9 Lovely day. Some very bad places on the roads. Feeling a little better. Practice at Wyands again to-night.

10 NE. fine day. Missionary meeting at J.F. McNeil’s, Anna & I were there and had quite a tumble out of sleigh backwards on our heads. Hockey at night.

11 Fine. Busy, pretty sore. Got to bed early to-night, Anna pretty sore.

12 Anna better. Group here to-night. Quite a crowd. Tired out.

13 In bed most of day. Pretty sore. Very frosty to-night. 4B Skating at rink.

14 6B here and 12 B at Herbs this morning. Our baby’s birthday, 6 yrs old. Cecil & Mother down to dinner & tea. Preaching in afternoon in United Church.

15 18B at Hunter River this am and 6B here. Very calm. Everyone at the ice. It is about 30 inches thick. Ernest and I went in to Charlie Wyands in evening. Practice here.

16 Fine. Finished ice. Skating to-night. Hooking. have sold a lot of wood. There is such a depth of snow, people can’t get to woods and there is no coal at H. River.

17 A gorgeous picture this morning. Very foggy & trees covered with frost. Wonderful when the sun came out. Ernest went to Roller Mill. Institute at Milton McKenzie, annual meeting. Anna new president. Headache.

18 In bed all day. Snowing, 4 or 5 inches new snow down. Practice at Wyands.

19 In bed most of day. Y.P.P.G. at McLures in evening. Austin taking orders for fertilizer. Fine day but frosty at night.

20 Fine but cloudy, very chill cold. S.E. wind Fine at night. Practice at Jerry’s and Hall.

21 Lovely bright day but very cold wind. Mr. Tyndall preached in afternoon. My blue jays are getting very tame. One junco down yesterday. No sign of spring yet. To look down to the shore one would not know there was a pond there at all. It is almost level with the fields,

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**March-April 1926**

March 1926

21 everything buried with snow and all so white. Went down to Alberts in evening.

22 Just a glorious spring day. Washed, made candy, and went to concert at night. They made $57.00

23 Fine again and very spring like. Ernest hauling manure down to field below Old Orchard. Hooking this afternoon. Everybody tired to-night.

24 Hooking all day. One big thaw. Pouring rain. Dad sold 3 pigs to Artie McNeil, got 32.00 for them. Bob McKenzie took our cream to Stanley. Roads getting pretty soft. Sent order to Eatons. First wild geese.

25 Mild all day. Children walked to school. Raining to-night. Ernest & K. had to shovel a road to brook for cattle.

26 Fine bright day all day. No traveling. Mail came. Mrs. Bruce Graham very sick, new baby, still born.

27 Snowing all day cleared up in evening. Marion & Keith & Gertrude went to Wesley’s and the Wyand youngsters were out here until eleven. K. at Cecil’s thrashing.

28 Blustery cold March day. Mr. Aitkin preached in am. Ham here to dinner & tea. Marion went to Wyands

29 Blustery and cold all day. Keith at McCoubrey’s thrashing. Montague & Mrs Wyand here in evening. Nan came home from Mother’s with K. Cecil has a terrible cold. Fiddling contest in town.

30 Not blowing quite as hard to-day. We have a tremendous snow bank west of house. Up to crooked limb of trees. Ernest & I went to Rustico. Got a letter from Enid. Concert in New Glasgow to-night. Keith, Marion & Nellie went. Got 61 eggs today.

31 Lovely bright spring day all day. Put in a 2nd mat in frames to-day. Practice here to-night. Ernest has bad cold.

1 Gray day and NE storm at night. Snowing thick. washed & hooking. Dad better but has quite a dose yet.

2 Good Friday. Fine but bitter cold north east wind. Ernest went to Hunter River with our old organ. Eaton order came. Hall directors meeting at Fred’s. Y.P.P.G at Milton McKenzie

3 Perfect day all day. Ernest sorting over potatoes. practice here at night. Everybody tired.

4 Easter. Perfect morning and wretched night. Dad and I had a walk back to woods on crust and K. & Marion went to shore. Started snowing

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**April 1926**

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4 in afternoon and very dirty rest of day and night. Not many out to Church. Mr Tyndall’s last Sunday. Mother sick. Radio wonderful.

5 Regular gale from West and drifting fierce. Heard of little Pauline LePage getting hurt, fell down stairs and hurt her head. She is better now. Letter from Aunt Sadie. Vern is planning a trip to PEI for his honeymoon. XYZ.

6 Ernest went to Hunter River again for fertilizer. Cold day but bright. Very wintery, great road. Anna over for tea. School started again. Nan home. The youngsters down to Bob McKenzie’s to-night.

7 Cold in morning, milder in afternoon. Dad & I went to Bay View. Perfect road and pretty fine night. Broke my glasses frame.

8 Fine all day and raining to-night. Ernest hauling hay from Hammond Toombs. Hattie Wyand here sewing. Made up my batick silk. Practice here to-night.

9 Quite a heavy silver thaw. Finished hooking. YPPG at Bob McKenzies. Cemetery com meeting at Ham’s.

10 Lovely early, blustery at noon and fine at night. Still winter. Ernest went to Rustico for a load of mud and I went down to Mrs Bob and helped her hook. Youngsters all up to Bay View to-night.

11 Cold and snowing and drifting all day. Mr. Aitken preached in afternoon. Marion & Nan over to Jerry’s at night.

12 10A. Finer but bitter cold and blowing a gale. Wesley’s here this evening & Montague and Mrs Mackay.

13 Fine day. New Glasgow on concert at night at Stanley. Dad & Marion & I went. Big dance at Freds. Dandy roads, best we have had all winter.

14 Milder to-day. Keith hauling mud from Creek. Just heard this evening that Artie Moffat is dead.

15 Chilly this morning, Keith at Fred’s hauling in stack. Poured rain all afternoon, wind around west and blowing a gale and colder to-night. Quilting to-day.

16 Clear and blowing a gale from S.W. Ernest & I went to Artie Moffats funeral in afternoon

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16 to Richard Stevenson’s for tea and to Ben Woolner’s to Institute. Terrible pitches in roads. Went from New Glasgow to Creek on ice. Three feet of ice in Bay yet.

17 Milder to-day. Snow getting very crumbly. Finished quilt. Gertrude & Thyra here to-night. Made ice cream.

18 Everything snow white this morning. Wind west and cold thawing a little. Nellie George, Lorne, Marion & Keith went to Wyands to-night. Anita went up with Thyra.

19 Fine morning but wind cold. Ernest killed two little porkers. [?] comfort. Went down to Alex McNeills in afternoon to help her hook. Ernest & I called at Alberts for a little while in evening.

20 NE. Blowing a gale. Ernest went to Hunter River with his two little porkers. Came up a terrific snow storm the worst we have had all winter. Ernest got home at noon. Wild night. They had to carry water to cows to-night.

21 N.W. Still snowing in forenoon but cleared up before noon. Anna and Jerry over in evening and Montague came along about 8. Brand new boy at Willie Simpsons at Mill. Trains stuck, no mail.

22 Lovely day. Washed. Thawing a little all day. Looks very much like rain to-night. Ernest, Anna, & I went up JR Stewarts and to Mothers practice at McCoubrey’s. Mrs. John Simpson, James O’s Mother died this evening.

23 Lovely mild day, the snow has settled a lot. Ham here working in woods.

24 Lovely warm day. The snow settled a lot to-day. Mrs John Simpson’s funeral this afternoon. Roads getting bad. Ed Graham’s baby died. Nan went to Wyands, Marion to Anna’s, Dad to McCoubrey’s.

25 Sunday. Gray day. blowing a gale from S.E.: Ed Graham’s baby boy buried in afternoon. Austin McNeill’s house at Stanley Bridge burned to ground between 4:30 & 6:30. Pouring rain at time. Wyand’s here till midnight.

26 Lovely spring day. No frost last night. Ernest, Keith & Ham working in wood. Marion in bed. House cleaned sewing room.

27 Froze a little last night and water drained away. Ernest, Keith, and Ham in woods getting some wood out for Alex Toombs. Put in a quilt this morning. Winnie and little Mary came over for tea.

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**April-May 1926**

April & May 1926

28 Lovely day but wind cold. Anna getting her baby chicks to-day. Big washing this morning. finished quilting. Ernest clipped Sport and Daubin.

29 Rained this am a lovely warm rain. Ernest clipped three of Jerry’s horses. Cleaned Keith’s room and ours. Mother & Cecil sick. Lobster season opened today. Very thick fog.

30 Foggy again all day. Damp and cold. Cecil sick. Dad went up to see them. Nan went up to-night. Feel mean to-day. Made out order for wall paper to Moore & McLeods.

May

1 Miserable, foggy and cold in am. Fine after dinner. Ernest went to Harold’s in afternoon. Jerry went to Hunter River with pork. Lorne up this evening.

2 Lovely morning, clouded up in afternoon. Roads bad. Keith went up for Anita and the three of them went to Wilburs to-night.

3 Fine day, cleared the pantry. Not feeling very well. Ernest & Keith hauling wood from woods out to the field with team. Thawing a lot to-day. Thunder to-night. XYZ

4 Fine all day. In bed all day, quite sick. Poured rain at night. Anita at Wilburs to-night.

5 Raining early but cleared up. Ernest went to H. River for baby chicks. Got 100. Terrible road. Too much snow for carriage and a lot of bare ground. About 20 ft of snow on Ernie Lairds hill yet. Wind north.

6 NE wind and cold froze hard last night. Little chicks pretty spry today. Feeling a little better. Marion painting SE bedroom. Terrible strike in England.

7 Bitter cold north E wind all day and snowing to-night. Sawed wood. Ham & Peter here. Hall co meeting to-night.

8 Ground white this AM, still snowing, turned to sleet and poured rain from NE all day. Papered the Southeast bedroom and painted it. Little chicks doing fine. More hatching.

9 S.E. warmer rain in am. Marion & Nan went to shore. We walked to church in afternoon. Mother’s Day splendid sermon. Miss McKay came over for tea. Went to Albert’s in PM.

10 Lovely day. Big wash. Tired. Put boat in pond.

11 Just a terrible dreary day and bitter cold to-night. Papered the hall upstairs to-day. Marion & Anita in bed with sore throat. Wind N to-night and cold and raining.

12 Snowing & raining and cold all day. Blowing a gale N.W. Heavy sea. Papering downstairs hall. Keith at Fenners helping thrash.

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**May 1926**

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13 Lovely day all day. Finished papering hall down stairs. Albert and Anna over this evening and Montague & Thyra. Roads very bad. Piles of snow on hills. Strike in England settled. First swallows.

14 Lovely warm day. Marion cleaned her room and Nan & I cleaned the parlour. Planted tomatoes & cabbage in hot bed. Montague here this evening. Keith got smelts. Had them for lunch. Sold Sport

15 Another lovely day in morning. Wind came around cool but fine. Ernest harrowed garden to-night. Ham here two days splitting wood. Lorraine and P.J. were up for Mayflowers. Anita went up to Mother’s in afternoon. Got house snugged up.

16 Sunday. Lovely warm day, land drying wonderful. Back to field this am. Headache. Dad, small folks & I went over to Jerry’s and from there to Freds.

17 Cooler to-day and foggy. Raining hard to-night. Planted sweet peas and flowers in hot bed. Cabbage up. Keith harrowing. Keith got a nice mess of trout. Started working on land, harrowing back field.

18 Cold and drizzly. Ernest went to Stanley in am. Keith at Milton Greens thrashing. Youngsters went to Wyand.

19 Fine day. Washed. Ernest went to Campbellton for oats, bought 43 bus. Tired. Lorne up for 2 pigs.

20 Fine in am. Rained about 3 PM. not cold. Baking today. Ernest harrowing in back fields until it rained. Keith at Greens. Ern McN sowed first oats.

21 Blowing a gale and pretty cold but good drying day. Set out some dahlias to-night and Ernest planted some peas. Keith harrowing. May Green went to Cardigan.

22 Fine, cloudy in am. Cleared wind east and cold. Busy all day. E. in cemetery. Girls at Jerry’s to-night.

23 Sunday. Lovely all day until night when started to rain. First car through to-day from S Side (Bishops). Mr. Aitken preached in AM. The children went to New Glasgow to-night to hear Mr. Armstrong. They got a glorious meeting.

24 Pouring rain this morning but cleared up. K. got 10 beauty trout. Washed. Marion sick. Sewing in PM.

25 Cold drizzly all day, foggy, sewing. K. harrowing potato land. Letters from Aunt Sed & Elaine.

26 Miserable cold day. Northeast wind. K. harrowed in shore field, not fit to work on land. No sowing done here here yet. Girls went for Mayflowers. E. cutting sets.

27 Cold cold as greenland. Planted a few early spuds. Daubin crippled. Letter from Maud. First rhubarb. Very late. XYZ.

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**May-June 1926**

May & June 1926

28 Finer to-day. Ernest sawed wheat and planted one acre of early potatoes. Housecleaned the big room. Church meeting to-night.

29 Finer and a little warmer but wind still NE. Icebergs in Northern Atlantic, the cause of such cold wind. Lorraine had a small party. Baseball started and a few cars out to-night, also Montague.

30 Sunday. Lovely day, no preaching. Cecil & mother down and Avalah. Austin & wife here in evening. Henry Douces’ 4 youngsters lost and found again.

31 Lovely day, the first warm day we have had. Ernest sowed back fields and started shore field. Finished washing bed clothes and did a little gardening. Play at Stanley to-night. Anita & Thyra went with Geo & Nellie.

June 1st Lovely day all day. Sowed shore field. Putting out manure for mangles after tea I was over to Anna’s this evening.

2 Fine most of day. Little shower in afternoon. Put out manure for mangels. Eaton order came. The last of snow gone down by brook below barn. Lots back in woods.

3 Fine but blowing a gale. Reuel and Pauline out this morning. Mr. Webster & Billy Prowse out. Keith at Wesley’s. Cleaned dining room, sowed mangles.

4 Fine but blowing a gale and wind cold. K. harrowing pond field. Ernest planted beans and a garden stuff and digging in garden. Planted cucumbers to-night.

5 Great day all day. Keith harrowing. Ernest digging in garden. Anna brought over a piece of cod fish.

6 Cloudy and rained a little. Preaching at night. Nellie here to dinner. Marion’s birthday. Mrs Norman Ramsay buried this afternoon. Mother & Cecil to funeral.

7 Glorious rain, very warm. Grain up wonderful for the short time it has been in. Washed. Bob & Jennie up this evening.

8 Lovely warm rain in forenoon. Cecil & Keith went to town for chickens. Went up to Mother’s for a little while this evening.

9 Finished sowing. I went to Institute Convention with Mrs. JR Stewart and Clarice. Mother came. Tired.

10 Got home from Convention to-night very tired but have had a wonderful time. Reception at the home of Leiut. Gov. & Mrs. Heartz. Very elaborate.

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**June 1926**

June 11 Ernest spread fertilizer on potatoes. Jerry’s first boarders came last night. Mr & Mrs Brewer. Group to-night.

Leaving School exams in Mayfield. Anita & George there.

12 Lovely day. Ernest in cemetery. Churned and scrubbed. I went over to John F’s this evening.

13 Sunday. Fine. christening in church this afternoon. Ham here to-night. Wrote to Maud.

14 Lovely day but very cold in the evening. Institute at Wyands. Big meeting. Got home at Midnight.

15 Tired, over to see Anna in am and Marion & I went to creek in afternoon. Got kitchen paper and paint. School meeting. Dad new trustee. Telephone meeting to-night. Frost. None here.

16 Fine. Spreading manure for turnips. Washed and started cleaning kitchen Y.P.P.G to-night.

17 Very warm this morning, cooler in afternoon. Sowed turnips, painted kitchen wood work and went for clams.

18 Lovely day. Papered kitchen, Tennis Ham Dr. Green & Miss Wilson here to dinner, church at night. Glorious rain and thunder in night. Ernest on road machine.

19 Lovely after the rain and cooler. Ernest & Nan set out cabbage and tomato plants and the girls finished setting plants in the garden. Very busy all day. Down to Alberts in evening. Keith at Wyands.

20 Sunday. Fine but cool. Sacrament sunday in United Church. Keith went to Glasgow in am & Marion went with Lorne in evening. In bed all day with headache. XYZ

21 Lovely day again. Ernest at Austin’s this afternoon. They are moving house off of cellar. Not very spry today. Jerry got little boy and girl from orphanage.

22 Blowing a gale all day and looks like rain. Ernest helping Austin this forenoon. Keith at Wyands. Letter from Vern.

23 Very warm but no rain. Mr Bonnell in Cavendish. He & Keith fishing this evening. Lorraine & P. over to see Mabel & Reggie. Washed etc. Everybody tired.

24 Glorious rain all forenoon. Cleaned washroom and back porch. Headache. Mrs. Albert and Mrs. Chester Woolner here this evening.

25 Perfect day but pretty warm. Ernest took old cow Girlie down to Kade’s Corner. Up to Mother’s this evening and over to see Jerry’s kiddies. Anita went to town to-day with Wilbur.

26 Fine and very warm. Keith at Wyands. Busy all day. Little Mabel here to dinner.

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**June-July 1926**

June 1926

27 Sunday. Glorious rain this forenoon. Cleared up and lovely evening. Ernest, Lorraine, & PJ and I went to shore. Cool to-night.

28 Thunder squall at noon to-day. Very heavy in Ch Town. Aslyum struck. Very heavy hail and rain. Not much rain here. Washed. Tired. Mrs. Dolph Fleming has baby girl.

29 Keith went to town with Geo McCoubrey for cheese boxes. Terrible gale in afternoon. Busy all day. Ernest fencing. Terrific thunderstorms in the night.

30 Mrs Joe Stewart died this morning at Prince County Hospital after an operation for tumor, terrible shock to everybody. School exam. Webbs all there. Lorraine got three prizes. Anita her P.S. certificate & PJ a box of paints. Mother & Cecil down this evening. Vern’s wedding day.

July 1 Lovely day all day. A great many cars on the go. Ernest working in cemetery. Mr & Mrs Ernest Duvar Ivan[?] Addie & Eric & Maud here this afternoon. Prowse Bros stove, ladies department caught fire and Mr Prowse was out fishing. Some hustle for awhile

2 Very warm to-day. Very large funeral. Mr. Bonnell spoke. Got letter from Elaine & Lizzie. They are coming down to-morrow. Keith and George went to the Boy Camp at Margate. Got Delineators from Maud. Girls went to Rustico.

3 Threatened rain in am. Very heavy thunder somewhere to-night. Lizzie, Elene, Kenneth & Isobell here to-night. Elaine & Kenneth & Marion & Anita went to town this afternoon.

4 Sunday. Lovely day, quite cool. Mr. Bonnell preached in United Church to-night. Very big crowd there.

5 Vern’s birthday. Expect they come home Sat night. The O’Leary bunch went home to-day. Dad & I went to Creek. Got oil cloth for spare room. Marion sick.

6 Fine, washed, hauling lumber to mill. Marion not feeling well. Tired to-night.

7 Fine day, quite cool. Busy all day. Ernest, Mrs. Fred, & I went to Margate with Mr. Bonnell to the Boys Camp. Keith came home with Cecil.

First strawberries for tea

8 Cold but fine. Marion & Waine & PJ. got a nice pan of strawberries. Ice cream festival at Mayfield to-night.

9 Fine and cool. Peter Murray here. Hoeing mangels. Sewing. Over to Anna’s awhile this evening. Hannah McKenzie has a new baby born 7th.

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**July 1926**

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10 Fine in AM but a glorious rain to-night. Busy all day. Ernest took load of lumber to mill in afternoon. Got cheque from Maud for my trip to Toronto.

11 Glorious rain all night and until about 8 PM and just spilling again to-night. Dad & I went to Bay View this afternoon. K. went to Rustico & Mont[?] and girls are up at Freds.

12 Raining this morning but cleared up lovely. Washed and scrubbed upstairs. Girls got a nice lot of wild strawberries. Blanche & Irene here this evening. Everything growing good since rain.

13 Lovely day. Ernest went to Emerald with cheese and with Cecil to Hunter River for Eaton order. Camp fire at shore to-night. Mrs. Brewer giving a little talk to the Group.

14 Cloudy to-day and a glorious rain to-night. Vern & Beatrice came about 3:30. Pretty glad to see them. Very busy to-day. Marion not well.

15 Fine Very busy all day. Institute at Mothers. Hester & I went up. Ham & Kenneth Hopgood here in evening. Some joke. XYZ.

16 Very warm, very busy. Our boarders, Miss Spence and Miss Edwards arrived. Enid & Reuel have a new baby boy. Vern & Beatrice went up to Mother’s to-night.

17 Very miserable all day and night. Anita has charge of boarders. Blowing a gale.

18 Still blowing hard. Had Fleming down in morning. All the O’Leary McNeills, Perley & Ray and Vern and their wives, Aunt Sadie, Mother & Cecil here to supper. Vern preached at night. Heavy thunder squall.

19 Poured rain all day, regular N.Easter. Ernest set out about 200 cabbage plants. Feeling a little better.

20 Perfect morning after the rain. Ernest & Marion washed and I helped a little more to-day. Aunt Sadie Vern & Bea down to tea. Had a walk to deep hollow and down west lane. Irene Leard came to-day.

21 Busy day ironing. Vern and Bea down to tea. Aunt Sadie here all day. We had a car ride in the evening.

22 Vern Bee & Aunt Sadie started to O’Leary very hot 89 degrees this afternoon. Committee meeting at Jerry’s about banquet. Vivian Armstrong here.

23 Rained in morning, but cleared up and was lovely in afternoon. Ice cream festival in manse grounds. Wilbur drove our two boarders to Ch Town. Sold 5 qts berries to Mrs. Albert.

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**July-August 1926**

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Old Bob Wyands marriage came out in the paper.

24 81. Lovely day but warm. Busy.

25 Threatened rain in morning. Pauline not feeling well, went down to Alberts in evening. Mr Stavert preached in Baptist church. Deathly sick at night.

26 Better to-day but not very spry. Irene Card here with Gertrude this evening. Vivian here Took in three loads of hay.

27 84. Fine, smoky and warm. Cutting coiling and raking. Washed and baked. Miss Edwards has gained 3 ½ pounds.

28 89 at times to-day, very calm and hot. Ironing. Ernest took in three loads of hay, coiling & raking. Keith & Marion took Vivian back to New Glasgow.

29 82 at 8 am but wind came N & N.E and it was lovely and cool. Lorraine rather miserable to-day. Have 11 loads of hay in. Over to see Anna this evening but a squall came up so Ernest came after. New calf.

30 Nice day, looked like rain several times. Everybody busy at hay, etc.

31 Busy at hay. Made a dress for Anita. She went up to Wilburs and with them to Rustico.

Aug 1 Fine, warm, and very dusty. A lot of cars on the go to shore. Keith & I drove to New Glasgow. Vivian has been sick. Brought a kitten home.

2 Washed & baked and busy all day. Dad & I went to Rustico this evening. Had lunch at Mrs Chester Woolner’s. Preparing for big banquet.

3 Fine in morning but foggy, cleared up very hot and calm. Dad & I went down to pond and over to Mr Bonnells. Bonnells have bought Pierces old place. Rained hard this evening & night.

4 Fine, men put up tables for banquet. Busy baking all day. Miss Moore came to Jerry’s. Our boarders went to S Side with Wilbur. Over to Anna’s a little while this evening.

5 Perfect day, not very hot. Ernest working at Jerry’s this afternoon. Miss Moore came yesterday and was here this afternoon.

6 Just a perfect day and a big one for Cavendish. The Institute entertained the Federated Teachers Convention of Canada at a banquet at Jerry Simpsons. Over three hundred teachers fed and about 150 others. Warm day, all tired to-night.

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**August 1926**

Aug 1926

7 89 degrees. Very hot all day and calm. Very tired and busy, Anita went down to Ben Woolners for a few days. Marion and Waine & PJ & I thought we would sleep out in the tent but it came up a downpour of rain and we came in at 1 AM.

8 Still pouring rain and a howling northeast storm. No church but a grand day to rest.

Mrs. Joseph Bagnall died.

9 Showery and cool, Ernest hauling logs to mill. Busy and sleepy. Tired since the banquet

10 Lovely day, washed. Marion went up to Freds to pick cherries. Went with Wilburs to James Bulmans to-night.

11 Fine warm. Mrs Bagnall buried this afternoon. Ernest & I went over this afternoon, long dry, dusty drive. Mother & Cecil down this evening. XYZ.

12 Lovely day, very busy. Keith at McCoubrey’s working at hay. Got word from town to night that Belle & Will Hill May McKendrick & two ladies from Conn. US are coming here tomorrow morning. Man drowned at Milton.

13 Crowd arrived about 9 or 9:30. May, Belle Will Mrs Wilkins & Miss Nash & Russel Webb. Pretty busy all day and tired at night. Miss Edwards spoke to the group last night. Raining a little.

14 Cloudy but didn’t rain much. The crowd got away before eight oclock except Russel. Practice here to-night.

15 Sunday. Lovely day all day. Russel Webb still here. Mr. Alymer of New York preached in Baptist Church. Large crowd out and a splendid sermon.

16 Lovely morning, cool. Ernest & I went with Wilburs to town. Had a busy day. Mr. & Mrs. John Robinson of Chicago came here to stay a few days.

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**August 1926**

17 Raining early. Tired, had Annie for the day to wash, etc. Mr & Mrs Robinson took us for a drive to Rustico and to Freds to see fox ranch. Myron & Elaine & Ben & Lucy came home to-day.

18 Very cold for Aug. ~~Mr. Robinson & wife left for town after dinner.~~ The Robinsons went to S. Side & Freetown institute at night. We cleared over $100 at Banquet. Tired at night. Wind cold.

19 Very cool all day. Garden lovely now. Myron & Elaine and Aunt Sadie came down in AM. The Robinsons left for Town after dinner. Miss Moore is celebrating her birthday.

20 Rainy till nearly noon, cleared up lovely. Washed busy all day. Miss Edwards & I went to New Glasgow to get my coat fitted. Group at Wyands.

21 Lovely day all day. Ernest & Marion went to O’Leary with Wilbur Clarks. Myron, Elaine, Isobell, & Aunt Sadie were down. Aunt Sadie stayed all night.

22 Perfect day. The wanderers returned at 8:40. Myron preached well to-night to a crowded house. Arthur Woolner up this afternoon.

23 Lovely day again, pretty busy. Myron Elaine, Isobel and Eva were down and went to shore in afternoon. Margaret Johnson, Miss Moore, Miss Hall were here this evening.

24 Lovely morning but raining this evening, just a lovely gentle rain. Miss Edwards left this morning for Toronto. Elaine Myron & Marion went back for berries. Isobel is just as sweet as can be. Had raspberries for supper.

25 Fine this morning but misty the rest of the day went over to Jim Bulmans with Myron and with Bulmans to Miss McMullans funeral, then back to Bulmans and up to Hunter River with Alex McNeills. Mrs. Wyand here sewing all day.

26 Drizzly day. Myron took me over to Hunter River to meet Mr Macdonald. Sewing. Busy.

27 Lovely day. Myron & Elaine went to Montague. Mother & Aunt Sadie went to Brackley Point to see Emily McNeill. Aunt Sadie here to-night

28 Cloudy but did not rain. Aunt Sed & I went over to Jerry’s. Mrs Bulman brought my coat and dress out this evening. Canned three bottles mackerel.

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**August-September 1926**

Aug

29 Sunday. Dull all day. Rev Allan McNeill preached in evening. Home all day.

30 Lovely day until evening, turned showery and cold. All the crowd over from Jerrys and Albert & wife up. Thrya here to-night.

[following in daughter’s handwriting. Marion, I think. [Not Anita]]

31 Fine in AM colder and raining in afternoon, finished ironing. Mother packing. All home at night

Sept 1st Mother, Aunt S. and Mr. Macdonald started for Ontario, interesting trip to station, a dark morning, cleared later. Finished shingling barn roof. In to Wyands at night. Arthur here.

2 Another dark cold showery morning. Teachers convention Hunters River, no school. Johnson and Miss Moore this evening. Chum of Harolds here sell books. Practice to-night. Dad at political meeting with Wesley at Hope River.

3 A beautiful day and a busy one. Washed & did the sweeping this AM. Made drop cakes & brown bread & biscuit in PM. Did my first rhubarb relish. Mrs Graham here YPPG to-night. Card from Mother.

4 In bed this AM. Nan ironed. Scrubbed, made pies. Dora here. To Cemetery to-night. Roy in for flowers. Dad to meeting in Mayfield.

5 Sunday. S.S. this AM. Enid & Reuel out, all fine. Church this afternoon. Mr. Harding a retired evangelist from S.Side spoke. He’s been hired on for a month. To Stanley to-night.

6 A beautiful day, we did a good big washing. Tired to-night.

7 Ironed this AM. Anita started to school.

8 Busy all day. Made sugar cookies, etc. over to Jerry’s in evening. Paid Anna. Margaret, Nellie, and Arthur here.

Letter from E Uncle Jim worse thinking of trying insulin

9 Mrs Graham here this afternoon. Jack Wedlock & Vera Adams down. Evelyn in for a few minutes. Choir practice.

10 A busy day, did the sweeping this AM. made drop cakes in PM, Anita in to Mayfield dining hall for School Fair. YPPG tonight, my first meeting as President, Margaret down, 46 present.

Letter from Mother

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**September 1926**

Sept 11 A beautiful day scrubbing this AM. baking this afternoon pies, cake & ginger snaps, also made a bottled plum jam. Nan is a brick. Down to a meeting at Roy Toombs to-night!!

Miss Moore went back

12 S.S. this morning. Anita & Cecil to Rustico. Nannie & C. here most of the day. Church this afternoon, Arthur here, also Mont, Keith, Anita & Margaret to Stanley. Tired.

First ripe tomatoes

13 A wretched day for the School Fair which was very well attended considering the day. Exhibits good, fewer than last year. Nan did well. Feeling sick. Lorraine has bad cold.

14 Dad in Mayfield at the Poll all day. Keith ploughing. Not doing much. Nan home. A fine cold day. Mailed Miss E’s things, wrote to Maud & Mother. Letter from M. from Norval. Anna Mrs Blackmire, & Margaret over, Gertrude here about Rally Service. Robbie & Arthur in. Yes and so are the Liberals! King is going right back to where he’s supposed to be. SMW!!

Richard Stevenson died this evening

15 A beautiful day spent in bed. Nan home, feel better to-night. Men hauling grain from shore field. Institute at Rustico.

16 Dark showery day. Roy and I over to see Margaret about singing at his father’s funeral this afternoon a tremendous crowd there considering the day. Olaf home. Albert up this evening. YPPG and debate to-night. “Country life vs City.” Country won in points, City had best arguments. Nan & I walked home.

Cards from Mother. Annie here all day washed scuffed swept.

17 Finished ironing, started Indian relish. Nan made a cake. Letters from Mother. Supper was 15 min late! Took flowers to JF’s. Practice to-night. George & Art in.

18 A wonderful day. Dad finished cutting. Busy, made ginger snaps, bread, & relish. Dora up. Fenner cutting with new tractor. Tired to-night.

19 Another beautiful warm day. SS in AM. Went to church in afternoon with flowers [?] preached to half church full of Presbyterians this AM. Keith to NG. Dad down to shore in afternoon. Cranberries ready to pick. Fyfe boys in to see garden. United service tonight, packed church, sermon good, our most popular sin Indifference. (Hear! hear!) The lot fell to Mont tonight to bring me home – had a runaway.

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**September 1926**

Dad Lorraine & Anita wrote to Mother

20 Still the weatherman is kind. Dad & Keith hauling grain, Keith had another miraculous escape from being killed, fell from load of grain under horses feet with the load on top – horses ran, etc. Nellie, Gertrude, Mary & Ira here discussing Rally Service. Anita &Thyra in to School Fair meeting.

Mothers & Dads Wedding Day. Terrible disaster in Florida 4000 killed in hurricane & floods, Miami destroyed.

21 A wretched cold northeast rain. Cleaned bookcase this AM, busy all day. Men threshing this afternoon. Ham here. Jennie MacKay up this evening. Mary fell in school to-day and broke a bone in her arm.

22 Another grey day Mack & Peter here threshing. Margaret over this AM. Took her up to Wilburs, James R’s, and finally Nannies to-night. Made drop cakes and pies this afternoon.

23. Dark in AM, beautiful in afternoon & evening. Washed, cut up cucumbers for pickles. No school, teacher at Exhibition, sent with Arthur for cufflinks for Robbie who is going to Montreal soon. Fruits & vegetables poor in Exhibition this year. Practice tonight- all in.

Big letter from Mother she had seen “Ben-Hur” is having a whale of a time. Mrs. Eustice here picking cranberries.

24 Glorious sunrise, raining in PM. Keith ploughing. Dad hauling lumber, baked bread, made pickles, ironed and did the sweeping. Whew! No meeting to-night. Arthur & Cecil here, tired.

25 Another strenuous day. Art here all last night, washed dishes this AM. Nan & I scrubbed and made pies. Thrya in. Parcels from Eatons. One more week & Mother will be home, am afraid she’d be ashamed of her big baby to-night. Aunt Lydie, Uncle Gord Ruth & Reggie came this evening. Good to see them. Mont here.

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**September-October 1926**

Sept 26 Sunday and as beautiful clear and cold fall day. Dad & Uncle Gord to Alberts this am. Anita & Ruth to Rustico with Cecil, Loraine & I to S.S. In the PM Uncle G & Aunt L went to Wyands. The Johnsons were all over for a tramp thru the woods. It was wonderful. We all went to Stanley at night for the Rally Service which was rather punk.

27 Heavy frost last night, balsams scorched, a nightmare of a morning, the bunch left at 1:30. finished dishes at 3:15. Made cookies and drop cakes. Nan & Keith picked tomatoes 2 ½ bushels. Nan & I to Jerry’s tonight discussing Robbie’s departure with Margaret, Cecil, Mont, & Gertrude. Tired. Nan’s a brick.

Dentist Doctor Green & two nurses came today, are using George’s place for an office. Hope River scholars being treated.

28 A dark morning & a beautiful afternoon & we cleaned upstairs in AM. Margaret over in PM to help with downstairs. Robbie’s farewell here to-night, it went fairly good I think. Cecil wrote the address beautifully. Nellie read it & Arthur presented the cufflinks initialed. Allan Stewart here. Doctor Green & Miss Gillen.

Finished harvest.

29 A beautiful day & busy, Anita at dentist most of day. Annie here washing and picking beans. Margaret over in PM. L & PJ both at dentists. Got along fine. Keith, Anita, & I over to Jerry’s to social evening - great time. Keith at Fred’s all day.

30 Ironing. Anita went with Avalah to Hope River school fair. Mrs Blackmore and kiddie went to town to-day. Letters from Alice & Mother. Red Cross nurse at school. L 3 ½ lbs under weight. PJ 4 1/5 lbs. Dad to Rustico, got mackerel & dried cod. Practice here this PM & at church.

October 1st A month to-day since Mumsy went to Ontario. Cleaned upstairs & finished ironing this AM. Had a rest in PM Keith & Dad dug a few potatoes – a perfect Fall day and evening. Bean supper in NG. YPPG at Rustico. Keith, Anita, and Margaret went. Cecil will take charge. Oh for a good night’s rest. Anita, Ray Nellie went to NG.

2 Dad went to Moncton to meet Mother. They got home at 11:10 PM. Wilbur & Keith met them at Emerald. Mother looks pretty good to us; she’s gained 6lbs. We had practice this PM at Church. Keith did first boiling for pigs.

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**October 1926**

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3 Sunday. Enid & Reuel out and they & Mother & Cecil came down in afternoon. Tired to-day. Church at night. Mr Harding, Margaret Johnson sang “Crossing the Bar”

4 Marion & Nan picking cranberries all day. Jennie McK. & Roy Stevenson came up in afternoon and I went down with them. Berries very thick. Keith at Hams at spuds.

5 Washed in AM. Keith & Dad at Hams in AM. Started potatoes here in afternoon. I went again for cranberries.

6 Digging potatoes. Marion & Mother went for cranberries. Arthur Woolner & Gertrude Clarke here for little while.

7 Poured rain in morning. Everyone came home from field soaking wet. Practice at night for Rally Day. Thrashed some.

8 Picking spuds until afternoon, more rain. Dad & I went to Creek Group at night.

9 Still wet. Saturday work. Practice in afternoon. Sewing.

10 Still showery. Went up to Mother’s this afternoon. Got home at 10:30 PM. Heard sermon preached in Albany N.Y.

11 Lovely morning but clouded over cold at noon. Marion & Waine picking cranberries. Sent Eaton order. Lorne up in evening for a while.

12 Cool and showery. Picking spuds at Cecils. Washed. Ironed and sewing. Cecil & Arthur here in evening.

13 Lovely fine day. Keith at Alberts picks spuds. Ernest at Austins all day. Marion Nan Hester Jim Stewarts & myself at cranberries. Missionary meeting at Ceds.

14 Red sunrise and raining by nine oclock. Sewing.

15 Fine and quite warm to-day. Very heavy thunderstorm in evening. The church spire at Malpeque Presbyterian church was struck, a chapel at St. Peters burnt and a barn at Abrams Village. Put up room stove and very busy all day Blew gale all night.

16 Blowing hard this AM. Ernest & Cecil went to Town. Eaton order came. Sewing & mending

17 Lovely warm day. Rally service at night. Very good. Pouring rain. Mont here. Nan at Wilburs all day. Gertrude here for dinner & Marjorie for supper.

18 Raining in AM and gray all day. Cleared up in evening and cold. School started again. Dad & I went to Darnleys in evening.

19 Cold as greenland. Pulled mangles. Washed. Girls & K. went to Freds. Avalah here to-night. Peter Murray brought a new Polly Kitten.

20 Keith at Freds picking spuds. Washed quilts. Anna & I went to Missionary Meeting at Wesleys. Institute at night. On Church committee meeting at Fenners. Finished cranberries.

Fine day

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**October-November 1926**

Oct 1926

21 Miserable day poured rain in forenoon and so cold. Ernest churned. Cleaned a few cranberries. K. ploughing.

22 Lovely fine day all day. Busy. Harrowed potato land in AM. K. at Austins in afternoon. Jack Webster & wife Mrs Gordon Hughes, Mrs J[?] Bayer and Mr EC Allan of Halifax here to tea. Mr Allen spoke to the YPPG at Rustico.

23 Another fine day all day. Nan stayed down with Evelyn last night. Ernest went to H. River with blue spuds 55 cents per bushel. Marion & small girls at J F’s to tea.

24 Lovely fine day. Went for walk back to old Baptist church grounds. K. went to New Glasgow with Marion to Jerry. Dad over to J. in evening.

25 Terrible day, poured rain all day. Very warm south east. Sewing. Ernest picking over potatoes.

26 Lovely fine day but blowing a gale. Ernest helping McCoubreys at the Manse. Keith ploughing. Sewing. XYZ

27 Lovely fine day. Washed. Ernest at McCoubrey’s part of day. Marion & Gertrude collecting for orphanage. Dad & I went to Creek. Mary Stewart got 2lbs butter, Cecil 3/4 lb.

28 Miserable cold rain all of afternoon and night. Maria Matheson here helping with some sewing.

29 Lovely fine day. Maria finished M’s dress. Halloween party at Fenners. Anna Hester & I went as ghosts & witch. Got home at 12 AM. Austin McNeill hanged himself this morning. Terrible tragedy.

30 Perfect day again Ernest working at McCoubrey’s, Marion and Gertrude went to O’Leary. Thrya & Helen LePage here to tea also Arthur Woolner.

31 Sunday. Poured rain all day. Austin McNeill’s funeral in afternoon. Headache. Mrs Allen Wyand and Blanche here to tea. Anita & K. went to BV to hear radio.

November 1 Fine day. Ernest at McCoubreys. Not doing much. Headache. Wm Webb died.

2 Fine but cold. Hard frost this AM. Washed. Baked cookies. Tired. Mothers got word from Elaine, little Isobel has been in hospital for operation.

3 Fine but cool. Ernest went to Emerald with blue potatos, 65 c bus. Shower for Hattie Wyand at night at Allens. Shipped barrel to Maud.

4 Miserable cold rain. Dolly (mare sick) & Lettie McKenzie sick.

5 Fine all day. Froze this morning and a snow storm to-night. Ernest & I down to Alberts to-night. Lettie quite sick. Dr. there for the night. Finished getting in cabbage, parsnips to-day.

6 Fine, ground white this AM but all gone to-night. Butchered 5 hogs. Got Daubin shod. Busy all day, made potted meat. Choir practiced here to-night.

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**November 1926**

Nov 1926

7 Lovely fine day. Mr. Kirk preached in morning. All went up to hear radio to-night. Slept in afternoon.

8 Thanksgiving day. Foggy all day but mild. Lettie McNeill taken to the hospital in ambulance. Dad & I were down to Alberts this evening. Arthur Woolner here.

9 Foggy in AM but did not rain, cleared up fine. Very mild. Ernest went to H. River with pork 14 ½ cents / lbs. Lettie operated on this afternoon. Terrible case.

10 Very mild. Rained all afternoon. Lettie doing as well as can be expected. Albert came home. Hattie Wyand & Eddie Rollings married to-night.

11 Blowing a gale and cold. Went to town with JRs. Poor Lettie died in the hospital. Road rough and a terrible drive home. Stopped at Miltons and Alberton.

12 All in this morning. Baked and Anna & I went down to Alberts this afternoon. Ordered flowers. Cold to-night but not blowing so hard. Group at Cecils.

Gordon Dennis killed at O’Leary train.

13 Fine day, good road. Very large funeral. Mr Aitken spoke. Stayed at Alberts until 9 PM. Very tired. A sad community to-night.

14 Fine day. No preaching anywhere. Went over to Jerry’s to-night. Not feeling well at all.

15 Gray day all day. Keith hauling sea weed & Ernest banking house. Rained a little in evening.

16 Very warm, blowing hard. Liberal Convention in town. Ernest went in with Cyriac. Missionary meeting at Mothers.

17 Lovely warm day. Ironed. Ernest went to Kensington for Marion. Keith ploughing and hauling out manure. Gertrude & Mary down this evening.

18 Lovely fine day. Sewing. Ernest & K putting out manure and ploughing. Anna & I went down to Bob’s & I went to Alberts in evening.

19 Fine in AM. Misty in afternoon. Went to Mrs. A.C McNeills to Missionary meeting. Group here at night. Harold Simpson was down.

20 Lovely day. Marion & Anita went out collecting for Bible Society. Anna over & we went down to Bobs. Ernest ploughing.

21 Fine. Home all day. No church. Kids went to BV.

22 Fine but colder. Killed 3 porkers. Washed. E went up to BV to help Cecil butcher.

23 Fine day. Keith took grist to Roller mill. Ernest banking. Made doughnuts, marmelade, pumpkin preserve & ginger snaps. Sold 2 porkers, 14 ½ cts/lb.

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**November-December 1926**

Nov & Dec 1926

24 Fine morning but rained in afternoon & night. White frost this AM. Fixing over Enids old sweater. Finishing the banking.

25 Fine, blowing cold. Froze hard good road. Went to Ben Woolners to Institute at night. Put on some outside windows. XYZ

26 Fine and milder. Group at Ben Woolners to-night. Marion went down to Alberts this afternoon.

27 Rained in morning. Very warm. frost all out. Anna took Reggie to Town yesterday for operation for tonsils & adenoids, came home to-day. Clifford Simpson was operated on for appendicitis last Tuesday. He has been very sick to-day but is doing well.

28 Boo it’s cold. Snow on ground. George preached in B. Church. Marion went with Eva from church.

29 Gray day. Washed. Marion has bad cold. Concert in Mayfield to-night.

30 Dreary grey day, rained a little. Cut out dress for Anita. Finished garden fence. Very mild.

Dec 1st Rained nearly all day. Sewing. Ernest & K. killed fowl. Bottled them. Got Eaton order.

2 Colder. N.E wind and flurries of snow. Anita sick with cold.

3 Bitter cold and blustery. Ernest went with cream to Stanley. Arthur & Evelyn came here from Group. Nan has cold.

4 Snowing and quite a wild old storm to-night. Busy all day and didn’t do much.

5 Sunday. Storming nearly all day. Arthur went up to Jim Stewarts for snow shoes. Ira & Avalah here in evening. Marion miserable. Roads bad.

6 Terrible storm, one of the worst we have ever had. Ernest & K. had to go for the children at noon. Had to leave our bed and go to spare room.

7 Fine. Men breaking roads and shoveling snow all day. Milton Greens flue caught fire. Andrew Simpson here to dinner. Evelyn & Anita went to Wilburs.

8 Snowing a little all day. E & K. in woods. Sewing. Quite a storm again to-night. Cecil Avalah Arthur Gertrude & George here this evening.

9 Fine day. Washed. Went up to Bay View in afternoon and down to Alberts to-night. Girls in to Lewis Toombs to committee meeting. Mont & Marion [?] writing a paper on reading.

Roads bad a lot of snow

10 Fine day, not very cold, wind S. Group at Quilly[?] Rollings[?]. Evelyn went home & Eva is coming to stay all night.

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**December 1926**

11 Dirty day, snow & rain. Eva & Arthur here all day and night. Practice here to-night. Tired.

12 Miserable dirty day, rain & snow. Freezing to-night. Arthur and Eva went home. Mont. here to-night.

13 First real fine day for weeks. Washed. Practice here to-night. Ernest paid land tax and went to Creek.

14 Fine in AM, rained a little in the evening. Cleared up lovely at night. Ernest churned.

15 Lovely day all day. Busy, Ernest & K in woods. Institute here to-night. Letties birthday and Gertrudes.

16 Snowing and raining in forenoon. Killed 12 chickens, 29c per lb. Practice here to-night. Got box of books from Maud. Blowing & cold.

17 10A. Bitter cold. Cut out dress for Lorraine, Group at JRs to-night. Marion stayed at home.

18 Keith and Ray Stevenson went to town. Came up a big snow storm. Guess they will stay in. Mail came this far.

19 6A. Blowing hard and drifting all day. Long day, no church.

20 Fine day but cold. Keith & Roy got home. Practice at Lewis Toombs, washed.

21 Fine, sawed wood. Ernest & I went to Creek. Practice here. Got several cards. Aunt Sadie better.

Sawed wood

22 Fairly fine most of day. Snowed for a while this evening quite mild. Finished Lorraines dress. Mont here to-night & Muriel to practice.

23 Cold and blustery. Anna Hester & I visited the school. Christmas Concert at night. Marion got $15 from U. Church.

24 Pretty busy all day. Keith at rink. Youngsters went over to Jerry’s at night. Santa left a brand new oil cloth for the kitchen at our back door.

Walter Buntains silver wedding

25 Mild and fine. Mother & Cecil down. Santa very good to all of us. Leona here for tea & Roy here in the evening.

26 Fairly fine. Ernest & I went down to Alberts to tea and to Jerry’s for awhile to-night. Youngsters at Wyands.

27 Cold wind and snowing a little all day. Missionary meeting at Jerry’s to-night.

28 10A. Lovely morning but clouded over. Snowing a little to-night. Arthur & Evelyn Woolner here & Bob & Jennie.

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**December 1926**

29 Pouring rain in am. Tired. Went to Oliver Bernards at night for a committee meeting. Colder fine.

30 Perfect day all day. Almost cloudless. Marion & Anita went over to Jerry’s in afternoon & Nan went to Wilburs at night.

31 Lovely day but pretty cold. Moderated in evening. Group here. Quite a crowd. Some stayed till after midnight.

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**January 1927**

Jan 1927

1. Fine in morning. Snowed a little & rained in afternoon and poured rain at night. Got to bed early.

2. Foggy this morning and rained a little all day. Colder to-night. Did not thaw much. Mont here.

3. Colder. Fine. Ernest went to Jerry Jeromes with cabbage and to Townsends to get Laddies teeth filled. Rink to-night.

4. Lovely day. Ernest went to Hunter River for feed. Youngsters at Wyand’s to-night. Washed to-day.

5. Pouring rain all day. Dark as Egypt to-night.

6. Lovely day, froze but not very cold. Taking in ice. Great skating on the pond. Practice at Freds. Sent Eaton order.

Baby girl at Pearl Simpsons

7. Fine, finished ice. Started hooking. Group at Roy Toombs. [?] to-night.

8. Hooked all day. Anita at Bay View. Marion in Rustico. Keith at McCoubrey’s thrashing. Bleak wind not frosty. XYZ

9. Fine day. Mr. Jackson preached in Pres Church. In bed all day. Wyandottes here to-night. Freddie Pursey died

10. Fine day. Keith went to Roller Mill. Ernest to Carrie cow to Frank Clemangs[?].

11. Freddie Pursey buried to-day. Cold northwind, not frosty but bleak. Feeling pretty mean. Arthur here for tea.

12. Quite a storm last night and drifting some this AM. Perfect night, not very cold. K. Anita & Marion went to Bob’s tonight. Letters from Bea. Aunt Sadie gaining. Guy Rollings have boy.

13. Lovely day. Got letter from Lottie Simpson. Washed. Roy Stevenson here this evening.

14. Very mild, thawing this evening. Group at Wesley’s, Cecil & Arthur went to town. Three horses got in the ice at N Glasgow.

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**January-February 1927**

Jan 1927

15. Pouring rain all day. Started to freeze in afternoon. K. and Lorraine & PJ went up to Mothers early. Anita at Wilburs this afternoon. Keith went to Chester Woolners for Marion.

16. One of the heaviest silver thaws we have ever had. Very calm, some fog and mist all day. Thyra & Marjorie here in afternoon. Marj here all night. K M & A at Bay View

17. Perfect day, everything covered with ice. Gorgeous beyond words. Finished my little mat. Up to Freds & Mothers to-night.

18. Very fine all day. Ice still on, telephone badly out. Anna & Mack here this evening.

19. 32A. Fine day. Dad went to Hunter River with potatoes blues 45. Institute at Townsend McNeills at night. Scotch program

20. Very mild all day. Parlor social at Will Grahams. Sewing all day. Tired. Ernest out on Telephone line.

21. 29A. Fine but bleak wind. Dad out on line again to-day. All fixed from here to Central. Was badly smashed in the ice. Group at Mrs. Paynters in Rustico.

22. Grey day and poured rain. Cleared up at night and blew a gale. Have a stiff neck. Marion got home about 1.

23. Fine but colder. In bed all day. Roy up this evening. Neck very sore. No preaching. New calf for Guernsey.

24. Fine. Keith Anita & Roy went to Town to Burns Concert. Hester & Marjorie went too. Neck some better.

25. Fine & cold. Roy and Nan came home. Keith went to Montague.

26. 4B. Bitter cold, blew hard at night. Jessie Sutherland died, found her in brook where she had fell & died.

27. 6B. Coldest night this winter. Blew hard. 10A to-night. Dad & I were down at Alberts.

28. Milder to-night. No frost this afternoon. Helping Albert can chickens. Group at Jerry’s.

29. Rained nearly all day. Arthur Woolner went down to Rustico with Marion. Very dark night.

30. Perfect day, very mild, thawed a lot. Went up to Bay View at night to hear radio. Got home at 1 AM

31. Very fine this morning. Washed. Turned cold in afternoon and Blowing a gale to-night. The girls went with Arthur to a social at Chester Woolners. Keith came home from Montague.

February 1 Very fine but cold. Blew hard all day. Meeting here at night of Institute women to prepare program for Valentine social.

2. Cloudy. Ernest & Keith in woods. Blowing hard and colder to-night.

3. 12. Fine, cold. Ernest in woods working for R. Cotton[?]

4. Very cold, north east wind and some snow. Not feeling well at all. Mrs Ren Toombs sick.

5. Zero. Fine and very cold. Keith took Marion down to Rustico. Practice at Wesley’s at night. Dad in woods. Blanche Wyand here all night.

6. Fine but pretty cold to-day, headache Anita and Blanche went up to Mother’s. Marion to Freds. Mont here this evening.

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**February 1927**

Feb 1927

7. Lovely day. Snowed a little in night. Keith took me down to Alex McNeill’s at forenoon. Practice for dialogue here at night.

8. Fine day. Washed. Dad in woods. Guess Marion and Keith have German measles. Getting ready to board the new minister.

9. Perfect day all day. Ernest at Jerrys woods. Practice at Wesleys. New baby girl at Ced Simpsons.

10. Fine day, not very cold. Keith & I went to Creek. Churned in AM. Practice here at night.

11. 10A. Fine day. Busy. Ernest & K. fixed pump. Put up stove in front room and put dining table in big room. Group at Alex McNeill’s to-night. All of Fred’s and Fenners vaccinated. Duncan McLeods mother has small pox.

12. Fine morning snowed all the afternoon. Mrs Charlie McKenzie of Milton died this morning. All the young fry went up to rink. Got letter from Aunt Sadie and Sadie Head.

13. 10A. Pretty cold in AM but a beautiful bright day. Mother & Cecil down to dinner & Ben & Mrs Woolner here this evening. Just[?] 4 were at 11 PM

14. Very fine but cold. Washed. Practice at Freds. Got long letter from Maud.

15. 12A. Snowing a little all day. Dolph Flemings baby girl died last night. Rev & Mrs Peter Jackson arrived to-night. Everybody tired.

16. Just one perfect day. The Jacksons are very nice. Induction service in afternoon. Over to Jerry’s at night. Children were vaccinated.

17. Lovely day not cold. Pretty busy Valentine social at Jerry’s. Big crowd there. Tired to-night.

18. Mild, raining most of the day. Group at night at E.C. LePages.

19. Blowing a gale and bitter cold. Zero to-night.

20. 6B and very cold. Wesley took Mr. Jackson the rounds. Long day.

21. 20A. Rained & hail this morning and raining a little all day. Jerry’s over this evening. Played games.

22. Snowed a little to-day. Washed. Mr. Jackson & Mr. J went to Stanley this afternoon. I went down to Alberts for tea and Dad to Miltons at night.

23. Lovely day all day. Spiced some carrots. Mr & Mrs. J. came over this evening. Children getting pretty sore.

24. Lovely day all day. Pretty busy. Girls feeling very mean.

25. Lovely day, not cold. Girls (Lorraine & P.J) feel pretty miserable to-day and Keith quite sick to-night. Group at Mother’s.

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**February-March 1927**

Feb 1927 & March

26. Cold east wind to-day, not frosty. Marion, Keith, Lorraine & P.J. in bed all day. Small folks better to-night. Lorraine has German measles to-day. Mr. J has a boil on his face. Mr J paid me 20.00 for 2 wk board.

27. Stormy, Ernest & Mr J went to Church. Only Wesleys crowd there. Marion & Keith very sick.

28. Lovely day. Mrs J washed. Marion got up for a little while Keith still in bed. Gertrude & George down this evening.

March 1. Perfect day. Washed or rather Ernest did. All the family up to dinner. Lewis Toombs here after dinner & Wesley & Upton to-night. Anita went up to Mothers.

2. Perfect day. Marion & Keith quite better. Mr J’s boil busted.

3. Howling snow storm. Went for scholars at noon. Bob & Jennie & Joe Stewart and dear knows how many stayed there to-night. Farmer’s week.

4. Storming most of day. No school. Ernest went up to Fenners for mail.

5. Lovely day all day, not cold. Ernest & L & PJ & I went over to Jerry’s this evening.

6. Lovely day. Lewis Toombs took Mr. Jackson the rounds to-day. Church in Cavendish to-night.

7. Another lovely day. Sent letter to Maud. Montague Wyand starting for Halifax to-day. Mrs Alex Toombs very poorly. Marion went to Rustico.

8. Washed in morning. Started to rain about 3:30 Mr & Mrs Jackson visiting in Mayfield. Sold 16 doz eggs to-day. Keith 15 ½ doz. Sore back. XYZ.

9. Blowing a gale all day. Thawed in AM but turned cold at night. Neuritis in my back. Sawed wood & thrashed

10. Lovely day. In bed all day until 6 PM. Hard job to get upstairs again. Girls went to practice at Lewis’s. Keith at Freds thrashing. No foreign mail, ice in straits.

11. Lovely day. Still in bed. Cooler in evening. Keith at Fred’s in forenoon. One Eaton order came.

12. Fine day. Keith went to Hunter River boys conference. PJ and Waine up at Fred’s. Still in bed. Mrs Wyand, Mrs. Campbell here to see me. Nanny down in evening. Marion got a letter from Montague W

13. Sunday. Fine most of day. Rained a little in forenoon. Albert up at the evening. Feeling a little better but not up yet. Keith and Roy got home about 11 PM.

14. Fine day. P.J’s birthday and no pudding. Anita took the Jacksons down to Rustico. Church meeting at night at Jerry’s. They decided to go in with Glasgow and pay $200.00 to Mr. Armstrong’s salary. P.J. invited five little girls to tea and never told us. Social at Stanley at Herb McEwens. Rained in night.

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**March 1927**

15. Glorious spring day, thawing and blowing hard. Girls & Miss Jackson made a plum pudding and ice cream. Annie Tennis here washing. Feeling better. Wrote to Emily McNeill.

16. Lovely day. Mrs. Jackson washed. Institute at Roy Toombs LM Montgomery night.

17. Perfect day all day. Got up at noon. Choir practice here at night.

18. Gray day. Rained a little in afternoon and hard at night. Mr. Green cutting wood. Keith at Austin’s. Group at Jerry’s. Arthur stayed there all night.

19. Lovely spring day. Ernest saw two flocks wild geese. Arthur & Marion went to Rustico. Played donkey to-night.

20. Lovely day. Keith & Anita went to New Glasgow. Mr. Jackson preached at night in Cavendish. Headache for days.

21. Colder but fine. Ernest & girls washed. Head pretty bad but got better. Marion & Anna went to Rustico. Mrs. Jackson & Anita went to Austins. Mr. J and Wesley away all day.

22. North east wind and showing all day and colder. Sawing wood in afternoon. Lorne & Cecil here.

23. 6A. Cold but very bright all day. Keith at Austins. Anita & Marion went to Harold’s in afternoon to choir practice & to Holden McLure’s charivari.

24. Zero. Ten little pigs at barn this AM. Fine day. Went over to John F’s in afternoon. Feeling better.

25. Bleak wind to-night. N.E. heavy white frost this AM. Marion, Anita, Mr & Mrs. Jackson went to Rustico this afternoon. Keith at Austin’s.

26. Snowed a little most of day and blowing a gale N.E. Anita went to Rustico for Marion. Keith at Austin’s. Mont to have his second operation.

27. Fine but cold. Keith to Mr J to Rustico & New Glasgow. Three girls went up to Bay View. Church in Cavendish at night. Mr Bonnells have baby girl.

28. Perfect day, cloudless. Washed. Mrs. J has cold. Mary Graham here to tea. Mrs McCoubrey here for evening. Girls and Keith, Lorne & Roy down to Bernards at night.

29. Fine day, mild looking to-night. Mrs J. quite miserable all day. Nan has bad cold.

30. Milder and lovely day. Marion cleaned the dining room and we had dinner there. John Laird took Mr. J. to Rustico Harbor.

31. Dirty day all day, rain & snow. John Laird took Mr J to New Glasgow Mills. Marion got her dress finished & home from Mrs Buote. Dad got load of hay from G. Woolner. XYZ

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**April 1927**

April 1927

1. Fine day. Ernest killed hogs. Group here at night. Big crowd 49 here. Mrs Jackson has a small carbuncle on nose.

2. Lovely day. Ernest went to Hunter River with pork. Marion went to Rustico. Dr. Stevenson here to see Mrs. J

Rupert Simpson lost $260.00 on road to H.R.

3. Perfect day. Ernest & I went to Bay View in AM. Lorne took Mr. J the round to-day. Ernest & Mrs J & I went down to Alberts in evening.

First robins seen here

4. Perfect day. Washed, churned, baked, made pickle & pancakes. Tired. Practice here to-night for temperance meeting to-morrow night.

5. Perfect day. Keith went to Hunter River for Rev AA McLeod who spoke on Temperance. Prohibition in the Church at night. Mr McLeod here over night.

6. Up at 4 AM. Wesley took Mr McLeod away. Started to rain about 10 and pouring rain all afternoon and to-night. Keith at Cecil’s.

7. Lovely day. Finished piecing pink & white quilt. Lorne & Mellie & Arthur here this evening.

8. Regular howler snow storm. Keith took Arthur up to Jim Stewarts and stayed at Cecil’s all day. Made potted meat.

9. Cold and blustery all day. Mrs. Dr. Fleming buried to-day, she died the 5th in City hospital. Keith took Marion to Rustico. Busy all day and tired.

10. Cold blustery day. Church in afternoon. Emily Platts Blanche Wyand and Arthur Woolner here to tea. New calf.

11. Miserable day, snowy and blowy. Anita started back to school. Is taking up branches. Dad down to Alex’s. Clipping horses.

12. Lovely day. Washed. Put in pink & white quill. Big dance at Fenners. Letters from Marie Keith and Will Webb. Thawing a lot.

13. Fine again but wind cold. Anita & Mrs J. went to barbers at Rustico. Mr. J has another boil No. 8 Marion & I went over to Jerry’s.

14. Fine but wind bitter cold. Ice in solid. Did not thaw any to-day. Quilting. Group at McLures.

15. Fine day. Finished quilting. Group at McLures. Good Friday, no mail. Mrs Art Simpson sick. Nerves.

16. Fine. Marion went to Rustico. Dad started sorting out sewing room. Not feeling very good.

17. Easter Sunday. Ham took Mr J to Rustico & Stanley. Went up to Bay View to-night with wood sleigh. Bad road.

18. Just perfect day all day. Marion cleaned her room and Dad cleaned store room. Marjorie Clarke here to tea.

19. Fine day. Mrs J. washed. Marion ironed. Warm spring day. Bessie Stewart here to-night. Ernest & K. cleaned grain

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**April-May 1927**

April 1927

20. Very warm all day. Rained a little in evening. Institute at Fred Clarkes.

21. Lovely day but wind very cold off of the ice which is piled in very solid as far as one can see. Marion cleaned K’s room. Dad & K. up to Cecil’s sawing wood. Dad took carriage. Mailman brought [?]

22. South east wind all day & SW to-night. The ice getting a little start off to-day. John F says he never saw such heavy ice there at this time of year. Not feeling very well. Arthur & Blanche here all night.

23. Lovely fine day South wind gave ice quite a start out. Not doing much. Keith has eight chickens out.

24. Sunday. SE wind rained all day. Preaching in am.

25. Fine day. Washed. Keith at Wilbur’s thrashing. XYZ

26. Fine, south wind. Rustico fishermen got out. Washed blankets. Went over to Austins for a while this evening. Keith got one trout.

27. South wind. Ernest at Bay View all day. Marion started taking music lessons from Mrs Holden McLure.

28. Pouring rain all day. Got Eaton order and papered our bedroom.

29. Fine to-day. Got letter from Aunt Sadie and Enid. Ernest at Cecil’s this morning. Finished my room. Wesley here this evening. Montague home from Halifax.

30. Slow day. Maud & Gertie here for tea. Mr Jackson away all day. Group having a time for Montague to-night.

May 1st Fine day. Miss Ackland here. Headache. K. Anita & Miss A went to Rustico. Marion very tired. All the bunch went to shore in AM.

2. Snowing until noon. Planted tomatoes, cauliflower, cabbage, phlox, verbera, pansy, and asters in hot bed. Wesley took Mr J up to Stanley. He is going with AJ to Presbytery to-morrow.

3. Rained most of the day. Washed, baked, churched, Mrs J. went to Hunter River & Mr. Bonnell came. Montague out this evening. Meeting here.

4. Cold NE wind all day. Ernest & I papered Mothers room. Roads getting fairly good.

5. Cold wind ice in at Rustico. Planted sweet peas. Keith & Holden at the church. Cleaned east spare room & front hall. Choir practice here.

6. Rained all day. Group at Wyands to-night. Mr. Bonnell and the girls drove in in cart. House cleaning. Evelyn & Arthur here all night.

7. Lovely fine day. Marion & Arthur went to Rustico. K. took Mr Bonnell up to Hunter River. Papered front porch.

8. Ice all solid as far as one can see. Mr Armstrong preached this afternoon. I went to Jerry’s to supper. First car on road to-day.

9. Fine day. Mr. Bonnell came from Borden. Cleaned pantry. Keith went to Hunter River for fertilizer. Ernest working across road. Tired.

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10. Fine all day. Ernest & Mrs Bonnell got eleven lovely trout. Missionary meeting at Jerry’s. Ernest went to Hunter River for fertilizer.

11. Lovely warm day, the first we have had for a long time. Sports from Town were out. Keith at Cecils. Institute at Dolph Flemings. Dense fog at night.

12. Foggy all day. Went to town with Mrs. Bonnell. Roads not too bad. Very foggy. Brought Mrs. B & baby out.

13. Rained very hard all afternoon. Very cold east wind. Busy baking. Expect the Jacksons back to-morrow.

14. Rained in AM and cleaned up in evening. Fred & Hester down. Mr & Mrs. Jackson came back to-day. Very tired to-night. All kinds of ice in.

15. Fine day. Mr J. preached in afternoon. Mr & Mrs Bonnell went to Town after dinner. I went to bed all in. Ice in solid. Mr Bonnell started today for his year abroad.

16. Lovely day all day. Sewing. Girls cleaned up yard. Got eggs from Russel McNeill’s for incubator.

17. Lovely day. The Jacksons moved to Rustico. No one sorry here. Got Wilburs incubator. Washed.

18. Lovely day. Washed in AM and went to Missionary meeting at Mrs. Albert with Anna. Planted lettuce, sweet peas, radishes, beets, shallots and early potatoes.

19. Just poured this morning. Sewing. Marion cleaned big room.

20. Lovely day all day. Cold to-night. First fresh herring for dinner. Little Polly cat must have gone away with old Zeb. Got Eaton order. Very cold to-night. Frost.

K. harrowing

21. Lovely day but wind cold. Keith harrowing. Marion at Rustico & Anita at B. View. Cecils announcement in the paper to-day or Leona’s rather.

22. Lovely day. Little Polly didn’t come back and we cannot find her. Mr Armstrong preached in afternoon. Tired. Enid & Reuel out to B View. Raining at night.

23. Bitter cold day. Wind NE and blowing hard. Heavy sea on. Sowed wheat. Sewing.

24. Bright cold day, washed in AM. Mother went to town in evening with Mrs Bonnell. Keith over to play in Hunter River.

Com meeting here

25. A beautiful spring day and a busy one. Stewart, Jessie, Irene, & Mr Beaton here this AM, finished ironing, to Rustico in evening and came home to find Lorraine hysterical and a big brush fire blazing in Jerry’s woods, for a time it was serious but was under control by 10 PM.[[1]](#footnote-1) K to NG Anita in Rustico

Mother still among the missing. Sowed black oats.

26. Pouring rain all morning. Beautiful in PM. Mrs Gordon Wright lectured in Mayfield Hall splendidly. WCTU organized Mrs. Woolner President Mr McLeod Mrs Wright and Mr Howes here to see “Green Gables.” Practice tonight. XYZ

Miss Rodd here to tea. Keith to HR for oats.

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**May-June 1927**

May 1927 & June

27. Rained hard all day. Roads bad. Have been feeling pretty mean. Did not go out until evening. Reuel & I went to pictures.

28. Fine. Came out on train. Ernest met me on Hunter River. Big shower outside and inside at night. The group had a shower for Leona. Marion in Rustico. Very busy and tired. Leona & Gertrude Ackland here all night.

29. Fine. hazy. House in a terrible mess. Preaching at night. Gertrude’s Don in after church.

30. Lovely day all day. Everybody very busy. Six cars here this afternoon. Ernest went to Hunter River for Mrs Merle Johnson of Portage La Prairie. She wanted to see around Avonlea and Green Gables. Mr & Mrs Jackson here to tea.

31. Lovely warm day. Fred Woolner very sick. Marion to Miss Johnson did up the Anne country today. K. took Mrs. J. to Hunter River to-night.

June 1. Rained all day. Sewing. Practice at Jerry’s at night.

2. Rained in AM a little. Very cold all day. Dad & I working in garden all day. WCTU meeting in Mayfield at night. Sowed long field east of pond.

3. Lovely day. Lots of cars around. Very busy all day. Mrs Bonnell came out for afternoon. Mr & Mrs Armstrong to Vivian here this evening. Shower at McLures for Leona.

4. 71. Lovely warm day all day. Ernest sowed shore field. Keith at Cecil’s. Everybody tired to-night. Marion at Rustico today.

5. Lovely warm day. Enid & Reuel here for supper. Mr Armstrong preached at night. Mr J in afternoon. Rained a little. Great growing day.

6. Poured rain until 3 PM. Ernest & I cutting sets all day. Went to Rustico to-night for oil cloth for home. Miss Rodd here for tea, Nellie Thyra Arthur & Montague here in evening.

7. Lovely day all day. Ernest helping Austen Keith at Cecil’s. Marion & Anna went to a meeting of WCTU at EC LePages. Earl Simpsons house caught fire, not serious.

8. Lovely day all day. Cecil & Leona married to-day at noon and started on their honeymoon. Tired to-night. Ernest harrowing. Keith at Bay View. 56 or 7 chicks hatched in incubator to-day.

9. Lovely day, rained a little this afternoon. Cutting sets in afternoon and set out a lot of plants in garden. Planted beans.

10. Lovely day but turned cool. Ernest harrowing potato land. Cleaning & fixing up back stairs.

Sowed mangles

11. Cloudy. Setting out plants all afternoon. Anita Lorraine & PJ went up to Bay View this afternoon. Set out some dahlias at Mrs Bonnells.

12. Lovely day. Church in AM (United) Girls went to Wyands. Ernest & I & kiddies went down to Bob McKenzies this evening.

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**June 1927**

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13. Lovely day. Ernest spreading fertilizer. Finished cutting sets. Planted carrots parsnips & beets. [?] two beds etc.

14. Fine day all day. Very very busy. Got new oil cloth for big room. Laddie had a nice little run away and EC brought up the oil cloth. Mr Eaton spoke at N Rustico on temperance. Russell & Alvin Webb came here this evening.

15. Fine day, cool. Planting spuds, washed, churned, baked and planted corn.

16. Finished planting potatoes. Alvin & Russel started for home after dinner. Practice at McLure’s. Fine and dry.

17. Fine. Ernest planted corn. Cleaned kitchen. Anita went to Mothers after dinner. Cleaned washroom in afternoon. Fell & hurt my knee.

18. Fine and very warm and dry. Cleaned back porch. Eaton order came.

19. Very fine and warm. Mr Armstrong preached in afternoon, Vivian here to supper.

20. Fine and very warm. Making sheets and pillow cases to-day. Went up to Mothers in evening. Ernest sowed turnips.

21. Rained some, not much. Cecil & Leona came home. Big charivari. Did a big big washing. Political meeting at Mayfield.

22. Foggy. Set out tomato & cabbage plants. All tired to-night.

23. In bed most of day with headache. Keith at Jerry’s cutting lawn. Jerry went to East Point with Wilbur in car. Eric & Ira Somers drowned last night at Morrisbidge. XYZ.

24. Glorious rain this morning. Head not good. Sewing & baking. Marion & Anita went up to Norboro to the Somers boys funeral. Back kinked pretty bad to-night.

25. Very fine. Blowing hard. Prohibition Liberal & Government Control Conservative Provincial Election. Prohibition has a big majority 23 sure 5 lean & 2 not heard from.

26. Cloudy and blowing. Ernest & I went to Brackley Point to Willie McNeills. Mary very sick.

27. Glorious rain in night but lovely day. Mother went to Brackley Point. Dorothy Warren in Hospital in S Side. Operation appendicitis. Miss Edwards came.

28. Lovely day. Shower to-night for Dora Simpson and Ernie[?] Houston. Ernest went to Emerald for trunks.

29. Fine day. Ernest & Mr Green working at Mrs Bonnell’s. Institute at night at Mrs Wyands. Miss McKenna & Miss Mckenzie there. Anita went to Town with Mrs Bonnell.

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**June-July 1927**

June 1927

30. Fine wind cool. School exam and picnic at shore. Pauline got prize for spelling.

July 1st. Fine very warm. Wind east. Had Miss Hall & Widder to tea. Started white washing. Group at Cecils.

2. Fine, very hot. 86. Marion went to town with the Jacksons to Confederation celebration. Lorraine & PJ went to H River with Mrs Bonwell.

3. Fine and terribly warm. Communion Service in afternoon. Baptist at night.

4. Fine and cooler. Washed and baking for tea. Very tired.

5. Very busy all day. Mother down helping me bake for tea.

6. Glorious morning but rained pretty hard in afternoon at times. Spoiled the tea but they cleared themselves all right.

7. Everyone very tired. Cloudy and threatened rain all day. Raining to-night.

8. Pouring rain. Wilbur went to station for Miss Grimes & Miss Calaghan. Pretty busy. Marion has been very miserable.

9. Fine. Ernest dragged the road. Very ~~fine~~ busy all day.

10. Fine, pretty warm. Big crowd at shore. Dad & I went down to Alberts in evening.

11. Fine, very warm. Everybody busy. K white washing. Ernest staked beans & sweet peas. Washed ironed & baked.

12. Fine day but very hot. Had a nice car ride to Rustico to-night. Got rested and cooled off.

13. Fine day, very busy all day. Maud, Chester, Stewart, Mrs Arthur Beaton, Mr & Mrs Middleton here to tea.

14. Fine and very warm. About all I can do to feed the crowd. Maud great. Marion has been pretty miserable.

15. Cloudy all day, but did not rain. YPPG had a camp fire at the shore and Maud addressed them. Big crowd there, Miss Grimes etc left to-day.

16. Just poured rain this morning and kept up a steady drizzle all day. Nan about all in to day. XYZ

17. Fine. Preaching morning & afternoon. Not very well.

18. Fine. Ernest working at Hall. Warm every day. Alberts here in evening. Mr Irving & Murray here all night.

19. Very warm and muggy. Maud went to Amandas after dinner. Very tired.

20. Poured rain all day. Was supposed to be the annual meeting of Bible Society but the rain spoiled everything. Mrs Bonnell, Miss Edwards, and Anita spent the day in town. Had a bad road coming home. Mother came out with them.

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**July-August 1927**

July 1927

21. Rained hard until noon. Had rain all night. Maud and boys went down to Alex’s this afternoon. Pretty tired and lots of work ahead.

22. Cloudy in morning but cleared up in afternoon. Did a big washing. Ernest went to Hunter River for truck wagon. Mrs Livesay here this evening also Miss Sutherland of Winnepeg.

23. Very warm all day. Miss Edwards went away with this morning. Everyone exhausted with the heat. Thunder in afternoon.

24. Very hot all day. Everybody tired to-day and rested. Marion up at Herbs all day. Pouring rain to-night.

25. Fine, washed. Blowing hard. Went up to Mother’s this evening. Lots of company here to-night. Gertrude down.

26. Very fine all day and very hot. Ernest went to Emerald with cheese. Maud up in afternoon to tea. George McCoubrey sprayed potatoes this evening. Elaine & Myron came home.

27. 87 today, the hottest yet. Started haying. The Jacksons, Sears, and Brintons here this evening.

28. Fine in AM but a little shower at noon. Quite heavy thunder away to the south. Miss Moore over this evening.

29. Fine though threatened rain. Myron & Elaine down to supper. Mrs. Brown & Eleanor came to-night.

30. Hauling hay. I got about 7 qts of raspberries. YP Group had a surprise party for Marion. Russel & Alvin Webb here at night. Tired.

31. Fine very warm. Had quite a sing with Alvin. Mr Armstrong preached at night. Big crowd out.

Aug 1st Raining in AM. Cleared up at noon and Myron took Marion to Kensington and brought Alice Grey home. Marion went to Toronto with Maud.

2. Raining, terrible hay weather. Dad had George spray potatoes again. Raspberries good.

3. Lovely day. Keith cutting and everybody busy at hay. Gordon and Lydie came about 6 PM. Myron and Elaine & Leona here to dinner and went back for berries.

4. Perfect day. Gordon caught mess of trout for dinner. Girls got nice lot of blueberries, went to Creek with Mrs Bonnell.

5. Fine everybody rushing all day. Great hay day. Big fire in Alberton.

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**August 1927**

Aug 1927

6. Fine and very warm. Had a letter from Marion. She is with Miss Edwards in Toronto. Choir practice here at night. Mr & Mrs Harris here.

7. Lovely day. Myron preached at night, splendid sermon. Irene & Mont sang. Big crowd at shore to-day.

8. Fine and very very hot. Ernest at Cecil’s in afternoon helping at hay. Alice Gray still here.

9. Fine in AM, started to rain at noon, pouring rain to-night. Pauline sick. The Bonnells all had dinner to-gether. Little George sick.

10. Fine day after rain and quite cool. Keith & Anita & Alice got a bucket of raspberries. Mrs Bonnell & baby Catherine here to tea.

11. Fine. Ernest at Cecils. Keith at Austin’s. Mr Saint “Fuller Man” here all night. XYZ

12. Lovely day. Garden lovely now. Sunflowers in to Mrs Toombs in Hospital to-day. Busy, tired. Alice went to Freetown. Ernest at Cecil’s.

13. Perfect day all day. Mrs Jackson and some friends over here to tea. Dad & I went up to Bay View to-night. Elaine has been sick all day.

14. Lovely day all day but quite warm. 90 cars at the shore at one time to-day. Dad & I went to Bedeque with Mrs Bonnell. Had car trouble and Milton Green brought us home.

15. Rained all day from SE. Part of our cellar wall fell in. Everybody wet a good many times.

16. Lovely morning but showery. Ernest & Albert helping Clarence Stewart put in new phone. Jerrys have theirs. Washed, etc. Everybody tired.

17 Fine most of day showery in afternoon. Annual meeting of Bible Society here. Had Mr Spriggs & party & Dr Johnson and wife over for dinner. Mr McLeod & Miss Murchison, Miss Cox[?] Mr McLean Mr Kochaly extra for supper. All in a night.

18 Lovely day. Garden lovely now. Busy and tired. Ice cream social at Geo R place to-night. The girls went. Got letter from Marion.

19 Lovely day, nice and cool. Mr & Mrs Philip and daughter from Mass. camping in Old Orchard to night. Group at Jacksons. Anna over this evening.

20. Lovely day. Lizzie Louise, May, Kenneth[?] and Dorothy here over Sunday also Mr Harris. Every bed full.

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**August-September 1927**

Aug 1927

21. Fine. the bunch went home about 4 PM. Mrs Herb Champion & Blanche, Mrs Henry & Mr Henry of Malpeque here and about ten other cars in the day. All the children sick.

22. Fine. All sick all day. Keith & Dad got the meals. Dad at Mrs Bonnells. Anita went to Grahams Road with Gordon Fyfe.

23. Fine day. Mr. Brown came at night. Nan & Waine sick again.

24. Poured rain all day and to-night is a North East storm a terrible storm. Keith got a nice mess of trout.

25. Lovely morning after the storm. Terrible night, worst storm in 54 years in NS. The big tree in front of house blew down and my lovely garden is ruined. Annie Tennis here all day.

26. Started cutting oats in field across the brook, terrible mangled. Mr McLeod, Miss Murchison, Miss McKenzie here to tea. Anita & the Browns went to town with Mrs Bonnell.

27. Lovely day but looks like rain to-night. Busy all day and tired. Dad finished cutting the field across brook.

28. Lovely day again. McLeod preached in U Church in afternoon. Dad & I went to New Glasgow at night with Mrs. Bonnell. Anita went to Stanley in AM.

29. Lovely day until about 5:30 PM. Then poured rain. Did a whale of a wash. Tired.

30. Very hot and muggy this morning. Busy all day. Dad & I went to Rustico at night. Thrashed timothy seed.

31. Lovely day but very warm. Very busy, getting ready for Montreal nurses. Ernest cut wheat.

Sept 1st. Very warm early. The Browns left this AM for home and the nurses came at noon. Dad & I went to Alberts to-night. Dad got his Government job to-day.

2. Fine in morning. The nurses went to Ch Town for Miss MacFarlanes sister. Their names are Miss Boyd, Misses Odell and Lyle MacFarlane. Rained in afternoon.

3. Fine, very warm, muggy weather. Very busy all day. Mr McFarlane came at night so I have six now. Miss Moore & Anna over.

4. Fine day, threatened rain but cleared up fine and cool at night. No preaching

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**September 1927**

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5. Lovely cool fall day. Weather seems more settled. Mr McFarlane went to Town to-day. Mrs Bonnell & I went over to John F’s this evening. XYZ

6. Fine day. Ernest cutting grain all day. Our bunch went to Malpeque. Miss Moore went away to-day. Canada’s day at Toronto Exhibition. Maud to speak and Marion invited to Anne’s wedding breakfast.

7. Cloudy, rained a little. School fair meeting in afternoon. Finished cutting grain and thrashing a little.

8. Miserable cold blowy day. Keith ploughing. Made ice cream to-night for my boarders. Yum yum.

9. Finer today, wind blowing hard. Hauling grain all day. Ironing. Boarders left this AM. Went to Harolds to-night, took kiddies. Allison Profit and Harold and Hazel Raynor here.

10. Fine day. Hauling in shore field and wheat. Anna & Mrs Wyand here at night to practice.

11. Raining since noon. Mr Armstrong preached better than usual. Had supper at Jerrys. YPPG to-night at church.

12. Cold, blowy, very fall like. Leona been quite sick. Working at celler. Anita came home to-night. Mr Green here working at cellar.

13. Lovely day, washed. Mrs Bonnell and George here for dinner. Anna & I went driving in afternoon, had tea at Alberts. Called on Mrs Ren Toombs.

14. Finished hawling in grain except some raking. Letter from Mother. Fine day.

15. Fine but very cold wind. Keith at Hunter River working for Austin. He is starting his warehouse. No mail.

16. Lovely fine day but very cool. Making pickles most of day. Tired.

17. Fine. Ernest took grain to mill in AM. K. at Hunter River. Baking etc.

18. Lovely day. Ernest & Reuel out and we had a great day. Went for a drive to Malpeque. Saw Will & Kate Leavitt. Y People held church service.

19. Rained most of day. Anita getting ready for school fair. Raining hard to-night & very dark. Mont here and Dad over at Austin’s.

20. Rained hard until abut 2 PM. School fair in Mayfield. Our wedding day.

21. Full but cloudy most of day. Institute here at night, about 35 here.

22. Fine day. At potatoes all day. Good crop.

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**September-October 1927**

Sept 1927

23. Rained again nearly all day. Anna over to supper. She gave Anita a lovely piece of velvet for a dress.

24. Fine day. Working at potatoes in afternoon. Went over to Jerry’s to practice at night.

25. Fine and cool, blowing hard. United Church in afternoon & Baptist at night. Mrs Bonnell here this evening.

26. Fine morning but blew up cold & gray from NE in PM. At potatoes. Finished cobblers some rot in Green Mountains. Tired.

27. Fine day. K. at Wilburs at spuds. Big crop. Anita went to town with Mrs Bonnell for Exhibition week. Family small.

28. Perfect day. Finish potatoes here. Washed made Indian relish, etc.

29. Very fine. Ernest & Keith at Wilburs. Mrs B and I went down for cranberries. Very scarce. Finished spuds at Wilburs. Big crop.

30. Fine day. Headache, Ernest & K. at Austen’s taking in grain.

October 1927 1. Fine day, Ernest & K. at Milton Greens at potatoes. Been a fine week. Everybody very tired. Marion coming to Montreal to-day. Birthday party at Wesley’s for Freda.

2. Fine day. Anita came home this afternoon. Dad & I went down to Alberts this evening.

3. Fine but cloudy. Keith & team at Hunter River. Ernest at Austins. Washed made plum preserves. Anita got a basket of plums in town, paid $1.50. Telegram from Marion from Montreal. She will not be home until Thursday.

4. Fine in AM. Pulled some of the beans and got them in the grainary before a downpour of rain came. Blew a gale. Ernest at Austins. Keith got home from Hunter River at Supper time. Anna & Jerry over in evening.

5. Fine day. Ernest & Keith at Austen’s. Russel & Hattie Webb came in evening.

6. Fine. Marion got home to-night. Had been with Mrs Blackmore in Montreal from Saturday until Wednesday morning. Russel & Hattie met her in Emerald.

7. Fine day. Dad & Keith away as per usual. Both tired. Didn’t do much but talk to day.

8. Raining in forenoon. Ernest & Keith sorted spuds. Anita went to Rustico for her dress. Practice.

9. Fine. Mr. Armstrong preached in afternoon.

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**October 1927**

Oct 1927

9 Anita went over to New Glasgow to supper & church. Marion & I went to Alex Toombs but they were away.

10. Poured rain all the morning and is pouring again to-night. Anita & Marion went to see Mrs Toombs to-night.

11. Showery in AM. Cold at night. Missionary meeting here. Ernest & Marion went to Ben Woolner’s at night. XYZ

12. Fine day and not so cold. Washed and ironed and picked apples.

13. Finished taking in grain that was down by the pond. Finished truck wagon box. Ernest went to Kensington after supper for lumber for Ham, Mrs Bonnell & ourselves.

14. Rained most of day. Keith took grist to Roller Mill. Ernest shipped out load of 41 bushels of potatoes. Rained hard, very warm. We have had no frost.

15. Fine day. Elmer & Isobel Ramsey came over just at noon. They went to Hunter River took our bunch. Meeting of WCTUnion in church. Mrs Wright spoke.

16. Cold wind today. Anita went to O’Leary with Elmer and Isabelle. Rally Day Service at night. Mr & Mrs Jackson here to tea.

17. Misty and cold in AM. Warmer in PM. Anna & Marion went to School and M. went to Jerry’s to tea.

18. Raining part of day. Sewing a little.

19. Still raining, had rained all night and to-night is just spilling. Wilbur Clark has six loads of grain out yet.

20. Very warm. Rained all night. Cleared up at noon and as warm as July. Went over to John F’s in afternoon. Mont & Blanche here in evening. Verns have a baby girl Genevieve.

21. Gray day. Raining most of afternoon. Washed but clothes didn’t dry. Ernest on road.

22. Still pouring rain and cold. Has rained every day this week. Everybody discouraged. Wrote to Mother.

23. A little finer to-day but showery. Mr. Jackson preached in afternoon. Marion went to Wyands and from there to Rustico.

24. Keith went to Hunter River today with spuds 55c per bus. Ernest on road, put in steel culvert at Milton Green’s bridge. Miss Rodd and Mary Stewart here to tea Lorne & Marion went up to Cecils.

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**October-November 1927**

Oct 1927

25. Finer to-day tho’ it rained at noon. Ernest on road in AM & he and John Laird went around with petition for railroad to Rustico. WCTU at Holden McLures.

26. Fine day. Ernest filling up potatoes. Institute at Chester Woolners at night. Didn’t get home till one AM. Marion got a bad cold and sore throat.

27. Fine day. Ernest went to H River with spuds. Marion quite sick all day. Potatoes 60.

28. Frost last night but not very harsh. Dad & I finished picking cranberries. Pouring rain to-night.

29. Fine most of day. Raining again this evening. Nothing strange or startling happening. Frank LeClair took up load of potatoes to H River.

30. Oh dear such a miserable day. Nor’East gale rain & hail. Ernest went to church in AM. Mont here to supper.

31. Fine to-day. Ernest shipped a barrel of spuds to Maud and a Geddie chair. Dug out dahlias and went to Alberts in evening. Did some repotting of flowers.

Nov 1st. Fine and mild. Washed. Ernest & I went to Bay View in evening. Radio good. Tired.

2. Warm as summer. Marion still very miserable. Churned, baked, iron & scrubbed. Bible Society meeting to-night.

3. Another perfect day. Set out a lot of geranium slips, helped thrash, etc. Marion feeling better to-day.

4. Perfect day, very warm and blowing hard. Ernest got load of spuds from Wilbur. Took cream to Stanley and got our cheese.

5. Pouring rain all day long. Wind south, warm as June. Back very sore.

6. Rained very hard all night and until noon. Cleared up and we went to church and I went over to Jerry’s to tea. Dad & kiddies came after me. Marion went to NG

7. Fine, mild. Washed. Ernest moving spuds to cellar. Thanksgiving Social at Wyands at night. Poured rain, sleet snow and everything that was dirty.

8. Fine but cold. Herbie Simpsons mill burned down this AM. Anna & I went up.

9. Fine and cold. Missionary meeting at Mrs Alex McNeills. Anna & I went. Ernest at turnips.

10. Fine and cold. Ernest on road this AM. Anita came home in evening. K. at HR. Committee meeting here at night.

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**November 1927**

Nov 1927

11. Fine but gray all day. Looks like snow to-night. Ernest & girls at turnips. In bed this AM. Making Lorraine’s red dress. Rev Jackson through a bomb into the group. XYZ

12. Raining in AM. Finished turnips in afternoon. Everyone sore at Jackson’s for the way he has acted. Practice at Jerry’s.

13. Fine all day. Dad went down to Alberts after dinner. Lorne, Cecil & Leona in after church.

14. Fine all day. Washed in AM. Went over to Austin’s for tea and to the Creek at night.

15. Raining. Marion & Anita went to Kensington to Young People’s convention.

16. Cloudy and very dark all day. Institute at Mrs Alex McNeills. Mrs Doyle the new president, Marion Secy. Good crowd, good meeting.

17. Fine all day and still very warm. Finished Waine’s dress. Aunna & Marion collecting for Bible society. Killed little pig.

18. Cloudy and raining in afternoon. Children went to group to-night. Very warm.

19. Cooler, N wind. Very muddy and dirty. Anna & I went to church. Practice here to-night.

20. Fine day. In bed all day. Arthur Woolner here for dinner. Irene Wyand for supper. Blanche came before church. Mont & Roy landed afterwards. Froze and cleaner.

21. Fine and cold. Banking house. Back pretty sore. Ellice here for dinner. Anna and I went to Bob McKenzies in the evening. Ernest went with John Laird to Rustico Bank to meetings.

22. Grey day and raining nearly all day. Not doing much.

23. Snowing this AM. Turned to rain. Very dirty.

24. Finer day but very cold. Anita washed. Hester and Anna here this evening. The girls went to Mrs Buotes with Marions coat. Will Gray in Alberton shot himself and accidentally his wife early this morning.

25. Fine. Heard the news of Will Gray’s suicide. Just about all in to-night.

26. Fine and clean underfoot. The Group reorganized last night strictly undenominational. Rose Gray better. Practice here to-night.

27. Rained a little, frost out again. Cecil & Leona here to dinner. In bed all day.

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**November-December 1927**

Nov Dec 1927

28. Anita washed. Froze clean and nice. Ernest & John Laird went to Mayfield.

29. XYZ with a vengeance. Ernest & Keith butchered. Snowing and raining and everything that is dirty. William Brown of Margate buried to-day. Fred and Hester here up to funeral. He was 89.

30. Rained a good deal and oh the mud. Marion and Anita went to Rustico for Marion’s coat. Feeling very mean.

Dec 1. Blowing a gale. Ernest killed sow that Ham had spoken for. Good many in paying taxes. Freezing to-night.

2. Froze hard. Ernest went to H River with pork. Cold day. Group at Hamilton Lairds. Snow storm at night.

3. Fine, mild, but froze at night. Choir practice at Jerry’s. Holden McLure blew off some steam. Emily Platts here all night.

4. Fine but quite cold. Preaching in afternoon. Keith took Emily to New Glasgow and home. Dad & I went to Alberts.

5. Snowing all day. Wrote to Mima.

6. Lovely day, good sleighing. Washed. Marion went to McLure’s for her music lesson. Stirling and Thrya here to-night. Missionary meeting at McLures.

7. Lovely fine day. Men working in woods. Practice at Jerry’s all night.

8. Cloudy all day and pouring rain to-night. Had a pudding for dinner for [?] & [?] birthdays.

9. Snow nearly all gone. Anita up at Cecil’s all day. Group there to-night. Cecil to Clifton and down here with his car.

10. Fine blowing hard and cold. 10 above zero here this morning. Sawed wood. Practice at Wyands at night. Thrya here all night. Snowed a little.

11. Sunday. Fine day. Home all day.

12. Rather snowy and turned soft. Froze at night. Practice at Jerrys.

13. School closed on account of itch. House cleaning. Institute at night at Ben Woolners. Ivan Duvar dead.

14. Grey day. Washed. Tired to-night.

15. Blustery morning. Ernest & I went to Town. I had supper at Zion Church. Dad at the Y.

16. Came home to-night. Quite a little snow on some of the hills. Had dinner to-day at Ernest Champions. Did some Christmas shopping.

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**December 1927**

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Got our box of books from Maud

17. Stormed all day long. Choir practice here to-night.

18. Grey day all day. Mrs. WD McCoubrey buried this afternoon. Mr Armstrong preached at night.

19. Fine washed. Practice here at night.

20. Decorated church and had a practice at night at church. Everything going good.

21. Fine. Had Group here at night, social night. About twenty here. Very mild, almost rain.

22. Still mild. Anna and I drove down to Chester Woolners, bare road to Bob’s corner to help pack baskets for shut-ins of Institute. School examination. Big crowd there. Practice at church at night. Raining.

Vivian Armstrong here

23. Lovely fine day. Keith went to Rustico in morning and to New Glasgow in afternoon for Mr. Armstrong. Had our Christmas concert at night. Very good crowd and everything went O.K. Tired?

24. Keith took Vivian home. Did some baking, made candy and got some chickens ready for Christmas dinner. Lots of Christmas cards coming everyday. Went over to Jerry’s for a little while this evening. Quite a snow storm and blowing a gale all night.

25. Very blustery disagreeable day. Cecil and Leona got down at noon. Children had a good day and Santa was very good to all. Dad & I went to Alberts in the evening. Very bad road but not storming.

26. Grey day. Stayed in bed all day. Had the Wyands and Jerry’s over in evening.

27. Finer but cold. Washed in morning and helped clean church this afternoon. Made pancakes for supper. Mont here in evening.

28. Grey day again. Keith hunting pipe & pump for rink. Arthur, Stewart & Evelyn Woolners here this evening.

29. Snowing a little all day. Keith went to Hunter River to get teeth out. Quite a storm at night. Turned soft, rain. Marion has bad cold.

30. Lovely day. Ernest went to New Bridge this morning. Have a very stiff neck. Marion very miserable.

31. Foggy all day. Not feeling very well. Ernest & Albert went to O’Leary to-day. Practice here to-night. Tired. Irene here all night.

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**January 1928**

Jan 1928

1. Temp 50A noon to-day. Fields bare and green. Roads bad, most snow gone. Mr Armstrong preached in afternoon. Irene & Blanche here all night. Turned colder and blowing a gale.

2. Froze this morning and getting colder all day. Blowing a gale. All invited to Jerry’s. I stayed home and kept on fires.

3. Fine day but cold. 3A zero this morning. Washed. Lonesome to-night. Have radio in to-night.

4. Lovely fine day. Busy all day. Keith at rink. Radio good to-night.

5. Snowed some in morning. Very cold at night.

6. Snowing a little to-night. Group at Fred’s. Albert came home from O’Leary.

7. Fine day, grey. Went to Wyands at night to practice.

8. Snowing a little to-day. Radio good. Anita at Wyands. Reading Wallflowers.

9. Fine but cloudy. Ernest came home from O’Leary. Met him at Mr. Armstrong’s. Practice here to-night for play.

10. Fine day, good roads. Ernest Marion & I went up to Ced Simpsons to Missionary meeting. Called at Fred’s, Gertrude’s has been so sick with throat & ear trouble.

11. Lovely morning. Snowing to-night. Killed chickens. Practice here to-night for play.

12. Killed and canned fowl. Mild. Got 25c per lb for chickens from Harold. Did not send any to Reuel this year. Dad and I at Jerry’s to see about getting up a play. Among the Breakers. Marion at Freds all night.

Coldest yet 4A

13. Finished canning. Back very sore. Group at Chester Woolners. Snowing in afternoon. Keith went to Mayfield for Gertrude Ackland. Rained at night and lightning.

14. Lovely mild day, turned cold in evening. Anna & I made a few sick calls at Ms. Hammond McKenzies and Alex McNeills and had tea at Alberts. Practice at Jerrys.

15. 4A. Colder and snowing a little. Blowing hard. Mr. Armstrong preached at night. Darnley Clark very very poorly, feet discolouring and swelling. Dr Houston out to see Gertrude.

16. Zero. Keith took Gertrude Ackland to Mayfield in AM and froze his face. Calmed down in evening. Badly crippled. Young people practice at Wilburs. Gertrude better but very very weak yet. Dad up to see Darnley & Gertrude this afternoon and over to Austins in evening. Marion at Freds to-night.

17. Snowing all day and quite cold and blustery this evening. Frank Clancy brought us a quarter of beef. Everybody home to-night.

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**January-February 1928**

1928 January

18. Lovely morning. Dad and Marion washed. Back pretty bad. Institute at Wesley’s. Canadian night by Misses Platts & Rodd. Came up a blizzard and we all had a rough time getting home. Keith at New Glasgow. No sleep to-night.

19. 6A. Pretty blustery this AM. Finer to-night. Ernest has gone up to Darnley Clarks. Christopher LePage died this morning quite suddenly. Keith at home to-night.

20. Snowing most of day. Turned soft and rained for a little while. Cleared up cold at night. No group. Roads bad. Sadie & David Johnson & Gertrude Ackland in. Darnley very poorly.

21. 2B. 6B. Bitter cold blowing a gale to-night. First skate at Cosy Corner Rink. In bed all day. Feel fierce to-night before we went to bed.

22. 8B here this morning. Some of the plants froze. Very cold day. Christopher LePages funeral. Feeling pretty mean all day.

23. Milder. Stayed in bed all day. Much milder. Darnley keeping about the same. Gertrude not so well. Jerrys and Austin here in the evening also play practice. Pretty tired.

24. Feel better. Gertrude very miserable. Marion up there in afternoon. WCTU at night at Wesleys.

25. Pouring rain, just coming down in torrents. They are planning to take Gertrude in to the hospital this afternoon but could not manage it on account of roads. Bad sloughs in places. Blowing a terrific gale.

26. Still blowing very hard. Took Gertrude to Town this morning. Operated at three. Darnley pretty poorly. Dad there all night. He and Clarence working on the telephone line all day. Blowing hard and cold to-night.

27. Fine day, cold. Group at McLures. Carnival at New Glasgow. Anna over in afternoon.

28. Fine day. Wind bleak and cold. Austin here in evening trying to decide about teacher.

29. Cold and stormy all day. No church.

30. Still snowing a little. Marion has sore throat. Word from Town to-day, Gertrude is better. Practice at Fenners.

31. Lovely fine day. Marion in bed with sore throat.

Feb 1st. No school. Fine day. Hockey game at night. Rustico beat Cavendish 3 to 1. In bed most of day.

2. Victor King started teaching in Cavendish. Snowed a little, drifted bad at night. Young folks practice at Fenners. Jerry went to S Side for cylinder for pump. Gertrude doing fine.

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**Febuary 1928**

1928 February

3. 6° Below. Got a letter from Aunt Sadie. She is keeping pretty well. Group at Jerry’s to-night. Feeling bum.

4. Milder to-day and raining at night. Ernest took me over to Jerry’s. Pretty tired when I got home.

5. Lovely day. Got up at noon. Preaching in United Church this afternoon. Dad went up to see Darnley Wrote to Mima.

6. Lovely day. Dad at Darnley’s last night. Carnival at night.

7. Fine. Had Dr. Fleming overhaul me. Practice for senior play at night.

8. Perfect day. Anna Marion Jerry Keith went to Town to see picture Ben Hur.

9. Rather blustery. Marion got teeth out at Hunter River and feeling pretty mean. Gums bleeding badly. Choir practice at Wesley’s.

10. Rather stirring time for awhile. Marions gums still bleeding very bad in morning. Laddie was sick yesterday and I had a severe attack of indigestion. Got Anna over but better before long.

Dr Warburton died in Montreal

11. Still cold wind from North. In bed most of day. Practice here to-night. Marion feeling better. Fred & Hester down to-night.

12. Fine. Thrya here last night and all day. Took big dose castoria for indigestion. Preaching in B Church at night.

13. Lovely day. Feeling so much better to-day. Ernest working at hall. J. Practice at Jerrys. Frosty to-night. New calf.

14. Still fine and much milder. Ernest at hall. Doctor Warburton funeral this AM. S. play practice at Jerry’s to-night and I went.

15. Very mild. Poured rain in afternoon. Annual Egg Circle meeting this afternoon but it rained too hard for Ernest to go. We went to Alberts and stayed for supper.

16. Still mild, road bad. Froze in afternoon. Ernest and I went up to see Darnley. I did not see him. Very poorly.

17. Lovely fine day. Keith at Hunter River to-day grading potatoes. Marion very miserable this week. Group at Austins.

18. Darnley died at 2 AM. Ernest at cemetery. Quite a thick snow storm in evening. Keith got home. Anna here to supper.

Darnley Clark

19. Drifting and colder but bright and sunny in afternoon. Funeral at 1:30. Very large. Mr Jackson and Masons officiated. Cecil and Leona down at night.

20. Fine. Dad & Nan washed. Play practice in hall at night for Juniors. Anita went up to hall with Dad. They put up a stove in dressing room.

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**February-March 1928**

Feb 1928

21. Drifting all day and getting colder. Rather busy. Hockey game at night. New Glasgow & Cavendish 10-1. Gave the bunch lunch here of course but of course I had to double up with indigestion.

22. 8B. Very cold all day but calm. Ernest & I went to Jerrys at night to practice. Very tired. Carnival at rink. Dad and Anita went up to Stanley to see Dr. Fleming but he wasn’t home.

23. Milder and blowing very hard at night and pouring rain. I spent the afternoon at Freds was down to see the hall.

24. Big thaw. Not feeling well at all. Ernest working at Hall. Group at Mrs Paynters. No one went from here. Girls tired.

25. Was very cold and blowing hard. Juniors practice in hall. Lorraine stayed up with Marjorie.

26. Fine but bitter cold and blowing so hard. Called off the preaching service in afternoon. United church in afternoon. Not feeling well all day and very sick all night. Gall stone. XYZ

27. Had Dr. Fleming down and he gave me a lot of dope. Roads very wild and icy. Mrs. Will Green fell that night and broke her wrist. Anna came over this afternoon and Ernest stayed with them to Alex McNeils to practice. Willie McNeill of Brackley Point died to-day.

28. Feeling pretty good, no pain but very sore. Keith hauling potatoes to H. River. Froze some. pretty frosty.

29. Lovely fine day. Feeling awfully mean all day. Ernest at Hall. The community are papering it and cleaning it.

Mar 1st. Fine, blowing hard from SE. Keith went to H. River. Again. Ernest and Anita at the hall.

2. ~~Ernest still at hall. Girls very tired to-night and discouraged. Still in bed until evening.~~ Lovely day. Ernest and Jerry went to funeral at Brackley Point. Dr Fleming down. Feeling better got up in evening again.

3. Snowed a little in morning. Keith went to Hunter River after an early dinner. He bust his lip at a hockey game at night. Play practice went great at night.

4. Sunday a lovely day. Ernest & I went up to see Gertrude and down to Jerrys for a little while. Very tired when I came home. Jackson preached at night.

5. Snowed very thick for awhile this morning but cleared up grand around noon and to-night is perfect almost full moon. Fairly frosty. Girls at practice.

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**March 1928**

March 1928

6. Just a perfect day all day and a finer night could not be asked for. The Play, Mrs Briggs of The Poultry Yard came off with a bang. Anita was Mrs Briggs, Lorraine Melissa, and Marion Virginia. They made $103.15c. Sold candy. We packed it here in afternoon. Pretty big day and all very tired at night but very satisfied with the success of the play.

7. Lovely day again. Ernest went to town. Feeling very very miserable, just tired and no good.

8. Fine early but snowed very thick and blew a gale before night. Ernest got home at 7 PM very cold and hungry. Got Maud’s pictures framed in Town.

9. Was finer, fairly cold. Ernest had to kill a pig that some how or other broke its back. Practice (Senior) at Jerry’s.

10. Cloudy fine at night. Sewing Anitas blouse. Anita went to rink at night and Thrya came home with her. Choir practice here to-night.

11. Lovely fine day. Ernest, PJ & I went down to Alberts but the sermon didn’t come in good. Mr. Ling here to tea. Preaching in Baptist church at night. I played. Feeling stronger, nerves better.

12. Grey. Went for drive with Ernest to Harolds and Wilburs in the morning. Mrs. Briggs play invited to Hunter River for tomorrow night on 50-50 base. Raining in afternoon and at night. Mont out to practice.

13. Cloudy and snowing a little in AM but finer at noon. The Mrs Briggs bunch are off to Hunter River, six sleighs. Keith, Pauline, & I home alone. The bunch got home from H.R. about 1 AM. Everybody tired but happy, made $15.00.

14. Fine. PJ birthday. Girls and everyone tired. Pauline had Isabel and Mable here for supper. Had plum pudding. Dad & I went to Jerry’s for a while in evening. Quite mild.

15. Pouring rain this AM. Thawed all day. Washed and churned. I finished Nans blouse and cut out dress for myself. All in.

16. Lovely day but wind cool still it thawed a lot. I went over to Jerry’s in afternoon and we had practice at night. Went pretty good.

Fred Woolner died in Kensington.

17. Fine morning. Ernest and I went over to school and Dad hung Maud’s picture. Sewing Practice at Wyands tonight.

18. Fine until night. Missionary meeting at Ceds in afternoon. Marion & I went. Snowstorm at night.

19. Not very fine, rain in AM and thawing. Fred Woolner buried in afternoon. Wm Yeo and Katherine here for supper. Practice in hall at night. Very very tired. Stomach not good.

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**March-April 1928**

March 1928

20. Fine day, blowing. Ice nearly all gone. Mrs Briggs and her Poultry Yard in New Glasgow to-night. Bad roads. Made $15.46

21. Fine day, not thawing much. James Bulman, New Glasgow, died this evening of cancer. He had two bad hemorrhages yesterday and was very weak. Wilburs are over there. Institute at Fenner Stewarts to night. Mrs McCoubrey took very sick at Institute, they had to get the doctor for her and he lanced her thumb for whitlow.

22. Family Herald came to-day and we have 23 out of 35 right, giving us 28 points. Thawing to-day. Practice to-night.

23. Snowing a little and blowing hard all day. Finer at night. Ernest at Cecil’s thrashing. Pretty sick to-night. XYZ

24. Colder this AM and all day. Keith went to H. River with load of potatoes and one little porker. Dad went to James Bulman’s funeral. Anna over this evening.

25. Fine day. Got down to Kitchen couch to-day. Mont & Irene here for tea. Church in afternoon. Cecil & Leona here at night.

26. Thawing. Dad at Cecil’s in afternoon thrashing. Play practice at night. Mother up before noon. Girls washed and ironed.

27. Thawing like devil[?]. Very warm and the snow went like smoke. I went over to Annas in afternoon. Mrs Darnley & Adelaide there.

Chester McDonald, Glasgow Road killed with circular saw. Terrible death on the 28th.

28. Colder and blowing hard. Ernest & Keith in woods. Practice to-night. Everybody there.

29. Still blowing and froze hard. Darning and mending to-day. Got long letters from Maud and Miss Edwards. Ernest went to Alberts to-night for eggs. Mrs Windsor died Supervisor of W. Institute.

30. Set the incubator at noon to-day. Lovely fine day. Had a walk in afternoon. Headache most of day. Group here to-night.

31. Blustery day. Anna & I went down to Alex McN’s in afternoon, had play practice at night there. James McKendrick died this morning. Lovely and fine when we came home. Dot Pursey Nicholson buried at Hunter River to-day.

April 1st. Lovely morning. Jim McKendrick’s funeral to-day private. Raging headache to-night. Girls went to United Church. Anita Lorraine & PJ went up to Bay View.

2. Lovely day. Girls washed. Practice at night. Headache all day.

3. Another perfect day. Roads very bad. Cecil sawing wood. Ernest & I went up May & Alex up for a few minutes this evening. Keith and Jerry went to Hunter River to meet friends of Anna’s. Miss McLean and McN[?]. Took wagons

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**April 1928**

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4. Perfect spring day. Gulf looks like a day in July. Not a sign of ice. Took the carriage up to Hall to-night. Had a good practice only forgetting my hand badly cut with with an old broken cup ‘twould have been tip-top.

5. 59A. Just a wonderful day. Sitting out on saw most of afternoon. Just a delightful warm wind. Snow almost gone. Very mild to-night, looks like rain. Thyra here.

6. 60A in the forenoon but wind came around to north east and east and much cooler. Practice at night. Terrible roads. Sawing wood all day. Engine did not work good so didn’t finish. Tired oh boy.

7. 60. Lovely fine day. Marion in bed. Adelaide here to tea and stayed all night. Ernest went down to Alberts to telephone meeting.

8. 68. Easter Sunday. Very very warm for time of year. Mr Armstrong walked over and Keith took him home at night.

9. Fine morning. Snow flurries through the day. Anita and Dad washed. Marion got up this evening. Practice at night. Little pigs arrived to-day.

10. Lovely fine day but wind cold. Keith at Jerrys sawing wood. Went over to John F’s in afternoon. Walked over Ernest brought me home.

11. Fine day but cool, east wind. Anita not extra well to-day. Practice at Alberts to-night. Marion fell and hurt her knee.

12. Just a miserable april day, cold east wind and raining all day. No mail. The men clipped three of the horses.

13. Cleared up lovely to-day. I drove in to Harold Toombs in afternoon. Mrs McCoubrey has pneumonia. Group had chicken supper here at night.

14. Lovely day. Girls tired. Marions knee pretty sore. Went to Annas in afternoon, hooking a little. Practice in hall at night. Mary Clarke died

Mary Clark died in Kensington.

15. On my back all day. Rained in night. K. and Anita went to N. Glasgow at night.

16. Wind very cold to-day, froze hard and blowing a gale all day. Feeling a little better but nothing extra. Practice at night.

17. Wind still bitter cold. Mary Clark buried this afternoon. Keith got his eggs from Nova Scotia.

18. Fine but cold. Moved Keiths chicken house and ploughed the lane. Girls went to Institute at Ben Woolners.

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**April-May 1928**

April 1928

19. Snowing in AM. Cool all day. Chickens hatching. Ernest and Keith working in lane. Ernest down at Albert’s cleaning timothy this AM.

20. Fine but cold. Had 70 chicks hatch to-day. Practice at night. Busy snowing.

21. Fine. Dad went to Hunter River. Anna & Jerry & family went to Town. Feeling a little better lately. Letter from Lottie Simpson.

22. Nice fine day. Mr. Armstrong preached in afternoon. Chicks doing fine have 79. Thyra here dodging Eric.

23. Grey day all day. Girls washed. Jack Webster and Billy Prowse out. Alf Simpsons here to dinner. Practice at night. Went down to Welsey’s in afternoon.

24. Cold snow hail and rain. Sewing. Church business meeting at night. Heads have a new boy.

Robert Wyand died

25. Blowing a gale from West. Girls house cleaning. Ernest working on road. Practice at night.

26. Fine day. Girls cleaned big room. Planted hot bed to-day. Tired to-day.

27. Fine day. Anita & Thyra went to Hunter River to dentist. Harrowed in afternoon. Planted lettuce and sweet peas. Practice at night.

28. Cloudy, poured rain in evening. Had trout for supper. Rained all night. Practice

Holden McLure baby born and died in PE Island Hospital.

29. Raining this AM. Much warmer missionary meeting at Cecil’s. Home all day. Grass getting greener to-day. Wrote to Aunt Sadie

30. Lovely day. Blowing hard. Girls washed. Sewing. Practice at night.

May 1. Lovely morning but very warm. Started raining about 4 PM. Put on the play, had about 100 there made over $44.00. It went very well. Keith hauling fertilizer.

2. XYZ in bed all day. Girls tired. Keith went on his third trip to Hunter River. Anita and Anna cleaned the hall again. Ernest working on road.

3. Fine day, quite cold again. Got up after dinner. Play again to-night and all together with the two nights we have made over $115.00. Everybody tired but satisfied.

4. Very tired to-day. Marion in bed. Rather busy all day. Finished Pauline green dress. Went with Gordon Fyfe to play at Clifton. The Adventures of Grandpa. Put on by a Sea View dramatic club. Very good.

5. Fine day, bright. Keith harrowing. Choir practice here to-night.

6. Lovely fine day. Ernest at Alberts to hear radio in forenoon. Reuels came out in afternoon. Irene here over night. Mr Armstrong preached in B. Church at night. Albert not well.

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**May 1928**

May 1928

7. Didn’t wash to-day. Looked like rain but cleared off. Quite cool at night. Ernest & I went down to Alberts. He is very miserable.

8. Lovely day. Washed. Ernest & Marion went to play at Stanley at night. Bad attack of indigestion.

9. Perfect day. Sowed wheat. Very warm in afternoon. Tried trout but they wouldn’t bite. Marion went to Town to hear Jack Miner.

10. Lovely day all day. Marion came home. Mr Saint, Fuller man here to dinner. Albert Kayes Syrian here in afternoon. Play at New Glasgow to-night Jimmy Jousons Job[?]. Albert a little better.

Sowed mixed grain across brook

11. Lovely day very very warm. Keith harrowing below pond. Artie Clark lectured in hall at night. K. got seventeen beauty trout.

12. Cooler too-day and foggy. Chickens hatching. Serving all day. Tired to-night.

13. Cold and misty and poured rain and snow and everything dirty. Headache all day. Cecil & Leona down to supper. Irene & Blanche here. 75 chickens out.

14. Just a wretched dirty day. Keith got 50 white chicks from town, sold 30 to Mrs Gordon Houston. Dad & I down to see Albert at night.

15. Lovely day but wind keeps cool. Ernest cutting sets. Marion cleaned front room. Fussing with chickens most of the day. Tired at night.

16. Lovely and bright but wind feels like ice. Girls washed. Anna got 16 baby chicks and 3 settings of eggs. Bed early

17. Fine but cold. Went over to Jerrys in afternoon and Dad and I went to Creek at night. Mr & Mrs Bruce out to Jerrys. Albert McNeill went to PE Island Hospital. Louise Stevenson very sick.

18. Foggy and cool. Having a hard time to save the white chickens. Cutting sets. Keith harrowing and sowing. Girls went to John Fs. K to Harold.

19. Fine. Finished sowing grain. Lent out my green gingham. Anita rolling all day below pond. Practice at Wyands at night. Anna & I went to Alberts for a little while. Albert was operated on to-day. Louise Stevenson a little better.

20. Lovely warm day. Preaching in afternoon B Church. XYZ.

21. In bed. Ernest spreading fertilizer. Girls washed.

22. Finished fertilizer. Girls gardening. In bed.

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**May-June 1928**

May 1928

23. Cloudy and cool. Planting potatoes. Got up at noon. The Brintons and Mother got home to night. Dad went to Alberts.

24. Cold east wind. I spent the day with Mother and Elaine. Reuel and Enid and babies were there. Mother came down in evening. Tired.

25. Talk about rain! Well it has been a glorious downpour to-day and is warmer this evening. Ernest & I went over to Jerrys for little while.

26. Lovely warm day. The Brintons down for dinner and supper. Anna here for supper. Had a drive to New Glasgow.

27. Rained all day nearly. The Brintons went to Tryon and Marion with them. Headache all day. Thrya here. Thunder at night.

28. Still cloudy and poured rain in afternoon. Thunder & lightning. Ernest went to Town with Alex to see Albert. Keith and Anita went for clams.

Waine’s birthday

29. Fine and very warm. Cleaned the dining room. Set out birch trees and strawberry plants. Tired.

30. Feeling mean all day. Wyands came at night to practice some hymns for Sunday. Ernest went to Hunter River with little pigs.

31. In the garden all day. Set out sixty dahlia bulbs and planted vegetables.

June 1st. Lovely day. Planted dahlias for Mrs Bonnell. Went with Alex’s down to Rustico Bank.

2. Lovely morning but rained very hard in afternoon. Keith at Wilburs spreading fertilizer. Practice at night for play. Mother came down for night and day.

3. Sunday. Just a perfect day all day. Had a big rest. Preaching at night in B. church.

4. Ernest & Keith killed little porker. Kiddies & I went to Creek. Play at night Barbara Makes a Splash. Lower Bedeque crowd. Extra good. Keith working at fertilizer.

5. Did a big big washing and worked in garden. Practice at night. Midnight when we got home. Tired?

6. Very busy. Ernest at Alberts helping Lorne with spuds. Institute at night at Jerry’s.

Marions birthday

7. Lovely morning, rained a little in afternoon, but we all went to Rustico Bank with “Among The Breakers” play. Came home with $29.30c. Got home at 1:30 AM. Had lunch at Jas L.

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**June 1928**

June 1928

8. Cold to day and pretty mean at times. Cleaning pantry and sewing room tired. Dad set out 360 more strawberry plants.

9. Fine day cool. Finished pantry. Anita and Dad in garden all day. Down to Alberts at night. He is very lonely in hospital.

10. Rained until noon. Cleaned up at night. Rather a long lonely day.

11. Lovely day. Marion came home from Tryon. Washed. Cut out my rayon dress.

12. Fine to-day. Lorraine found a pink bell. Cleaned the kitchen. Miss Giles spoke at North Rustico Church at night. Dad & Marion went.

13. Fine. Jerrys went to town with May & Alec. Dad and Keith working at manure for turnips. Committee meeting to make arrangements for banquet for doctors at Alecs at night. Girls went.

14. Fine but the weather is very cold. In bed all day. Took something like peritonitis afterwards very sore. Sowed turnips.

15. Rained in AM. Had Dr. Fleming down in afternoon. Mrs Dan Simpson very sick. Dr there twice. Men cleaning up the barn yard etc.

16. Cloudy and cold. Men at Jerry’s making tables for lunch. Mrs Dan Simpson died quite suddenly in afternoon. Jerry Simpson got a very bad eye. Got a piece of rust in it. Dr. there and here. Feeling pretty mean all day but the soreness is leaving. Headache.

17. Fine, blowing hard and wind bitter cold. Mother down in afternoon. Got up a little in afternoon. May & Alec here.

18. Cold but fine. Everybody busy getting ready for big banquet tomorrow. Up all day and very tired at night.

19. Fine but grey and cold. Institute fed 325 Doctors and wifes etc at Jerrys. Everybody tired to-night. School meeting and telephone meeting. Two Irishmen here for the night selling cloth. Albert coming home tomorrow. They can do nothing more for him in town.

20. Lovely day. Everybody tired. Feeling a little better to-day. Went down to Alberts. He is not home yet. Bonnells arrived.

21. Bad headache all day. Elaine and kiddies down. Lovely day. Play at New Glasgow, Anita went. Marion went to Stanley with Gordon Fyfe.

22. Fine. the C. Medical convention has had wonderfully fine weather, tho’ quite cool. Group at night at Chester Woolners.

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**June-July 1928**

Mrs. Andrew Paynter burned with gas explosion and died. Her husband in hospital. Brother of Bruce Graham.

23. Lovely day. Outdoors most of day. Weather a little warmer. Our potatoes are up good.

Potato warehouses burned in Ch Town

24. Lovely day. Want to go for a drive. Mrs Bonnell here to dinner. Dr and Mrs Smith of Toronto here in evening. Rev Peter Jackson preached his farewell. Rained at night.

25. Foggy and dark but warm. Keith in bed. Anita and I went to Bay View in the evening.

26. Lovely day. Washed. Very warm. 86. Keith and girls went to Rustico to WCTU

27. Lovely day. Very warm. Anita and I went to S Side with Cecil & Leona. Wilburs here & Jerrys in evening. Gertrude Clark married yesterday in S Side yesterday afternoon.

28. Lot 16 play at night, The Village Lawyer. Elaine & Mother here for the day. Everybody but Dad & I went to play. We kept the babies. Had a long letter from Maud.

29. Feeling rather mean. Had another note from Maud. Went to induction service in the United Church. Rev M Bishop.

June 26th Two sisters and brother one Walsh by name drowned at Southport at 12:10 AM. Gertrude Clarke married and Anthony Martin’s house burned. Same day.

30. Very warm days lately. Raining everybody busy. Ernest & Keith working at pump. Group here at night.

July 1st. Lovely day, very warm. Wyands started their tea room. Took in over $30. Mr. Pearse play violin at church to-night.

**[New handwriting - seemingly some by EW, some by daughter (Anita or Marion)]**

2. Five boys [?] at shore. Big “shower” for Gertrude here everyone tired.

3. Mother went to Tryon with the Brintons. Dad at H River for shingles, lime etc. Very hot. Meeting to arrange for United C tea good crowd out. Lovely night for a honeymoon.

4. Fencing shore field, moved cows down [?] outdoors very hot.

5. Keith white washing. Brinton came for hens got cow from Cecil took her to Tryon on a truck. Note from another. Cutting bushes at brook. Albert came home from hospital to-day.

6. Good cool day Keith white washing. Dad hoeing garden AM. Cutting bushes. Down to see Albert to-night. Rest at Jerry’s.

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**July 1928**

July 7. Cutting bushes in Cawnpore. Keith white washing. Nice fine day. Mrs Blackmore and kiddies here. Trustee meeting.

8. Sunday everyone went to Church in AM. Mr Bishop preached big crowd at shore in afternoon. Lucy Woolner here.

9. Sprayed potatoes. Letter from Myrtle. Fine day. Girls washed baked and ironed. Everyone tired. Peter Murray[?] here.

10. Emerald with cheese. Marion, Anita, and Keith in Town. Group picnic. Lorraine & PJ at Bay View. Hired Miss Caseley school teacher. Profits called no one home. Dan McLeod & Preston Toombs here. some day. Girls away to meeting to arrange for tea, to-night, blowing a gale.

11. Fine and windy. Hoeing in garden. Scuffling and hilling potatoes. Everyone tired.

12. Fine. girls washing. Keith white washing Hoeing turnips. Ada Lois Simpson arrived. X

13. Same old thing.

14. Same as 13th. Raining in evening. Girls at Jerrys.

15. Went for a dip. Water cold. Cloudy all day. Everyone but Dad went to B. Church down to see Albert this evening fairly well. Lorne and Irene here Mother not home yet.

**[back to Myrtle’s handwriting]**

16. Got home this morning. Dr. Mason brought me home from Tryon with Mrs. Mason. Enid & Helen Mellish. Dr Murray McNeill & family from Halifax came. Mrs Warren & Keith of Wolfville here all night.

17. Very warm day and fine very busy. The MacNeills very nice. Girls and Fyfe boys went to Bedeque to Pageant. Tired.

18. Desperately hot all day. Busy. Camp fire at Boys camp at Jerrys. Three little girls have gone.

19. Lovely shower this AM and much cooler to-day. We have had very hot weather. Went down to see Albert to-night. Two student ministers drowned in Alberton yesterday.

20. Lovely day but quite cool. Marion & I picking raspberries. Mrs Blackmore & Anna here this evening. Temp 49A some change in two days.

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**July-August 1928**

July 1928

21. Just a perfect day. Men at hay all day. Girls picking berries. Boarders at shore. Everybody tired to-night.

22. Lovely day very warm. Over a hundred and twenty cars at shore. Mr Bonnell preached to-night Lorriane & Pauline went to Tryon with Roy Toombs.

23. Fine all day but raining this evening. The MacNeills left to-day. Working at hay.

24. Rained a lot to-day. Marion and I went up to Bay View to see the new baby. I got sick and Cecil had to bring me home. Martha Clark died yesterday. Artie was out.

25. Lovely day. Nan & I went for berries. Mrs. Bulman here making Marion’s suit. Practice at church to-night for funeral.

26. Lovely day. Myron and Elaine brought the children home. Mr LIndsay and the MacWalkers here to supper. Martha Clarke buried. Large funeral.

27. Lovely day. Finished hay. Miss Robertson and Miss Kenedy came here from Windsor Ontario and we have discovered that they know a member of our MacNeill relations in Ontario. Mrs Brown and Eleanor came.

28. Cloudy. Went to Town with Cecil. Had a flying trip and had to dig in when I came home. Marion went to Canoe Cove with the Bishops.

29. Very busy all day and went to Church at night. Lena McLure sang in Baptist Church. Mr & Mrs. EO Hemsteet from Montreal came wanting to spend night and a few days here.

30. Lovely day. Mr. Hemstreet took the girls to Charlottetown. Myron and Elaine up picking raspberries. Big machine working on road. Everybody busy and oh so tired. Went over to John F McNeill with the girls (Misses Kenedy & Robertson) at night.

31. Fine day. Annie washed and ironed. Marion and I picking berries. Went over to Jerrys in evening.

August 1st. First four of our boarders left. We were very much in love with all of them. Miss Harvey and Miss Hiscox came to-night. Very tired.

2. Lovely day tho’ cloudy in the morning. Not feeling very good. Girls at Wyands to-night. Mrs Best of Stanley found dead in cellar.

3. Lovely day picking berries. Very thick. Men working on roads. Everybody very tired.

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**August-September 1928**

Aug 1928

4. Cloudy and raining. Went to Rustico in AM for stuff for Keith’s room. Marion and Earnest painting it. Finished road work.

5. Rained nearly all day. Thyra here for supper. Ice cream. Cecil & Leona and mother here at night. Girls went to Jerrys.

Have been so busy that I have not had time to write. The United Church tea was the 15th. Dr & Mrs Holman here for a few days and Mrs. Place was here too. Mr. Brown came the 18th and Mr. Johnson the 20th, Mr Gillings the 11th. All very nice people. The nurses are great. Ernest fixing up & shingling the front of the barn. Elaine & Myron up a couple times. Rev NA [?] and Louise Vivienne [?] Anna and Miss Stretch here one day for dinner. Montague went away on the harvest excursion. Robbie Toombs home for three weeks.

Aug 26th. Cloudy to-day and some rain. Robbie Toombs here to tea. Church at night. Mrs Webb played Misty this AM.

Aug 27th. Misty this AM. Rained a lot in the night. The Browns left this morning. Dad & I went down to Alberts in evening. Keith and Mr. Johnson went to Rustico.

28. Lovely day. Had supper at shore. A swell time. Just one more day for Miss Hiscox & Miss Haney.

29 Lovely day but very warm. Perfect moonlit night. Marion and the nurses have gone to Grahams Road to ice cream social. Annie here washing.

30. Lovely morning. Misses Hiscox & Haney left this morning. Very heavy rain at night. Mr Johnson got wet.

31. Lovely day. The last of our boarders went away, Mr. Johnston. Everyone tired. The Blackmores leave in the morning, they were over this evening. Jack Webster & Billy Prowse here to-night.

Sept 1st. Went to town to hear The Glace Bay Band at night. The girls were in Town with the Fyfe boys.

2nd. Sunday. Went to Malpeque. Had dinner and supper at Ma Greens. Got back to Reuels at 8 PM. No church.

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**September 1928**

Sept 1928

3. Came home this morning. Reuels here for dinner and up at Mothers for supper. Labor day.

4. Rained nearly all night but cleared up by noon. Men working at pump. Marion went to Bedeque with Mr. Bishop. Over to Jerrys this evening. Miss Moore left today.

5. Lovely harvest day. Got grain all in but three loads. Annie here. Busy all day.

6. Lovely day. Finished harvest. Keith at Greens this afternoon. Myron and Elaine came up and took the girls back with them. Anita is going to Town with Enid and go to CBC. Tired to-night.

7. Another perfect day. Keith working with Mr Green at Manse Barn. Ernest at Jerrys this afternoon. Miss Gladys & Miss Holland here to tea.

8. Lovely day. Ernest at Jerrys. Keith at Austins. Both finished harvest. Kiddies and I picnicked all day. Bright northern lights to-night.

9. Blowing a gale to-night. Will be hard on the garden. All the Macneills of O’Leary were down to-day also Will Dyment & wife. Tired to-night. Had to play in church.

10. Fine but very cold. Went to Creek at night. K. at Milton Greens.

11. Cloudy and cool. Washed. Getting ready for school fair. XYZ

12. Lovely day. Sick all day. Mother down. School fair a big success. Sarah and Ethel Simpson down. Keith got digger.

13. Still sick. Dad doing the work. Marion got home from Montague with the Brintons. In bed all day, rained thunder & lightning at night.

14. Down on couch. Getting ready for potato pickers.

15. Digging spuds to-day. Everybody tired to-night. Good crop but a lot of small ones.

16. Cloudy and cool. Feeling better. Eva, Jelly and party of Caseley’s called. Preaching in United Church to-night. Fyfe boys here to-night.

17. Marion sick all night. Finished potatoes to-day. Pretty tired to-night.

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**September-October 1928**

Sept 1928

17 Got letter from Anita and Maria. Will Webb very poorly.

18. Poured rain all forenoon. Marion feeling better. Went to Stanley to-night for a social.

19. Ernest & Keith at Jerrys working at potatoes. Washed & baked. Tired. Institute at night at Dolph Flemings.

20. Lovely day. Ernest & I went to Brackley Point. John F. McNeill home. Had a good day all day by our lonesome.

White frost

21. Lovely day. Rather tired and sleepy. Ernest and Keith at Milton Greens. Choir practice here to-night.

22. Another great day. Went down for cranberries. Gordon Webbs came this evening.

23. Just a perfect day. Reuels out brought Anita. Stayed till after dinner and went to shore then to Brookefield tp Geo Stetsons. Church at night.

24. Cloudy and rained some. Elaine & Myron came up for cranberries. Mr Lindsay and party here in afternoon. Practice at Wyands.

25. Fine day and cooler, feels like frost to-night. Gordons went to O’Leary to-day. Marion picked tomatoes to-night 12 ½ bushels. Picked cucumbers.

26. Washed and ironed some. Terrible rain storm to-night.

27. Fine. Mary Stewart & Francis here in afternoon. Went up to Bay View at night.

28. Keith at JOs until it rained at noon. Practice here at night.

29. Fine but cold. Ernest plowing.

30. Fine, cold. Alvin Webb and Mrs & Misses Haywood here for tea. Keith went away with Blair Rollings. Marion and I to Bay View tonight.

Oct 1st. Fine day. Keith at Len Wyands at spuds. Dad ploughing. Marion & Lorraine at cranberries.

2. Lovely day. Was at Jerrys all day. Anna very sick, terrible pain in the head. Zella Clarke came out and I brought her over here. Practice at night.

3. Lovely day. Zella & PJ and I called at Mother’s. Cedric & Ernest Clarkes. Zella spoke in church at night.

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**October 1928**

Oct 1928

4. Fine. Marion & Waine at cranberries all day. Dad plowing. Keith at Fred Clarkes. A letter from Nan.

5. Fine. pulled some beans. Nan came home to-night.

6. Raining in AM but cleared off fine, went over to see Anna this afternoon. Thyra here to-night.

7. Fine in morning. Cecils and Mother down to dinner. Avalah Blanche and Thyra here for supper. Church in afternoon. Rained.

8. Showery and cold. Took Anita down to Ben Woolners in AM. Stomach bad all day. Marion and Elmer Fyfe went to Hunter River to a picture. XYZ

9. Dont remember much. Was sick in bed until Friday the 12th. Anna very miserable. Annie Somers left here on th 11th. Marion very busy. Francis Clarke spent the weekend with Lorraine & PJ.

13. Keith went to New Glasgow for Nan. She came out with the Armstrongs. Tired to-night.

14. Blowing hard and and so cold all day. New calf but his mother killed him. Gordon and Elmer came in and took the girls to Town. Fire at Experimental Farm to-night. Big farm burned.

15. Not so cold to-day. Marion washed. I went over to see Anna. She is still very miserable.

16. Lovely day. Much warmer than we have had. Jennie & Mrs Albert up to tea and Miss Caseley here for the night. The School Library came.

17. Rainy day. Blue letter from Nan. Institute at Bob McKenzie’s to-night.

18. Rather cold to-day. Marion at Jerry’s. Long letter from Maud. Pouring rain to-night. Shower for Emma Wyand at Charlie Wyands.

19. Very warm and muggy all day. Ernest churned. At Alex’s in the evening. Rained hard.

20. Still warm and poured rain this afternoon and oh the mud. Mable here to-night. Anna better.

21. Had headache. Anita and Helen blew in for a little while and a Mrs. Bell was here from town. Mr Armstrong preached to-night.

22. Went to help Mrs Wyand. Myron came for me. They and mother here for awhile.

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**October-November 1928**

23. Washed. (Dad & Marion) Ironed in afternoon. Went to Jim Stewarts to Institute.

24. I went to Wyands again. Poured rain all day. George McCoubrey and Hazel Profit married.

25. Fine. Cherivari at night at McCoubrey’s. Dad and small folks went.

26. Busy all day. Went over to see Anna. She is very sick.

27. Scrubbing and cleaning. Baked the first of our new flour. Alex & May up in evening. Gordon Fyfe down and Avalah here.

28. Fine morning. Elmer Lizzie, Isobel Ramsey and Lillian McIsaac here for day. Rally Service at night.

29. Lovely morning but raining to-night. At Jerrys all day. Anna went to hospital. Marion at Wyands decorating for Emma’s wedding. Tired to-night.

30. Marion at Wyands. Dad and I washed.

31. Emma Wyand and Fred Moyse married. Marion played Wedding March. XYZ

Nov 1st In bed all day and Marion at Wyands again. Allen, Mrs W & Blanche out in evening.

2. Down on couch in Kitchen. Elmer Fyfe came down in evening. Big time at George McCoubreys for the bride.

3. Busy all day. The men working at turnips. Anita got home with Eric McNeills.

4. Dark day. Rained morning & evening. Keith didn’t get home from N Glasgow

5. until 9 next day, finished turnips. Bernard and I went down to Oliver Bernards and I stayed at Alberts for evening. Dad came down for me. Very cold.

6. Very mild to-day and pouring rain to-night. Marion washed. Busy all day. Tired.

7. Fine and colder. Verna Bernard & Frank Townsend married. Marion played the wedding march. Busy all day. Keith banking house. Blowing hard

Lorraine sick

8. Fine. Sewing all day. Dad & I went to Mr. Bishops in evening.

9. Fine but cloudy all day. Dad went to Hunter River for Anita and Marion McKenzie. The Fyfe boys and the girls have gone to Chester Woolners to a young peoples social.

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**November 1928**

10. Cold and grey. Making a Kimona for Nan. Bay View church down at night. Charlie McKenzie here.

11. Lovely morning. Thanksgiving Sunday. Blanche here for dinner. Went to New Glasgow with the Fyfe boys. Anna to be operated on in the morning.

12. Cold snowing and raining most of the day. They operated on Anna this morning. A growth in the neck of bladder. Sadie (Art Simpson’s wife) very low. The girls went over to Mr. Bishops to-night.

13. Finer to-night and all day. Anita went back to Town this afternoon. May and Alec up this evening. Anna fair but pretty sick. Mrs Art Simpson a little better.

14. Washed, lovely day. Myrons up for their mackerel. Rally service repeated at night.

15. Lovely day, mild. Went to Town with Alecs & Jennie’s. Saw Anna, she’s very sick. Saw Nan.

16. Miserable day, cold and dirty. Marion went to YPS with the Fyfe boys at the Manse.

17. Marion in bed all day and I had a very bad spell with my stomach. Feeling pretty rotten. Pouring rain at night.

18. Fine. Dad went up to Bay View for Mother. Peggy & I pretty miserable.

19. Feeling a little better. Shower at night at Wesley’s for Nellie McCoubrey. Poured rain.

20. Lovely morning but blowing hard. Dad & I went up to Bay View for clams. Tide high. Called at Mr Simpsons. Irene went to S. Side hospital.

21. Fine day. Washed. Went to Laigh Warrens to Institute meeting at night and was put in Pres. Worse luck.

22. Lovely morning and big snow storm at night. The 1st District Convention met in Mayfield Hall of the Womens Institute. Had supper at Frank Houstons.

23. Lovely day. Ground white. Keith took Marion to Emerald. She went to Tryon.

24. Lovely day again, quite cold. Not feeling good at all. Stomach bad.

25. Lovely morning early but snowed a little all day. United Church to-night. Dad & PJ went.

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**November-December 1928**

Nov 1928

26. Not feeling very good to-day. Ernest butchered hogs & Cecil brought two down here.

27. Big snow storm, quite wild at times. In bed all day, pretty sick.

28. Still in bed on lounge in kitchen. Dad went to Hunter River with pork. Got 12c.

29. Got Mother down for the day. Feeling rotten. Fresh pork for dinner.

30. Mother went home, quite a few in paying taxes. Lovely night. Mrs Publicover buried. Thermometer dropped to zero.

Dec 1st. Snowing but turned to rain and rained all afternoon. Ernest went to see Albert. Children went to Church to practice.

2. Finer and colder. Church in afternoon. Not extra good.

3. Fine day. Dad washed. Lorraine sick again, sore throat. Ernest went to Rustico.

4. Ernest moving bailer house to-day. Ham here. Made candy for bazaar and ironed. Went to Bazaar at night. Pretty flat affair.

5. Fine. Jerry went to Town for Anna. Not feeling extra good to-day. Lorraine a little better to-night. Mild, thawing all day.

6. Fine but colder. Got the boiler house in place. Wrote to Aunt Sadie. Mrs Wyand got 2 roosters.

7. Lovely day all day. Pauline sick. Mr & Mrs Bishop and Miss Casely called. Letters from Anita & Marion. Both coming home to-morrow.

8. Cloudy and started to snow in the morning. Keith went to Town and Anita came home with him at night. Ernest went to Emerald for Marion. Pretty rough night but they got home alright. Pretty wet and chilly.

9. Bitter bleak east wind. Poured rain all night long. Mrs Wyand here for tea. Keith started for New Glasgow and turned back. Lorraine very miserable yet.

10. Keith sick to-day, took chill. Had Fleming. Thought it might be congestion. Albert very poorly. Terrible night, raining and snowing and blowing a gale

11. K. seemed a little better to-day. Dr here twice.

12. Fine day. K not quite so well. Wyands here to practice and Vivian over in evening.

13. Keiths temperature going up. Institute at Austins at night. Marion had a sore throat and I could not go. On lunch committee so Anita went.

14. Had two doctors to-day for Keith and Stevenson said he had pneumonia. Has been very sick to-day. Mother came down and stayed. Albert very very poorly.

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**December 1928**

Dec 1928

15. Keith seems decidedly better and all feel relieved. Dr quite delighted. Mother and Dad went down to Alberts.

16. Lovely day. Keith fair. Armstrong son and Irene Wyand here. Almost too much excitement for sick boy.

17. Mild to-day. Girls washed. Dad & I picking Keiths chickens. The kid pretty weak to-day. Everybody busy. Girls went to creek. Mother went home.

18. Not feeling well and my stomach went bad in evening. Albert MacNeill died about 5:30. Miserable cold wind. Had to take morphine.

Albert McNeill

19. Stomach bad and XYZ at night. Keith got up in afternoon. Pretty weak. Ernest at Cemetery for awhile.

20. Lovely bright day. Funeral in afternoon. Cecil and Leona in. Very sick at night.

21. Fine. Mr & Mrs Green both quite sick. Mrs Green has a carbuncle on her leg, almost blood poisoning. Anita & Mrs Austin delivering Institute baskets to sick. Hester & Laura called on their way to school exams. Dr. Stevenson here this evening.

22. Still in bed. The girls busy trying to get ready for Christmas. Still very miserable. Lots of cards coming and a four pound box of chocolate from Ethel Kennedy and Gertrude Robertson.

23. Pretty nice day, got down to room couch. Very sore. Church at night. Elmer & Gordon in for a while.

24. Fine day, not very cold, very little snow. Cars running everywhere. Down stairs most of day.

25. Just a perfect day Mother down for day. All the family up to breakfast dinner and supper. Marion pretty miserable to-night. Cecil and Leona went to Miltons for dinner but were here to tea. Santa very good to all of us.

26. Lovely day. Marion in bed nearly all day. Washed dinner and supper dish. Blanche and Ham here to-night.

27. Lovely day. Anna over nearly all day and Ham McKenzie and wife here in the afternoon. Feeling pretty mean all day. Pageant at night.

Mrs. RY McCoubrey

28. Lovely day. Up most of the day. Anita not extra well to-day and Marion could hardly speak. Sewing a little in afternoon Poured rain at night.

29. In bed most of day. Dr. over this morning. Says to keep quiet and stay in bed. Feel mean to-night. Thyra here for the night. Mrs. RY McCoubrey died on the 27th.

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**December 1928-January 1929**

Dec 28

30. Lovely fine day but blowing a fierce gale. Thyra went home after dinner. No preaching anywhere to-day.

31. Lovely day, still blowing hard all day. Ernest in the woods. The kids moved my bed down to front room. Wind went down in evening. Jack Bulmans have a new baby.

January 1929

1. Just a perfect day, no snow anywhere. Ernest and Keith in woods. Mrs Wyand Blanche Ethel and Mother called. Feeling pretty mean to night. The girls went up to Freds to see Gertrude and baby. Mrs Albert sent me a lovely basket of fruit.

2. Cloudy early but mild all day. Cecil Ernest Milton Green and Mrs Wyand went to Town. Took car to Hunter River. A lot of sickness in town and S. Side. Flu.

3. Working in woods in afternoon. Cecil sick and their sick at Herbs. Colder to-night. Thyra and girls went to church.

4. 4A. Snowing a little to-day and blowing a gale and very cold to-night. Ernest at Cecils all day. Alfred Moores have a baby girl no.3.

5. 5B. Very cold this AM but moderating. Cecil better. Eddie Douce there. Anita sick to-day. To much fried spuds and apples. Harry Lowther died to-night of pneumonia.

6. Got the word of Harry Lowther’s death this AM. Feeling all in all day. Snow and sleet and rain and finally a regular downpour at night. Very quiet all day. No church.

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**January 1929**

7. Great rejoicing in lower Cavendish this AM. Alvah McNeills have a new boy this AM. Mother got a phone from Tryon to go down if she could. Fyfe boys down and took the girls to Creek.

8. Zero. Mother went to Tryon this morning. Cecil took her to Emerald and a car met her there. The men in the woods. Its very cold.

9. Bitter cold. Marion stitching a quilt. The youngsters went over to Jerrys hollow to skate. Not feeling extra good to-night.

10. Still quite cold and blowing hard. A snow storm this afternoon and still blowing. Got word to-day of the death in Halifax of Arthur Webb Miss Moores brother in law.

11. Just a perfect day all day. Anna & Mr & Mrs Bishop here this afternoon. Very tired at tea time. Girls went to Bob McKenzie’s to Young People. Keith went to Hunter River for extra parcel.

12. Snowed in afternoon and night getting colder. Victoria Hotel burned in CH town.

13. Was fine and good sleighing. Marion and Anita went to Wyands in AM to practice. Marion went up to Freds and stayed for church. Mr Murchison preached in the Baptist church at night. Stomach not good.

14. 4B this AM and a howling snow storm and thermometer going down steadily all day. Blowing fierce all night. Did not get up to-day at all. No school.

15. 12B this morning but bright and sunny. Elder James Simpson has been very sick with flu and is not improving any. No mail yesterday or to-day. Car Ferry had a propeller broken yesterday. XYZ

16. Fine and moderating. Very miserable all yesterday afternoon and all day to-day. Suffering. Thyra and Anita collecting for Bible Society. Andrew Paynter getting married to-day.

Mamie[?] Keith Perry

17. Lovely morning. Girls washed. Feeling very weak and miserable. Headache all week. Keith and Anita started for N Glasgow and turned back. Snowing and raining to-night.

18. Raining some to-day and quite a thaw. Anna here quite awhile to-day. Feeling rotten all day. James Simpson pretty miserable. Letters from Maria. Will pretty poorly.

19. Very mild all day but colder and blowing hard all night. Dr Stevenson here this morning Stomach bad all day.

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**January 1929**

January 1929

19 Quite a freshet here today at noon. Ernest got quarter of beef from Lorne. Irene Wyand here for over Sunday. James Simpson very low.

20. Lovely morning early but clouded up and snowed some in afternoon and blowing a gale and drifting to-night. Keith walked to New Glasgow to-night. Anna and Mrs Bishop over this morning. Marion pretty miserable. Keith got home early, did not get all the way. Zuingle[?] McNeill died.

21. Blowing very hard and very cold. Anita went to Mrs Wyands to get her coat made over. James Simpson at the mill died at 9:45 PM. Got a box chocolate from Miss Hiscox.

James Simpson

22. Still blowing hard but not as cold to-night. Keith and Anita went to New Glasgow to skate. Alf Simpson here quite a while this afternoon.

23. Fine day. James Simpson’s funeral in afternoon. Very sick all day. Jean Smith Alex McN?] and Jerry here. Better in evening. Lovely night. Anita & Keith went skating on Clarkes pond.

24. Lovely day but wind cold. Lorne in for a few minutes in morning. Bob and Jennie up this afternoon. Very tired at night. Fire at Jim Stewart’s but not serious.

25. Just a perfect day all day. Irene and Sarah Simpson came to see me and Winnie came over. Girls & Keith & Avalah went into Wyands to-night. Robert Bulman & Ben Houston died to-day.

Robert Bulman and Ben Houston.

26. Fine to-day but cloudy. Men sawing wood. Mrs Wyand here to-night. Everybody tired.

27. Lovely day. Anita went up to Wilburs this AM. Mrs Wilbur sick. The two funerals to-day. Anita & Thyra went to Stanley for medicine. Bad road, nearly all bare. Very quiet here to-day and the girls are very lonely.

28. Snowing a little. Feeling pretty well in forenoon but the shock of Marnie Keiths death used me up terribly. Just got the word in the mail to day. Also letter from Mother. Emily McNeill, Mrs Chester Laird here this afternoon & Dr. Stevenson Anna & Jerry over at night.

29. Rather a dirty day, mist and snow. Anita washed white clothes. Was out in room all afternoon. Keith and Anita started for New Glasgow and turned back to-night. May & Alex up this evening.

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**January-February 1929**

Jan & Feb 1929

Adjourned meet of New Glasgow Dairying Co to-day. Very lively time. Ended at 9 PM. All new directors.

30. Miserable dirty day, not cold at all. Feeling fairly good to-day. Read the Amaranth Club. Very good.

31. Very mild nice day. Keith went to Roller mill. Gertrude and little Bertha here this afternoon.

Feb 1st. Nice day. Mother came down from Tryon and they all came down this evening. M. Bishop called this afternoon. Tired to-night. Had my clothes on for the first time in three weeks.

2. Fine and fairly bright. Didn’t stay up long to-day. Marion & Anita went to Bay View in afternoon and Nan stayed up. Horse race at Stanley.

3. Perfect day. All went to church this AM, but Keith and I. Miss Caseley came from church and she and girls went in to Wyands.

4. Fine day. Marion washed. Stayed in bed all day but had supper with Ernest. Men at ice. Lorne and Marion went up to Jim Stewarts this evening.

5. Zero. Just a perfect day all day. Lady kicked Nell in stable. Got up at 4 PM. Dr over this AM. Found me OK. Letters from Elaine, Aunt Sadie, Edina McLure and Bea. Finished ice.

6. Just a perfect day, cloudless all day. Ernest help the crowd haul Andrew Paynters house down from Clifton. Keith helping Lorne with ice. Up nearly all day and had dinner and supper in kitchen. Marion & K. went to New Glasgow to Hockey game. Anita has gone over to Austins for a while.

7. Lovely fine morning but poured rain at night. Keith went North Carleton to help Ellice out. Feeling pretty punk.

8. Fine day, thawing a lot. Roads spoiled. Anna over in afternoon trying to pick out a play. Fyfe boys down to-night.

9. Lovely day not cold. Went down to see Mrs Albert. **The first time I have been out since Dec 16th.** Anna & Marion went to Alex. this afternoon. Girls went to practice.

10. Foggy mist and snow. Mild. The four girls went to Mrs Alberts in AM hear Mr. Eatons last service. I got dinner and washed dishes. Fred Hester Fenner Laura. Mr Armstong & Vivian Roy Stevenson & Thyra here so Im tired to-night.

11. Lovely day. Girls washed and fixed up a rig for Anita for the carnival. Marion has bad headache. I washed dinner dishes and made biscuit. Anita & Thrya have gone to New Glasgow to Carnival. Marion at Jerry’s.

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**February 1929**

Feb 1929

12. Fine. B. Missionary meeting at Annas. Anita went. Marion not very well. Had a letter from Keith. Mother down for awhile in evening.

13. Not up to-day. Pretty frosty at night. XYZ.

14. Very sick, had doctor in evening. Suffered terrible all day. Took morphine.

15. Bad headache all day. Wretched sick. Had Mother down for day. Valentine social Ced Simpsons May & Alex here in evening. Jerrys horse ran away from Art Simpson but arrived home at 2:30 AM. Fine but cold. Ther. zero these nights.

16. Still very sick. Anita & Thyra went to New Glasgow to-night to skate. Came home about midnight.

17. Fine day. Anita went to New Glasgow at night for Keith. All the family except for Dad went to United Church at night. Cecil & Leona down in car. Austin & wife over.

18. Lovely day. Girls washed. Mrs Wyand out in forenoon. Feeling a little better today. Keith & Anita went to Hockey game in NG at night. Stanley won 6-3. Bad dream about Will Webb.

19. Fine but chilly. Mrs JR in this AM. Marion went over to Jerrys. Miss McVane came up from East Point. Cecil put in little radio.

20. Blustery and cold. Finer in afternoon and calmed down at night. Marion, Nan & Thrya have gone to Institute at Wesleys. Keith gone to NG to Hockey Match.

21. Cold bleak all day. Wind NE Anna to Miss McVane over for a little while this afternoon. Thyra here all night. Ernest in woods getting out a little more hardwood.

22. Perfect day but a bad road. No mail to-day. Got up before dinner and stayed until after supper. Radio extra good to-night.

23. Frosty but bright. Dad & Keith thrashing at Cecils this afternoon. The bunch went to Jerrys to arrange about play. Very frosty. 14 below at Stanley.

24. Cloudless day all day but cold. Got radio good. Two sermons and a talk by Rev Harding. Thyra & Jean here to supper and for evening. Tired.

25. 16B at Mill. Fine day, girls washed and tired at night. Lorne up. Hockey game at Moncton and Crystals lost to the Atlantics. Came in over radio very good.

26. Lovely day all day. Thyra Jean Casely & Anita have gone to New Glasgow to skate. I was up to Bay View for the day. Very tired. Wilbur got hand crushed in meat grinder.

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**February-March 1929**

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27. Rather a dirty day. Misting & snowing at night. Thyra & Mrs Bulman, Blanche and Mrs Wyand here in evening. Very tired.

28. Lovely bright day. Went down to Alex’s in afternoon. Dad & Anita went to Rustico. Dad came for me in evening.

March 1st. Mr. Green sick again. In bed most of day. Head bad. Little pigs arrived.

2. In bed all day. Keith & Dad at Cecils thrashing. Marion went with Jerrys to Ham McKenzie’s. Mother coughing a lot.

3. Lovely mild day. Ernest & I went down to Bobs in afternoon. Blanche here, Marion in at Wyand. Thyra Blanche & Anita and Marion & Irene went to Austins to-night. Roy Stevenson here this evening.

4. Fine day. Mild. Ernest at Geo McCoubrey’s thrashing. Stomach bad in afternoon. Cecil went to Town Keith up there all night.

5. Cloudy all day and raining to-nght. Marion finished Lorraine’s dress. Cecil got home from town.

6. Rained and snowed all day and poured rain all night.

7. Lovely day. Went over to Jerrys in afternoon. Feeling ever so much better. Marion got bad cold. Worst snow storm of the season at night. K in NG. Anita at Wilburs all night.

8. Keith & Anita got home. Dad went to Stanley with cream. I got up at 6:30 AM and got breakfast for the first time since Christmas. Up all day.

9. Cold bleak wind and snowing a little. Called on Mr. Green to-day. He is much better again. First practice for the Road Back play. Letter from Marjorie. Will very low.

1st PPRB

10. Lovely bright day but very cold and drifty. No preaching to-day. Roads bad. XYZ

11. Still drifting most of day and roads bad. Lots of snow in places. Very cold to-night.

12. Fine but very cold in AM. 20B H River. 16 degrees at Rustico and the Mil. Cloudy and milder at night.

2PPRB

13. Lovely fine day. Got out to couch in evening. Elmer Fyfe here. Keith & Anita went to New Glasgow to Hockey Game.

14. Lovely morning. PJs birthday. Got up at noon. Mr Bishop called. Marion went over to Jerrys in afternoon. Feeling a little stronger to-night. Peter Gallant very sick at Freds. Have incubator warming up.

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**March 1929**

March 1929

15. Milder but wind SE and chilly. Got up about 2 PM. Had a drive and then the old pain in my stomach. Letter from Gordon Webb & Lydia.

16. Mild. Pauline had a birthday party and I went down to Mrs Alberts. The kiddies had a whale of a time. Practice to-night at Fenners. Raining to-night.

3 PRRB

17. Cloudy. Keith put eggs in incubator. Got them from David Clark Kensignton. Feeling miserable all day. Church at night in UC. Lorne in after church. Very cold.

18. Blowing and drifting in forenoon. Anna got got a telegram that her sister Etta (Mrs McLean) was dead in Lynn. She had a bad attack of gall stones. Went over to Jerry’s in afternoon. Alex here for awhile.

Etta McLean

19. Lovely mild day. Leona and baby here in afternoon. Ernest went to Hunter River with three porkers. United Church put on a program in Hall. Made $67. Dad & I stayed home. Snowing a lot.

20. A regular big thaw. Wind and sun fairly cooking snow. Cecil went to Town. Practice here.

4 PPRB

21. Fine and thawing. Had a drive in afternoon. Marion finished piecing quilt. General Foch dead.

22. Fine day. Thawing. Sewing a little. Nothing strange or startling happened. Girls went into Wyands at night. Roads not very good.

23. Lovely morning but clouded up and is very dirty to-night. Rain and hail. Jean Casely here for the weekend. Dad & Anita gone to practice. Margaret and Annie Lowther here this evening. Brother Will Webb died this morning.

Will Webb

24. Quite cold and blowing hard all day. B. Church in afternoon. Blanche and Thyra & Jean here for tea. Marion & Anita went over to Jerrys this evening.

25. Lovely morning. Got telegram from Marjorie that Will died on Saturday AM. Had drive in afternoon. Very tired.

5 RBPP

26. Lovely day, Ernest & I went to Hunter River to Dentists for my teeth. Note from Maud. Very tired. Mrs Nelson is quite sick, stroke.

27. Colder to-day. Nan put in a mat. Pretty tired after my trip yesterday. Hooked a little. Marion went to Wyands and Keith to Austins

28. Fine day. Ernest at Cecil’s in afternoon. Keith took Miss Caseley home. Anna & Miss McV here to tea. Anna not too well at all.

6 PRRB

29. Lovely day but wind cool. Finished hooking one small mat. Went over to see Ellice this afternoon. YPSociety at the Manse to-night.

Good Friday

30. Nice day. Roads bad. Went up to Bay View with Ernest in afternoon. Cecil sawing wood. Practice for the Rainy Play at night here. Anita, Pauline, and and Margaret Lowther went to Hunter River to dentists. Nan had a strenuous time.

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**March-April 1929**

1929 March & April

31. Easter Sunday. Preaching in U Church. Mrs Wyand came to dinner. Avalah here supper time. All the Wyands here tonight. All in.

April 1st Easter Monday. Cloudy. Irene here all night. Terrible storm at night. Thunder lightning and rain. Play practice at night.

2. Irene went over to Jerrys in forenoon. Play practice at Jerrys Tuesday night. Roads bad. Killed little hogs for house.

3. Fine. Men working in woods. Anita & I hooking. Marion not well. Schools opened after strike.

4. Fine. Went over to John F in afternoon Tired at night.

5. Fine. Not feeling well. Mrs Fenner & Mary here to tea hooking and sewing. Bunch gone up to Wilburs to-night. XYZ

6. Dad at Cecils sawing wood. In bed. Mother down all night. Pretty sick at night. Anita went to Bay View at night for Mother with a carriage.

7. Cloudy and raining some. Marion went to Wyand to practice in AM. Head bad. Ernest wrote to Marion & Marjorie. Mr Armstrong preached in afternoon. K went to NG on horseback at night. Keiths chickens hatched. 74 white Wyandotte.

8. Fine day. Girls washed. Head still bad. Practice at night in Hall. Poured rain. Everybody tired.

9. Fine day but wind keeps cold. Got up in afternoon. Feeling very mean. Play practice every night in Hall. No paper to-day.

10. Fine day but wind very cold. Dyeing and hooking a little. Sawing wood at Jerrys.

11. Fine but still cold. Marion at Wyands getting a dress made. Hooking. Sawed wood here.

12. Fine and bitter cold to-night. The ice in again off Rustico. Jean Casely here to tea. YPS at Freds to-night. Fulton Simpson Lot 16 died at 1 o’clock this morning. Cemetery meeting here at night. John Laird got the job of caring for Cemetery at $65.

Fulton Simpson

13. Fine but oh so cold. Finished our second mat. Very tired at night. Play practice.

Annie Clarke Prosser

14. Fine and clean, not quite as cold. UC at night. Roy & Elmer in after church. Feeling very miserable all day.

15. Fine and not very cold to-day. Ellice over this afternoon. Marion made a dress for Anita. Ernest got a load of straw from Cecil. The roads are firming up to-day. Keith’s chickens a week old and all doing fine.

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**April 1929**

April 1929

Word in Patriot to-day of the death in New York of the death of Annie Clark Prosser following an operation.

16. Fine but cloudy, washed in AM. Keith splitting wood. Ernest & I went in to Harolds in afternoon. Roads not very good but might be worse. Snow on church hill and Austins. Fulton Simpson and Annie Clark Prossers’ funerals to-day. Annie buried at Canard. N S K & M to play practice.

17. Pouring rain nearly all day. Sewing. No mail.

18. Much milder and more spring like. Marion and I quilting all day. Mrs Bruce Graham here this evening for eggs. Play practice at Hall (Rainy P)

19. Cloudy & misty. A terrible road. Practice at JR Stewarts last night & choir practice at Jerrys. Finished one quilt.

20. Fine day but terribly muddy. Dirty in AM and snowed some. Roads fierce. Ernest went to Harolds with a cart. Leona McCallum here all night.

21. Lovely day. Margaret & Edward here to dinner. Irene Blanche & Ethel & Annie here in afternoon. Anita at Thrya’s at night.

22. Lovely morning. Girls washed quilts, etc. Didn’t dry much. Wind very cold. P. Practice girls cleaned their room. Keith went to H River for hard coal.

23. Everybody tired. Roads very bad. Keeping very cold.

24. Finer to-day and not so cold. Girls washed. In bed most of day. Stomach bad yesterday. Put quilt in frame in afternoon. Margaret Lowther & Blanche Wyand here in evening.

25. Fine in AM. Went down to see Mrs Albert with E. when he was around with his petition. Rained at night a lovely warm rain. Quite dark at night.

26. Lovely after the rain. Grass showing a little bit green. Quilting. Anita cleaned childrens room

27. Perfect day. Ernest & Anita scrubbed school in AM. Anita and May Stewart went to Wyands in afternoon to get Nans dresses cut out. P Practice to-night. Frances Clarke here.

28. Fine and warm. Helen LePage here all day. Ernest, PJ & I went to Bay View in afternoon. Girls all went to shore. Chickens hatching.

29. Cloudy and raining. Ernest went to H. River with pork got 14 ½ cts plucks in. Play practice at night. Anita at Wyands getting satin dress cut out. Sixty five chickens hatched.

30. Cold wind to-day all day. Keith & Anita went to Hunter River to Dentist. Marion in bed. Sewing a little.

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**May 1929**

May 1929

1st. Blowing hard all day and raining at night. Keith at Freds thrashing. Sewing. Practice to-night.

2. Pouring rain all last night and cloudy all day but warmer. Anita washed. Marion miserable. Serving on Anitas green satin dress. Play at Stanley at night. “The Three Pegs”

3. Quite warm to-day. Marion looked after the chickens. Anita cleaned my bedroom and I got moved upstairs again. Practice to-night.

4. Dad went to town and Anita went to Hunter River to dentist again. Marion cleaned house yard. Blowing a gale but a lovely warm day. I went to play practice with them at night.

5. Another nice day. Ernest & I went down to Alex’s in afternoon and to B. church at night. Marion went to Wyands and Anita to Austins. Lowther girls here to tea and Irene Wyand. Lightning at night.

6. Pouring rain all forenoon but cleared up nice. Girls washed. sewing. Anna & Jerry & Ellice & Annie here in evening. First trout.

7. Raining hard most of day. In bed until noon. Sewing in afternoon. Ern McNeill did some spuds. Colder to-night. Wind west.

8. Not very warm. Hail storm after dinner. Anita & Ernest at the Hall in afternoon cleaning up for play. Last practice to-night. Girls made candy.

9. Lovely fine day and night. The Road Back play came off with a bang. Made $102.65c. Full house. Everybody pleased.

10. Lovely day. Everyone tired. Ernest & I went to Creek in afternoon. Saw Mary Bernard. She is very miserable. Lemmie Wyand back in bed again. Very tired at night. Had tea at Alex’s.

11. Just a perfect summer day. Marion & Irene Wyand went to Town. Anita busy. Bob McKenzie got two cart loads of spuds. Dad & I went for clams in evening. Got ½ bus. Called at Jim Stewarts & Mothers. Annie & Margaret here for a feed of clams.

12. Just a terrible gale last night and pouring rain until the middle of afternoon. Got a lot of letters written and had a lazy day generally.

13. Fine. Marion washed. Elaine Myron & Kiddies Mrs AJ Robinson & Ralph came up from Tryon. The Road Back play at Clifton. Had a big crowd and made $37.50 for Cavendish. Keith got 28 trout.

14. Everybody tired but cleaned the pantry. Papered it this year. Play at New Glasgow. Holden McLures have new girl.

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**May 1929**

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15. Fine. Everybody busy. Institute at Jerrys at night. Mrs Ben Woolner & Stewart called. I went to Institute but was very tired.

16. Papering the big room. Feel pretty mean all day. Ernest to H. River for fertilizer. Anna over this evening. Blowing a gale to-night.

17. A gale all day, so tiresome. Girls papered big room. K. harrowing. Tired to-night.

18. Stayed in bed until noon, went down to Mrs Alberts in afternoon & Mrs Bobs to a committee meeting at night. Bitter cold.

19. Raining in AM and to-night ground is white with snow. Mr. Armstrong preached in afternoon. Annie & Margaret Lowther & Blanche here to-night. Anita went up with Thyra.

20. Two inches of snow over everything as far as you can see. Stayed on all day in places. Wind still cold. Ernest & I went to Harolds called at Austins, Wyands, & Claude Somers. Anita Mureskoed the sewing room. Raining. Practice at night.

21. Cloudy all forenoon and cool Pouring rain to-night. No grain sowed yet. About 55 chickens out in incubator.

22. Fine but cool. Keith harrowed after tea. Ernest set out some trees. Marion & Keith mostly Marion cleaned & Murescoed the back stair. Set incubator for the last time this year. Heavy white frost to-night.

23. Fine but wind cold all day. Sowed wheat & mixed feed, lettuce, parsley & onions. Had a drive to-night. Busy fussing with chickens.

24. Fine day. No one bothered up at all. Went over to Hunter River with Alex to the Road Back play. Very tired.

25. Very miserable, stomach bad after dinner. Very heavy thunder storm in afternoon. Ellice & Annie over in evening.

26. Just a lovely day but wind cool. Ernest went to Tryon with Cecil. Avalah & Annie here. Was on the couch all the afternoon in the sun.

27. Fine day. Marion washed. In bed most of day.

28. Lovely day, quite warm but wind east. Feeling a little bit better. Marion in bed. Anita busy. Jean Casely here to supper. Lorraine’s birthday. Ernest & I down the road in evening. Mr. Bonnell came.

Finished sowing all but 2 acres.

29. Fine all day but wind bitter cold to-night. Men spreading manure for potatoes. Got some garden stuff in, carrots beans & chard. Thunder & lightning and rain at night.

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**May-June 1929**

May 29 & June

30. Bitter cold all day. Must be ice not too far away. Marion better to-day. Planted peas. Finish manure for potatoes. Keith plowing. Ernest at sets.

31. Bitter cold again. Keith at Charles Wyands. Ernest cutting sets. Anita & Thyra went to Wilmot with Miss Casely. Dad, Marion & Lorraine went to Rose Valley with Cecil to-night to a play. Pauline & I home alone.

June 1st. Raining nearly all day, not very hard, but well just the same. Sold Jerry thirty bushel spuds for $4.00. Practice here to-night. Elmer & Marion went to Hunter River to play.

2. Cloudy until four o’clock. Keith hurt his ankle last night, pretty sore. Preaching to-night. Ellice over and stayed with me.

3. Cold as charity. Cutting sets. Keith at Charlie Wyands. Ernest & I went to Harolds etc. Wyand girls & Margaret here to-night. Anita got home from Wilmot.

4. Cleared up lovely to-day. Finished cutting sets. Dr. Barrett over. Everybody busy and tired to-night. Girls went to Ced Simpsons to a Missionary meeting. Janie Wedlock over for a little while.

5. Lovely day, bright and not as cold. Ernest finished ploughing potato land. Washed and worked in garden. Alfred Kayes here all night. Went to Rustico with Mrs Bonnell. Play practice to-night.

6. Fine. headache all day. Ice cream for supper and Anita made a wonderful pie for Marion’s dinner. Down to Mrs Alberts for a little while. Rained in afternoon

Oh!

7. Very warm. In bed all day. Planted beans Kentucky wonders to-night.

8. Fine. Wilbur here planting potatoes. Play practice at night.

9. Perfect day. Mother down all day. Went with Mrs Bonnell to New Glasgow in afternoon and with Cecils down to see Aunt Mary Jane at night. Tired.

10. Fine and pretty warm. Blowing hard. Play crowd went to Cornwell at night.

11. Fine very warm, all day. Planted beans. Girls cleaned kitchen. Sewing, went for drive with Mrs Bonnell and with Ernest at night. Aunt Mary Jane died this AM.

Mrs. Hugh McClure

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**June 1929**

12. Very hot all day till evening. Then turned cold. Ernest and Anita went to funeral with Cecil. Myron and Elaine and kiddies here in afternoon.

13. Heavy thunder this morning. Two barns burned at Norboro. Went to Hunter River with Cecil and Anna & Marion went to town. Cecil has new closed car. Got my lower teeth. Tired? Mrs Artie Clarke in hospital.

14. Pretty tired. Worked in garden most of day. Road Back play at Rustico Bank to-night. Hazel over in evening. They made $36.30 and had a great time.

15. Very hot again to-day. Everybody tired. Had a drive with Mrs B. to the Creek. Set out tomato plants at night. Annie Lowther here all night.

16. Headache all day. Edward here for dinner. Ice cream for supper. Twenty six cars at shore.

17. Washed in AM and started painting dining room. Very hot. 82. Went in to see Ellice and we all went to see Lemmie Wyand.

18. Quite cool all day. School meeting. Had a drive with Mrs Bonnell. Ernest reelected trustee. Telephone meeting to-night. Painting dining room.

19. Lovely day but cool. Went to Institute at night at Ben Woolner’s. Perfect night.

20. Fine and cool. Marion painting upstairs hall. Baking. O’Leary bunch coming Sunday. Sowed turnips. First car load of tourists arrived to-day. Camp fire at shore.

21. Girls tired. Dad and I went to Harolds at night. Pretty warm and very dry and dusty. Busy baking and quilting.

22. Warm. looks like rain. Ernest & I had a car ride around the block. Sick at night.

23. 86A. Very warm. Cloudy. Jim & Lizzie Elmer Isobel & Lillian & came down from O’Leary. Pretty weak all day. Went with Marion and Elmer Fyfe up to Mothers

24. Very hot still. Papered the children’s room. Road Back play at Harrington to-night looks like rain. Got home at 1 AM. Had a big crowd and made $35.60.

25. Very hot all day. Tennis here. Cleaned cellar. Finished children’s room. Trustee meeting at night. Rained in evening and

26. Still pretty warm. Showery in the morning Annie Tennis here washing and cleaning wash room and back porch. Tennis here helping to-day.

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**June-July 1929**

June 29

27. Lovely day. School examination. Miss Caseley leaving. Lorraine got her leaving school certificate and a prize. Pauline got 2 prizes. Ellice came over for tea.

28. Pretty warm day but nice. Quilting in afternoon. Alex and May up to-night. YPS in church. Took Lemmie Wyand to S Side Hospital.

29. Cloudy but didn’t rain much here. Busy varnishing floors. Went to Creek with Alex’s. Tired? Got telegram from Harvey.

30. Rained a little. Nice quiet day. Preaching at night in Hall. Not many out.

July 1st. Heavy thunder early in the morning. Miss Armstrong had a shock. Fine in afternoon. Mr & Mrs Cobb came.

2. Rained nearly all day. Miss Idler and Miss Cormer came at night. Everybody busy. Mont out to-night.

3. Went into Town with Mr Bonnell came out with Reuels. Got stair oil cloth. Practice at night. Good Miss Smith came.

4. Blowing a gale. Everybody busy Crowd in at night.

5. Terrible gale all night. Cecil took Miss Idler to Emerald. Rained hard in afternoon. Warmer.

6. Fine and warm all day. Marion has bad cold. Tea at Rustico. Practice at night. Tired.

7. Fine. Quite warm. Preaching in the United Church at night. Rev JS Bonnell. Big crowd at shore and at church. Mother and Lois down at night. Marion quite sick.

14th. Marion quite sick all the week, had the Dr twice. Mr & Mrs Cobb left on the 12th. The memorial service for Martha Clarke was on the 8th. Everybody busy. Miss Stewart came the 13th.

8th Memorial Service in Baptist Church and unveiling of brass tablet in memory of Martha Clarke. Dr Vincent spoke. Mr. Cobb sang and Vivian murdered the accompaniment. Marion kept very sick for two weeks. Had Dr. Fleming several times. She was in bed three weeks and then Anita took it and developed pneumonia before she got up. I had a temp of 103 and in bed good and solid for awhile. Raspberries good. Got Cora Nesbitt hired. Mother here. We had in July Mr & Mrs Cobb, Mabel Corner, Misses Vida[?] & George Odell of Montreal. Miss Stewart of Toronto and Dorothy Smith of St. John.

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**August-September 1929**

August 2nd. The honorable Frederick Nash died on August 2.

In Aug we have Miss Hiscox & Harvey Mr Gillings, The Odell girls Lyle MacF[?] Anderson, The Misses Norris. Had a very dry July but a splendid rain Aug 4th.

August 28. Had John Webb & wife and Mr & Mrs Branders all night last night. In bed for two days, have had a pretty busy summer. Everybody very tired.

Nurses left August 30th. Alone at last.

Sept 1st Raining in morning. Elmer Fyfe Marion Keith Anita & Lorraine went to O’Leary. Cecil Leona Rosamund Neil Pauline Lois & myself went to New London harbor. Had lunch on side of road. Had a lovely quiet day. Tired to-night.

2. Children got home about eleven last night. June Wedlock very miserable. Rained this morning. Washed a big washing of sheets. Etc. Car load up from Harrington. John McNeill and his wife, Emily and Herb Stewart and the children. Tired to-night.

3. Cloudy in AM but cleared off. Took in grains. John McCallum here. Marion in bed all day. Ironing. Dr. Barrett over and took another impression of my gum.

4. Perfect day. Keith and Dad at Cecil’s all day. Had drive with Mrs Bonnell this evening.

5. Another fine day. Men finished harvest at Cecils. Washed. Sewing.

6. Cloudy in AM but did not rain. Keith at Allen Wyands. Sewing. Marion ironing. Ernest & I went over to Jerrys in evening.

7. Very warm day. Close and very calm. Choir practice at night. Ellice over.

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**September 1929**

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8. Lovely day. Out doors nearly all day. Had three car rides. Was down to shore in evening. Quite a crowd down there to-day. Roy and Lorne up and gave us a drive.

9. Not feeling extra well. Went to Hunter River for my lower teeth. Stayed at Jamie’s all night. Mrs. Bonnell came over from St. John.

10. Cloudy and rained a little, heavy thunder storm at night. Came home with Bobby. Sewing.

11. Perfect morning after the rain.

12. Fine. Institute night at Fenners. We were on lunch committee. Big meeting tired.

13. Sewing, tired all day. Getting ready for a trip up west.

14. Went to O’Leary. Had a dandy road. Cecil, Leona, Reana, Neil and Louis Pauline & myself & dinner. Had dinner at Lizzies, supper at Perleys. Called at Roys and Uncle Jimmy Dennis’s. Stayed at Jims all night. Pictures.

15. Poured rain all night and part of forenoon. Left about 3:30. Came home by Ellerslie, Tyne Valley, and Port Hill. Called at Aunt Alices. Got home about seven. Tired but had a dandy time.

16. Just a perfect day. Had school fair. Lorraine got 1st prize for her bread. Pauline for mixed bouquet. Anita got home from Hampshire.

17. Very warm all day. Baking & ironing. Peeled a lot of apples for pies. Ernest & I went to Frank Andrews for plough share. Mrs Wyand Blanch, Irene & Ethel & Margaret here this evening.

18. Rained all day. Baked pies and nut and orange loaves. Mr Green here working at the tank in the celler. Every body very tired to-night. Side very sore.

19. Still pouring rain and the Good Roads Convention did not come out for the luncheon so we have had lots of pies to-day. Tired. Rena Neil here all day.

20. Lovely and fine tho’ cool. Mother got home from her Nova Scotia trip. The Brintons here for tea. Anna & I went to Wyands to practice. May & Alex up.

21. Nice day. Went to Town with Alex’s. Had a nice day. Finished picking beans. Wyands out at night. Irene stayed.

22. Just a lovely day. Maud came in afternoon. Alvin Webb and Miss Phillips came too and three other cars came from O’Leary. Roy Stevenson, Keith, Anita and Jean Casely went to O’Leary. Preaching at night.

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**September-October 1929**

Sept 1929

23. Digging potatoes. Ruth Webb came down with Keith & Anita last night. Everybody tired to-night.

24. Finished potatoes. Marion & Miss Campbell collecting for Sanitorium. Mr Bonnell gave Ernest a $5.00 gold piece.

25. A nice day. Maud and I went calling on Mrs Irving. Amanda and Lizzie Ernest[?] Gordon and Lydie came in evening.

26. Fine day. Lydie went with Marion to Institute Convention. Cecil called for Maud & me in the evening. Maud spoke. Found my mat inhabited when I got home.

27. Maud went to Amandas and Lydie to Wyands for the day. Everybody came home at night. Marion in bed.

28. Gordons left for Vernon. Mother here all day. Mrs Ben Woolner here in afternoon with Margaret. Busy. Tired.

29. Went to Tryon. Cecil had a broken axle but we got there and back. Maud went to Alex’s that night. Tired. Went to bed early.

30. Washed. Went to Frank Houstons for wood. Bible Class at Jerrys. Picking cranberries.

Oct 1st. Myrons came down for cranberries. Pauline & Marion went back with them Ernest & I went to Mrs Alberts in evening.

2. Mother and Cecil came down and with Ernest and I finished the cranberries. Small crop. Tired. Keith at Charlie Wyand.

3. We have not had any frost yet and the flowers in garden are wonderful now. Very warm and poured rain all afternoon. Run the rain water into tank in celler.

4. Cooler and cloudy. Went down to Alex’s in evening. Waxed kitchen floor.

5. Choir practice here at night. Alexs & Maud in for a few minutes.

6. Went to Park Corner with Alexs and Maud went to Malpeque in afternoon. Tired at night and head aching

Lem McCoubrey

7. Blowing and rained a little in afternoon. Bible Class here at night. In bed most of day. Ernest and girls picking apples.

8. Washed. Hail storm in afternoon. Ernest at Jerrys at potatoes.

9. Much colder. Anita ironing etc. Keith ploughing.

10. Anita went up to Bay View. Play at night, Cornwall Institute. The Old Dairy Homestead. Fairly good. Cold but no frost yet.

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**October 1929**

October

11. Fine. Anita sprained her ankle so didn’t do much walking. Ernest shipping potatoes at 90c per bus.

12. Lovely day. Dad & I went to Creek. Came home with Mr Bishop and he had tea with us.

13. Cloudy. Ernest & I went for walk in woods. Louise etc did not come down. Got dinner for them. Elmer Keith & Anita went to Tryon for Marion & Pauline. Ed McEwen died.

Ed McEwen

14. Lovely day. Made jelly and chow and a skirt for Lorraine. B. Class at night at Jerrys.

15. Fine, mild lovely weather. Washed. The girls went to Stanley to the funeral with Margaret Lowther. Ernest and I were to see Fenner and down to Wesleys. Mrs Irving very poorly.

16. Rained all day, quite warm. Ernest got a cartload of potatoes from Ham.

17. Finer but showery. Institute at night at Dolph Flemings. Marion & I went with Margaret Lowther.

18. Showery. Keith at Wyands helping with potatoes. Not feeling very well. Got letter from Sadie Head also two doctor bills.

19. Fine but quite cool. Picked our dahlias to-night. Expect there will be frost. Mr Bishop here to tea.

20. Fine day. Ernest & I went to woods with Jack and Arch Wedlock and Louise and the boys came down for the day. Church at night.

21. Just a perfect day. Out nearly all day. Ernest took in the mangles. Class here at night.

22. Another lovely day. Girls washed. Out most of day. Went down to Bobs in evening and to Creek. Foggy on the way home.

Nellie McC Brokins[?] has a son.

23. Very foggy until the middle of afternoon. Keith at Austins at potatoes. Hilda Ackland here this week teaching for Miss Campbell.

24. Showery to-day. Cleared up in afternoon. Margaret Lowther here to supper. Marion in bed to-day. Youngsters went over to Austins in evening.

25. Fine day. Keith at Austins, Ernest at Fenners. Young Peoples Society to-night. Dark as a squaws pocket.

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**October-November 1929**

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26. Went to Hunter River with PJ to dentist. Rained in evening. Mr Bishop here to tea. Had wild duck.

27. Fine day but cool. Ernest & I walked to shore in forenoon and to Rally Service at night. Irene here to tea. Quite a circus at night with Hilda and her young man.

28. Boo but it’s a sneezer to-night and a gale. Freezing. Picked a lot of dahlias to-day but ‘twill be the last. Bessie Stewart here to-night.

Mrs John McLeod. Winnies Mother

29. Still cold. The girls & K went to Town with Margaret. Anita & Keith got new coats. Tired to-night.

30. Finer to-day and not cold. The flowers are done now. Myron & Elaine up and Anita went down with them.

Mrs Irving Mary Laird

31. Ernest & I went to Alexs to-night. Fine. Busy all day getting ready for Young Peoples at night. Had about forty here and they had a real good time. Miss Campbell came up and has to give up the school.

November 1929 1st. Dark day but did not rain until night. Hilda went home. Mrs Irvings funeral in afternoon. A very large funeral and Mr Bishop gave a splendid address. Very tired at night.

2. Dark day again and very warm. Rained a little. Finished turnips. Mr Bishops over to tea. The Wyand family out to practice.

3. Sunday. Went up to Bay View from Church.

4. Washed in AM. Nice day but rained in evening. Went to bed after dinner and stayed until thursday. Woolner youngsters up for their music lessons. XYZ

5. Poured rain all day. Feeling pretty mean. Keith at Austins grading potatoes.

6. Raining and snowing a little. There was a time at Ernie Houstons for the Armstrongs. None of us went. Ernest dug dahlias.

7. Got up in afternoon, nice day. Not feeling very good.

8. Up and at it all day. Keith went to Emerald for Anita and Jean Caseley came down in the evening. Hilda Ackand went home. Some stir. Tired?

9. Dull day snowing a little. Ernest working at manure. Rather busy.

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**November 1929**

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10. Lovely fine day. United Church in AM. All went but the cook. Bunch went to Wyands. Elmer took Keith, Marion, Anita & Jean to Kensington to Church. Dad & small kids & I went to John F’s for evening.

11. Very fine day. Mrs Wyand came out in AM and helped me sew. Got red dress cut out. Alex and May up to-night.

12. Lovely day. Very heavy white frost in morning. Mother & Lois down to dinner. Robbie Toombs and Avalah here at night. Ernest went with Preston to York Point to see Cora McLeod and she is coming to teach.

Mrs. Art Rollings Will Haslam.

13. Fine and mild. Anna & I went to Hammond McKenzies in afternoon to discuss quilt patterns. Out with Ernest in evening delivery school bills.

14. Rained a little all day. Everybody busy. Got the soft water pump in yesterday and Ernest running gutters to the tank. Great scarcity of water this fall. New baby girl at Cecils. Ruth.

15. Poured rain all day long. Ernest went to Stanley with cream and saw the new baby. The stock all in the barn to-night for the first time this fall. Blowing hard to-night from West. Started my red dress this afternoon.

16. Finer, colder, and blowing hard all day. Ernest banking the house. Keith at Austins. Went out with school bills in evening. Stayed at Miss Alberts.

17. Went up to Cecils this AM. Dr Claude Simpson down. Hurried home. Preaching in afternoon. Did not go. Marion went Bedeque with Fred & Emma Moyse. Anita at Austins all day.

18. Fine in AM. Nan & I washed got clothes dry before it stormed in evening. Snowed and rained at night. Felt a distinct earthquake shock at 4:35 PM. Fell all over the Maritimes as far north as Newfoundland and south as far as Boston. Class here at night.

19. Lovely fine day. Roads bad. Ernest & I went to Rustico in afternoon. I had supper at Alec’s and stayed at Institute Annual Meeting. Mr Ben Woolner Pres. Tired at night and didn’t sleep.

20. Fine and cold. Bean supper at New Glasgow. Keith & Anita went. Hilda & her young man too.

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**November-December 1929**

Nov 29

21. Cold. Frozen. K, Anita, and Hilda at Wyands in evening. Ham here too. ~~Dr. Fleming married~~

22. 12A. Fine and cold. Young peoples at Chesters Woolners. Yarn came from Souris. Butchered hogs 5 young one and sow.

23. Fine but cold. Ernest took pork to Campbellton to Herb McEwen 14 1/2c. Anita collecting for orphanage. Margaret Wright and Margaret Lowther here to tea.

24. Fine day. Irene here to tea. U. Church at night. Tom Doyle died in City Hospital.

Tom Doyle

25. Killed Keith’s chickens. Elmer, Ernest, and I started for Bedeque. Got as far as Grahams Road, got stuck in snow bank and turned back.

26. 12A. Bitter cold in AM. Marion came to Hunter River and Dad went after her. Mr & Mrs Bishop, Ellice, Anna, & Mabel McVane here in evening. Youngsters skating on the pond. Mild at night.

27. Thawing this morning. Washed. Went over to Jerrys in afternoon. Alex up at Jerrys at night.

28. Finer, pretty muddy road, freezing a little to-night. Ernest & I went to Wyands this evening.

29. Cold and froze hard this morning. A very rough road. Snowed hard all the afternoon and piled up in banks at night. Young People at Bobs tonight.

30. 4A. Pretty snappy but bright and fine. Celebrated Bobs and Jennies 20th anniversary at night. Gave them a china tea set. Lots of fun, fine night and good road. Not enough snow to hurt but to help the road.

Dec 1st. Fine bright day. Fairly cold. Edward Lowther here all day. Mrs Wyand and Ethel called.

2. Fine till evening. Washed. Thrashed. Marion working at cards and calendar. All home in the evening.

3. Rather a stormy day Ernest took cow down to Bob McKenzie. Anita at Austins to-night. Rink meeting. Orange Lodge organized. Mr & Mrs Bishop over for a little while this evening.

4. Was fine, had planned to go to Town but I didn’t go. Youngsters skating in evening. Lorraine got her skates. Charlie McKenzie and Mr & Mrs Wyand here in evening practicing for Institute. Miss McVane & Anna over.

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**December 1929**

Dec 1929

5. 12A. Fine but very cold. Ernest and Anita went to town. Not feeling very well.

6. In bed all day. Ernest went to Hunter River for stove for school and for books from Maud. Got 50 new books and a host of magazines. The Lowther Kiddies over. Young Peoples at Willie Robinsons and the girls nearly froze coming home. Uncle Hugh McLure died at noon. XYZ

Hugh McLure

7. Snowed. Ernest put up school stove. I stayed in bed.

8. Got up at noon. Still snowing and cold. Ernest went to church and funeral in afternoon with Jerry.

9. Girls washed but too dirty to hang out clothes. Ernest & K. picking chickens and killed little pig. Bitter cold.

John Houston

10. Cold and blowing and drifting. John Houston Mayfield died yesterday. Finished chickens. Cecil went to town. Institute at Leigh Warrens. Didn’t go, too cold.

11. Stormy weather for two weeks. The men in the woods.

Ed Grahams new boy arrived the 13th or 14th

12. Took sick this morning, congestion of liver. Very sick for six days. Then got a little easier. Had doctor down twice on the 15th and 17th. Very rough, stormy weather. Very cold some days. Moved me into the west spare room.

19. Bay View Institute had a bazaar and program in the hall. The family all went but Dad and I. Killed beef on the 16th and canned chickens. Got a 4 lb box of chocolates from the girls in Windsor Ontario. Keith took Margaret and Annie to Town on the 21st.

21st. Drive in pretty cold at night but a good road. Reuel LePage operated on for appendicitis on the 19th. Getting along alright.

22. 8A. Mr Armstrong came over in afternoon but the church wasn’t prepared. Very cold day. United Church preaching at night. Elmer down. Blowing very hard.

23. Ernest went to town in AM. Irene Wyand went with him. Moderated in the day. Not feeling very well but able to be up.

24. Grey day and raining this afternoon. Keith and Anita went to Creek. Marion over at Jerrys packing some Christmas baskets for the Institute. Got a lot of mail to-day. The girls over to Jerrys to-night.

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**December 1929**

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25. Lovely day. The Bay View folks down and Ham and Mack here for dinner. The Fyfe boys. Eric Bell. Robbie Toombs. The Wyand young fry and Lowther girls here in evening. Everyone very tired but had a good day. Santa very good to all. Ernest & I drove down to Mrs Alberts in afternoon. Lowthers & us skating in PM.

26. Lovely bright day and not cold. Ernest working on telephone line with Clarence Stewart. Keith took me over to Austins in afternoon. Got long letter from Maud telling of Mr McDonald’s accident in electric car. Heard about George Clarke being blamed for Eva Purseys trouble. Cost Fred $850.00

27. Stormy. Not feeling well at all but kept up. Young Peoples at EC LePage’s. Our bunch didn’t go.

28. Feeling very miserable, should have been in bed. Kids went to rink in New Glasgow

29. Stayed in bed till evening. Side sore. No preaching in place or at all.

30. Gertrude Clarke has another daughter. Quite a stormy morning but brightened up in afternoon. Been an awful time this last month to get washing done or dried rather.

31. Heavy silver thaw again. Rained and froze. Telephone line all smashed to bits again. Jerrys over this evening. Still in bed.

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**January 1930**

Jan 1930

1. Lovely day. Very pretty. Quite cold and sparkly. Ernest went over for Mother. She doesn’t get far from home this winter. Feeling pretty tired this evening.

2. Mild again. The young fry, K., Anita, & Lorraine went to New Glasgow last night to skate and are pretty tired to-day. Mary Stewart here sewing, making Marion’s velvet dress. Got up before dinner. Not feeling anything extra.

3. Poured rain all day. Ernest and Clarence on the line until 2 o’clock. Feeling much better to-day and able to do a little. No Young People to-night.

4. Fine and little colder. Bad place at our gate. Ernest away on the telephone line again to-day.

Finer to-day and colder to-night. Ernest away all day. Finished telephone line and got central to-night. Mary Stewart here sewing last three days. Annie Lowther here all night.

5. Sunday. Cold but fine. Family went to church. PJ and I wrote letters and got dinner. Elmer down in evening. 2B at night.

6 Cloudy, looks like storm. Sawing wood. School started with Mary Stevenson as teacher. Thawing by evening like smoke. Girls went with Jerrys to Mr Bishops to a surprise party for them. Blair Andrews quite badly hurt at Stanley at a horse race. Keith and Cecil went to Stanley to hockey practice.

7. 45A. Still thawing and the fields showing up bare. Roads bad to-night. Ernest went to New Bridge to pay school coal bill. Mrs Alex Toombs very poorly. Alma McN married.

8. 50A. Lovely day. Fields all bare. Ernest went to Stanley this afternoon for his watch that Marnie sent him. Cut Lorraines dress. Marion has a sore throat. Terrible roads now.

9. Colder and freezing a little all day, snowed a little.

10. Colder and snowed hard all day. Girls invited to the manse to tea and had YP meeting at night. Finished Lorraines dress. XYZ

11. 6B. Pretty sick all day, bitter cold and blowing hard. Ernest with me most of day.

12. 2A. Moderated a little, calmer. K Anita & Margaret went to New Glasgow for the day. Marion sick. Mrs Wyand out in afternoon and Mother down at night. Snowing a little at night.

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**January 1930**

Jan 1930

13. Fine. Marion in bed most of day. Ernest went to store. Mr & Mrs Bishop called in evening. Still in bed. Elmer here in evening.

14. Lovely day, not very cold. Anita washed and after dinner Keith and Anita went to Wilmot to see Jean Casely. Ernest went to Hunters River with potatoes. $1.15 per bus. Alex McNeills got their new range.

15. Raining to-day and freezing. Got Eaton parcel. Institute at Austins at night. Mrs. Ben Woolner and Louis here. Not many at Institute. I could not go.

16. Fine. Ernest and Anita went to Hunter River to Dentist. Day fine but very cold in evening. Ernest got two teeth out. Mrs George Stetson very low. Mrs Ed Turner and her sister Rosie very low. Both have had Typhoid.

Rosie Doyle Henderson

17. 2B. Very cold. Keith at Wesleys sawing wood to-day. Sawed at Jerrys yesterday. Young Peoples at Austins. Anita ready for Town.

18. 0. Fine but pretty cold. Dad and Anita went to town. Snow and rain storm at night. Lorraine at the Manse to afternoon tea. Ellice over to tea and stayed all night. Town girls at young Will Grahams.

19. Fine day but pretty cold in morning. United Church in afternoon. Ernest got stuck in lane and had to go home. Keith got Nell out and he had to come home. Mrs Ed Turner a little better.

20. Lovely day, Ernest and Marion washed. The men working at the ice. Ernest took me down to Mrs Alberts in afternoon. Mrs Turner not quite so well.

21. Fine but grey. Snowing this evening. Feeling better to-day. Still at ice. Putting in a lot this year. Poor Mrs Ed Turner died this evening of pneumonia. She has ten children. Whooping cough on the go this winter.

Annie Doyle Turner

22. Fine. nearly finished ice. Marion working at quilt. Cut up oranges for marmalade. Keith, Marion and Irene went to Stanley to Hockey match. Stanley won the game. Marion got hit with the puck.

23. 8B. Cold morning. Keith helping Lorne with ice. Ernest went to Stanley in afternoon and I went up to Bay View with him. Very cold to-night but calm. 12B at 7 PM. Letter from Nan.

24. Still quite frosty. Keith at Charlie Wyands. Dad churned. Peggie & Mabel have whooping cough. Ernest churned. YP at Chester Woolners. K. went to N Glasgow to skate.

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**January-February 1930**

Jan 30

Nelson Cousins died at Stanley

25. Fine and milder. Keith at C Wyands and Allens in PM. Mary Stevenson here to tea and for the night. Girls have cold.

26. 2B. Cold and blowing hard all day. Mr Darby preached in B. Church. Marion, Lorraine feeling pretty mean. Very cold night.

27. 8B. Still bitter cold. Girls no worse but Lorraine not going to school. Allen Wyands at ice. Keith helping.

28. Fine day but not so cold. Had a drive in afternoon up to Bay View to see the Graham twins. Called at Jerrys. Snowing at night. Girls feeling pretty mean.

29. Snowing, drifting, and colder. Nothing strange or startling happening these days.

30. Frosty but fine. Winnie over in afternoon. Feeling pretty mean in evening. Big fire in O’Leary at night. Saw it from here.

31. Grey and cold, wind east. School exam this afternoon. Young Peoples at the Manse at night. Had their first News Paper.

Feb 1. Fine day, had drive in afternoon as far as Tennis. Mary Tennis pretty poorly. Keith took Lowther girls over to New Glasgow.

2. Snowing in afternoon. Keith went to NG for Margaret and Annie. Ernest went to Church in AM.

3. Lovely fine day. Drove as far as Wyands came back to school. Dr F had been here. Elmer down in evening.

4. 14B. Fine but frosty. 26 B at Hunters River. Ernest and I went to the Manse in evening. Robbie Toombs out.

5. Snowing a little. Wind south part of day but north and colder to-night. Ham John McCallum and Amos Blacquiere here thrashing. Keith and Marion went over to Austins to-night.

6. Nothing much doing. Weather cold, but fine. No news. Storming and drifting at night. Zero all day.

7. Fine but cold. Young Peoples called off. Keith took Lowther girls to New Glasgow to rink.

8. Rough day all day. Snowing and drifting all day. Marion not feeling good. No mail.

Mrs Dondale

9. Lovely fine day but cold. No preaching. Keith, Marion and Margaret at Bay View for evening. Mrs Wyand Ethel & Herb out.

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**February 1930**

Feb 1930

10. Milder to-day. Snow storm in morning and snowing again to-night. Got mail to-day.

11. Lovely day. Dad & Marion washed. Dandy day for clothes. Doctor down in afternoon. Cheese Factory meeting in afternoon.

12. Perfect day again. Marion & I drove down to Chester Woolners to cut out the quilt for Institute. Got home at 9 PM all in. Marion’s throat sore. Frosty. Keith at Geo McCoubreys thrashing.

13. 38A. Fine but drifting all day. Ernest went to Hunter River with potatoes. $1.05 to-day. Milder to night. Looks like rain. Marions got a sore throat.

14. Rained in night and part of forenoon. Roads bad. Lemmie Wyand has pleurisy. Marion in bed all day but seems better to-night. I made biscuits and cookies.

15. Fine and bright. Keith went to Hunter River with potatoes $1.00 per bus. Marion better. Hockey match at Stanley between Cavendish and Stanley.

16. Snowing early and turned into an old time howler. One of the worst for years. Mr Bishop went to New Glasgow and got home all right. Terrific gale 40 miles per hour. Several barn roofs blew off and a great number of chimneys in Town and country down. Austins barn and pighouse roof went.

17. No mail to-day. Bitter cold but fine. The men had quite a bit of road breaking to do. Marion better.

18. Grey day but milder. Ernest washed. Got mail. Letters from Anita and Lydie. Keith at Austins thrashing.

Mary Tennis Arsenault

19. Fine but a grey day. Lorraine got a letter from Mildred Dondale saying her mother had died the 8th. Institute at night at Roy Toombs. Ernest and I went. Roads very bad.

Aunt Ann Dennis

20. Fine and mild, real spring like. Ernest went with Jerry to the funeral. Marion went up to see Gertrude and babies. Zebs daughter Ida daughter died last night.

Mrs Bonnell

Mimas Mother

21. Lovely fine day. Ernest went over with potatoes to H River. Young Peoples at LePage’s to-night.

22. Lovely day. Ernest went to Hunter River. Got up at 3 PM. Went over to Jerrys for a little while. Lowther kids, Woolner kids, Irene Wyand, and May and Alex up this evening. Irene stayed all night.

23. Sun. Lovely fine day. Thawing. Dad and I went down to see Bob McKenzie in afternoon. Called in at Mrs Alberts. Road getting soft.

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**February-March 1930**

24. Rained and thawed today. Marion washed. Cecil here butchering his hogs.

25. Lovely day. Got the wash out early and got it dry. Thawed quite a lot. Mrs Bishop and Mabel Woolner here in evening. Keith got hurt in woods. Dora Smith sick. Bob McKenzie better. Snowing at night.

26. Colder and blustery all day. Ernest in woods alone. Sewing at quilt patch. Got a letter from Mirna talking of her Mothers death. Marion over to Austins this afternoon.

27. Fine but cold. Working at quilts. Keith went to Hockey game at N Glasgow. Anita having exams. Dad & I went down to Alex’s in evening got home late.

28. Lovely day. Keith & Ernest in woods in AM. Dad went with Clarence on telephone line. Dora Smith quite sick. Debate at YPSociety at Freds. Miss Mathesons side won. Miss M here for weekend. Resolved that the Maritime Provinces are more essential to Canada than the rest of Canada is to the Maritimes.

March 1. Lovely day. Anita came home from CBI. The Lowther girls came over in evening. Tired to-night.

2. Cloudy and raining a little this afternoon. Miss Matheson and Marion & PJ went over to Austins in afternoon. Keith & Anita have bad cold.

3. Blowing hard but not very frosty. Anita in bed with a sore throat. Ernest and I went to Creek to see if we could get a place in EC’s store for Anita. Nothing doing. Hockey again at Stanley. Bible Class at Jerrys.

4. Fine. Keith hauling mud from Sou’West River. Washed.

5. Fine. Working at quilts. Practice at Geo McCoubreys. Mabel McVane came to Jerrys.

6. Snowed a little and rained quite hard in afternoon. Finer in evening.

7. Grey day. Keith at mud every day. Late getting home to-night. Prayer service in United Church by Missionary Societies. Mother down for the day. Pretty tired to-night. Marion Anita & Annie went to Geo McCoubreys for evening.

8. Grey day all day. Marion not very well. Keith at mud but the snow is going. Poured rain at night.

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**March 1930**

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9. Sun. No preaching. Hannah McKenzie Orr very sick with flu. Keith Anita and Margaret went to New Glasgow by way of Rustico. Marion in bed all day.

10. Fine. Got word that Hannah has a baby boy. Went down to Alex in evening and called at Greens and Alvahs. Very tired and sore to-night.

Miller Orrs baby born and died

11. Just a glorious spring day, but roads are very bad. The Community called on John F. and Mrs McNeill this afternoon and gave Mrs McNeill a bouquet of carnations. Hannahs little baby buried this afternoon, and Hannah very low with pneumonia.

John F’s 55th wedding anniversary

12. Poured rain most of last night but lovely day to-day. Brook high. Ernest and Keith out breaking roads Fields bare and roads bad. Very spring like. Have had very little ice in Gulf this winter. All clear and blue now. In bed all day to-day. Letter from Aunt Sadie. Pouring rain again to-night.

13. Snow disappeared a lot in night. Hannah a little bit better this morning and holding her own to-day. Bob McKenzie got home from Hospital. Roads very bad.

14. Pauline birthday. Very cold and blowing hard. Young People here at night. 25 here. Not feeling very well. Girls hooking little mat.

Will Laird died in Vancouver

15. Hannah McKenzie Orr died this afternoon. Four little motherless boys left. Nelson Orr quite sick with flu. Miserable cold wind.

Hannah McK Orr

16. Fine but still quite cold. Keith put eggs in incubator. Miss Stevenson here last night. Church in afternoon. Annie Lowther here for supper. Bible Class here at night. Ernest went down to Hammond McKenzies.

17. Fine day. Ernest and Jerry went to funeral. Very large. Roads very rough. Keith and Marion at play. Practice at Mr Bishops.

18. Fine day. Girls washed. Finished little mat. Marion at Manse to tea and practice. Elmer came down on horse back. Snowing at night. Shareholders meeting of Hall Company.

19. Nasty in morning but fine in evening. Roads bad. Institute here at night. Not many here but had a fairly good meeting. Tired?

20. Everybody rather tired. Men at woods.

21. Blowing and cold. Roads half bare and the other half too much snow. YP met at Robinsons. The “Reds” won the contest. Hall meeting of directors [?]

22. 8A. Still cold. Got mat bound and in frames and made apron. Mable Simpson here all night.

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**March 1930**

March/30

23. Lovely fine day but wind cold. Anita has cold. Class at Jerrys.

24. Lovely day, not so cold. Meeting at Jerrys to discuss Valley Farm, Play. Hooking. Shower for Mildred Woolner. Marion went.

25. Lovely fine day but the wind keeps cool. Have had very little East wind yet. Ernest & Keith at the mill getting lumber sawed in afternoon. Had big day at mat. Pretty tired.

26. Cloudy cold east wind. Pouring rain all afternoon. Brighter this evening. Mildred Woolner and Lionel Robertson to be married sometime to-day. Sore throat.

27. In bed all day throat pretty bad. Girls hooking. Men in woods. Pauline sick too.

28. Fine, feeling better but Marion and Keith got it next. Marion quite sick at night. YPs at Wesleys. Social Evening and banquet put up by the “blues.” Election of officers and Paper. Got up in evening. Sawing wood at Cecils.

29. Polly has three kittens. Grey morning and most of day. Got up at noon and hooked some in PM. Marion feeling better.

30. Fine. U Church in AM. Lorraine & I got dinner. Marion up in afternoon. Class at Jerrys. Anna has been quite miserable but no better.

31. Lovely fine day. Big day for me up at 7:30 and helped with work. Anita washed. Marion up but feeling miserable. Pauline miserable all day. Ernest & I went over to Jerrys in a carriage this evening. Elmer down on horseback. Had letter from Miss Collier, Johanasburg.

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**April 1930**

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1. Fine day. Pauline still quite sick. Men sawing wood. Hooking in afternoon. No news.

2. Raining most of day. Ernest went to Harolds in AM. Roads very bad. Pauline not much better and Ernest sick. Finished mat. (New calf Lucy)

3. Ground white this morning and stayed on all day though very little frost. Had Dr Fleming down for Pauline. She seemed better this evening. Ernest feels mean all day. Roads bad to-night.

4. Cold wind blowing hard all day. Got Pauline down to room in afternoon. Her temperature down in evening. First Valley Farm play practice at Jerrys.

5. Fine day but wind very cool. Perfect evening. Pauline quite better. “Love Wins Out” play practice here at night. Hooking all day. Tired. Marion pretty miserable. Shovelling road.

Keith went to Hunter River for brooder

6. Lovely day. Robins here. No church. Had a walk in afternoon. Annie Lowther here for tea. Ellice over in evening. Bible class at Jerrys. Keiths chickens hatched.

7. Washed but it rained so didn’t get clothes dry. Simpson order came over. Everyone busy.

8. Fine early. Showery before noon. Fine in afternoon. Upton Smith has pneumonia. A lot of sickness all around. All better here.

9. Finished sawing wood. Painted wagon. Anna sick. Upton very sick. Hammond McKenzie here in afternoon. Hooking tired.

10. Ground white with snow in morning. Mostly gone by night. Ellice and Edward here for supper. Ellice helping hook. Ernest at Cecil’s thrashing. Set incubator for ourselves.

Dolph Fleming baby girl

11. Fine but cool. Finished hooking and put a quilt in. Ernest & Pauline at Cecils this PM. Keith at Jerrys sawing wood. Bob and Jennie up this evening.

12. Fine. Keith went to Hunter River with load for Wesley. Ernest sawing at Jerrys when he should have been in bed. May & Alex up to night. Play practice here. Ernest sick. Upton very sick to-night.

13. Lovely day. Ernest in bed. Dr called in afternoon pronounced it quinsey. Preaching in afternoon. Roy Stevenson up this evening. Anna got lumbago. Harold Toombs had car to church.

14. Threatened rain but cleared up. Finished one quilt and put in another. Over to see Anna in evening. Set three hens. Cecil down with car.

15 Fine and bitter cold. Feels like ice. Clothes froze on line. Busy tired. Upton seems a little better. Ernest better.

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**April 1930**

April 1930

16. Keith went to Hunter River with potatoes. Snowed in squalls and blew a gale. Keith took buck wagon and was home before 1 PM. Quilting. Upton better. Potatoes $1.00. Pork is 16c at Bradalbane.

Roads opened to cars.

17. Finer and not quite so cold. Ernest got a load of hay from Milton McKenzie. Quilting. Ernest working at back place. Went down to see Hammond McKenzie this evening. Called at Lornes.

18. Cloudy. Mayor Prowse and Jack Webster out for the first time this year. Mother down all day. Pouring rain to-night and the three girls over at the manse.

19. Milder to-day. Ernest putting floor in back stairs landing. Roads terrible. Practice at night.

20. Raining and miserable all day. Cold to-night. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop here to tea.

Easter

21. Very cold but finer and lovely clear evening. Freezing hard. Alex up for four setting eggs Girls started house cleaning. Keith went to Hunter River for Lowther girls.

22. Lovely fine day all day. Froze hard but looks like rain to-night. Cemetery meeting to-night. Girls painting and housecleaning this evening. Ernest has washroom floor up. Glorious mess. Edgar Tennis here splitting wood.

23. Miserable day all day. Ernest took out partition between kitchen and washroom. Snowing and blowing a gale all afternoon.

24. Little finer. Girls papering spare room. Ernest put down floor in north end kitchen. Institute at night at Ben Woolners. Ernest & I the only ones from Cavendish.

25. Fine day. Ground white in AM. Pretty tired. Had a big day. Moved stove cleaned flue. Mr & Mrs Bishop asked Ernest to help out with play. YPS at Church. XYZ first since January. All in.

26. Lovely day. Girls busy. I stayed in bed most of day. Play & concert practice at night. PJ & Mother home alone. Lorraine over with Margaret.

27. Sunday. Lovely fine day. All went to Church but me in AM. Got dinner Ernest learning his play.

28. Lovely morning early but turned into a miserable day by noon but cleared up by 3 PM. Lorraine got letter from Margaret Dennis. Play practice at night. Tired. Anita washed. Marion painting.

Planted sweet peas

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**April-May 1930**

April/30

29. Lovely day all day. Planted part of hot bed and Ernest put the dahlias in earth. I walked over to Ellices in morning. Marion went to Orange practice. Myron and Elaine up from Tryon for first time this spring.

30. The first really spring like day and evening. Andrew Paynter here to-day. I went up to the play practice at night. Sheriff has taken charge of the Earl Simpson property.

May 1. Just a lovely warm spring day. Keith harrowing mangle land in afternoon. Went to Chester Woolners for hay in morning. Dad and I went up for clams in evening.

2. Lovely morning. Went with Cecil to S Side and stayed up at Bay View until after supper. Thunder in afternoon and heavy rain. YPS at Rustico to night. Incubator came off. About 50 chicks.

3. Fine all day but cooler. Sewing. Mr & Mrs Webster out in afternoon. Busy and tired.

4. Cloudy, rained in afternoon. Dreary day.

5. Fine and cold. Trying to finish satin dress. Got word in afternoon that Harold Toombs and Thyra Clarke had disappeared. There’s a heartache in Cavendish to-night. Went down to shore with Mrs Wyand and Blanche. Practice to-night.

6. Cloudy but did not rain too much. Girls washed. I went over to John F’s in afternoon to see if Winnie had a dress Marion could wear at play. Ernest & I went over to Mrs Alberts in evening. Everyone feeling terrible about Harold and Thrya. No word of them yet.

7. Lovely fine day. Went up to Wilburs and Freds this evening. Everyone terribly worked up about Harold and Thyra but they were found at Hartland N.B.

Sowed mangles

8. Fine day. Girls cleaned my room. Jerrys over for a while this evening. Everybody very tired.

9. Another fine day. Cleaned pantry. Murial Stewart Louis & Margaret here. Busy busy day. Going to Mayfield to-night. Went to Willie Moffats.

10. Thyra and Harold have each arrived at their respective homes. Choir practice here and play practice at Hall. Everybody tired. Weather fine but cold. Keith sowed field across lane.

Sowed first grain.

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**May 1930**

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11. Lovely fine day but wind bitter cold. Ellice came home with girls from Sunday School. Mr Quigley preaching in afternoon.

Mothers Day

12. Fine, warmer. Blowing hard. Heavy white frost this morning. Girls washed. Practice to-night. Keith harrowing shore field.

Capt Dan Sutherland

13. Fine day but cold and dry. Sewing. Girls ironing and working in garden. Keith harrowing at shore. Dad & I went down to Alex for a coat for the play.

14. Fine. Heavy white frost but a cool cloudless day. Girls went to Town with Cecil. Keith sowed field mixed field below pond. Play practiced.

15. Wind south west & SE today for a change. Cloudy to-night. Everyone wishing for rain. Ernest & Anita at Hall papering stage etc. Cut out two dresses for children. Went up to Hall with Ernest to-night. Headache all day.

16. Glorious rain last night and warm to-day and cloudy. Papered kitchen. Everybody tired to-night. Keith working on road this afternoon.

17. Fine, blew hard. Headaches for days, better to-night. Play practice at night. Everybody very tired. Poured rain after nine PM.

18. Lovely bright morning but wind blowing cold. Annie & Margaret here for dinner. Keith got a small mess of lobsters last night 10c per lb. Pauline & I went to Mrs Alberts and Dad to Alex.

19. Lovely day. The grain is up in field across lane. Ernest & I set out trees at Bonnells. Girls washed. Andrew Paynter cut door in kitchen outside wall. Last play practice to-night.

20. Cloudy all day and raining all night. Put on the Eyes of Love play. Took in about $70.00. Russel Webb & Pearl Lockerby here to dinner. Had the first cod fish for supper. Strenuous day.

21. Northeast storm all day and cold. Everybody tired. Ernest working at kitchen. Elmer down in evening.

22. Fine but very cold north and east wind. Eyes of Love play in Hunter River to-night. Andrew Paynter here this afternoon. Tired to-night.

23. Finer but cold. Mother down all day. Doing various odd jobs. Chickens hatching. Eddie Douse fined $340.00 or 5 months jail yesterday.

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**May-June 1930**

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24. Lovely fine day, warmer. Girls cleaned front room and hall and worked in garden. Set out lettuce and 83 cabbage plants. Play at Stanley, “My Dear Rose.”

25. Fine day but as cold as ever. All the family went to church. Francis here for the afternoon. Rained in night.

26 Last hatch of incubator 60 this time. Setting out lettuce plants in garden Girls in garden, all the afternoon. Marjorie and Thrya down.

27. Warmer to-day. Rained a little in AM. Busy. Girls in garden. Play Eyes of Love in Harrington to-night. Got home 12:10 AM. Big crowd. Made $47.50.

28. Wet day. Everybody tired. Made little pink dress for Lorraine. Everybody in bed early.

29. Cloudy until about 3:30 PM. Cleared up lovely and fine and the play crowd went to Tryon to-night. Herb Stewart up from Brackley. Youngsters & myself went over to John F’s and went to Crick with Ern & Winnie.

Tryon $47.00

30. Wind south west to-day all day for the first time for weeks. Ernest went to Hunter River for fertilizer. Girls and Keith got home about noon. Chickens hatching.

31. Fine. Sewing. Set out plants. Practice at night. Set out cabbage plants. Tommy Hiscott’s baby died, 2 weeks old.

June 1st. Fine AM and rained hard in evening and all night. Preaching in afternoon.

2. Washed in AM. Ernest cutting sets. Gordons landed this evening. Play at Fredericton Got $31.00. Every one tired.

3. Fine very warm. Everybody tired this morning. Got a bag of gaspereau last night at the shore. Clam bake at Bay View to-night. First bunch of tourists for supper.

4. Very warm in forenoon. Thunder shower in afternoon. Girls transplanting out of hot bed and setting in dahlias. Cutting sets.

5. Sewing and Lydie in at Wyands. Put on play at Cavendish and took in 58 or 59 dollars. Everybody tired.

Cavendish

6. Fine and desperately hot all day. Cecil in Town and got a new car. Didn’t do much. Gordons went to Vernon after dinner.

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**June 1930**

June 30

7. Fine but not quite as hot as yesterday. Planted beans and potatoes. Pauline at Jerrys at night. Liberal meeting in Mayfield.

8. Lovely day. Cecil took Ernest & I with them to Tryon in their new car. Had a lovely day and feel a little tired. Forty six cars at the shore this afternoon.

9. Showery early but turned out warm. Ernest set out tomato plants. Girls washed. Gordons came this evening. Play Eyes of Love at Rustico. Made $37.22.

Play Rustico

10. Very warm, early but wind came cooler. Girls tired. Lydie at shore all day. They got a nice bunch of trout. Finished the work on house. Working on Lorraines dress.

11. Fine and very hot. Ernest & Gordon started the cottage. Sewing, etc. Went up to Bay View for clams. Play Mummy[?] and the Mumps.

12. Very hot weather. Everybody busy. Baked for Institute bunch. Institute at Jerrys. Good meeting. Tired.

13. Still very hot and dry. Temp 83A. Got a picture of Bonnell children. Sewing.

14. Fine and hot, the temp has been up to 80 degrees almost every day for nearly two weeks. Looks like rain tonight. Gordon & Lydie went home this evening. Set out celery and garden plants.

15. 86A. Very, very hot. Big crowd at shore. Had a quiet day. Preaching in afternoon. Ernest & I walked to shore in evening. Tired.

16. 89A to 90A above to-day and blowing hard. We need rain badly. Washed bedding and painting and sewing. Went out for school bills in evening.

17. Much cooler to-day. Washed bedding. Play in Stanley at night (Wanted a Wife) They took Ren Toombs to Falconwood today.

18. Cloudy and cooler. Girls papered front porch. Mrs Albert and Lorne up this evening in their new car.

19. Nice shower this morning. Ernest & I went to Town with Cecil and Mother. Had a busy day. Very tired.

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**June 1930**

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20. Very hot to-day and sticky. Heavy thunder storm at night. Sewing to-day. Everybody tired to-night.

21. Had another good rain this afternoon and more thunder. Ernest & Clarence out on telephone line. It was smashed up in storm last night and several post smashed down by Guy Rollings. Painting sewing and baking.

22. Lovely day after rain and the O’Leary crowd Jim, Lizzie, Elmer Isabelle and Lillian were down. Alf Simpson and Charlie Joe were here to supper on lawn. Restaurants opened at shore to-day.

23. Very warm in forenoon, showers in afternoon. Mr Fraser & family arrived and are in Mr Bonnells house. Girls washed and picked berries. Concert practiced to-night.

24. Fine. Sewing all day. Went down to Bob McKenzie’s to a committee meeting. Hoeing in garden. Keith hilled potatoes. Everybody tired.

25. Fine. Marion sick in AM but went to Emerald to-night to help Stanley. Making sheets. Ernest at cottage.

26. Lovely day but pretty warm. Varnishing floors. Ernest & I went to Rustico.

27. Very warm all day. Busy. Keith and Anita whitewashing and painting. Orange Lodge concert at night. The old folks stayed home.

28. Fine and blowing hard. Had a little birthday picnic for Mother to-day. Everybody very tired to-night. Elaine and family Enid & family and Cecils’ here.

29. Fine and very dry. Dust bad again. Tremendous crowd at shore. Church in afternoon, not many there.

30. Another very dry, hot day. Girls washed. Marion in bed, tired out. Sick last night but is better to-night. Got church organ fixed.

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**July 1930**

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1. Terrible gale all day and so dry. Rain is needed very much. Busy sewing. Marion better. Spent the evening at Mr Frasers.

2. Very warm and windy. A little shower this afternoon. Made pillows and got two rooms straightened around for children at Keiths. Had a walk to shore.

3. Cloudy and foggy but no rain. Mother down, all day. Very busy. United Church Rally. Went to it last night. Pretty slow.

4. Quite cool and cloudy most of day. Mr. McFadyen brought a Mr & Mrs Johnson from Ontario here for the night. Been quite busy all day. Mr Green built the flue of cottage

5. Lovely day all day. Busy. Had the Frasers up this evening.

6. Fine and dry. Another big day at shore. Went to United Church at night. Raining.

7. Glorious rain most of day. Went to Town with Mr Fraser. Elaine & Myron arrived to-night. Tired oh boy.

8. Misty in AM. Young People went to Tormentine picnic. All tired at night. Aunt Louise in Hospital, very sick. XYZ for me and feeling pretty rotten. Pauline busy. Mr & Mrs Fraser went to St. John.

9. Fine and cooler. Ernest fixed drain. Keith at potatos. Girls tired.

10. Lovely day, feeling better but weak. Mima came this evening. Marion cut her hand and had to see the Dr to-night.

11. Very busy all day. Poured rain, had a rest in afternoon. Mrs and Miss Glass came at night. Very nervous people.

12. Lovely day. Ernest went to S.Side to see Louise in Hospital. Orange today. Gave Mr & Mrs Clapp, Mima and the Misses Brown a lobster supper. Had a car ride to shore.

13. Very fine. Dr. Myers and wife and Miss Rogers came. Geo Webbs down from O’Leary. Church at night.

14. Lovely day but hot. Started hay to-day. Misses Brown and Mr & Mrs Clapp left and Miss Piers and Miss Musgrave came from Halifax.

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**July-August 1930**

July 1930

15. Rained most of day. Cleared up this evening. Got letter from Lizzie. Louise very poorly. Busy day.

16. Lovely day. Girls picked a nice lot of berries. Just busy. Men cutting hay. Miss Marshall came.

17. Lovely day. Pretty warm. Went with Myron to Rustico. Mr Bishop over in evening.

18. Fine all day but very hot. Very bad thunder storm at night.

20. Showery in AM. Myron took Ernest & I to S. Side to see Louise. She seems a little better. Douglas McIntosh preach this AM. Myron preaches to-night.

Baby girl at the mill

21. Fine day but warm. Marion went to Town with Cecil. Anita and I had a busy day. The Brintons went to Tryon. Political meeting at Clifton.

22. All busy. People came for the cottage. Everybody busy as can be. Mrs Dyke took us to the creek to night.

23. Finished hay. Ernest working at school. I went over to Hunter River with Miss Rogers. Blueberries pretty good.

Ernest McNeills have a new boy

24. 25 and 26 fine and too busy to write. Dr Myers left 24th and Mrs and Miss Glass 25th and Miss Piers and Miss Musgrave on the 26th. Pretty warm and very dry weather.

27. Lovely day, tremendous crowd at shore. Miss Myers very miserable all day and so was Marion. Mr Quigley preached. Ankle sore, got stung.

28. Very busy all day. Federal election. XYZ. Over with Winnie for awhile in afternoon.

29. Not very well. Kept quiet, had to go to bed in afternoon. Play at night. “It happened in June.” Very good.

30. Mother down to-day. Mrs Abott and the Crosbys here in afternoon. Very warm day. Girls very busy.

31. Feeling better but pretty weak. Anita sick to-night.

First Aug. Misses Norris and Miss McKinnon came.

Aug 2nd. Miss Gillings came.

4. Mrs Findley came. Mr & Mrs McGarry & Margaret

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**August-September 1930**

Aug

10th. Have had a very busy week. Louise very poorly. Ernest & I were up to see her in Hospital. They took her home yesterday, she can’t get better. Two men killed in S. Side last week Fred Large and another [?]. Started cutting grain the 8th. Very dry all week but rained last night and is raining to-day. Have a lovely bunch of people. Everybody so friendly. Little pig arrived the 9th.

Had a very busy summer. For first two weeks of Aug, had 16 extra and had Miss Sargent until Sept 12th.

Aug 16 Louise died on August 16th. Ernest was up west for four days. Willie McK May and Belle were here one Saturday afternoon on their way home from Town. Alvin Webb and Miss Haywood were down on Sunday too. John R Robinson and wife were on from Chicago. Ernest and I went up west for a ten day visit on the 4th Sept. Had a nice time. Lizzie and John very miserable. Aunt Mayme[?] Webb dying of cancer. We were to Tignish and Alberton. Called at Mrs Belle Champions. Blanche was married this summer to Mr Philips the Anglican minister at Alberton. They have a lovely home we called to see Rose Grey too for a little while. Were at Campbellton Arlington, Port Hill etc. Came home 14th. Been a very dry summer. Everything burnt up. Have no apples here at all this year. Got a nice lot of plums, imported.

Louise Webb Ramsay

Mrs Wm Green died

Sept 14 Pouring rain all day. Lowther kids home to-day and over here. They are going to PWC. Just a little tired after our trip. Got a new coat for Lorraine and myself. Expecting Murray Laird and his friend any day now.

15. Girls washed. K. & Dad thrashed. Dark part of day but got clothes dry. Murray Laird and Chester Macdonald came about three o’clock. Pouring rain to-night.

16. Very warm all day. Four of the family and Murray & Chester went away driving for the day to Park Corner, Northam & Bedeque. Had a busy day. Mother and Lois down this afternoon.

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**September 1930**

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17. Fine and still warm. Started potatoes and the girls picked some cranberries. The bunch have gone to Town to a picture. Institute at Mort Williams to-night. Dad & I got ready to go but it started raining and Ham came so here we are.

18. Lovely day. The boys left this afternoon and we all boo-hooed like babies Mr & Mrs Quigley called. XYZ to-night and very tired.

19. Fine day. Marion not very well. Dad and Anita went to York where Anita got a job in a store. Feeling pretty rotten to-day.

20. Lovely day to be in bed. Our twenty fith anniversery and Dad in potato field all day. Everybody tired to-night.

21. Lovely fine day. Beecher Dennis and party from Port Hill were down in afternoon also Perley & Daisy and family and Isobel Ramsey and Mrs TE Ramsey from S Side. Cecils down at night.

22. New baby at Tryon at 2 AM. Myron came up for Mother. Anita went to York with Upton. Rally practice at night.

23. Fine day but blowing hard and cooler. Marion & I washed. The rest at spuds. Marion has a bad cold.

24. Lovely day. Cold in morning. Finished potatoes. Anna came over in evening. Everybody tired.

25. Lovely day. Picking cranberries. Letters from Maud & Anita & Mima. Murray & Chester arrived home on Sunday night. Practice to-night.

26. Still fine. Picked quite a lot of cranberries. Marion & Anna went to committee meeting at Chester Woolners. Got a little silver vase from the Mrs Sargeant.

27. Lovely day. Went over with Mrs Austin for the afternoon. Austin & Ellice went to Town for girls. Marion Lorraine & PJ had picnic with Jerrys at shore. Got a mean cold.

28. Fine. Rally Service at night. Quiet day.

29. Fine. Washed. Girls Marion & Waine getting ready to go up west. Dad & I went in to see Mrs Wyand to-night.

30. Fine. Girls went to Hunter River with Blanche en route to O’Leary. Tired and worried to-day. Marion and Elmer Fyfe have have dissolved partnership.

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**October 1930**

Oct 1930

1 Fine. Bob and Jennie up in afternoon to tea. Hester finished picking cranberries. Dad PJ and I went down to Alberts in evening.

2 Another lovely day but white frost this AM. Churned and baked and E put up little stove in front room.

6 Not much happened in the last few days. Ernest & Keith each gave Ham a days help at his spuds. I was sick for two days and not very good yet. Very high wind yesterday and Austin Hogan’s house burnt down. Keith went to Montague & Georgetown with Howard Ling to a Young Peoples convention and to-day went with Mr. Bishop to Malpeque. Got letter from Anita and Ms Pankey. Aunt Mayme a little better.

7. Fine. Ernest working at hall. Keith not feeling well.

8. Lovely day. Ernest helped Ham finish his spuds. Elmer down this evening and we had quite a talk. Shower for Nellie Bernard at EC LePages.

9. Fine but cloudy. Cleared up in evening and a gorgeous night.

10. Fine day. Orange Lodge had chicken supper in Hall. Made about $63.00. Tired.

11. Mrs Wm Graham died this morning at 4 o’clock. The girls came home from O’Leary. Willie and May here for dinner. Keith went to Town with them. Helping Austins with potatoes.

12. Fine. Alvin and Hattie Webb and Angus McKenzie came from O’Leary. Communion service in morning. Very warm.

13. Another very hot day. Funeral in afternoon. Nearly melted. Hospital Campaign to-night.

14. Lovely in morning but cooler to-night and wind northeast and bleak. Busy getting ready for Institute. Mort Williams very low.

15. Keith at mangles. Dad on telephone line with Clarence Stewart. Institute here at night. Peggy feeling a little better. Had a good big meeting. Raining for first time in over four weeks.

16. Raining a little. Stanley Play went to Cornwall and I went along too. Had rained a lot the other side of Hunter River but we got there and got home all right. Mac here collecting for Hospital.

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**October 1930**

Oct 1930

17. Warm. in bed all day. Too sick to move. Ernest on telephone line. Young Peoples started again. XYZ

18. Fine. Anita came home with Upton. Pretty good to have her. Keith went to Town with Howard for the girls.

19. Still in bed most of day. Much colder. Mrs Wyand called. Church in afternoon. Anita went back this evening with Howard.

20. Fine AM but came up cloudy and cold. Ernest out on phone line. Keith hauling manure. Marion & I not doing much. Peggy went to Rustico this evening with Mrs B to a practice at Institute.

21. Washed. Marion went to Town with Mr & Mrs Bishop. Wind cold. Play practice in Hall at night.

22. Fine but very cold. Snow in Western Canada. Keith ploughing. Dad & I went to Alex’s in evening.

23. Very heavy frost this morning but a lovely day. Went up to Mother’s in afternoon. Tired.

24. Lovely day, not very cold. Terrible headache in AM. Took telephone message over to Ellice. Mrs David Lowther died this AM.

25. Cloudy and looks like a storm. Elmer Isobel and Dorothy came down in afternoon and took our girls and went to Town to get a new glass in his car door. Pouring rain to-night.

26. Quite a storm. Tank in cellar full. Wind north east and driving rain all day. Sent word to O’Leary that the youngsters would not go home to-night.

27. Showery in AM. Elmer left for home about 8. 20. Isobel stayed. Finer to-night quite cool. Play practice in Hall.

28. Washed to-day but not very drying. Play at Clifton tonight. Eyes of Love. Ceci has taken our bunch up and Isobel.

29. Fine. rained at night. Practice at Hall at night for Halloween social. Keith & Isobel went to Rustico.

30. Rained nearly all day. At the hall in afternoon decorating. Quite warm. Ernest has bad cold.

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**October-November 1930**

Oct 1930 & November

31. Fine day. Not very cold. Institute put on Halloween social in Hall. Made about $39.00. Everybody tired.

Nov 1. Fine. Ernest working at Turnips. Lovely day. Keith took Isobel to Town and came home that night.

2. Lovely day, but wind cool. Alvin Webb and and Alva Jelly came down from O’Leary. Preaching at night.

3. Fine. washed. Marion not very spry. Took Lorraine, Miss Stevenson and Ethel W to Mayfield to school fair meeting.

4. Fine day, a regular pet. Mary Stevenson here to supper. Mrs McNeill and Lorne up for the evening.

5. Raining nearly all day. Eyes of Love Play was to have gone to Cornwall but didn’t. Roads pretty bad.

6. Showery came around cold and froze hard all night. Four girls killed by train.

7. Anita came home from York. Young Peoples Social at Webbs to-night about 65 here. Pretty tired after. Froze, cold.

8. Milder to-day. Ernest cleared up the garden. Lowther youngsters home for Thanksgiving. Preston Warrens sister buried to-day. Mrs Everett Stevenson, sick for years with TB.

Four girls killed near Town by train in a car. Two boys badly hurt. Doris Adams, Eleanor Stewart, Helen Higgens, and Isobel Bruce. Terribly sad affair.

9. New church to be opened at Stanley to-day. Big crowds at the three services. The girls went up with Roy Stevenson at night. Lowther girls here to supper.

10. Cold and spits of snow. Girls washed, sewing in afternoon. Marion has decided to go to Maud for the winter anyway and perhaps to work.

11. Blew hard. Cloudy in bed and quite sick with sore throat.

12. Lovely day. Anna over in afternoon. Play crowd went to Cornwall with Eyes of Love. Brought home $30.50. Mother came down with me. Very sick all day.

13. Morton Williams died this AM. Ernest working at kitchen drain these days.

Mort Williams

14. Fine and mild. Got up after dinner, but should have stayed in bed. Young Peoples at Robinsons.

15. Fine. Ernest went to funeral with Lorne. Large funeral. Cold to-night.

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**November 1930**

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16. Fine. B. Church in afternoon. Girls went.

17. Marion washed. Anita better but Lorraine sick with tonsilitis. Feeling a little better. Woolner kids up in evening.

18. Lovely day. Went down to mail box in morning then lay in the sun for an hour and a half down in the hallow below road. Pretty good for November. Marion got a letter from Maud and has decided to go away Dec 4th.

19. Another wonderful day. Mrs Art Simpson died this morning. Went down to Mrs Alberts in afternoon.

Mrs Art Simpson

20. Still fine and warm. The Brintons came up with their three small folks and Alice took Marion back with them. The girls over to the dentist to-day.

21. Another lovely day. Dad and Anita went to the funeral. Dad and I went to John F’s in evening. Not feeling well to-day and sick all night. Keith shipped his hogs to Town.

22. Cloudy but no rain. Ch Town is very short of water, reservoir dry. No rain for four weeks and a great many wells dry. Sick all day. Keith went to Town with Bobby.

23. Just as fine as ever, more like Sept than November. Ellice came over in afternoon. The rest of family went to Church at night.

24. Lovely day. Marion came home from Tyron. Aunt Lydie, Ruth & Reggie brought Keith home from town.

25. Pouring rain in morning, cleared up and rained again at night. Mission Band Concert in Hall, very good but small crowd. All went but Keith, he had tooth ache.

26. Rather dirty day. Didn’t wash no soap. Dr Jenkins little boy killed, fell down cellar steps.

27. Just a glorious dirty day all day, rain and snow. Wind east. Cooler to-night. Girls washed. Side a little better to-night. Been mean for a week.

28. Fine but colder. Frost on windows this AM. Young Peoples at Paynters to-night. Amanda and George Robertson here and Ham. Ground covered with snow, some using sleighs.

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**Novmber-December 1930**

November & December 1930

29. Pretty cold. In bed most of the day with stomach. Girls ironing. Banquet at Mrs Bishop for Wide Awake Class and Marion. Had a handkerchief shower for Marion.

30. Dark day, milder and rained at night. Gertrude and the two kiddies came to tea. Also Arthur Woolner, Margaret, Doris Warren and Mary McLean. Headache all day and all in at night.

Dec 1st. Poured rain all day. Marion washed. Keith and Dad cleaned. In bed all day. The Young People here at night for a little party for Marion.

2. Feeling better. Very cold blustery day. Blow hard. Elmer Fyfe came down in evening and got stuck in lane. Had a shovel and got out alright.

3. 8A. Very cold but soon moderated. Dad went up for Mother. Had chickens and plum pudding. Mrs Wyand here in afternoon also Anna & Jerry and [?]. Marion and Keith went to Hunter River at night. Feeing pretty blue.

4. Marion started for Toronto. Lovely day. Mother here all night. Feeling better to-day.

5. Pretty fine day. Not very cold. Ernest and K. working in the woods. Anita not doing much to-day. Marion should be in Norval to-night. Perfect night. YPS at Wesley to-night. Perfect night, Keith Anita and Lorraine walked. Good car roads yet. Directors meeting of Hall Company in Hall to-night.

6. Fine day but cloudy all day. Milder. Ernest went to Hunter River for the box of books. Ham here this evening. Ed Graham. Anita & Lorraine at practice.

7. Grey day, but fine and mild. Went to church in AM. Very quiet day.

8. Still cloudy but mild. Anita washed Dad churned. Ernest to Mayfield. Heard that Mrs Joe Lambie Peters died this afternoon.

Mrs Joe Peters

9. Fine day. Got clothes dried. Killed chickens. Paid Cecil in full all that we owe him.

10. Fine. Tried to get engine to work to saw wood but nothing doing. Ham here to dinner. Allen Moffat and Bob McKenzie and Everett Laird here in afternoon. Alex and May here for little time in evening. George Clark has got in trouble with two other fellows who tried to rob Harold Toombs, Bruce Callbeck and David [?]. Bad business.

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**December 1930**

Dec 1930

11. Lovely fine day again Anita not feeling very good. Got long letter from Marion and one from Maud to-day. Allen and Mrs Wyand here to-night. Arthur Woolner up helping with paper for YPeoples.

12. Snowing all day and raining to-night. Mary Stevenson here to supper. The young folks went to Chester Woolners to YPS.

13. Snowing part of day. Colder at night. Freezing. Keith went to Town with Upton. Anna and Jerry and little Clemmie[?] here in evening. Girls to practice in Hall.

14. 18A. Fine but cloudy. Not very cold. Went to church in afternoon. Cecil had the car down and I went up to church with him. Mrs Gordon Houston very very poorly. Feeling better.

15. Quite an old fashioned snow storm. Keith came out on train and started walking home. Dad met him at New Glasgow. Ernest churning most of the day. Didn’t get butter yet. No mail to-day. Finer to-night.

16. 8A. Still blowing and pretty frosty. Anita washed and Ernest churned. Keith killing chickens and I made a fruit cake. Ernest at Hall putting up stove. Anita and Lorraine over at Manse practicing.

Ren Toombs died this evening in Falconwood

17. Pretty cold morning. Keith finished chickens, 35 of them. Ernest with Clarence on telephone line this afternoon. Institute at Jerrys to-night.

18. Fair. Keith took his chickens to Town and brought Margaret and Annie home. Got some Christmas letters written. Had a letter from Marion. Ren Toombs funeral in PM.

19. Lovely day. Dad and Anita went to Creek in forenoon. Parcels from Mima. YPS at Wyand to-night. Giving Mr & Mrs Bishop a clock.

20. Milder and raining by noon. School concert practice in Hall. Not feeling very good. Jerry went to town to see Roger, who is very low in Falconwood. Rupie[?] & Stirling in late to-night, collecting for Bobbie.

Roger Simpson

21. Roger Simpson died last night of heart trouble. Just been a perfect day to-day. Margaret Annie and Edward over this afternoon. Preaching in United Church to-night. Roads almost bare again, cars and carriages going again.

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**December 1930**

Dec 1930

22. Fine day, not very cold. School concert at night. Roads bad, hardly any snow. Keith took me to concert in a carriage. Concert good. Made $20.00

23. Grey morning, and a raging snow storm by night. Roger Simpson funeral in the afternoon. Got a lot of cards in mail.

24. Fine in AM. New breaking roads till noon. Busy baking. Youngsters skating in pond at night. Ernest & I went to Mr Bishops for evening.

25. Just a perfect day. Santa pretty good to all. We were up to Bay View for dinner and they all came down in the evening. Cecil & Leona went skating with the rest of the bunch. Pond pretty good.

26. Snowing a little, not cold, but wind bleak. Went over to see Mrs Austins in afternoon. She looks pretty bad. YP at Milton McKenzie’s last night. Keith took wood sleigh and took Lowther girls and Anita & Lorraine.

27. Wind east, not frosty but cold and drifting in afternoon. Went down to see Mrs Albert in afternoon. Anita & Keith cleaned the church. Cecil & Leona down in evening to practice. Storm coming. Lady has a very sore foot. Anita over at Austins for the night.

28. Sunday. Big Northeast snow storm in morning. Calmed down in night. Anita got home at noon. No preaching anywhere around, roads bad. Had a wonderful quiet day.

29. Lovely day, not very cold. Girls washed. Bunch went skating at night on pond.

30. Just a grand day. All went skating in the afternoon. Even to me. Young folks skating at night. Ernest went with them. Letters from Marion & Elaine.

31. Fine again and a perfect night. About thirty down skating to-night. Elmer down. Put a small mat in frames. Been wonderful weather all fall. Very few storms and they were short ones. Great scarcity of water in many places. Mother got word from Reuel that Enid was in the hospital, had had a big operation.

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**January 1931**

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1. Cloudy and mild. Children skating in afternoon, older ones at night. Annie & Margaret and Martha Ling here to supper. Started hooking to-day.

2. Lovely bright day but blowing harder and colder. YP at Wilburs to-night. Lorraine got her prize from Toronto. String of pearls and bon-bon dish.

3. Snowed a little in afternoon. Cold in AM. In bed XYZ. Got long letter from Marion and her photo. Pretty sick at night. Anita had her 1st shorthand lesson.

4. Nice day. Church in AM. Dad stayed with me. Keith and Margaret driving in afternoon and M here to supper and for the evening. Feeling pretty punk.

James Anderson aged 93

5. Nice day. Not very cold. James Anderson died last night, very old man. Girls washed. Earl Henry & Crawford McKay here to dinner. Prayer meeting at night U Church. Lovely moonlight. Keith taking Lowther kids to Hunter River. Got word today that June Wedlock very sick, pneumonia.

6. Stormy morning and raining by noon. Anita not very well. No mail to-day. James Anderson buried in afternoon. Terrible day for funeral.

7. Mild in AM but cold enough by night. Still in bed. Police out to Harolds making some inquiries about the robbery at Harolds and Peter Sam about ill using his horse.

8. Blowing hard and cold. Snowing a little. Temp about 12A. Got up but legs very sore. Can hardly walk. Anita and Lorraine were over to Mrs Bishops in evening. Letters from Marion & Miss Edwards. Men in woods

9. Just a beautiful day all day. Got bandage on my old shank. Young Peoples at Ben Woolners. Keith Anita & Lorraine went. Perfect night.

10. Started to snow in afternoon. Jim & Dorothy down to go skating with the children. Freda up. Anita went up for Mother. Feeling pretty mean, so I am. Big storm all night. Keith cutting wood at John Grahams.

11. Stormy day but cleared off in afternoon tho’ still drifting. Slept down in the room at night.

12. Lovely bright day. Men busy breaking roads. Moved my bed down stairs. K. took Mother home. Keeping very quiet. Girls went over to Manse in evening. No mail.

13. Snowing thick in AM turned to rain by noon. Killed beef for our selves. No mail

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**January 1931**

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14. Lovely fine day. Roads bad. Keith went to Harolds in AM. Mail came. Not very cold and a spring like sky to-night. Hammond McKenzie died suddenly about 11:20 PM. Dad went down.

Hammond McKenzie

15. Grey and storming a little from NE. Ernest got home about 10 AM. Digging grave this afternoon. Up to-day and trying to sew a little.

16. Still blowing very hard. Ernest went to funeral. Anita getting ready for Young Peoples which was here at night over thirty here. Have been up all day. Calmed down at night.

17. Fine. Made a pair of bloomers for Pauline. Jim and Dorothy Warren down in afternoon and Edward here coasting. Keith went to Stanley for a hockey game.

18. Lovely fine day. United Church in afternoon. Keith & Anita went to New Glasgow to church at night.

19. Lovely day. Anita washed. Men at ice. Mrs Christopher LePage died this afternoon. Got letters from Marion. Mrs. Ren Toombs sick.

Mrs Christopher LePage

20. Fine day. Mild. Had a drive this afternoon. Ernest & Keith at ice. New calf, very welcome.

21. Fine. Finished ice.

22. New boy at Ernest Clarks this AM. Ernest helping Jerrys at ice. Social at the Manse to-night. The coldest night we have had yet.

23. 0. Pretty cold and blowing hard but clear and fine. Letter from Marion. YPS at Lynal Robinsons to-night. Hooking.

24. 0. Boo but it’s cold. Keith and Anita went to Hampshire and Town. Guess they would freeze. Hooking all day.

25. 6B. Very fine but very cold. Preaching at Jerrys in afternoon. Quiet day. Jack Bulmans new girl.

26. Lovely day. Anita & K. stayed in Town for Burns concert. Milder to-day.

27. Washed and scrubbed kitchen. Kids got home in afternoon. Had a great trip. Dad & I went down to Alex’s in evening.

28. Still fine and not cold. Went to Harolds and Wyands this evening.

29. Fine. Ernest helping Wyands at ice.

30. Rough day. Mild in AM but turned cold in afternoon. Blowing hard to-night. School examination in afternoon. YP at Jerrys to-night. Mrs Hammond McKenzie very miserable.

31. 6A. Pretty sharp morning. Ernest helping Wyands again to-day. Down to see Mrs Albert this afternoon.

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**February 1931**

Feb 1931

1. 6B. Sunday. Bright and frosty. United Church in AM. Keith & Anita went driving in afternoon. Elmer Jerry Pluck here in evening. Very fine but cold to-night.

2. 8B. Bright and snappy. Wyand finished ice. Not doing much but keeping on fires. Started Lorraines cap.

3. Anita washed. Lovely day. Moderated in afternoon. Made cap for Lorraine. Lucy Woolner sick.

4. 37 above this AM. Snowing a little this evening. Keith, Anita & Lorraine went to New Glasgow to Social evening.

5. Started another mat. Lovely day. Had planned to have a drive but did nothing. Word came that James Bentley was dead. Died at his daughters in Boston. Went to bed early.

James Bentley

6. XYZ. Cold grey day. Young Peoples at Fenners. Pretty sick all day. Letter from Marion.

7. Very cold. Will McCallum little boy Stavert terribly hurt in thrashing mill and died about midnight. Everybody feeling terrible.

Stavert McCallum

8. 6B. A grey bright but very cold. Very miserable to-day. Preaching at Jerrys in afternoon.

9. Lovely morning. Snowed in night and everything very beautiful. Keith and Anita went to funeral. A little stronger to-day.

10. Very bad snow storm all day. No school and no mail.

11. Fine. A lot of snow down. About two feet on the level. Heavy sleet storm in Nova Scotia. Anita snowshoed over to Jerrys in afternoon. No mail

12. Storming worse than ever to-day but not very frosty. Train got through to Borden this AM and from S Side to Town. No other train moving. No school. Roads terrible. No mail

13. Lovely fine day. The men broke roads in AM and Ernest was at Jerrys butchering. Bobby got along after five o’clock with four days mail. Letters from Marion. Milder to-night. YPS met at Bob McKenzies.

14. Looks like a thaw this morning. Keith has started for Town. Rained all day and in evening. Mission Band in afternoon. No mail.

15. Sunday. Colder but roads impossible. No church services. Mr Bishop tried to get to New Glasgow but couldn’t. Headache dreary. Long lonely day.

16. Lovely day. Headache all day. Anita & Dad did a big washing. Anita over at Manse in afternoon. Keith walked home from Hunter River. Bad road. Bobby got along at 4:10 PM.

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**February-March 1931**

Feb 1931

17. Lovely fine day. Keith brought Mother down in afternoon. Institute at Wyands. Up nearly all day. Pretty tired at night.

18. Fine day. Had a drive in afternoon. Over to see Harriet. School children invited to Jerrys for a Valentine party and skate. Mary G. S. and David Johnson here in the evening. Wind east and cold.

19. Cold bleak wind to-day. Canning beef and hooking. Youngsters went in to Charlie Wyands to skate. Keith has bad headache.

20. Snowing all day. Wind Northeast. Ernest went to Harolds and W Moffats in AM. Hooking and dyeing. Long letter from Marion. No YPS to-night.

21. Quite a lot more snow down and still snowing. Quite mild. Almost rain at night. Feeling mean to-day. Side and stomach sore.

22. Still mild but not thawing much. Church at Jerrys. Blanche Anita and Keith went up to McCallums tonight. Northeast wind blowing hard but not frosty.

23. Snowing and blowing a gale, NEE. Governor Heartz house burnt in town. No school. No mail.

24. Still blowing a gale and storming fierce to night. Trains all still to-day. Car ferry having a hard time. Took out mat no 2. New calf. No mail.

25. Snowing most of the day and raining to-night. Anita went over to Jerrys to supper. Didn’t do much to-day, a little dyeing. Getting McGarry mat bound. Train stuck at Hunter River and one between Borden and Emerald with the Amherst Hockey players and fans. Millar Orr & Ida Pursey.

No mail

Millar Orr & Ida Pursey married

26. Misty and snowing a little. Got Mondays mail to-day. Egg circle meeting in afternoon. Roy Woolner quite sick. Youngsters Wyands and Avalah playing concentration.

27. Foggy all day. YPS at Roy Toombs. Herb Wyand went with Anita & Waine. Long letter from Marion and four patriots to-day.

28. Lovely fine day. First sunshine for nearly two weeks. Ham, Hester, and Mr & Mrs Bishop here. Another long letter from Marion. John Laird sick, had Stevenson this afternoon.

March 1st. Lovely day thawing. Church in AM. Sing song in church at night. Cecil & Leona down and the kiddies in evening. Wrote to Peggy. Mike Doyle’s house burned.

Mike Doyle’s house burned

2. Trying to get something together to send to Doyles. The women sewing at Jerrys and Milton Greens in afternoon. Fine day and not cold.

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**March 1931**

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3. Ernest went with hogs to Hunter River. Got the enormous sum of 6c per lb. Terrible road and pitches. Practice here at night. Anna fell this evening and broke her leg. Keith went for Stevenson.

Anna broke her leg

4. The Doctors Stevenson & Fleming set Anna’s leg this morning. Fleming here. Stayed in bed all day. Very tired.

5. Quite a storm in the morning but better by noon. Hooking some. Blowing hard. Had a lot of northeast wind lately.

6. Fine and not blowing hard. Roads are better to-day. Was over to see Anna. She is pretty sore. YPS at Lewis Toombs to-night. Letter from Peggy. Dr. Barretts have a new girl.

7. Fine day. Ernest and Jerry went to Rustico for mud for Lems. Austin Laird has egg hauling. Half through with McGarry mat. Keith went to town.

8. Fine but cloudy and east wind which we have had now for nearly three weeks. Very little frost. This around 30 degrees most of time. Young Peoples service of song in United Church at night and we all went. Elmer & Eric down and came in after church. Girls had dinner at Nannies and called to see Anna.

9. Fine in AM. Came up quite a storm in afternoon. Keith and Jimmy got home from Town before the storm.

10. Snowing a little all day. Roads heavy. The Parlor social that was to have been to-night has been postponed and there is a practice instead.

11. Had a little bit of sunshine to-day and the wind S West for the first time in about three weeks. Ernest & I called on Mr & Mrs John F this afternoon. It is their 56th anniversary. Mary G David J Jimmy Warren & Elmer Peters here this evening.

12. Fine and mild. Parlor social at Manse. All went but Keith. Two letters from Marion, one from Preston. Feeling fairly good.

First wild geese.

13. Lovely day. Finished McGarry rug. Dad & I went calling on Mrs Hammond McKenzie and had tea at Bob’s. YPS at EC LePages.

14. Fine day. Mother came down. PJ birthday, eleven to-day. Mabel Simpson here and Mr & Mrs Quigley and Mrs Wyand & Ethel here to tea. Keith, Anita, & Waine spent evening at Preston Warrens. Thawing a little everyday.

15. Sunday. Fine. Preaching in afternoon. Took Mother home in evening. Roads very pitchy. Sing song here at night.

16. Fine day. Not feeling well at all. Anita busy at her short hand. Dad & Nan over at Manse to-night.

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**March-April 1931**

March 1931

17. Feeling better to-day. Lovely day. Wind east. Ernest and Anita washed in AM and A & I went to see Anna in afternoon. Inspector at school and K took him to Rustico. Dad went to Stanley to Poverty social. Anita finished ironing. Jim & Dorothy down for a spell coasting.

18. Regular St. Patrick's storm. North east all day. Had nice letter from Marion. Dreary day. Bound two mats.

19. NE. Still drifting and snowing. Put in small mat. Not much any one could do. Lots of snow banks now. No mail.

20. Still drifting and snowing some all day but finer to-night. YPS at Freds to-night. Ernest to Stanley with cream this morning.

21. First bright day for a long time. Went for a drive this afternoon. Called on Mrs Austin and had tea with Mrs Albert. Anita and Dad have gone up to Freds to see about starting concert or play.

22. Lovely fine day. Wind SW. Preaching at Jerrys in afternoon. Mary G came with Anita to supper. Sing song here to-night. Keith went to Town in AM.

23. Beautiful day. Washed. Ernest PJ & I went to Alexs and Anita & Lorraine to Manse. Foggy when we came home.

24. Fine. Wind east again. Anita has sore throat. Finished mat no.4. Institute at Roy Toombs. None of us went.

25. Fine. Thawing a little everyday but freezing at night. Cleaning house for banquet Friday night. Tired.

26. Fine busy but chill. Busy. Ernest to mill in AM. Anita cleaned big room and kitchen. I baked. E got church chairs. Bruce Grahams have a new girl.

27. Fine day, but cool wind. North Shore YPS held banquet at Webbs. Fifty seven here. Big time. Toasts and speeches. Keith and Reg Webb came out from Town. Got home at 5 AM. Ernest & K have bad colds.

Banquet

28. Fine. Everyone tired. Ernest pretty sick with cold to-day. Side took a kink at Supper time. Pretty mean all night.

29. Sunday. Fine in AM. U Church. Anita went over to see Mrs Austin. Feeling rotten at night. Pouring rain at night.

30. Raining most of morning. Wind SE.

**[New handwriting: Ernest, then one of the girls, then Ernest?]**

31. Nice spring day. Washed in a [?]. Dr Fleming down to see Myrtle pretty sick. Congestion of liver. Keith and Reggie went to Mayfield.

April 1st. Mother still quite sick. Busy all day. Keith & Reg went to HR for Lowther girls. Longish[?] road. Little pigs at barn 7 left from 9.

2. Mother still bad, got Mrs Wyand out at night. Lowther girls over at night. Snow going like smoke. It won’t be long now.

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**April 1931**

April 3. Dad went to Stanley with cream bad road. thawing fast. Myrtle very sick. No YPS. Roads too bad.

Good Friday

4. Same old thing. Raining at noon. Breaking out roads. Mrs Wyand went home this evening. Reg and girls at Freds in evening. Long letter from Marion.

[handwriting back to MW]

5. Just a glorious spring day. Thawing. Feeling a little better. Side very sore.

Easter

**[Back to Myrtle's handwriting for a day or 2, then back to Ernest and/or 1 of the girls.]**

6. Fine all day. Sick and mean. Sent parcel to Marion. McGarrys mats expressed. Keith took Lowther girls and Reg to H River. Ham here in evening.

7. In woods in morning. Girls washed a big one. Snow in afternoon. Keith went for Dr. Myrtle very miserable.

8. Silver thaw. Slushy. Myrtle still miserable. Dad has a cold.

[handwriting back to MW]

9. Lovely day. Mother came down. Mrs Wyand called in AM and Mr & Mrs Bishop in afternoon. Feeling some better at night.

10. Fine day, blowing a gale all day and thawing. Dad took Mother home this morning on his way to Stanley with cream. Lorne called with a bottle of ginger ale and 2 oranges. Directors meeting in hall.

11. Fine in morning. Rained after dinner, but cleared up lovely again. Feeling pretty mean. Ernest brought Mrs Wyand out again. Mr Bishop here for awhile. XYZ. Broke out church hill this morning. Big thaw to-day.

12. Fine day but wind north and cold. Mrs Wyand went home from church in afternoon. Cecil was to church. Mr. Bishop preached a temperance sermon. Jerry over in evening. Very weak at night.

13. Girls & Dad washed. Wind SW again. Dad went up to Cecils to thrash. Keith in woods. Ham here in afternoon. Jean and Wesley here in evening. 14th fine. Better.

**[Change of handwriting: Ernest]**

15 Myrtle very sick severe pain. Dr and Mrs Wyand here. Snowing and blowing hard from North. Ice is solid. Myrtle some better in evening but still very sick.

16. Myrtle some better this AM slept well still very sore. Took Mrs Wyand home and went to Harolds road fair froze. Keith hauling wood. Wind very cold. Hester down in afternoon, made Anita dress. Mr & Mrs. Bishop, Mary G & David here in evening.

17. Fine, wind south again. Ham here. Very weak. Finished hauling wood. Fine and warm. Snow banks getting small. YPS at Roy Lairds. Road mostly bare.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting.]**

18. Fine. Children busy. Ham here. Plaguey[?] nuisance. Feeling pretty mean. Anna fell and hurt her leg.

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**April-May 1931**

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19. Lovely day. Had a lot of company. Feeling rotten all day. Mrs Wyand, Ellice, Hester, Laura, Miss McCurry and Mr Quigley here. Anna feeling pretty mean. Ham back again this evening.

20. Lovely morning. White frost. Girls washing. Men shoveling out road for wheels. Gertrude down in evening.

21. Men still shovelling. Dad made Annas new hot bed. Keith taking banking away. Mrs Bishop & Hazel to see Mother also Mrs Wyand. M no better. Telegram from Marion shes staying in Montreal. Anne Flemming died in Boston.

Anne Flemming.

**[Change of handwriting: Anita?]**

22. Beautiful day. Mother very sick tonight. Marion came home, met her in Emerald. Winnie over and Mrs Wyand out.

23. Wood sawers here very busy. Mother no better had Dr down. Nannie came in afternoon. Raining at night. All tired.

24. Dark day & foggy. Nannie went to Lorne YPS at MacCoubrey. Mr Bishop here also Ham darn him! Mother slightly improved.

25. Mother still a bit better. Keith went to town. Marion to see Anna. Cemetery meeting here tonight. Anne Flemming buried this AM. Fair day.

26. Fine day. Mother about the same. Church in AM. Mrs. Wyand out. Monda called in afternoon. Jimmie down to supper. Sing song at Manse & [?] had a “spell.”

27 Raining in morning, nothing new. Keith home.

28. Washed all morning. Dad & Keith hauled straw from Freds barn. all tired. Mr & Mrs Bishop & Ellis here to-night.

29. Ironed and worked at our braided mat. Keith went to town re Southport position. Raining very hard to-night. Dad got hay from George Robinson. Mother improving. Pauline sick at stomach.

30. Lovely day but cold. Dad getting ready to fence. Keith went to Southport for how long remains to be seen. M & I over to see Anna. Dad to Harolds.

May 1st. Fine day. Planted hot bed. Mother poorly. Went to YPS with Mr Bishop to Rustico Church. First car drive of the season.

2. Fine day ~~but dark~~. Planted peas, beets, chard and radishes, cleaned yard, etc. Set out rose bush. Mother not very good.

3. Dirty day. Dr down found Mother improved but suffering a great deal with her side. SS started Baptist Church in PM. Nannie here all day. Mr Green, Mr & Mrs Quigley & Mr Bishop in.

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**May 1931**

May 1931

4. Glorious day. Mother some better. Did big washing in AM. Planted sweet peas & glads & cleaned yard in PM. Tired.

5. Fine & cold. Finished ironing in AM. Cleaned dining room.

6. Nice day. Cleaned spare room & Keiths. Mother worse, took Mable MacVane to Institute at Bobs good meeting. Dad harrowing.

7 Wonderful fine warm day Mother no better Dr Flemming down. Mr & Mrs Bob & Charlie MacKenzie here Mr Quigley called. Cleaned our room. Up to see Thyra tonight.

8. Lovely day. Nothing new. YPS in church. Stanley Houstons buildings burned at Glasgow Road. Mother just the same.

9. Cleaned kids room. Mother worse. Mr Bishop & Ellice here in afternoon, I stayed with Harriet. Marion went after Mrs Wyand. Keith Reg & Harold MacKie arrived at 1:30 AM. Sunday.

13 chickens out of incubator

10. Boys left for town at 7 AM. Are we tired? Dr Claude & Flemming here in afternoon also Mrs. Albert & Lorne, Nannies, Mr Quigley, Reuel, Mables, Mr Green, Art & Mrs Woolner. Church at night. Mother’s Day.

11. Gosh what a day. Our wash was doomed to a bad end. Mother very sick from morphine. Upton hauled 125 bus oats from HR for us. Raining at night.

12. Still raining hard. Dr down. Mother just the same. Clothes dried some.

13. Fine day. Ironed all day. Moved Mother to spare room. Ida, Laura, and Hester also Ham Mr Bishop Mr Chapman Mr & Mrs Quigley in at night. Dad fixed Mimas plot in cemetery.

14. Biggest rain this spring. Had a great time with the chickens today. Cleaned part of pantry. Dr down no change in Mothers condition. New son at Mary Grahams. Dora Buntain operated on.

15. Fine day. Finished pantry. Mrs Woolner Art up at night, Lorraine & I at YPS at Rustico.

Baby girl at Herman Hill[?]

16. Mother better to-day. Moved phone to kitchen. Cleaned kitchen. Dad harrowing. Dr down tonight.

17. M. still better. SS in morning. Lovely morning, but rained in afternoon. Aunt Lydie Reg Ruth Margaret & Keith out from Southport. Ellice over also Mr & Mrs Quigley & Mr & Mrs. Bishop. Baptist Church at night.

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**May 1931**

18 May 1931

18. Up to Drs in morning for medicine, not doing much of anything, are we tired? Dad & I to school in evening planting flowers & trees. Mrs Wyand out. Mack here in after

19. Washed, one heck of a day its blowing, so we didn’t put clothes out. Dad sowing grain. Nothing new. Mother keeping better.

20. Lovely hot day. M & I in garden all day. Planted beans & carrots, Dad got hay from Jerry. M & I to Rustico at night.

21. Nice day tore paper off front room, Dad sawing, Ham helping harrow. Mother better. Mr & Mrs Quigley over tonight. Lowther girl home from PWC. First codfish of the season.

22. M & I papering front room. Mrs Woolner Art & Lewis up tonight. YPS social in classroom. Good time meeting and are we tired?

23 Some day! Finished papering, scrubbed and did everything we were supposed to do I think. Jim & Lewis here in afternoon, Mrs. Fred, Elmer & Margaret here to-night. Dad to Mayfield.

24. What a day of rest. Church & SS in morning. Lorne & Mrs MacNeil up for awhile. Mr Bishop and Wesley after supper and Annie. Mother sitting up for few minutes for the first. Leaves are all out lovely and some grain up.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting.]**

25. Lovely day. Girls washed. Mrs Webster here in afternoon and Mrs Tennis in evening. French kiddies here.

26. Rained. Myron & Elaine came up from Tryon and were here in evening. Sat up for a while in evening.

27. Fine in morning. Girls in garden all day and went to choir practice at night. Up and out doors for about four hours. Ham here this evening.

**[Change of handwriting: Anita.]**

28. Fine day. Waines birthday. Elaine and Leona and five kids here all day. Anna & Mable & Frances here for supper and we are tired. Mother up and feeling fair.

29. I went to PWC Convocation with Lowthers. Nice time. Marion in garden. Mr Bishop took Waine & me to YPS in Rustico. Thunder and lightning to-night.

30. Dad & Pauline went to Hunter River. Raining in morning. Did a lot of Saturdays work. Lorraine at Austins at night. Keith Ruth & Reg here to-night and Lowther girls over. Everybody tired! Mother quite sick to-night. High fever etc.

31. Sort of a hectic day. SS in morning. B church in afternoon. Reg took us to Rustico to church at night. Mr Quigleys here, Reuels and Lowther girls to supper.

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**June 1931**

1931

June 1st. Marion sick at her stomach. I didn’t do much. Mother better again. In garden all afternoon in the rain. Set out the head lettuce.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting.]**

2. Marion still miserable. Miss Woolner, Arthur, Helen, and Miriam up for dahlia bulbs. Up for awhile this evening. Not very strong.

3. Holiday. Got out to the couch outdoors in afternoon. Mrs Wright here to see about board.

4. Lovely day again. Margaret brought Harriet for a little while this afternoon. Girls working in garden. Ernest has mangles in.

5. Lovely day. Ernest planted part of the beans in field. Had Mrs Isaac Carter and a Quebec car here and Mrs Charles Wyand & Ella after tea. Mr Wallace Scantlebury gave a description of his trip abroad to the church at YPS. Wind cold. Out all day.

6. Raining this AM but cleared up but oh so cold. Girls trying to get the flower beds work up. Got up about 3 PM. Ernest fencing.

7. Fine but cold. Mother came down to-day. Arthur Woolner up this afternoon. Anita went to Lowthers for tea. Song service in church to-night.

8. Fine but cool wind. Sun lovely. Out nearly all day. Ernest fencing. Girls washing. Went up for clams at night & to the Dr for medicine.

Mrs Albert Parkman

9. Fine but the wind cool. Out this afternoon. Letters from Keith & Mrs Bonnell. Ernest putting out manure for spuds. Clam bake at shore.

10. Cloudy and rained a little. Up since 9:30. Girls house cleaning and Margaret & Annie came over to cut sets.

11. Fine. I was a little too smart. Went down to the cottage and tramped around quite a lot. Made a pudding for dinner and pancakes for supper, and had a drive over to Hams. All in.

12. Raining and damp foggy all day. Wilbur planted potatoes. Stayed in bed till supper time. Feeling mean.

13. Finer in afternoon. Very foggy in AM. Got up about three in the afternoon and Ernest took me over to Jerrys. Got weighed 125 lbs. Ernest sowed barley. The last except turnips.

Minnie Houston

14. Lovely fine day and warmer. Out most of the day. Good many cars at shore. Preaching to-night Baptist church. Had supper outdoors. Margaret here for dinner.

15. Washed. Marion sick. Fine day and nothing new.

**[Change in handwriting.]**

16. Ironed and baked. In bed. M in bed. Mother up. Rained at night. School meeting. Bessie up. Telephone [?]

17. Rainy, set out plants. Went to forge[?] in afternoon. Dad cleaned cellar and back porch. Lorne married. Annie Margaret up to Mrs Bens to Institute. Very foggy. Lorraine home with cold.

Lorne & Mary

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**June 1931**

June 1931

18. Grand day. Planted flowers at school and went to Mr Bs in afternoon. Mother took a nervous chill followed by an attack of acute indigestion. Dr here Russel & Pearl Lockerby here to supper. Marion better or rather shes up.

19. Fine. Dad shingled the reading room. Mother slept almost all day. Anne here in afternoon. Album[?] here rolling. YPS in the church at night.

[handwriting changes, seemingly back to MW, in middle of entry] Uncle Gordon Reggie & Keith came out from Town. Heavy thunderstorm. Garfield LePages store burned.

20. Fine very hot. Feeling pretty weak. Ellice here all day. Got out on couch for a little while. Stephen Marshall up. Brought some lobsters.

21. Lovely fine day. Mother came down before church and Perley Daisy Miriam Raynell Roy & Jean McNeill down. Lorraine & Marion quite sick. Quite a crowd at shore. A new restaurant started.

22. Marion very sick to-day. Have the Dr over this evening. All the familys on the blink to-day except Pauline.

23. Fine but blowing cold wind. Marion very sick all day. Had Dr at night. Clam bake at shore and special meeting of YPS. Got dressed but stayed upstairs. Have a little cold to-night.

24. Fine but wretched cold. Mr and Mrs. Quigley here for tea and a Mrs Davis came to board for three weeks. Jerry and Anna over in evening. Play at hall put on by the Clyde River Dramatics. The Absent Minded Bridegroom. Feeling rotten. Marion better.

25. Lovely day and warmer. Almost frost this AM. Got out again to-day. Gertrude Ackland here.

26. Cloudy and damp but no rain. Marion quite a little better to-day. Eva Simpson in this evening. Working at Anita’s voile dress.

27. Still dark. Coughed a lot to-day. Am tired to-night. Made biscuit and helped a wee bit. Gertrude Ackland has the school for the coming year. Keith came home.

28. Poured rain all day. Regular Nor East storm. Keith didn’t get back to Town. No preaching.

29. Still wet all day. School closed. Finished Anitas organdie dress. Ruth Webb came back with Margaret. Play at night in Hall by Traveler’s Rest crowd.

30. Fine. Young Peoples picnic. Marion & I have charge of ranch. Tired to-night.

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**July 1931**

July 1931

1. Lovely fine day. Quite a number at shore. Alvin Webb and Miss Diamond came at supper time and took us for a drive. My first car ride. Have coughed a lot.

2. Fine and very hot. Anita varnished hall and big room. Marion ironed. Feeling better. [?] Jelly, wife son etc here to tea. Everybody tired.

3. Fine again and hot. Everything growing good now since the rain. Had another car ride to-night with Ern MacNeills down to shore. Everyone tired to-night.

Jim Wedlock

4. Fine and warm. Rained at night. Ernest went out to town in AM and to O’Leary at night with Gordons. Harold McKee took them up. Everybody tired and half sick. Lorraine came out from Town with Gordons.

5. Fine and cooler. Ellice came over from S.S and stayed until after church. Dad got home about 9:30. Large funeral. Communion Sunday at New Glasgow in church. Big crowd at shore.

6. Fine blowing hard. Cecil took me to Rustico for a drive and in afternoon I went with Ernest hunting for a girl. Girls did big washing. Everybody tired to-night.

7. Raining a little in AM and quite a shower in evening. Pauline went to Tyne Valley with Mr & Mrs Bishop. Ernest & I were girl hunting. Miss Gibson & Miss Sabian from Halifax came to board.

8. Misty and rained quite a lot to-day. Ernest helping Ham with fence. Marion working in garden.

9. Miss Gibson & Sabian left to-day. They found it too quiet. Still damp and very warm.

10. Very hot. Girls fixing up rooms. Camp fire at night at shore YPS.

11. Very very hot. 90 after dinner. Mr & Mrs Logan came. Very nice people. Adelaide here in afternoon. Very tired at night. Mission Band Picnic at shore.

12. Raining most of the day but has cleared up. Cooler at night. Everybody went to church except Marion & me. Willie and May McKendrick here to dinner. Not very well.

13. Lovely fine day. Girls washed. The Hills and Miss Fraser came. Jamie & Everett Wedlock and Irene here in evening.

14. Fine in AM but poured rain in afternoon. Edgar here white washing. Feeling better. Everybody we have very nice people.

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**July 1931**

July 1931

15. Orange Tea at Canoe Cove and Races at Northam. Rained hard in some places on Island. Marion talking to Ken & Mrs AJ Robinson. Feeling pretty rotten at night. The boarders went fishing in afternoon PJ with them. Got 10 cod etc.

16. Poured rain at times. Miserable day. Wind NE. Ken arrived about eleven. A good many cars here. Stayed in cottage all day. Sing song at night. Miss Moore & Mrs Webb called in eve.

17. Still dark and cold. Boarders went to Mt Carmel. Not feeling well at all.

18. Raining hard in AM but cleared up after dinner. Went to Creek in evening with Mr & Mrs Hill. Miss Russel & Miss Taylor came.

19. Lovely day. Mr & Mrs AJ Robinson, Ralph, Mr. McLuckie[?], Fiona, and Brent Clark here extra. Out all day. Girls busy all day.

20. Lovely fine day. Boarders at shore all day. Had a busy day, feeling a little better.

21. The Hill family left early this morning. Miss Henry Gallant washing. Big day. Camp fire at night clam bake. The Tryon bunch up. Midnight.

22. Desperate hot day. Rained in evening. Mr. Logan & PJ fishing. The Walfords arrived. Not feeling very good for a few days.

26. Went to church in Stanley with our boarders. Dr & Mrs Fleming, Red Lion, Penn. arrived the 24th. Two Ontario girls Misses Hewett came Saturday night stayed till Monday AM. The Logans left Sunday AM.

27. Lovely day. Bunch went fishing and I spent the afternoon with Mrs Bishop. We went to the shore. Girls very tired to-night.

28. Fine and nice cool breeze until evening. Very warm to-night. Beatrice here washing and sleeping. Marsh mallow roast at shore. Pauline went to town with Mr Walford.

29. Fine and very hot. Girls nearly melted. Outdoors all day. Bunch went for swim by moonlight.

30. Fine and cooler. Feeling fine in AM. Went to S Side to see Claude in afternoon. Very very sick.

31. Feeling better but pretty mean. Heath Crosby and wife, M McNeill from Iowa and his daughter from Washington and Mrs Abbott were here. Mother down at night and Anna over.

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**August 1931**

Aug 1931

1. Cooler to-day and heavy surf on. Was down to shore in afternoon. Quite cool at night. Got Christmas parcel from Ken.

2. Fine but wind cool. Irene Wyand came home at night. Had a quiet restful Sunday.

3. Fine all day, rained at night quite hard. Miss Hazard & Miss Wakely arrived. Feeling a little better.

4. Fine and very warm. Dad & Anita went to town with the Walfords. Norman McNeill & Mrs Alex McNeill (Dr) Louise, Vivian and Norman Jr. were here also Dr Charlie King and wife and son and daughter.

5. Lovely day. Mrs Jack Webster and party here for dinner. Mrs. Ben Woolner up this afternoon. Miss Moore here to tea. Jamie Wedlock called. Girls awfully busy.

6. Fine day. Walfords left. Lorne took Marion and me to Mayfield to vote, then I went down there for the rest of day. Thunder at night and election returns did not come in.

Provincial Election

Lorraine passed entrance

7. Fine. Marion turned up her toes in the AM and I did after dinner. Conservatives have a big majority. YPS at Cawnpone. Bacon & toast. Keith and Reg out.

8. Fine again and not too warm. Every body busy. Ernest & I went to Beach at sunset. Choir practice here at night. Heard tonight that BW LePage won his election after all. Mayme Webb died in Los Angeles.

Mayme Webb

9. Lovely day, quite cool. Elmer Lizzie May and Arthur here in afternoon. Harry Linkletters and AJ Matheson here too. B. Church at night. Ellice over in evening.

10. Fine and cool. Girls washed. In bed all day. New Glasgow YPS at Austins to-night. Spraying potatoes. Mrs Archie Beaton & Rev Ernie McDonald arrived at night.

11. Feeling better. Up most of the day. Girls ironing and busy.

12. Cloudy and rained before dinner but tho’ threatening did not rain again until night. United Church Tea. Was down a little while in evening with Jamie Wedlock. Gertrude & Hilda and Wilbur and Emerson, Keith, Reggie, Irving, Ruth Isobel & Margaret here in evening. Pauline went to Southport with K.

13. Not very fine. Ernest & I went up to Bay View for clams. School started.

14. Fine. Finished Marions little print dress. XYZ. Youngsters had a final camp fire at shore for Miss Russel.

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**August 1931**

Aug 1931

15. Foggy in AM but has cleared up fine. Miss Russel & Gertrude & Mr MacDonald left this AM. Mr Gillings came at night.

16. Church (United) in AM. Alvin Webb and party arrived just after dinner. Quite a busy day. Keith and Isabelle here. Gordon and Irving brought them out last night. Poured rain in evening.

17. Foggy in AM. Ernest and I called on Mrs Bishop Sr. in the evening and went to Harolds. Miss Haszard & Miss Wakely went to Jerrys.

18. Fine most of day. Had Annie to wash. Had a lot of cars in afternoon and Foster Camps. Uncle & Aunt and Mr & Mrs Stevens here all night. Very tired.

19. Showery in AM. In bed all day. Ernest cutting grain.

20. Fine. Have moved to Cottage. Institute at night at Chester Woolners. Gertrude and Anita went. Gertie and Nina Corey called to see me.

21. Fine. Just resting in cottage. Girls busy. Wilbur Willis came up for Gertrude and waited until after the YPS at Gordon Lairds. Had hot dogs.

22. Challens left this AM. Girls busy. Have a lot of visitors everyday.

23. Perfect day. Ernest and I had walk back the lane. Outdoors all day. Big crowd at shore. Douglas Whiting here to tea. B. Church the afternoon.

24. Lovely day. Girls did big washing. Had supper at shore. Mr & Mrs Bishop down. Ernest cutting back field.

25. Poured rain most of the day. Cooler to-night. In cottage most of day.

26. Finer and quite cool. Girls went for blue berries. Got ten or eleven qts. I got beans ready for canning. Wilbur Willis up to-night.

27. Good harvest day. Ernest cutting. Elynor Ackland here, came up with Hilda and Emerson last night.

28. Lovely day, very warm. Elynor & I drove to Harolds in AM. Dr Simpson down in evening and thinks I am a lot better. Took in grain at Hams.

29. Fine and hot. Taking in grains here. Helping a little. Mr. Gillings left this AM.

30. Poured rain early this AM. Dad & I went to shore in AM. Had a very quiet Sunday. Ham here for dinner. Went to church at night United.

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**August-September 1931**

Aug 1931 & Sept

31. Fine. Ernest cutting below the road. Extra busy and extra tired at night. Girls serving.

Sept 1st. Lots of shooting this AM. Stayed in bed all day until afternoon. Eaton order came. Started Pauline’s sweater. Fine to-night but very heavy dew.

2. Fine in AM but raining by noon. Nurse at school. The Misses Norris left this AM. In cottage most of day. Peggy miserable.

3. Rained nearly all day. Terrible harvest weather. Feeling rotten, feverish, etc Everybody blue.

4. Fine but cleared up in evening. Wrote to Lottie Simpson & Mrs Pankey. YPS here in evening and Dad & I in cottage. Carl Woolner busted up but not hurt.

5. Lovely day but too calm and warm and east wind. Looks like rain. Anita getting ready to go up West to-morrow.

6. Lovely AM. Ernest & I went to shore for an hour or more. Ernest had a dip. Will Simpson from Arlington came down for the day. Wanda stayed. Everybody so glad about the new boy at Olaf Stevensons. Pouring rain to-night.

New boy Olaf Stevenson

7. Lovely fine day. Grain drying nicely. Girls washed. in cottage most of day.

8. Rained hard most of the day. Came down in torrents in afternoon. Marion and Anita went with Mr Bishops to Town to hear and see the Passion Play. Lorraine & Wanda went for a swim.

9. A little finer to-day and blowing hard. Ida McKenzie and Stephen Huestis married in Rustico Church. Marion down with Mr Bishop to decorate. Lorraine & Wanda have gone with Blanche Anita & Gertrude with Chalmers Laird & Harold Buntain.

10. Fairly fine. The men got some grain in three loads. Fevered up again to-day and feeling pretty mean at night. Marion and Anita went up to see Gertrude Lamont.

11. Fine this AM but clouding over. Raining hard by noon. Had shower for Lorne and Mary. Fine at night and blowing hard.

12. Fine and the men hauled grain all day. Peter Murray here. Lovely and warm this afternoon. Out all day. Kids had marshmallow roast behind cottage. Avalah here.

13. Gorgeous day. Wilbur & Horace Willis & Eleanor Ackland came up before dinner. Communion Service in United Church.

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**September 1931**

Sept 1931

Alvin & Bauer[?] Webb down and took Anita back with them

13 Ernest & I went with Wilbur & Gertrude etc down to Hampshire. Had a lovely day.

14. Finished grain to-day Ham and Peter here. Have an acre of barley to cut yet. Very warm. Every body tired and went to bed early.

15. 80A. Very hot this AM. Marion & Waine washed. Thunder squall about 2 PM. Everybody got wet. Corn for Supper. Oh boy. Knitting a sweater for Pauline. Newt McClure raided & liquor seized.

16. Lovely day. In bed again from noon. Marion ironing and baking for Institute to-night at Wesleys. Gordon Lydie McKee and Keith out.

17. Fine but cold. Threatened rain in afternoon. School Fair. I took Lorraine & Wanda to Mayfield in AM. Marion & Getrude went in afternoon.

18. Fine but cool. Rained hard last night. Got heifers home from Chester Woolner’s back field. Sick in afternoon. Side sore. No YPS.

Gertrude Clarke Lamont new boy.

19. Fine. Ernest took Wanda to Emerald. Feeling rotten. Elmer Fyfe here in evening. Pauline in Hampshire over the weekend.

20. Fine but wind cool. In bed most of day. Ham here this evening. Quiet day. Baptist preaching in afternoon.

Frank Houstons new boy.

21. Very fine but cool. Ernest took in and thrashed the barley with Ham’s help. Mrs Neil Simpson of Vancouver called this afternoon. Marshmallow roast behind the cottage for school children. In bed all day.

22. Rained again to-day. Ernest plowing. Girls ironing. Moved up from Cottage to house. Got up for awhile this evening. Rained nearly all night.

23. Fine but ground very wet. Feeling better. Up in afternoon. Expected Alvin and Anita down but they didn’t come. Rally practice at night.

24. Cloudy in AM and raining afternoon. Ernest picked a few cranberries. Girls tired. Fevered 102.

25. Wet and blowing a gale. Early apples all down, feeling better. Keith and Reg out for awhile this evening. Lovely night but cool.

26. Lovely morning but clouding up again. Up and outdoors some to-day.

27. Rained hard most of day. No Sunday school or church. Annie Lowther over for awhile in AM. Dr Claude Simpson called in afternoon.

28. Northeast rain and wind, mean day. Girls washed and got clothes fairly dry. Ham here.

Wm Hogan.

29. Worse than yesterday but cleared up in evening and we had a gorgeous sunset. District Convention of Women’s Institute at Mayfield. Ernest Lorraine and PJ went. I set the bread, wonder of wonders.

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**September-Octover 1931**

Oct 1931

30. Lovely morning. Wm Hogan to be buried this AM. Started Hams potatoes. PJ helping all day. Waine at it in afternoon. Reg Webb & Don[?] McKee out.

Oct 1st. Another fine day, wind SW. Have had so much East wind this fall. Potatoes again. In bed all day.

2 Reading Mauds new book The Tangled Webb.

3 Lovely day Albert came up in afternoon. Everybody busy. Tired at night.

4 Lovely day. Alvin & Hattie Webb Lulu Duncan[?] and Anita arrived before dinner. Reuels came out in afternoon and I went back to Town with them. Pretty tired.

5 Finished potatoes and cranberries to-day and washed. Kept pretty quiet. Governer Bessborough in Town to-day. Lovely weather for it.

6 Harrowed potatoes and picked beans here. Went to a show. “Daddy Long Legs.” Twas good.

7 Jamie & Everett Wedlock here. Brought us some apples. Reuel took me over to Gordons, stayed all night. Cold at night.

8 Dr Frank took me into Town again and by four o’clock I was in bed for the night.

9 Pretty smart to-day. Had walk in AM and picked a bouquet of flowers for Enid. Up Town in afternoon and through Canadian National Hotel in evening. Pretty sick all night with pain in my stomach.

Don McLeod at Hunter River

New boy at Cecils

Davis Moffat and Myra Toombs married Oct 15 at St James Manse

10. Lovely day. Reuel brought me out this morning and have been on the couch all day. Well doped with morphine. Girls getting ready for Rally Service tomorrow.

**[Change in handwriting.]**

11. Mother a wee bit better in AM. Very sick at night. A glorious day. Rally practice in AM and service at night. Margaret over in PM.

12. Mother quiet sick all day. Not doing much. Lorraine & Anita at Austins to Thanksgiving party. Watkins man here for the night.

Terrible gale, hale and snow flurries.

**[Back to Myrtle's handwriting.]**

13. Fine. School started again. Lorraine and PJ on the job. Hilda brought Gertrude up. Dad went to Stanley for morphine. May Clark down for a music lesson. Cold.

14. Lovely day. Girls had tremendous washing. Ham here for dinner. Letter from Mrs Pankey. Keith out at night. Pretty sick.

15. Fine all day. Pretty dopey. Art Henry & Ella here in afternoon. Chicken supper at Hall for Orange men.

Myra Toombs Davis Moffat

16. Cloudy and rained in afternoon. Feeling better. Blew terrific gale from SE in night. Ham went to Town with Jack and came here to supper. Gertrude had too much chicken last night.

17. Both of us feeling better to-day. Up a little while in evening. Annie over. Mrs Austin Laird in bed again. Mr Bishops and Peter got home last night. Ernest working at church.

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**October 1931**

Oct 1931

18. Lovely morning but clouded over cool. B. Church in afternoon. Wedlocks over from Hunter River. Wilbur Willis and Mr Bishops in after church. Girl over to John F’s in evening.

Thomas Edison.

19. Showery in AM. Cleared up lovely in evening. Feeling rotten to-day. High fever. Ernest at Church in afternoon working at cement.

20. Lovely fall day, bright and cool. Marion scalded her foot. Ernest & Pauline went to Hunter River this afternoon. New Glasgow YPS at Wyands. Four girls went. Keith & Margaret and Irving McKee and Jerry and Anna here this evening.

21. Lovely morning early. Heavy white frost. Raining hard by night and all night. Marion & Anna in to Harolds and to see Malcom. He is quite sick.

First frost

22. Miserable day, cold and wet. Ernest went to see Mac this afternoon and he and Anita went to Institute to-night at Dolph Flemings. Dr Fleming have a new baby.

23. Marion feeling pretty mean. YPS at Church. Feeling better again. Ernest at mangles. Finished them. Had 4 bus beets and 3 carrots. Lorraine went home with Gertrude.

24. Fine day, not cold. Marion in bed most of day. Felt more like living.

25. Fine. Preaching at night. Dr Claude down Campsir[?] and Roy Toombs in this afternoon.

26. Poured rain half night and all day. No school. Mr. Green here this evening.

27 Gertrude and Lorraine got home this AM. Still raining. Roads pretty wet. Killed pig for selves. Mr Quigley here for tea. Letter from Lottie Simpson.

28 Girls washed. Ernest cut up little porker. Rained again this evening. Anna & Jerry over. In bed again.

29 Clothes fairly dry. Feeling rotten. Poured rain again at night.

30 Rained most of day. YPS in church at night. Election of officers and Halloween social.

31. Ernest helped Jerry with stoves in church. Then worked at turnips. Mr & Mrs Bishop in in evening also Halloween hobos. No sleep this night.

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**November-December 1931**

Nov 1931

Nov 11 David Cedric Simpson born

1st Not too bad a day. Feeling rather blue. Ellice over in afternoon and Jean & Wesley up this evening. Mr. Quigley in after church.

2 Lovely morning. Very bright rainbows. Anna came over before dinner. Mr Bishop took me to S Side to Hospital. Had operation on the 7th and came home the 28th. Not feeling good. Too much fever.

Dec 8 Keiths birthday. Girls sent him a box of eats yesterday. Wretched storm to-day. Kids came home from school early. Roads not very good.

9. Lovely morning, feeling pretty good. Girls washing. Ernest went to Stanley with cream. No temperature today. Got out to Kitchen for a while. No mail

10. Fine. Ernest helping Jerry butcher in afternoon. Nannie down and Mrs Bishop and Mrs Fred here. Fever again.

11. Fine. Earl Simpson here working in woods. YPS at Ben Woolners. The four girls took Laddie in wood sleigh and went. Feeling better again.

12. Fine. Practice in Hall in afternoon for school concert. Mrs Dolph Fleming and Zeta here in morning. Not feeling good all day.

13. Lovely morning. Headache. Had a lot of company to-day. No fever. Ellice here all the afternoon.

14. Fine. No fever, no company. Snowing and rain at night. Concert practice at Hall.

15. Nasty day all. Girls washed and Ernest killing chickens. Girls cut out Lorraines dress. Feeling fair. No fever.

Falconwood asylum burnt to the ground and some of the patients in it last night.

16. 4A in Charlottetown. Pretty cold here. Stayed in bed all day. Moderated in evening. Ernest took Anita to Ben Woolners to Institute. Lorraine and Gertrude over at Jerrys making costumes for concert.

17. Lovely day, not so cold. Ernest took chickens to Harold and was to see Malcom. Up and dressed this AM.

18. Stormy and cold. No YPS Practice at Hall. A terrible war. Snowing at night.

19. Quite a lot of snow down now. Practice in Hall. Fever all day. Snowing in evening.

20. Storming and blowing. Ernest and all of girls except Peggy went to church. Not feeling very good. Pretty rough all day. No company.

21. Fine and milder to-night. School concert a success but a small crowd. Quiet evening after they all got away early. Earl and Peter here.

22. A lovely morning. Girls house cleaning

23. Miserable day. Raining. School closed. Gertrude went to Hunter River with Bobby. Wilbur Willis arrived too late. Lorne and Mary up in evening.

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**December 1931-January 1932**

Dec 1931

24. Lovely day. Anita went to Hunter River for Keith. He is home for winter. Ernest & Earl in woods. Up for a little while and out to Kitchen. Pauline quite busy to-day.

25. Wild and dirty all day. Snow and rain and snowing and blowing at night. Santa good as per usual. Got so many boxes of fruit. A Kimona from the family. Annie Lowther and the Ling girls here in afternoon and Margaret here in evening. Had my dinner in the Kitchen. Tired at night.

26. Rough morning. Telephone line out of business. Stormed all day, north easter. Not very cold. No mail.

27. Sunday. Continuation of yesterday. Stopped snowing in afternoon. Avalah McCallum here to supper.

28. Not blowing quite so hard but snowing again. Roads bad and mailman did not come. Telephone line badly twisted. Ernest and Fred looking for the trouble. Keith went to Harolds for supplies. No mail.

29. Finer. Girls had two weeks washing. Big mail to-day. Johnson, Lowthur and Webb kids at Mr. Bishops to-night also Robbie Toombs. Irene Wyand has mumps. No news.

30. Nice morning. Ernest in woods. Keith has sore fingers (fox bite) and cannot chop.

31. Cloudy and bleak. Up this AM quite a while. Got over tired. No news. Annie and Edward over in evening. Ernest & Anita went to Bob McKenzies & paid axes at Greens.

DeBlois office and store burned last night. Dolph Flemings baby Ella Berniece.

1932

Jan 1st. Perfect day all day. Mrs Bishop came over in afternoon and both were here to tea. YPS at Fenners. Had dinner in Kitchen.

2. Fine. Ernest in woods. Keith went to mill. Youngsters at Johnson’s at night. Fever. Margaret here all night.

3. Blowing a gale NE. Bleak but little frost. Mrs Wyand and Mrs Bruce Graham here in afternoon. All went to church except Ernest.

4. Lovely day. Girls washed. Read Blue Hand. Marion at party at Manse. Mr Ackland brought Gertrude up.

5. Glorious morning. Keith took Margaret to Town. Mrs John Graham called in afternoon. Marion not very well.

6. Fine, not cold. Keith got home about 1 PM. Stayed at Wilbur Willis’s home in Kingston all night. Letters from Elaine and Belle Webb Hill. Raining at night.

7. Rained all night and mild all day. A lot of bare ground and the lawn as green as July. Ellice came over in afternoon. Girls dyeing for a mat for Miss Russel. Big box of chocolate came and a nice letter from Maud.

New girl Dolph Flemings

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**January 1932**

Jan 1932

8. Lovely day, mild. Frank Clarence[?] Peters & Irene & Sarah Simpson here this afternoon. Girls started hooking. Ernest & Keith finished hauling wood. YPS at Lowel Robertsons.

8 Fine. Feeling pretty well to-day. Wrote to Maud. Youngsters skating on pond. Elmer Fyfe down in evening. Read The Golden Web By Oppenheim. Keith sawing wood at Jerrys.

10. Sunday. North east wind and snow storm. Gertrude at Johnsons for the week end. Had a quiet Sunday. No preaching. Stormy. Very sick in afternoon.

11. Still storming. Girls hooking. Feeling better to-night.

12. Zero. Quite frosty this morning but milder to-night. Sawing wood to-day. Annie Lowther & Stirling here this evening. The gang planned to skate but too windy.

13. Poured rain all day. Snow going like smoke. Keith has mumps. Girls hooking. Leigh Warrens new girl.

14. 49A. Lovely day, very mild. Finished sawing wood. Girls did big washing. Alex and May here in the evening for their books. Fields all bare.

15. 46A. Fine in AM. Poured rain all afternoon. Very like spring. Lawn quite green. No YPS to-night. Roads bad.

16. Colder to-day. Wind north. No news.

17. Lovely fine day. United Church in AM. Lorraine & Anita have bad colds. Keith went for walk in afternoon and got cold and he and Lorraine & myself have temp to-night.

Jan 1932

Roy Stevenson & Olaf and Milton McKenzie hauled 19 loads of dulce off of shore. No ice in Gulf except a little along shore. About 11 inches on pond.

17 Marion & Anita went up to see Gertrude Lamont in afternoon. Mr & Mrs Bishop here in evening.

18. Raining in AM. Keith in bed all day. Lorraine got quite a cold. Girls getting another mat ready. Very mild but fine to-night.

19. Lovely day. Keith better. Marion not very well to-day. Pain in stomach and side. Started piecing a quilt. No news.

20. Fine day. Anita & Keith washed. Lorraine home with cold. Ernest hauling blocks home from field. Clarence Gallant went across fields with Truck. Institute at Mrs Wyands. Ernest, Gertrude, and Anita went.

21. Snowing a little but not cold. Petty spry in AM. Fever in afternoon. Bible class at Jerrys, Anita went.

22. Fairly fine, a little snow falling at times. Ced Simpson came for saw. YPS at Chester Woolners. All went but K. & PJ. Roads poor very little snow. Quite mild to-night.

23. Lovely fine day. Bob and Jennie and Mrs Ben Woolner and Arthur here and Wilbur Willis came up this evening. Feeling better to-day.

24. Sunday. Stormed in night but a fine day. Mr Quigley got over for the first time in six weeks. Robbie, Roy, & Annie here extra to-night. Tired? Keith drove to Town.

25. Fine day but cold. Keith came home at night. Marion and Anita went to Olaf Stevensons. Ham went to Kensington.

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**January-February 1932**

Jan 1932 & Feb

8°A

26. Fine. Not very well to-day. Ernest went to Allen Wyands to help them in woods. Anna and Jerry over in evening. William A McNeill died suddenly this evening at Hunter River. Archie Warren very low.

William A McNeill

27. Snowing most of the day, pouring rain to-night. Girls washed. Feeling better to-day. Keith at Wyands in AM.

28. Quite a bad snowstorm. Funeral in church this afternoon. Blowing a gale from NW. Letter from Mrs Stirling. Men killed beef this AM.

29. Lovely fine day. Pretty cold in morning. School examination. 19 visitors there. YPS at Jerrys. Art Woolner here all night. Fever.

30. Silver thaw in AM. Rained hard. Crowd all gone over to Austins for evening. Not much done to-day.

31. Blustery in morning. Fine in afternoon. Ellice over for dinner. United Church in afternoon. Up to dinner and until after 4 PM. Very cold to night and blowing hard

Feb 1. Zero. Blowing a gale and very cold. Wilbur Clarke here in AM with Teachers Supplement. Lorraine & Marion taking mumps. Still very cold to-night.

2. 4A. Still very cold. Girls washed. Marion & Lorraine have mumps. Ernest getting ready to go at ice. Keith in woods. Feeling pretty good to-day. Archie Warren North Rustico died this evening.

Archie Warren

3. Fine morning but very bleak and cold wind SE. Ernest and Keith started in ice. Snowing in afternoon.

Prince of Wales College burned to ground on Saturday morning Feb 6th.

Rustico Convent burned down morning of Feb 10th.

4. Lovely fine day, not very cold. Archie Warrens funeral in afternoon. Feeling pretty sick all day.

Uncle Jimmy D[?]

5. Snow storm. Lowell Wyand here thrashing. Lorraine in bed all day, quite miserable. Feeling better myself this afternoon. Letter from Aunt Sadie. No YPS to-night.

6. 6A. Fine day all day. Keith took Gertrude to Hunter River and was waiting for Margaret. Prince of Wales College burned last night. Lorraine very sick.

7. Sunday. Marion and Lorraine both very sick but Lorraine is a little better than yesterday. Very fine day. B. Church in afternoon. Preston & Mrs Warren down. Mr Quigley and Margaret here to tea. Wilbur W. brought Gertrude up.

Girl at Jack Bulmans

8. 4B. Fine til about 4 PM, then started to snow. Finished ice 27 loads. Marion up to-day.

9. Quite cold and blowing hard. Girls washed. Lorraine up but pretty shaky. Pretty cold to-night.

10. 2B. Cold. Rustico Convent burned at 3:30 AM. Fine day but snowing a little this evening. Men in woods.

11. Grey day, not very cold. Ernest helping Wyands with ice in afternoon. Keith hauling wood. Hester & Laura Fenner here to supper. Tired?

12. Raining most of day. Ernest helping Wyands at ice. K. hauling manure. Got his potatoes today. YPS at Olaf Stevensons. Anita & Gertrude went to K.

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**February-March 1932**

Feb 1932

13. Lovely fine mild day. Ernest took Pauline to H. River to dentist. Girls busy, cleaned up house etc. Up most of day. Congregational meeting in Manse to-night.

14. Sunday. Fine but colder. Keith drove Margaret to Town. Sadie Johnson here for dinner. Mrs Bishop here in afternoon. Mr B came for her. Wilbur and Horrace Willis here for the night.

15. Fine. Girls washed. Keith got six teeth out at H River. Ernest helping Wyands at ice and Mr Wyand here for dinner. Sick at night, fever.

16. Lovely day all day. Mr Ling here in afternoon and Jean and Wesley here at night. Wyand finished ice. Mrs Elijah Hill died yesterday.

17. Perfect day. Ernest, Keith, & Lorraine went to Hunter River. Institute at Roy Toombs. Orange Lodge Banquet last night. Got box eats compliments LOBA. Nuff said.

18. Dirty day, Egg Circle Meeting. Started Anita’s quilt. Mrs Wyand called this evening.

19. Quite a rough day. Elynor Ackland had operation on appendicitis in PEIsland Hospital. YPS at Manse.

20. 6A. Bitter cold, blowing hard, drifting. Bitter cold to-night. Mrs Wyand started to Toronto.

21. 2A. Bitter cold but fine and moderated a little by Sunday night. Annie Lowther here in afternoon. No church.

WD McCoubrey died

21 Railway accident at 4 AM between Passenger train and snow plough ½ mile from Tignish. 4 killed and 16 wounded. Leo Murphy died before reaching hospital. Sing song at Jerrys at night.

22. 2A. Keith and Lorraine went to Hunter River to dentist. Ernest went to mill. Winnie over in afternoon and Alex up in evening. Anita skating. Marion not very well.

23. Fine day. Ernest went to H. River for coal. Youngsters went to Prestons for evening. Girls washed. Wind NE tonight.

24. Zero. Keith hauling mud. Girls hooking. Gertrude has mumps. No school. Preaching in Baptist church at night. Blanche Wyand & Emma Moyse here and Mr. Quigley. Anna sick with cold.

25. Zero. K. went for mud again to Sou West River. Gertrude better. Girls hooking. Letter from Maud.

26. Fine but still zero and cold east wind. YPS at Roy Toombs to-night. K. went to S. West for mud. Anita sick. Malcom pretty poorly.

27. Fine but cloudy. Anita in bed, rest busy. No news.

28. Sunday. Still cloudy, bleak wind. Wilbur and Horace came up before dinner. Fever in afternoon. U. Church.

29. Boys went home this morning. Keith at mud. Silver thaw this afternoon. Feeling better again.

March 1. Northeast gale, thawing. Anita sick and I had fever again.

2. Poured rain most of day. Keith & Anita have colds. Feeling rotten most of day. Snowing and blowing to-night.

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March1st. Lindburg baby kidnapped.

C 5. The birches, back bridge.

C 6. The birches, near view, trees look smaller.

C 3. Lovers Lane, looking south, just past first turn. Good.

C 2. Lovers Lane, looking North. Coarse picture.

C 15. The Haunted wood.

C 11. Lake of Shining Waters, looking North.

C 7. North Bend of lane looking South.

C 17. Beach at Cavendish. Very good.

C 24. The Rocks and Sea at Cavendish. Good very.

March 3 Howling gale all night. Didn’t sleep. Still rough all day. No mail. A good many sick. Bad snow banks. Sleet at night.

4 Raining. Ernest shovelling on road. Anita up again. Silver thaw. Feeling better this morning. Jerry and Anna over. Fever again at night.

5 Same old thing. Fog and freezing in AM. Ice dropped off some in afternoon. Keith and Gertrude went to Town. Francis & Jean Clark and Mr & Mrs Bishop here in afternoon. Kids Anita Lorraine and Pauline went over to Austins at night.

Keith eggs 3 ½ doz to Mrs Wyand.

4 ½ to Frasers

1 doz to Frasers

Feb 13th 1932 Sent 4 books. Cloudy Jewel, The Rosary, Miriam of Queens & The Tangled Web over to Wedlocks. H. River.

[March] 6 Lovely fine Sunday. B preaching Annie & Stirling here in evening. Wilbur and Gertrude arrived at 9:50 PM. Roads soft and sloughs making.

Mrs Wyand

June 23 To 1 ½ qts of cream.

June 29 3 qts cream

June 29 3 qts cream 4 loaves bread

July 2 3 qts cream

July 13 4 qts cream

3 qts.

July 12 By 1 ½ doz bananas

17 1 ½ doz eggs.

19 By 1 ½ doz bananas

To 4 qts cream

23 To 1 qt cream

27 To 10 qts cream

By ½ doz bananas

31 2 qts cream.

Aug 3 6 qts cream.

4 By 4 doz oranges.

6 1 bottle lime juice

2 boxes marshmallows

2 dog eggs

11 2 doz eggs

17 2 qts cream

1 qt of milk

Balance due us $5.41

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1930

April 16 Little Guernsey Robinsons

April 18 Bred sow Fenner

May 24Guernsey 67804 Robinson

May 28 Lucy Robinson

June 6th Grace Robinson

July 4th Hieffer McCoubrey

Oct 1st White faced hieffer Fenners

Dec 8th Bred sow

1931

June 4th Bred cow Townsends

Nov 23 Sow Fenners

Dec 21 Sow Gordon Houstons.

Feb 1st 1932 Heifer to Jerrys

March 1932

7. Keith got home at noon, bad road. Poured rain all day. Girls canning meat. Dad & Clarence on telephone line in AM. Wrote to Lottie.

8. Foggy but mild. Gertrude Lamont and her three kiddies were down in afternoon. Snowing at night. Tired.

9. Snowing most of day. Not very cold. Gulf is full of ice. Have had a lot of North wind. No news.

10. Lovely fine day. Roads very heavy. Tennis and wife here in afternoon. Harriet very poorly. Girls washed in AM and Anita ironed at night.

11. Fine day but still a ground drift going. YPS at Milton Greens. Eric & Elmer called. No news.

12. Fine, blowing. Mother down for day. Milton Green & May here in the evening. Tired. Headache all day. Fine and cold. All went to church but Keith and Pauline. Annie over. Harriet has been

Mr and Mrs Cobb July 1st to 12th 42.00

Miss Comer July 2nd to Aug 3rd 65.50

Mrs Smith July 3 to 30 56.00

Miss Stewart 2 weeks & 4 days 34.00

Miss Odell 40.00

50.00

Mr. Gilling 24.00

Misses Norris 91.50

Misses Hiscox 56.00

Miss Harvey 56

Total 515

Paid Dr. Fleming $30.00 on Dec 15th 1929.

$30.00 on Sept 19th 1931.

The Misses Brown July 10th for 32 days.

Mr and Mrs Glass July 11.

Dr. Myers came July 13-24

Cottage bunch July 22

Miss Piers July 14

Miss Marshall

1932 12th Fine, blowing. Mother down for day. Milton Green & May here in the evening. Tired. Headache all day.

Fine and cold. All went to church but Keith and Pauline. Annie over. Ham has been

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1927

Feb 15th Bred black cow FR Stewarts.

May 5th Bred Sow FR Stewarts

May 9th Guernsey FR Stewarts

July 24th Red cow FR Stewarts

Sept 2 Lucy FR Stewarts

Sept 3 White holstein 24th FR Stewarts

Sept 20 Red Heifer Guernsey

Dec 16. Bred sow

1928

Jan 9 Guernsey Hieffier FR Stewarts

Mar. 31st Young Red (Lucy) FR Stewarts

Mar 29 Holstein

May 3rd Guernsey Grace

May 7 Guernsey Hieffier

May 26 Bred Sow

July 10 Red cow

July 18 Lucy

Nov 5 Sow Houstons

Mar 9 1929 Cow to Willie Robinsons Little Guernsey

Mar 26 Cow to NG

Mar 14 Red & white Guernsey to Robinsons

May 16 Sow to Fenners. Doubtful

May 23 Bred NG again June 12.

June 16 Dolly

June 19 Paid Wm Robinson. Nov29/29 Paid Robinson $46.00

June 24 Lucy Willie Robinsons

July 1 Grace & red cow. July 27. Bobby red ang.

Dec 7th Bred sow Houstons

Mrs. Davis came June 24th

Mr & Mrs Logan July 11 paid $50.00

Mr & Mrs Hill July 13 45.00

Misses Fraser July 13 15.00

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**March 1932**

March 1932

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16. Fine but cold. Ernest went down to see Bob McKenzie. He has been quite sick but is feeling better. Willie Simpson and Jean here in afternoon and Mr & Mrs Ben Woolner and Ruth Matheson Woolner called in evening before Institute at Jerrys. Feeling better to-day than I have for 2 weeks.

17. Fine and not so cold. Girls finished the Miss Russel mats. Anna called in afternoon and May & Alex in evening. Margaret over for little while in evening.

18. 4B. Lovely day. Keith hauling mud again and took Gertrude and Anita to New Glasgow where Wilbur Willis met them. Anita spending the weekend in Hampshire. YPS at EC LePages. Harriet very poorly to-night. Marion & PJ over at Jerrys this evening.

19. Fine, milder. Keith got three loads of mud. Oliver Bernard and Elva here to supper. Up all day.

20. Sunday. Fine but drifting and chilly in afternoon. B. Church in afternoon. Mr Quigley and Geo Nesbitt here to tea. Marion not well. I have been up all day. Harriet easier.

21. Fine, cloudless, and cold. K. at mud. Stayed in bed all day. Marion better. Mrs Blair Andrew called this evening and Milton Green here for awhile.

22. Pretty rough day. Keith at mud. Anita had to stay at H River all night. UC Missionary Concert postponed. Fever.

23. Keith went for Anita. Harriets three sisters came home last night. Ernest went to see Mac to-day. He’s pretty poorly to-day. Got Easter lily from Avonlea Institute.

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**March-April 1932**

March 1932

24. Lovely fine day. Ernest and Lorraine went to Brackley for eggs for incubator. Keith went for mud in AM and to H. River for Rupert McNeill in afternoon. Missionary Society Play and concert at night. Mr Quigley called in afternoon.

25. Fine. Ernest went to Hunter River for Alvin Webb. YPS at Wesleys. Tired at night.

Good Friday

26. Lovely day. Keith at mud, got thirty loads so far. Got a number of letters and cards. Ernest to see Mac he’s very poor. Mrs Austin very weak too. Three girls, and Alvin and Rupert went to Rustico and Ben Woolners to-night.

27. Kids got home at 12:45 AM, lovely and wet. Fine but mild, roads pretty soft. U Church in afternoon. Annie Lowther came from church. Mother down for the day. Margaret, Stirling, Lowell, Irene, Wilbur, Gertrude, Annie, Rupert, Alvin, and Jim here to-night. Sent my Easter lily over to the church.

28. Grey AM. Started to snow at noon, rained at night. Mission Band Concert postponed. Ernest took Alvin to Kensington. Girls and Rupert have had a strenuous day.

29. Keith took Margaret to H. River. Roads bad. Brook very high. Up most of day. Marion and Lorraine sick with flu. Mission Band Concert at night.

30. Colder, blustery in AM. Ernest took Rupert to H. River. Anita & Ernest did a washing in afternoon. Keith went up to McEwens for mud. Mrs Max Ferguson very sick. Elmer and Eric down at night.

31. Fine. Lorriane and Marion quite sick with the flu. Keith went his last trip to Sou West for mud. Roads getting bad. Ernest stayed with Malcolm all night.

April 1. Rained and cloudy. Girls pretty miserable. I had fever in afternoon. Dad blue. No YPS.

2. Lovely day, quite spring like. Ernest hauling spuds from Tenniss’. Marion a little better. Lorraine still miserable. Up all day and did a few things to help. Gertrude in bed. Roads getting pretty bad but passable.

3. Fine, blowing hard and thawing. B. Church in afternoon. Fred & Hester and Martha Ling and Annie L called in afternoon. Girls pretty miserable.

4. Not a nice day and got nasty at night and blowing a gale. Dad and Anita straightening up back porch and attic. Finished piecing Anitas quilt. Fever.

5. Miserable day all day, snow rain and sleet. Ernest into Mayfield. Mac better. No mail.

6. Very heavy silver thaw. Keith sick with flu. Anita put in another mat. Marion up in afternoon. Dad got medicine from Dr for her. Up all day.

7. Still a miserable day and the ice still on trees. In bed all day. K. better. Fever. Malcolm died at 10 o’clock PM. Fever

Malcolm McNeill

8. Sun shining this morning. Ernest at cemetery in afternoon. YPS at Alex McNeill. All sick at Freds.

9. Fine in morning, but clouded up at noon. Funeral in afternoon. Mrs Darnley came in after the funeral. George Clarke very sick with flu and mumps. They are all sick there but Hester. Anna has mumps. Keith went to Town.

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**April 1932**

April 1932

10. Lovely morning. All went to church but Marion. Wilbur and Horace Willis arrived shortly after dinner. Ellice Annie and Edward over in afternoon and Ellice & Edward stayed to supper. Anita made a birthday cake for Edward.

11. Lovely fine day. Girls washed. Ernest took off the outside window. Mrs Dolph Fleming has appendicitis. Very sick at Freds and Anna very sick with mumps. Ernest and James O went to Mayfield to-night. Keith got home from Town.

New calf

Got weighed 115 lbs.

12. Blowing hard all day and poured rain from 4 PM till 10 PM. Little pigs arrived at night. Keith sawing wood at Jerrys. Anna better. Not very good to-day. Fever.

13. Lovely and warm south wind to-day. Got up after dinner. Out in sun for awhile. Letter from Aunt Sadie.

14. Fine but a little cooler. Anita at Freds to-day. They are still very sick there and Mrs Austin very poorly again. Not feeling extra good but no fever. Bible Class at Manse. Marion and Anita went.

15. Fine but wind cool. Went out a little this morning. Men cleaning grain. YPS at Ernest Clarkes. Mrs Austin very poorly. Freds better. Pretty sick. Fever

16. Terrible day all day, snow in AM, then rain and blowing hard. Letter from Aunt Maud. Roads bad. Feeling better to-night.

17. Fine but cool. Ernest went over to Austins in morning. Harriet died at 11:45 AM. Preaching in B. Church in afternoon. Mr Quigley and Geo Nesbitt here to supper. Ham here for evening.

Mrs Austin Laird

18. Just a miserable day. Snow sleet, and rain and fog at night. Nothing much doing in house. Keith went to Hunter River for Margaret and Ernest working the road in AM and in cemetery in afternoon.

Took 60 chicks out of incubator Jersey Giants, Keiths.

19. Fine this morning. Girls washed in morning. Funeral in afternoon. Ernest at cemetery all afternoon baling water. Feeling very mean all day. Jim Warren here in evening.

20. Lovely morning. Not feeling very well. Miserable weather. Set incubator with eggs we got from Lewis Toombs. Paid 15c per doz for them. Keith took Mrs Walker to New Glasgow.

Set incubator second time

Fever

21. Terrible day. Rain and snow and cold. Sick all day. Girls sewing.

22. Dirty in the morning but cleared up at noon. Feeling pretty rotten. Ernest went to Harolds in afternoon. Keith went to Bay view for clams. YPS at Wyands, Anna and the two Mabels over for a little while.

23. Mrs John McLure died this morning. Blowing hard all day and cold. Anita & Gertrude at Austins for supper. Feeling pretty rotten.

Mrs Soldier John McLure

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**April-May 1932**

April 1932

24. Miserable day, snowing and cold. U. Church in afternoon, Bessie Stewart and Lucy Woolner and Mrs Wyand here also Margaret Lowther for supper.

25. Lovely fine day but wind cold. Girls washed. Keith cleaning up around home. Ernest at Bonnell place. Feeling better to-day. Mr Bishop over in afternoon.

26. Grey day and rained at night. Keith went to H. River with a load of eggs for Austin. Ernest & Austin went to funeral in afternoon. Girls canning carrots. Anita and Gertrude went to Milton Greens to-night.

27. Cloudy. Keith at Don Lamonts cutting wood. Marion sewing. Anita cleaned dining room cupboard. Poured in evening.

28. Ground white but not for long. Blowing a gale all day and not so cold. Ernest went up to Ced Simpsons for saw and to Austins for load of straw. Cemetery meeting at night. Clive McNeill has job of cemetery again $43.00. Was $49.00 last year.

Fever. Set goose eggs under hen.

29. Gertrude Ackland’s birthday, 23. Fine day, cool. Keith took away banking, Ernest put up fence. Marion & Anita went to YPS at Ben Woolners.

30. Fine day, not so cold. Girls wound up. Amanda here for afternoon. Jim Warren here in evening. Mr & Mrs Bishop in for awhile this evening. Men sawing wood. Fishermen run their lines.

May 1932

1. Fine day tho’ cloudy, rained in evening. Warmer. Mr Quigley, Mrs Wyand, Annie Lowther and Wilbur Willis here. In bed all day. Sunday school started. Marion had dinner at the Manse. Fever.

2. Lovely day, wind turned cool at 4 PM. Out for an hour in the sun. Anita at Austins in forenoon. Ellice in bed with inflammation of bowels. Marion miserable. Mike Doyles has new girl.

Mike Doyles. Fever

3. Rained all day, cleared up at sun-set. Social for Mr & Mrs Bishop at Jerrys. Dad and Anita housecleaning.

4. Fine day, girls washing and moved our beds upstairs and cleaned house generally for Institute to-night. Everybody tired. Fever.

5. Miserable cold day, snowing in AM. Ernest and James O went to town. Ernest lost cheque for ten dollars. Mary Graham here this evening also Eric Bell.

6. Miserable cold cold wind. Ernest helping Wyand at shore to haul their dining room. Keith hauling mud. Townsend and Annie up in evening. Quite sick. Anita got bad cold.

Sports out for first time. Fever

7. Lovely fine morning but wind cold to-night. Ernest at shore. Girls cleaned two big rooms. In bed all day. Young fry got lovely Mayflowers this evening. New girl at Tommy Hiscotts

Mrs Ben Buntain.

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**May 1932**

May 1932

Tommy Hiscotts have a girl. Planted hot bed.

8. Miserable cold day again. Dr Claude down. He told me a good deal that I didn’t know. Alf Simpson and Jerry here after dinner and Mr. Green Margaret and Annie here in evening. Marion went to new Glasgow with Mr Bishops.

9. Fine but still bitter cold. Girls washed. Keith hauled one load of mud from Campbellton and one from Alf Moores. “Blue” meeting at Allen Wyands. Marion and Gertrude went.

10. Lovely fine day. Keith harrowing. Ernest working in garden in morning and helping Austin saw wood in afternoon. Mrs Wyand helping girls with some sewing. Feeling fairly well to-day.

11. Lovely day, drove over to see Ellice in afternoon. Girls cleaning the yard. Sewing in AM. Practice at night at Wyands.

First drive

12. Lovely fine warm day. Letters from Maud and Mrs Logan. Anita not very spry. Marion sewing. Had to go to bed in afternoon. Have about 87 chickens. Gertrude and Don down in evening. Fever.

13. Better again. Fine day but wind cool. Sewing in afternoon tired at night. YPS at Manse. Blues treat. Marion busy. Keith harrowing. Ernest putting in garden at Bonnells and here. Mrs Max Ferguson operated on in PEI Hosp.

14. Cold and foggy all day. Ernest spreading mud. Girls went up for Mayflowers. Didn’t do much to-day. Mrs EC LePage operated on in PEI hospital.

Body of little Lindberg baby found in woods frive miles from the Lindberg home. Little chap was kidnapped on March 1st and had been brutally murdered.

15. Sunday. Lovely day. Fenner Stewarts flue caught fire and burnt a hole in roof. Annie Alfred and kiddies in to see me before dinner. Alvin Webb Isabelle Ramsey Ralph Ozen[?], Wilbur, and Grant Willis and Elynor Ackland Reuel & Enid and kiddies here. Fever

16. Blowing hard and very warm. Girls washed and got an extra perennial bed dug up. Keith sowing back field. Wm Moffat died this morning. Got up after dinner. Felt pretty sharp

First grain

Wm Moffat

17. Very hot all day and blowing hard all day. A tiresome day for everybody. Girls painting kitchen, went over to Jerrys for a little drive and up to the church. Everybody in bed before dark.

18. Papered kitchen. Marion had to go to bed for part of the day. I made cookies, a washington pie and custard and creamed beans for supper. Everybody tired. Ernest went to Mr Moffats funeral.

19. Cooler again. Marion ironing. Anita cleaning pantry. Dad sowed west field below road. Misses Gordon, Woolner, Coughlin, McPhail, and McNeill arrived from S. Side. Very tired and sick at night.

20. Fine. Keith went to Tryon with Jack Stewart. Margaret came home to-night. YPS at Leigh Warrens. Mr & Mrs Ackland & Willie came up for Gertrude.

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**May-June 1932**

May 1932

21. Fine but quite cool. Ernest working in garden. Keith plowing. I went over to Manse for afternoon. Everyone tired to-night. Pretty dry. No rain for sometime.

22. Sunday. Pouring rain all forenoon. No Sunday School. Great day to rest for everybody. Wind North east and cold. United Church to-night.

23. Cold day. Girls papered the South East bedroom. No school. Everybody tired at night. Ernest got strawberry plants from Wyands. Keith and Margaret got gaspereau at run. Planted early spuds. Fever.

24. Fine early. Wind cold. Earl here grafting trees. Alvin Rupert and Dorothy down and they and the three girls had quite a picnic. Mr & Mrs Quigley called.

25. Rained hard in forenoon. Marion went to O’Leary last night with Alvin etc. Anita and Dad washed. I got dinner. Planted another row of lettuce and weeded half the shallot bed. Mrs BC & Mrs Roy Woolner, Art Laura Johnson and Miriam here this evening.

26. Cloudy in AM. Poured for a while. Anita ironing. Ernest sowed mangles. Keith went to H. River to get his stove teeth fitted. Girls went to Wyand to practice. First fresh cod fish.

27. Cold as Greenland all day. Pouring to-night. Wind east. Have seven little goslins. Irene here to supper. YPS at church to-night. Ernest working in garden. Up most of day. Got some lobsters.

28. Rained hard all night. Lorraine 15 years old to-day. Plum pudding. Ernest cutting sets. Mother down. Mission Band party at Church. Mr & Mrs Bishop called this evening.

29. Still very cold. Elmer Lizzie, isabelle and Arthur brought Marion home. Mr Quigley and Ella Wyand called. Feels like snow.

30. Clear and cold. Girls washed in AM and set out some dahlias in the evening. Jamie Wedlock over in afternoon. Stan Wedlock is dead. Fever

31. Warmer to-day. Wind SW. Ernest and James went to Hunter River. Up to-day but feeling pretty rotten. Ham here most of day. Girls painting kitchen ceiling. Tired.

June 1st. Raining in forenoon. Keith caught an eel. Headache most of day. Men at various odd jobs. Keith Anita and Margaret went up to Prestons to-night and Gertrude and Lorraine to Ernest Clarkes.

2. Foggy most of day. Wind north. Girls sewing. I baked hard biscuits and German fingers. Ernest ploughing for Ham. Keith went to H. River for his teeth. Girls over to Austins to-night.

3. Fine. Keith sick. Ernest discing potatoes. YPS at Wallie Purseys. Had a drive over to John F’s.

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**June 1932**

June 1932

4. Fine hot in AM. Cooler in afternoon. Marion and Anita went to O’Leary with Ben Woolner. Had Dr for Keith this evening.

5. Fine and cold. Quiet day. Keith very miserable. U. Church in AM. Ham Amanda & George Lowell here in afternoon. Ellice Margaret and Dorothy Warren here at night. Tired?

6. Cold as Greenland, rained part of day. Keith a little better. Girls tired to-day but they had a great trip.

7. Rained all day but still cold. Girls washed. Keith feeling better. Doctor down and pronounced it jaundice. Blanch Wyand went to Boston for her Grandmother. Inspector Court here for dinner. Just pouring to-night. Wind NE

8. Fine but still cold. Blowing a gale. Planted potatoes. Mr Green and Jerry Peters here in woods. Keith up in afternoon. Tired. Planted spuds.

9. Fine until night, had a thunder shower. Ernest sowed last of grain and planted beans at Bonnells. Girls went for clams. Cut out and made little cotton dress, green. Keith fishing trout.

Mr. Hillmans house burned.

10. Pretty nice day after it stopped raining. Girls did some transplanting and the regular work. YPS at church.

11. Fine, cool all day but better at night. Ernest out with Clarence on telephone line. Marion made a dress for Lorraine. Willie McKendrick, May and Lizzie came in afternoon. Had a drive up to Don Lamonts in evening.

12. Lovely day. Walked to Cottage, Alvin Hattie, Reg MacNeill and Isabelle here for day. Little Lamont kiddies here this afternoon. Very tired.

13. Very warm. Anita washed, Marion in bed. Cut out dark green dress. Went down to Mrs Alberts in evening. Eric Bell took Marion & Anita & Lorraine to Rustico. Telephone directors meeting. Planted dahlias at Cottage.

14. Fine in forenoon, raining a little in afternoon and evening. Made dark green dress. Girls cleaned cottage. Jean Caseley came down at night and all the family. Fire at Emerald, house and store 3 barns.

15. Quite warm to-day. Keith and Ernest hauling manure for turnips. Tired at night. Travellers Rest bunch putting on concert in Hall. Mr Wilson from S. Side called.

16. Lovely fine day but wind came around cold. Sowed turnips, corn, pumpkins and marrows. Grubs bad. Anna over for little while. Institute at Hugh Warrens.

17. Raining in AM. Cold wind all day. Jean went to Mrs McCoubreys. YPS at Mrs Paynters. All the gang gone. Ernest went with Austin to an egg circle meeting at Rustico Bank.

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**June 1932**

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Grade VIII Exams in Mayfield school. Pauline, Mable, Freda, Jan Isabelle Herb W and Eric Simpson

18. Lovely fine day. Everybody busy. Ernest hauling lumber. Pauline passed her exams alright so far as corrected. Girls went to Town to-night with Eric Bell. Had a little drive, was down to see Jean.

19. Lovely fine day, quite warm, very dusty. Had a quiet day. Annie Lowther here to tea. Mr Bishops last service in Cavendish.

20. Fine and warm, very smokey. Feeling rotten. Girls washed. Ernest hauling lumber. Irene and Eva here this evening.

21. Fine and hot. Keith took steer over to Hazel Grove and Anita went to Hunter River for him. Kids had a clam bake at shore. Floyd came for Jean. School meeting.

22. Very warm day. Got young cattle moved down to shore field. Young People’s Society painting the Manse fence. Started to rain about 4 PM and poured at times till after midnight. Ended with a terrific thunder storm.

23. Grand glowing day. Girls cleaning big hall upstairs and decided it had to be papered. Ernest hauling lumber. Keith at Manse in afternoon. Eric took us to Rustico in evening. Wind cold. Everything growing.

24. Showery and much colder. Had a drive to Harolds in afternoon. Ernest and girls papered upstairs hall. YPS Picnic and meeting here in afternoon and evening.

25. Lovely day but wind cool. Weeding in evening. Girls varnished bed room and hall floor. Went for drive to Creek with Ernest and Winnie and stayed there for tea. Girls moved bedding to cottage and slept there. YPS finished painting Manse fence.

26. Lovely day. Orange Parade in afternoon. Alvin and Bann[?] Webb came along about 3:30. Was to the shore. Alvin Ernest and girls to Rustico church at night. Mr Bishops last Sunday.

27. Lovely day. Everybody busy. Girls washed and cleaned back porch. Mr. Ben Woolner up in afternoon to Jerrys and here. Preston Warrens and Mrs Warren here in evening.

28. Lovely fine day after a heavy shower in the AM. Mr & Mrs Bishop here to dinner and were to start for Woodstock NB. Everybody feeling sorry. Saw Dr Claude on our way into Harolds.

29. Fine day. Girls went to town with Andrew. Mrs Fred fixing my red dress. Very tired at night.

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**June-July 1932**

June 1932 July

30. Cloudy and rained a little. Keith at Don Lamonts fencing. Examinations in afternoon. 30 visitors. Induction service in church to-night at Mr. Patterson. Everybody tired.

July 1st. Lovely day. Big crowd at shore. Girls busy busy. Went back lane for strawberries. Gertrude went home.

2. Cloudy muggy and warm. Fire in Harolds store after midnight last night. Ernest & I had to go to Rustico for groceries. Myron Elaine and Kiddies and Mother down. Girls ready for boarders.

3. Lovely morning. Five boarders arrived. Mr & Mrs Cook Miss Head Miss Marion & Walter Meech. Mr. Paterson preached this morning. Keith went to Carleton with Stirling and Lowther kids.

4. Fine, blowing hard. Had Annie washing. Big day. Picking berries in afternoon. Ernest hilled spuds. Mr. Bonnell arrived from Winnipeg. Rained at night.

5. Fine but cool. Keith painting church. Myron & Elaine took me to Rustico in AM. Busy in afternoon. Two American ladies here for the night. Quite cool.

6. Lovely day. Ernest at Reuels helping him with his cottage. John Webb and wife and Ivan and John Hopgood here for supper.

7. Lovely day. Ernest at Reuels in AM and went with Austins to Field day at Jack Clarkes. Anita went to Town with Myron & Elaine, Flossie, Harry and Jean Linkletter called in evening. Lorraine came home from PWC Exams. Telephone meeting at night.

8. Very warm in AM. Myrons down to dinner and I went to shore with them for afternoon. Mr & Mrs Smiley and family arrived, here for week. Terrible heavy rain all night, thunder & lightning.

9. Gander dead. Went with Ernest to Harolds and Creek. Anita, Pauline & Lorraine went to circus. Went over to Ellice’s to-night.

10. Sunday. Lovely day. Mima came over in morning. Rupert, Alvin, Dorothy and Isabelle came in afternoon. Went up to church with Mr Smiley.

11. Showery day. Annie washed. Earl hoeing. Campfire at shore at night. Everyone busy & tired.

12. Lovely day, quite warm. Went to S. Side with Smileys in AM and to the shore with Margaret & Ellice in evening. Camp fire.

13. Lovely day. Picnic supper at shore. Mima here all night. Very tired.

14. Fine. Got 20 qts berries from John Fyfe. Ernest went to town. Gang went fishing. Got twenty five mackerel. Mima here at night.

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**July-August 1932**

July 1932

Jerry cutting hay

15. Lovely day and Mima went to Town with Mr & Mrs Cook. The rest of us pretty busy and tired. Jim Harris & wife have baby girl.

James Harris girl

16. Fine, helped a little in house and worked in garden. Painted finish at cottage. Mr Patterson called in evening. Everybody busy. Keith Lorraine Margaret & Annie went to O’Leary with Eric Bell. The Logans arrived.

17. Fine day and not much company. Preaching at night. Wrote to Mrs Bishop.

18. Rained most of day. Girls busy. Timmins family came at night.

19. Fine. Started cutting hay. The Cottage girls came. Annie here washing. Institute Convention at Jerrys and Hall to-night. Mima went to Stanley.

20. Fine but muggy and damp in evening. Ernest built a new toilet. Keith finished field across lane. Marshmallow toast at night.

21. Fine. First raspberries. Will Hill, Belle Lizzie Lorne and Arthur here. Busy here. Went to Rustico at night. Air cool and damp.

22. Fine. I went for berries after dinner. Camp fire and social night at YPS at shore. Maron Meech Walter & Keith got brush.

23. Fine day, very busy. Mr & Mrs Carse & Jimmy Carse and Mildred McLeod came. We have fourteen now. Everybody on the jump all day and tired at night.

24. Hot in morning, raining by 1 PM. Ernest took Miss Taylor to Chapel at St. Annes. Alvin came down for Reggie McNeill. Nine went up to church but no service.

25. Fine. Annie did a big washing. I picked berries. Went down to shore in evening and

26. went to Town with Reuel and Enid. Got a little green suit. Had a big busy day and stood the trip wonderfully well. Camp fire.

27. Fine blowing hard. Very busy. Picked a lot of berries. Very hot.

28. Poured rain in night and this morning. Picked a few more berries. Everybody busy.

Aug 2nd. Fine. Marion not well. Got up fairly early and set bread. My side and stomach sore. On July 31st Dr & Mrs Fleming took Dad and I to Brackley Beach. Had a nice drive, quite tired at night I had a very busy week. Marion and Walter Meech went home on Sat July 30th and Mr & Mrs Logan left on Aug 1st. The Norris girls came Aug 3rd and Mrs McGarry and Margaret and Mrs Boa and her daughters Nellie & Margaret came on the 6th. In bed for several days with my side. Dr Claude called Sunday evening the 7th. Feeling better to-day.

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**August-September 1932**

Aug 1932

9. Terribly warm and depressing. Marion and Keith picking berries. Had a lot of cars in to-day. Had a drive this evening with Margaret & Boa to the Harbour around the Cape road. Mrs Campbell very low.

10. Lovely fine day for Cavendish Tea. Big crowd. All went but Miss Carrie Norris and Marion

11. Cloudy and raining a little all day. Marion sewing. Pouring to-night. Gang invited to Jerrys. Ernest to Mayfield to political meeting.

28. The Cottage bunch left on the 22nd. Had Lillian McKenzie and Mrs Full here while Mrs McGarry was here. Had Dr Brecken & son and Mrs Overland and Miss Austin for one day. Rev Wm Swan & wife and daughter Jean and Mrs Bentley for over a week. Been busy and am tired to-day. Had Mr & Mrs Hector Philips

Sept from Hamilton out and Mr & Mrs Irwin from St Lambert Que and Mr & Mrs Gillings up to Sept 13th. Lorraine went to Charlottetown Sept 6th is boarding at Mrs Aflecks.

Sept 7 Mother down for afternoon. Mrs Campbell Mrs. Wyands mother died very suddenly.

8. Over to Ellice’s to dinner and Ellice & I were down to Mrs Wyands in afternoon. Tired at night.

9. Northeast gale and rain in morning. Mr & Mrs McKenzie & son called to see Mr and Mrs Gillings. School Fair and Mrs Campbells funeral. YPS at Stanley.

10. Terrible gale all day and rain. The garden is ruined for this year and it was so lovely. The birches are badly battered and the apple trees blighted and the leaves curled up. The apples are on the ground.

11. Nice day good and dry. Mr Bell preached in Baptist Church in AM. Had a walk back thru Marions lane and round the block home. Anita & Keith at Lowthers for supper.

12. Fine day. Everyone at grain bright and early. Pretty busy. Practice at night for Rally Service.

13. Lovely day. Mr & Mrs Gillings left. The last of our summer boarders for this season. Marion washed, Anita pitched grain all day.

14. Finished the grain. Walked over to Jerrys in afternoon. Was very tired.

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**September 1932**

Sept 32

15. Another lovely day. Everybody tired out. Cleaned the cottage up and Dad and I spent the night here. There was a cricket.

16. More or less wrecks. Washed wool. Very warm looks like rain to-night. Ernest picking beans this afternoon. YPS at Rustico Church to-night.

17. Blew a terrible gale. Good many stacks barn roofs and trees blew down. Chester Woolner kitchen flue fell and gave everybody a bad scare.

Lorraine & Wanda came home

18. Lovely day. Alvin came down about 10 AM. YPS held Rally Services in Stanley & Rustico. Baptist Church in afternoon.

19. Nice day. Took the girls down to Roys in the morning, made some calls and went to Harolds. Alvin had car trouble didn’t get home til night.

20. Cold grey morning, north east wind. Had planned a big day but the weather planned differently. Ellice was over for supper and five went to Davis Moffats afterwards to see Maggie Nettie. Came back and had ice cream. Marion in bed.

27th Anniversary

21 Lovely day, quite warm. Ernest and Austin away all day and until after eleven. Very dense fog at night. Institute at Wesleys at night and I went for the first time in nearly two years.

22. Fine in afternoon. Ernest picking beans. Keith at church. Anita at Austins. School closed for fall vacation.

23. Poured rain by spell all day. Thrashing. Central School Fair. Pauline went with Margaret. YPS at church. We are still sleeping in Cottage and and have cats with us to-night. Poured rain for hours.

24. Fine to-day. Thrashing in AM and picking beans in afternoon. Everybody tired.

25. Lovely fine day but wind cool. Rally Service in Cavendish at night. Good service. Had quiet day, no company.

26. Girls washed and ironed and Dad & I got our room upstairs straightened out.

27. Fine day. Ernest & Ham helping Fenner with his harvest. Institute Quilting party. Hester, Anna, Lucy, Miss McVane, Miss Woolner here. Also Mr & Mrs Art Henry.

28. Started potatoes but it rained and we didn’t pick any after dinner. Anna Ellice & May Green here to-day.

29. Lovely fine day. Anita at potatoes to-day. Everybody tired. Marion sewing and I was quilting.

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**September-October 1932**

Sept 1932 & Oct

30. Fine but cooler. Finished quilting the Institute quilt. YPS here all night. Mr Oulton[?] from the Fillmore Nurseries here all night.

Oct 1st Fine and cooler. Ernest at Hams finished his potatoes. Lorraine came home at night. Keith at Church all day. Sewing all day.

2. Lovely day. B. Church at night. Eric & Elmer took Keith & Annie and Marion to Tryon for Margaret and to Borden. I took Lorraine down to Roys. PJ went with me.

3. Lovely day. Girls washed and picked cranberries. Small crop. Ernest & I went to Rustico, called at Oliver Bernards. Had a nice drive. Lovely warm day.

4. Girls (Marion & Anita) went to Hunter River to dentist and to Bradalbane to meet Aunt Maud. Took in the Sunday School convention at night at New Glasgow.

5. Still very warm 74A at noon. Was to shore for awhile in afternoon. Keith plowing.

6. 74A. Lovely day, feeling rather mean all day. Marion sewing. Bible Class at Jerrys. Girls went. Ham a daily event.

7. 76A. Very warm. Keith finished ploughing back field. I went to see Mrs John F in afternoon. YPS at Rustico. Raining this evening.

8. Rainy and much cooler. Lorraine here again to-night for Thanksgiving. Girls cut Marions dress. Lovely night but feels like frost.

9. Lovely bright day. Alvin and Ella came down and Ernest & Marion went back with them. U. Church at night.

10. Lovely day. Anita & Waine washed. Shampoo frolic after dinner. Ernest & Marion had a big day and got home about 8 PM. Chicken supper at Jerrys. Pickards barns burned near Town.

11. Cloudy and raining. Maud came about 8:15. Quite foggy to-night. Made Hams preserve.

12. Much colder. Fred and Hester down in evening. Had mean headache all day.

13. Quite cold and blowing hard. Flowers still blooming, no frost yet but feels like it to-night. Mother & Mrs Darnley here to-night.

14. Blowing hard and quite cold. Maud & I went to shore and M. took some pictures of the waves. Had a quiet evening. Marion sick. YPS at Mrs Paynters, over fifty there.

Mrs Nelson Orr

15. 28A. Lovely day. Had our first frost here. Picked some lovely flowers to-night. Dahlias blooming lovely. Had letter from Aunt Sadie. She fell downstairs and was badly shaken up.

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**October 1932**

Oct 1932

16. Dahlias black this AM but the air is warmer. Ernest Anita & Maud went with Alexs to Mrs Orrs funeral. Reuel & Enid and kiddies and Lorraine out to goose supper.

17. Nice day. Ernest at mangles. Keith hauling mud. Maud went to visit Amanda.

18. Cloudy and cool. Laura & Getrude and Mr & Mrs Wyand here this evening. Finished mangles. Tired.

19. Lovely day. Marion finished Anitas dress. Lemmie Wyand took Maud & I to New Glasgow to see Geo & Eva McNeill and then took us to Institute at Dolph Flemings. Big meeting.

20. Lovely morning but pouring rain to-night. Very tired to-day. Ernest dug dahlias and put them all down cellar. Everybody sleepy to-night.

21. Cloudy and warm. Had a quiet day. Ernest working in garden. Ben Woolner up in evening. No YPS. Chicken supper in hall.

22. Raining in morning. Cleared up in afternoon. Maud went down to Alexs. Girls visiting at Gertrude Lamonts. Finished Ethel Wyands sweater.

23. Blowing hard and cooler. Alvin and little Margaret Webb came down for the girls. Community Service in United Church. Ham & Mr. Green here.

24. Northeast wind and cold. Ernest washed. Margaret over in evening.

25. Lovely day. Picked some seeds in garden and some stock. Went down to Mrs Alberts in afternoon.

26. Nice day. Ernest went to Hunter River with potatoes & turnips and fish to ship to Maud. Women came to-night to go over play.

27. Fine. Not doing much. Went up to Bay View to see Herb White & Mother and Annie Moore.

28. Took in turnips. I went down to Alexs with a letter for Maud and stayed to tea. Mr & Mrs Stirling came and Mr. S brought me home in the rain.

29. Quite a stormy day, rained a lot and cold. Ham here nearly all day. Letter from girls. Halloween Party at Wyands for school children.

30. Lovely day. Alex & May took Maud & I to Park Corner and Malpeque. Got home at 5:30. Baptist church at night.

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**October-November 1932**

Oct & November

31. Miserable cold day, rain and snow. Parlor social at Will Grahams. Bay View Institute. Ernest cleaned up and manured the garden.

November 1st. Cold grey day. K. in woods. Ernest ploughing turnip land and found gallon jar of whiskey down in alder bush. Margaret over for supper. Blowing a north east storm tonight.

2. Cold grey day but fine. Ernest & I have bad colds.

3. Very cold day and snow & hail flurries. Ernest & Keith went to sale at Wiltshire and Margaret stayed with me. Wretched cold and altogether miserable.

4. Ernest doing house work to day. In bed all day.

5. Warmer to-day and feeling better. Lorraine home in time for supper. Anna over. Blowing hard to-night.

6. Lovely fine day. Annie Lowther & Herb Wyand here in afternoon. Marion Alvin and Rae McN arrived about 4:30. Had Mother down in evening.

7. Mild day, rained a little in afternoon. Marion washed. Ernest working in cemetery. Missionary Meeting in church to-night. Norman Alton

New boy at Cecils

8. Cold and cloudy. Ernest and Keith in woods. BS Group met at manse. US election day.

9. Still cold. Keith thrashing at Hams in afternoon. Ernest helping shingle Earl Simpsons roof.

**[Change in handwriting: Marion?]**

10. Mums went to Hunter River with Wyands in to town by train. Practice in hall to-night for concert.

11. Special services for Remembrance Day in Wheatley River & elsewhere. Mrs McCrae phoned to locate Nan, wants her in tea room in S Side. YPS in U Church - lively meeting. Dinner at Doyles at midnight.

12. Not feeling so good but had a busy day. Dad got a wild goose this AM. Vera down in PM. Practice at night.

13. SS in AM – a glorious day. Baptist service in PM. Goose dinner at night. Margaret & Annie over. PJ & I were to Jerrys to see Mabel. She has had a nervous breakdown.

14. Made candy in AM, worked in hall all afternoon, concert successfully staged at night, made $18.45. Tired & happy.

15. Busy day - Earle, Ham, & Elmer Pluck here sawing wood. Teacher Training at Manse. Margaret over.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting.]**

16. Fine, came home from Town. Reuel & Enid and kiddies brought me out. Foggy at night. Cyrus Crosby’s 50th wedding anniversary.

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**November-December 1932**

Nov 1932

17. Rained most of day. Ernest putting on outside windows.

18. Much colder, changed room stoves, moved organ and put up hurricanes. YPS at H. Lairds. Ernest at Hams to-day fixing up his windows.

19. Cloudy. Killed 9 hogs. Ham here. Busy.

20. Rained all night and until 10:30. Alvin, Anita and Allie Coughlin arrived at noon. Margaret over to-night.

21. Fine day. Girls washed and put in a quilt this afternoon. Keith took a load of pork to Bradalbane got 5c a lb.

22. Colder and dirty. Snow and rain. Ellice over and we quilted on Keiths quilt. Fresh pork for dinner.

Aunt Sadie came home.

23. Fine and cold north wind. Quilting. Institute at Chester Woolner’s, annual meeting. Mrs Wyand new Pres.

24. Miserable day, snow and rain. Quite mild to-night. Margaret over quilting. Tired?

25. Lovely day. Finished quilting. Went over to Jerrys in afternoon. YPS at Manse to-night.

26. Lovely mild morning. Wind came round cold in afternoon. Alf & Sophia Simpson called. Cold night. Kids over to Jerrys in evening.

27. Cold wind and snow flurries in AM. Baptist church at night. Quiet day.

28. 14A. Lovely fine bright sunny day all day. Girls washed. Evelyn McVane here to tea and went with girls to Austins. Ernes & Jas O up to Art Simpsons this evening.

29. Fine day, not as frosty. Ernest & K. in woods. Over to John F’s in evening.

30. Pouring rain all day long and blowing a gale to-night. Quilting Margarets quilt. Margaret here all night.

Dec 1 Foggy dark day. Quilting. Roads bad, lots of mud. Mr Quigley called in afternoon. John Brown died at Gordon Lairds this morning.

John Brown

2. Woke up early to the sound of Pierce McNeill coming in, he had been out all night and was pretty well tired out. Keith found him behind the barn. YPS at Simpsons Bell to-night.

3. Lovely fine mild day. Went with Ernest to Gordon Lairds to John Browns funeral. Came back to Bob McKenzies for supper. Got parcel of books from Miss Marshall.

Mr Johnson Yonkers NY died. Chris Cobbs new baby.

4. Pretty nice day. Alvin & Allie Coughlin down for dinner and took Marion & Anita to Town to see Lorraine.

5. Rainy part of day, quite warm. Roads terrible. Finished Margarets quilt.

6. Lovely day. Girls washed. Men in woods. Roads bad.

7. 52A. Rain in AM, warm and bright in afternoon. Girls went to Wyands to practice. Harold Toombs baby very sick.

8. Rain this morning, heard that the baby had died.

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**December 1932**

Dec 1932

8th Men in woods in afternoon. Practice in church for Cantata.

9. Very cold, clear and clean. Ernest went to the funeral in Mayfield. Anita has bad lip, cold sore. YPS & debate at Church. Finished piecing a quilt.

10. Fine & not so cold. Keith went to town. Ernest in woods.

11. 12A. Very cold and snow flurries in AM. Mr Green here to tea. All but K. went to John F’s to hear radio. Mr Quigley did not go over to church.

12. Snowed in AM and again in afternoon. Killed geese.

13. Fine and blowing, washed baked churned etc. Practice at night for Cantata. Ham here.

14. Lovely day and night. Wilbur Willis & Gertrude Ackland came about 4 PM. Institute here at night about 40 here. Keith sawing wood at Jerrys.

15. Fine but chilly. Ernest & Anita went to Hunter River to get teeth out. Took 6 geese got 11c a pound and 14c & 10c for chicken. Practice at night at church.

16. Fine but very cold. Blew hard and drifted. Anita feeling very rotten after having her tooth out. YPS at Orange Lodge Rooms and entertained by the LOBA.

17. 10A. Fair but cold. Mission Band entertained their Mothers at the Manse. Practice at night.

18. Zero but a perfect day all day. Cantata (Christmas) at New Glasgow to-night. Alvin and Alton Webb arrived at about 6 PM and took Ernest to New Glasgow.

19. Fine but chilly all day. Ernest went to Bradalbane this morning. Keith hauling out wood. Anita has bad cold.

20. Girls washed. Picked chickens. George and Amanda here for supper. Practice at night? No.

21. Ernest went to Hunter River with chickens. Got 14c for best grade 12 & 10 for others. The Cantata in Cavendish at night. Eva Simpson & Walter McKenzie married.

New boy at Earl Simpsons

22. Keith and Margaret went to Town. Ernest & I went up to Bay View to see Mother. School Exam and concert in the school at night. Quite mild, Lorraine got home.

23. Lovely day. Marion went down to Chester Woolners in afternoon to help them decorate Xmas tree for YPS at night. Big crowd there 63. K & M got home. Box of books.

24. Perfect day, wind cold 10A to-night. Practice at Wyand. Everybody busy all day and everyone well for the first time in years at Christmas.

25. Mild this AM and raining by noon but didn’t amount to much. Alvin arrived at 12:30 and we had a big dinner at 1 o’clock. Santa very good to all and everybody had a real good day. Thawing very fast. Baptist Church at night.

26. 46A. Beautiful day but oh the roads. Alvin & Ernest started about 3 o’clock for O’Leary. Everybody tired and sleepy in afternoon.

Katherine Woolner McMurdo twin boys

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**December 1932-January 1933**

Dec 1932

27. Just one perfect day. Froze hard but not cold to-day. Sawing wood. Gang gone skating to-night on Clarkes pond.

28. Finished the wood at noon. Study group at night. May & Alex came up for their books.

29. Lovely day. Had a nice long walk along alder bush and brook. No snow anywhere. Went over to see Ellice in afternoon and walked home at night. Keith & Margaret took Annie to New Glasgow.

30. Lovely day. In bed with headache in morning. Busy to-day. YPS at Wyands. Eric & Jim W called for the girls. Ham here for the evening.

31. 48A. Raining hard all day and oh the mess. Getting ready for a chicken supper to-night. Poured all the afternoon and cleared up at night. Ten came to the party, Robbie, David, Thelma, Irene, Blanche, Margaret, Dorothy Toombs, Jim W, Eric Bell & Gertrude Lamont. Had a real good time. Cold and freezing at night.

1933

Mailman has run car. So far, no sleighing yet.

Jan 1st. Blowing and bitter cold. Dorothy Toombs here last night and until 3 PM. Everyone resting, church at night. Back very sore.

2. Fine, milder. Took up pump. Lorraine, PJ at Jerrys to tea. Vera down in afternoon, Mr. Quigley spoke in United Church at night.

3. Lovely day. Girls washed, Lorraine churned and we baked bread. Alvin brought Ernest home at night. Mr Paterson preached in Baptist Church. Roads not very good. Mild.

4. 40A. Grand day again. Men in woods in morning and killed beef in afternoon. Anita went with Anne to Earls and brought Nellie home.

5. 44A. Very mild all day and such mud. Ernest and Keith killing and canning K’s old hens. Marion sewing for Nellie and Anita & I fixing up little sweater. Ham here to supper and for the evening. Freezing at night.

6. Lovely day. Froze hard. Ernest cut up beef in AM and both he & K in woods for afternoon. Ham here to supper & for evening. YPS at Ben Woolners. Birthday supper at Jerrys for Clemmies birthday.

7. Very mild and a little cleaner. Rained at night and wind came around cold in night. Mabel and Clemmie over in afternoon. Men in woods. Marion and I sewing.

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**January 1933**

1933 January

New boy at Alfred Moores Jan 8th

8. Blowing and cold. Peggy in bed all day. Anita and Lorraine over to John F’s to supper. Sing-song at Freds to-night.

9. Fine and cold. Washed, snowing at night. Social at Manse. Men in woods.

10. Snowing and drifting part of the day. Gang went to Johnsons at night. Anita in bed most of day. Perfect clear moonlight night quite frosty.

Bobbie brought sleigh for Ist time

11. Fine and mild. Marion & Anita took Mrs Lowther down to Ben Woolners in afternoon. Institute there at night. Had their supper at Roys. Snow all gone when they came home. Francis Clarke here all night.

12. Pouring rain. Marion stayed at Woolners. Anita in bed till noon. Brook very high this morning. Colder to-night and a little snow on ground. Art & Louis brought Marion home in car.

Bobbie had car again to-day.

13. Fine but cold. Group at Austins. Marion had missionary program The Oxford Group. Everybody walked. Roads very rough.

14. Fine and cloudy. Men in woods.

15. Lovely day, not cold. U. Church in AM. Gertrude Lamont and Kiddies down in afternoon and Annie Lowther here to tea. Gang all here for a sing-song at night.

16. Lovely day, mild. Girls washed. Hung out clothes bare hands. Pauline in bed all day. Anita and Lorraine over at Austins.

17. Snowing in afternoon. Ernest went to Harolds for flour and gas, took a cart. Sick at John F’s with flu. Meeting at Jerrys to discuss play The Valley Farm.

18. Blowing hard and cold. Boys choir practice in B. Church at night. Nellie sick and on couch all day. Pretty sick at Ernest McNeills.

19. Fine but clouded up and snowed at night then turned soft. Men finished chopping in woods. Everybody tired at night but didn’t sleep much.

20. Up early this morning to get Lorraine off to Town. Ernest took a sleigh, but wheels would have been better. Mrs John F very poorly. Anna & Anita there all the afternoon, Ernest has gone over for the night. YPS at Louis Toombs. Girls walked. New boy at Davis Moffats.

New boy at Davis Moffats. Mail man still using his car.

21. Fine and cold. Men hauling wood. Ham here in the evening. Frank McNeill came home.

22. Just a perfect day. Alvin got down about noon. Good car road. Boys choir in Baptist Church at night and sing-song at Webbs afterwards. The boys did splendid. We are quite proud of them. Alvin stayed all night.

23. Pouring rain this morning. Anita at John F’s, Lucy, and Lot & Lou Warren came home. Play practice at Geo McC at night. Irene Wyand here all night.

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**January-February 1933**

Jan 1933

Cars run until 28th

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24. Lovely day. Girls washed. Marion & I taking flu.

25. Both pretty miserable. Lovely fine day, good car roads, no snow. Some ice. Men splitting wood. Play practice here at night.

26. Another perfect day, not cold, and more like April than January. Ernest stayed at John F’s all night. Mrs McNeill very poorly. Got up this afternoon for little while. Glad to get back.

27. Grey day, chill wind but no snow. Ernest up all night last night and pretty sleepy to-day. Peggy and I have cold. Headache. Mrs McNeill died at 8:30 this evening. Blowing a gale and started to snow about 9 PM.

Mrs John F McNeill

28. Howling snow storm all day. The end of car roads for awhile. Too stormy to dig grave. I got up in afternoon. John F pretty poorly. No mail.

29. A little better but still blowing a gale. Raining in AM. Ernest at cemetery all morning. Funeral postponed until Monday. Marion got up but feeling pretty punk.

30. Still blows and snows, not cold, no frost. Funeral in afternoon. Not many there on account of road conditions. John F a little better. Practice at Jerrys at night.

Bobbie had sleigh

31. Finer. The men went at ice. Anita coughing her head off. Frank McN starting back. Davis Moffats baby died.

Davis Moffats baby died.

Rupert Simpson & Vera McLeod married .

Feb 1st. Lovely fine day. Men finished ice. Anita & I out for drive, called at John F’s and at McCoubrey’s, Marion better. Play practice here to-night.

2. Cloudy all day. In bed all day with sore side. Anita scalded her hand. Marion a little better. Boys here at night to practice for church.

Jerry Plucks new girl

3. Fine wind north west but no frost. Ernest sawing ice for Wyands. YPS at Manse, social night. Ham here in evening.

4. Fine but cloudy Keith not extra well. Got down stairs. Stomach and side sore. Earl Simpson took Eric to Town Tuesday or Wednesday.

5. Fine but cloudy. Keith went up for Mother before dinner. Anita went over with Margaret. Young Peoples Service in United Church at night. Mr Quigley’s father died and he is over to his home. His mother very poorly. Ernest over to see John F in the morning. Earl here in evening.

6. Fine clear and cold. Ernest at ice again for Wyands. Keith Anita & Margaret gone to Stanley to Rink. Letter from Lorraine, she and Dorothy better. Mrs Wyand out for a little while this evening. Frosty to-night and blowing hard.

Mrs John Graham.

7. 2A. Fine but cold. Moderated before night. Anita went to Wyands in the forenoon to help with a party for Irene at night. Ernest sawing ice for Charlie Wyands. Feeling rather rotten.

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**February 1933**

1933 Feb

8. Mild this morning and thermometer up to 48 this afternoon. Snow just seemed to go like smoke. Mother had a letter from Elaine. Myron had an operation for appendicitis on Saturday. Mrs John Graham buried to-day.

9. Blowing a gale and bitter cold. Alban over this evening. Roads bad, snow nearly all gone. No mail.

10. Cold and blowing. Ernest sawing wood at Jerrys in AM. Hauling wood in afternoon. YPS at Mrs Paynters. No one down from Cavendish, roads bad and very cold.

11. Very bleak in morning but raining at night. Snowed thick from 4 PM until dark then turned to rain. Ernest went to Harolds in AM. Roads very rough. Dug grave in afternoon, a brother in law of John Purseys.

12. Bright fine day but wind cold. All went to church in AM except Ernest & I. Wrote some letters in afternoon. Sing-song here at night. Very tired. Zero at night.

13. Very frosty early. Girls washed. Ernest sawing ice for Ern McNeill and Lorne. Went over to JFs in afternoon. Play practice at Ernest Clarkes.

14. Some excitement this AM. Earl Toombs stole Max Fergusons horse Lindy out of his stable and got away with it. Play practice at Jas C Simpsons. Down to Mrs Alberts in afternoon.

15. New boy arrived at Olaf Stevenson’s to-day. Anita started hooking. Institute at Mrs Wyands to-night. Snowing a little all day turned soft in afternoon and stormed at night. Valentine program. Good fun.

Attempt made to assassinate Pres Elect Roosevelt of USA

16. 12A. Colder again to-day and quite frosty this evening. Mrs Fred came down with the Pony to help the girls sew. Boys choir practice here to-night. Ernest Anita & PJ went over to Manse to listen to Prince of Wales College opening over radio, Earl Toombs caught at Kensington this morning.

17. Milder again to-day. Men sawing more wood this afternoon. This is the third spell sawing this winter. Anita up to Freds this afternoon. YPS at Jerrys.

18. Snowing a little nearly all day, quite mild. Finished sawing our wood. Have a couple of loads to saw for Ham. Everybody dead tired to-night. Play practice at Fenners.

19. Lovely fine day. Baptist church in afternoon. Ellice and Magaret, Mr Quigley and Mr Mayby here to supper. Sing-song at Jerrys to-night.

20. Lovely fine morning, not very cold. Girls washed in AM. Finished Hams wood. Anita went to Rustico with Marjorie Clark to rink. Rained at night. Everett Laird went to S Side for Lizzie.

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**February-March 1933**

Feb 1933

21. Raining this AM and quite a thaw. Everett came home without Lizzie. Keith thrashing at Lornes. Play practice at Geo McCoubrey’s. Anita hooking.

22. Fine not very cold. Weather looks like April. Shower at Wyands for Marion Tennis. Marion stayed home but the K. Anita, & PJ went. Jean Clarke here all night.

23. Ham Earl and Lowell here thrashing. Finished up for this winter. Practice at Jerrys. Pouring rain in evening.

24. Fine and not cold. Thawing quite a lot. Ernest & I went to Geo Henry Robertsons in afternoon. YPS at Bob McKenzies.

25. Ernest went to mill in AM and he and Ham went to Egg Circle Meeting which was adjourned as Austin was sick. Play practice at night.

26. S. Lovely early but clouded up and rained in afternoon and froze on in evening. Ernest & Nellie & I went down to Mrs Alberts in afternoon.

27. Miserable day, snowing and misting. Not cold. Anna & Geo McCoubrey here going over play in afternoon.

28. Same as yesterday, grey and east wind, no frost. Thawed in afternoon. Ernest and I went for a drive, called at Clay Stephensons and had tea at Alexs. Play practice.

March 1933

1 Miserable wet snowy day. Marion not very well. Men in house most of day. No news. Wind east.

2. A little finer to-day. Keith and Margaret went to S Side. Ernest hauling out manure. Marion Anita and Mary. Clarke called on the bride, Mrs Rupert Simpson. Play practice at night.

3. A continuation only more so of the weather all the week. Very rough this morning. YPS at Prestons. Phoned to Lorraine to-night. Joe Eash[?] Gallant died in Hospital. No mail.

Joe Eash Gallant

4. The worst day this week. Cleared up at night and a little colder. Bobbie came.

5. S. Still storming. Ernest breaking roads this AM. Ellice over for the day. Baptist Church in afternoon. Irene Stirling & Jim here in evening.

6. Same old thing as we have had for a week. Roads bad, snowing and drifting but very little frost. Ernest went to Harolds in forenoon. Ham here in afternoon.

7. Fine. Ernest and Austin went to Town on the noon train to attend the annual meeting of Poultry Ass’n. Boy Chior here at night. Eric Bell down. Marion & I didn’t sleep together. Keith & Margaret got home in night.

Farmers Week

8. Lovely morning but pouring rain at night. Went over to Jerrys for the day. New calf 1st.

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**March 1933**

March 1933

9. Raining early and thawing all day. Fine to-night and freezing. Mending and darning and packing Keiths things: Ernest came home with Bobbie. Play practice to-night.

10. Very cold and blowing hard. Keith and Edward took two loads to Chelton and the word is out that there is to be a wedding soon. YPS here at night social night 40 here. Oh what a day. Very cold night. John F had a slight hemorrhage and is quite poorly.

11. 4A. Very cold and blowing hard. K & Edward came home in evening. Too cold for practice. Everybody tired.

12. S. Lovely day. Mother down for the day. Church in AM. Finished Nellie’s sweater. Girls went to Rustico with Stirling to a Missionary service.

13. Fine. Girls washed. Concert in Stanley. Play practice in Hall.

14. Anita at Austins helping Ellice with the wedding cakes. Shower at night at Wesleys given by the YPS. They gave Margaret ½ doz desert spoons.

15. Chilly wind, started to rain and freeze in evening. Shower at Jerrys. Not many there. And is it icy? A lot of lightning.

Will Car died at Alvas

16. Fine and colder. Anita home and had a headache all day. Same old thing. Irene here all night.

17. Anita over at Austins, Marion Irene & Annie decorated the arch for the wedding. YPS at Fred Clarkes. Snowing in afternoon. Lorraine came home.

18. Lovely fine day and we were all to the wedding. Elmer brought Mother down. Keith & Margaret looked very nice and everything went without a hitch and they got away about three. Arthur Woolner here all night.

19. S. Lovely day. Arthur here. Ernest & I drove to Ben Woolners in afternoon. YPS assisted with service in Baptist Church at night. Big Crowd there. Elmer and Annie got back from Chelton.

20. Lovely day. Anita and Pauline took Lorraine to H. River. Pauline had a tooth out. Party at George McCoubreys. Marion & Anita there.

21. Not very fine day. Ernest, Ham, Albin[?] and Herb Wyand went with loads to Chelton. Rain and hail at night. Girls washed.

22. Fine. Men got home at noon. Ben Woolner & wife and Helen here for supper. Institute at night at Manse.

23. Ernest Fenner & Don Lamont went to Emerald with the last of Keiths stuff. Good road. Quite cold.

24. Glorious day, white frost. Ernest & I went to Brackley Point on the ice. YPS at Gordon Lairds. Keiths sow had 14 pigs, eight living. Old goose started laying. Mrs James Simpson at mill had hemorrhage.

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**March-April 1933**

March 1933

25. Another glorious day. Anita hooking. Committee meeting in afternoon and Mary Dora and Annie here to supper. Play practice at night.

26. Cloudless day. Mrs Simpson died at 3 AM. Preaching in afternoon. The first Sunday for years (it seems) that we have had to ourselves. Read Tetherstones.

Mrs James Simpson

27. Cloudy part of day. Wind east and very bleak and cold. Stormed at night. Anita finished her door mat. Marion sick at night. Annie Lowther here all night.

28. Storming. Had planned to go to funeral but Anita went instead. Put in another mat.

29. Lovely fine day. Was out a little and E & I went into Wyands at night. Girls went up to Freds preparing for their YPS Banquet.

30. Bad storm, the worst this winter. Anita went to Rustico with David & Thelma for dishes. Dora Smith very sick, appendicitis. Quilting.

31. Very busy all day. Ernest up at 4:30 AM and went with others to break the road to H. River for Wesleys to take Dora to train en route to S. Side. Roads drifting until noon. Girls preparing for YPS banquet at night, which came off very successfully. 58 there. Very tired.

April 1933

1st Lovely fine day. Busy. Girls went up to Hall to clean up. Amanda & Geo here for afternoon and to tea. A wreck at night.

2. Snowed a little. Baptist Church in afternoon. Nice quiet day without company & Mrs Ren Toombs very poorly.

3. Grey day and rained in evening. Ernest butchered two little porkers. Play practice at night. Marion & Nan went with Gertrude Lamont down to Roy Toombs’s in afternoon.

4. Fine but foggy this AM. Girls washed. I spent the day with Ellice. Pouring rain to-night. Goose supper at Will Grahams, the checker club.

5. Foggy and damp all day and dirty thawing. Mrs Toombs died at Warfield Orr’s where she has been all winter. Anita hooking and I was quilting. Airship disaster off New Jersey coast when the Akron crashed in the sea and 71 lives are lost. 3 lived.

Mrs Ren Toombs

6. Fine to-day. Got clothes dried and ironing done. Ernest at Cemetery all forenoon. Big thaw to-day. Letter from Mrs Timmins.

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**April 1933**

April 1933

Dorothy Toombs has measles.

7. Fine. wind cool. Very foggy in afternoon. Ernest & I went to funeral. Roads pretty bad. Large funeral. Mrs Osborne of Clifton had charge. Play practice at night.

Robin blackbird wild geese

8. Poured rain all day. Fine mess. Ham here in evening and Geo Clark sang till midnight.

9. S. Preaching in the morning. Quiet day all day.

10. Foggy and damp. Didn’t wash. Anita put in a little stamped mat. Ernest shoveling church hill. Ham here for dinner.

11. Nellies birthday. Mabel and Clemmie here to tea. No school for a week. Tired at night. Roy & Olaf Stevenson, Geo & Jim here to practice.

Mrs Ben Houston

12. Ernest to Nellie home when he went to the station for Lorraine. Roads bad. No news.

13. Fine. Lorraine washed. Girls hooking. Play practice at night. Marion at Gertrude Lamonts.

14. Fine wind, everyway. Annie Lowther over in afternoon. Group at Manse. Ernest, PJ, and I went down to Alex in evening, wood sleigh, bad roads.

15. Thawed a lot to-day, rained at night. No news. Ernest over to see John F at night. He’s pretty miserable and fussy.

16. S. Lovely morning but mud around cool before noon. Girls have gone over to Austins. Ella and Herb Wyand came out to church but Quigley could not make it, the roads are so bad. Easter Service in United Church at night. Marion played for the boys. Both of us feeling rotten with sore throat. Reading Arm of Gold by Ralph Connor.

17. Lovely fine day but roads very bad. Marion and I pretty sick. Ernest took Lorraine to H. River in the morning.

18. Fine. Girls washed. Ernest splitting wood. Pretty sick. Nellie back again.

19. Feeling a little better. Anita baking for chicken supper at Jerrys for the Boy’s Choir and organist. Ellice over in evening.

20. Ernest set the old goose. Nellie went home to-night to stay. What a relief. Fine weather but a lot of

Play practice

21. north east wind and ice as far as one can see. No group this week because Webbs couldn’t have it.

22. Miserable day, cold, cold, wind and snow at night. Got up today but feeling pretty punk. Play practice at night.

23. Ground white this morning. United Church in afternoon. Had to go back to bed again with stiff neck. The Wyand girls and George Herb & Edward here at night. Sang and had ice cream.

24. Fine early and late. Girls washed baked bread iron and churned. Ellice over for a while in afternoon. Boys here in evening for practice for play.

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**April-May 1933**

April & May

Ice moving out very fast

25. Fine all day. Play practice at night. Ernest splitting wood. Up to-day and out. Side not good.

26. Poured rain, wind south east. Marion sewing. Anita finished one braided mat and started another. Working on my Dresden quilt.

27. Fine, blew very hard all night and quite cool all day. Cemetery Comm meeting at John Lairds. Geo McCoubrey has care of cemetery for $34.00. Play practice at night. Not feeling very good.

28. Fine day. Feeling punk. Went over to Austins in car with Ernest when he went to Mayfield. Roads drying in places. YPS at Wyands. Girls walked.

29. Poured rain until about 3PM. Roads pretty muddy. Almost finished Dresden plate quilt. Went up to play practice at night. Very tired.

30. Lovely day, Sunday School started. Feeling rotten all day. Ernest Clarke and wife here in evening practicing music for play.

May 1st. Lovely day, blowing hard. Hester and Mary here sewing on girls dress for play. Tired. Ernest went to Mayfield with Ham.

2. Still blowing hard and very warm. Mary here sewing. Ernest finished splitting wood. 45 chicks in incubator. Play practice.

3. 76A. Very warm all day. Rained a little in evening. Planted a few shallots and some lettuce. Ham here in evening.

4. Foggy and turned very cold. Pouring rain by noon. Fine to-night but blowing hard wind nor’west. Practice at night. R

Reg McNeills Rustico baby boy

5. Bitter cold and blowing hard all day. Mary McNeill very sick and twin boys born about 5 PM. One died that night and the other the next morning. YPS at church.

6. Still very cold in morning but warmer in afternoon. Stewart Wrights brought Keith and Margaret up had supper here and K & M came back here for night practice in Hall.

Nellie McCoubrey Brookins baby girl

7. Lovely and fine but wind cold. United Church in morning. Wrights, Ellice, & Annie Margaret & Keith here for supper. Alf Simpson called in evening.

8. Fine but very cold wind. Mary Lorne keeping better. Washed. Marion at Hall in afternoon. Anita visited school and she and Ernest went to Institute at Dolph Flemings at night. Sports out for first time.

9. Very fine all day. Heavy white frost at night. Valley Farm play at Cavendish. Good crowd made $45.80. Alvin & Alton Webb came down. Everybody satisfied and tired.

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**May 1933**

May 1933

Planted a few early potatoes in garden.

10. Fine in morning but rained in evening. Keith came up with team[?] for his sow, boards etc. Cemetery meeting at night in church. Are we tired?

11. Cold this morning. A little better to-night. Keith took his load home and we had Ham for dinner. Play at Grahams Road to night $11.90.

12. Bitter cold wind all day. Mrs Bishop came to Cavendish for weekend. Saw her at John F’s this evening. YPS at church. Everybody tired.

13. Got up at 4:30 went to Emerald and Carleton. Very heavy frost in morning. Ice at Andersons and Morriss bridge. Thunder storm at night. Mrs Bishop here to dinner. Lorraine & Dorothy Toombs came home with Mr Webster

Heavy hail.

14. Reuels out for first time. Took the girls L & D back to Town. Aunt Sadie came to Keiths before dinner and Cecils and Annie after. Very tired at night.

15. Aunt Sadie started back to Vernie. Keith and I drove her to Carleton Siding. Ray met her there. All in the rest of the day.

16. The Play Crowd went to Travelers Rest. $12.00

19. Debate in YPS and I started for home. Margaret drove me to Albany. Stayed at Jamie Wedlocks all night. Had bad cold and didn’t sleep. Poured rain.

Lorraine got home.

20. Got home with Bobbie. Bad roads and had a great rain. Country looks better. Wind cold. Marion been sick all week. Tired.

21. Lovely day. Mother came down and had dinner here and went to shore and spent afternoon with Enid. Part of the Lion’s Head is down. Seven goslins hatched to-day.

22. Have 12 goslins hatched. Very busy day. Ernest sowing field across brook. Girls washed. Marion sewing. Pauline sick with cold. Ernest went to Harolds. Marion at Manse. Ham here.

23. Anita & I cleaned back porch. Marion made Lorraines white organdie dress and Lorraine ironed. Tired at night. Mrs Paynter brought Mrs Boas’ mat.

24. Lovely day. Reuel & Enid and Kiddies out to Cottage. Have 18 goslins now. Anita sick with cold. 73 chicks hatched. All for this year.

25. Colder. Put in quilt and girls cleaning laundry and sewing room. Ernest harrowing.

26. Big day for Webbs. Lemmie Wyand took us in to Convocation. Lorraine 9th in list of 154 names. I had dinner at Reuels. Got home for supper. YPS at North Rustico side went with Mr. Paterson.

Very cold North east wind

27. Cold and cloudy. Hard weather on little chicks. Mrs Darnley here for supper. Everybody tired out all day. Raining at night.

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**May-June 1933**

May & June

Gaspereau

28. Raining hard this morning. Girls went to S. School but not any. Ruth Paynter here for dinner. Baptist church in afternoon. Ellice & Annie over in evening.

29. Lovely day. Girls did a big washing and cleaned two big rooms and then went fishing. No news.

30. Very warm to-day. Burning brush at old orchard. Mrs Fred here making over my coat. Mary Stewart and Ham here. CGIT started. Finished sewing grain.

31. Ernest working at mangle land. Girls cleaned kitchen. Ernest and Lorraine went to Mayfield to see about school. Mr & Mrs Quigley over for dahlia roots. Everybody tired. Rained at night.

June 1st. Colder again. Ernest putting on manure for mangles. Girls in garden in morning and ironing and sewing. Pierce and Ham here for supper.

2. YPS at church. No news. Ernest and I went to shore for gaspereau.

3. Gorgeous day. Alvin and Rupert landed in time for supper. Play practice at Jerrys. Planted dahlias.

4. Perfect day. Alvin Rupert & the four girls went to Carleton. Ben Woolners and Geo Clarke & Mary McLean here in evening. Tired? No.

5. 80A. Very hot all day. Alvin & Rupert went home in AM. Cutting sets. CGIT meeting at Cottage. Planted beans. Had some excitement with Clarence Doucette. Was he drunk? Oh boy.

6. Fine but cold. Girls washing in AM and getting ready for play at Rustico Bank at night. Tired all day. Ernest finished planting beans this AM. Had good crowd at bank and brought home about $75.00

Play Rustico Bank

7. Very cool wind east all day. Planted cucumbers K beans and cutting sets in afternoon. Ernest putting out manure. Comm meeting YPS at Cottage.

8. Heavy rain this morning with thunder, turned very cold at night. Play crowd went to Fredericton. Finished planting beans. Made $8.95 at Play. 36A at 11 PM.

9. Showers. Cutting sets in afternoon and digging garden. Everyone very tired.

10. A glorious day all day. Planted corn, pumpkins, etc. Ernest has land ready to plant potatoes. Sewing. Choir practice at Wyands.

11. Sunday. Lovely day, Alvin and Elle Palmer down & Margaret, Alvin and Geo sang in Baptist church and sing song at Harvey McKenzies afterward. Marion went to O’Leary.

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**June 1933**

June 1933

12. Lovely shower in forenoon. Put plants out for a bath. Fresh mackerel for dinner. Anita and I went driving and called at John F’s, Alecs, Bobs, Lornes and McCoubreys.

13. Rained in night and most of day. Set out tomato plants and cabbage and put geraniums in garden. Tired.

14. Rained all night but cleared up for play at Harrington. Alvin brought Marion home and took Amanda and I down to Harrington. Tired again. [$]12.35

15. Lovely day, finished sowing grain, planted potatoes and turnips. Girls setting plants out of hot bed. Anita and I went over to Ellices.

16. Cloudy and damp all day. Girls drove to Stanley to YPS at Mrs Weirs. Everybody busy and tired at night. Artie and Jerry Clarke here and Mrs C and Eva.

17. Still cold and damp and rained in afternoon. Ironing, baking churning etc. Mission Band concert and ice cream at the Hall.

18. Stayed in bed till afternoon. Carleton bunch. Wilbert and Arthur Wright, Isabelle Ramsay, Keith & Margaret arrived. Poured torrents at night and the boys and Isabelle stayed here and Keith & Margaret at Austin’s. Ellice & Annie here in evening.

19. Still raining and cold. North east wind to-night. Institute at Fenners. Twentieth anniversary of Stirling Institute at Stanley to-night.

20. 40A. Very cold all day but cleared off at night and very cold. Ernest fixing lane. Marion sewing. Musical entertainment at Hall. Girls gone.

21. Finer and warmer to-day. Ernest stalking peas and beans and we were pulling thistles out of strawberries. Ellice over this evening. Annie has North Carleton school. Nellie back again.

22. Raining nearly all day. Girls papered the little bedroom. Play didn’t go to Freetown as planned.

23. Cloudy in AM. Cleared off at noon. E & I went to Creek Anita and Lorraine painting. Put dresden plate quilt in frames. Debate between Cavendish and Malpeque. Malpeque won.

24. Perfect morning and a nice warm shower at night. Quilting. Marion finished Paulines coat and working on Margarets dress. Ellice went over to Carleton with Lemmie Wyands.

25. Lovely day. Alvin Miriam and Raynell down. Church in afternoon and the young fry went to New Glasgow to church at night.

Marion Tennis Gallant a boy

26. Very fine early and thunder clouds came up all day. Play at Tyron. Rained quite hard but they didn’t get very wet. $8.45.

27. 83A. Very hot all day. Marion and Anita went to Town with Mr & Mrs. Paterson to see the show Cavalcade. CGIT at night at Cottage. Willie Johnston here white washing.

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**June-July 1933**

June & July 1933

Elaine & Kiddies came to Cecils

28. 83A. Everyone busy. Girls painting and varnishing. Marion sewing and I quilting. Ernest working on Hall grounds in afternoon. Ham here to supper. Lorraine went to see Calvacade with Wyands. Play bunch went to Wiltshire. $10.35

29. Very warm in morning. Girls varnishing Willis J. white washing. Quilting. Busy and tired. YPS at Rustico. Girls went with Fyfe boys.

30. Elaine, Mother, and the three little Brintons were down for the day. Finished my quilt and Ernest & I went to Creek & Mayfield. Everyone very tired. School Exam.

July 1st. What a day. Painted and varnished the dining room and one bed room and Kitchen floors. Enameled washstand, etc. Ernest took Anita to Hunter River. Got our grocery order and lobsters. Anita went to Carleton. Ernest working at Bonnells.

2. Lovely day but wind bitter cold all day. Roy Toombs here in afternoon and for supper.

3. Very busy all day. YPS Picnic at Carleton, Lorraine went and they had a grand time. Mrs Timmins came at night and Adele and Miss Ogden & Miss Blake at 6 PM. Pretty tired.

4. Lovely day. Girls washed. Ernest tilled potatoes and working at Hall. Willie white washing.

5. Lovely day, quite warm. At various jobs. Missionary Rally in United Church. Ernest and I swept up Bonnell house.

6. Fine and cooler. May Howard Gill & little boy arrived early and stayed to dinner. Mrs Stirling & Doris here in afternoon and they & Mr. Stirling had tea with us. Mrs Monroe & Miss Monroe Pembroke Ont here for night.

7. Lovely day. Rupert McNeill & Williard Caseley arrived with tent and camped behind cottage. Mr Bonnell and family arrived from Winnipeg. Charlie McKenzie here in evening. Blew a gale all day. Very dry.

8. Cloudy all day and raining to-night. Elaine and Kiddies down for day. Misses Finlayson here for night. Girls got clams.

9. Fine. Alvin and Aunt Lizzie down for day and night. Busy day, very tired.

10. Fine but cool. Relaxed a little after the busy three days. Had a clam bake behind the cottage.

11. Fine. went up to Freds in afternoon and to Rustico and Ben Woolners at night. Mrs Ben not very well. Mrs Boothroyd at CGIT. Cloudy but no rain.

12. Fine day and cool. First Orange Tea in Cavendish. Crapand play One on bill. Very good at night.

13. All a bit tired. Italian Air Fleet passed over the Island on way to Chicago from Italy. Ernest saw 7 planes. There was 24 planes and 97 men.

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**July-August 1933**

July 1933

14. Dad and I went to Town on Bus. Very warm and very tired. Myron and Elaine and two kiddies down.

15. Warm and busy. Earl here shingling. Dorothy Russel came.

16. Hot day, no rain. No company. Lobster for supper.

17. Mist in morning. Earl here after dinner. Mr Higgs and party here for supper. Girls went to shore for a dip.

18. Very hot day indeed and so dry. Blew hard. Girls did a whale of a washing. CGIT meeting at shore. A good deal of company and extras. Hall meeting. Every one very tired.

19. Very hot all day. Ernest helping Ham with hay. Doris Stirling and Winnifred Wright in this evening. Dr & Mrs Williams of Montreal here in evening.

20. Lovely day but terribly dry. Anita and Dorothy went to Town with Lemmie. A lot of company or cars in to-day. 6 extra for supper.

21. Busy day. Picnic supper at beach. Mr & Mrs Carse and Jimmy came at night. Lemmie took us to Creek at night got supply of extra dishes.

22. Busy as usual. Mrs Carse sang in Baptist Church. Alvin came down. Rained at night.

23, 24, 25, 26. All hot and dry and very busy.

27. Papered my bedroom. Have ten boarders. Dorothy Russel, Pauline and I were picking raspberries. Raining a little to-night. Ernest got our carriage home.

28. Very busy. Have a lot of people coming and going. YPS at shore. Weaner roast. Heavy thunderstorm at night and the girls didn’t sleep much at Cottage. Jamie & Everett at shore in camp.

29. Miss Colbourne[?] and Kellie came. Lovely girls. Ernest and I went to Rustico at night. Everybody tired. A lot of people around.

30. Mrs Carse sang in U. Church in morning and New Glasgow at night. Ernest & I went to shore. Enid & Reuel out again to their cottage.

31. Lovely day, not too hot. Very dry. Ernest taking in hay. Girls washed and I picked raspberries in afternoon. Anita not feeling very well.

Aug

Very hot and dry all through August.

2 Went out fishing with Mr & Mrs Irwin. Mr & Mrs Timmins Mr and Mrs Carse Adele & Jimmy and Misses Kellie and Cobourne & Lorraine. Had a rough passage but enjoyed it immensely. Had several campfires at shore.

9th The Cavendish United Church Tea and everybody but Miss Carrie Norris went. Pretty big crowd and a lovely day.

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**August-September 1933**

Mrs Irwin, Kathleen and Norah came the 12th. Mr & Mrs Reese the 8th to 18th. Mr and Mrs Gillings the 5th to 18th. Misses Norris the 3rd to the 24th, Mrs Timmins, Adele and Mrs Baker here until August 21st. Mr & Mrs Logan came the 18th and stayed until the 4th Sept. Had a Mrs & Miss Ivy Monroe over night, a Miss Wort, and Mrs. Morler[?] and Margaret Morler[?]. Mrs Kennear and Miss Kinnear of Montreal. Mr & Mrs Anderson of Toronto. Miss Hazel Alward and Maisie Mitten of Moncton.The whole month terrible dry and the last week very hot. Had Miss Jean Richardson for a week. Everybody mighty tired when the busy season is over. Had a nice time with the Logans. Mr. L gave me his lovely white sweater. Lorraine went back to college.

Sept 7th Marion getting ready to go Norval.

Sept 8th Finished hauling in grain Sept 8. YPS here to-night. Our flowers are pretty now but the summer has been so dry that they haven’t done as well as usual.

9. Poured rain in forenoon. Everyone tired. Marion sewing.

10. Cooler and fine. Anita went up for Mother in forenoon and I took her home at night. Went to United Church at night. A Mr Anderson preached this evening from And When I Awake I am Still with Thee.

11. Blowing a gale, finer and cold. Washed churned and ironed. Marion cut out and made her blue dress. Nellie here for dinner.

12. Ham & Earl here thrashing. John McNeill, Isobel & Beth and Aunt Emily here for supper. Wrote to Mrs Gooch.

13. Much finer to-day. Ernest pulling beans. Sewing. Alvin, Hattie, and Verna Phillips here for supper. Valley Farm play at Howes Hall Brackley. Very cool to-night.

14. Fine but quite cool. School fair at Mayfield. Ernest & I went. Reta McLure here in afternoon. Marion packing her suitcases for Norval.

15. Frost this morning. Marion started for Norval, Anita went to train with her. Herbs car went flat and Austin took her to Station. I went to Town with Wyands, took Nellie to get glasses.

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**September 1933**

Sep 1933

16. Lovely day. White frost again last night. Cut out dress for Anita. Anna and Mabel here in evening. Keith & Margaret blew in at 10:30 so we all got up again.

17. Lovely day, K & M here till after dinner. Church in afternoon. Ernest & I went over to John F’s in evening. Willie T here?

18. Rained hard and filled our tank to over flowing. Ham here for dinner as usual. Nice quiet evening with a story.

19. Lovely morning. Ernest & I went to shore for mushrooms. Did quite a washing. Poured all the afternoon. Heavy tropical storms along Atlantic coast. YP Choir practice here to-night.

20. Wedding anniversary 28th. Ernest & I went to Carleton in AM. Had a lovely drive. Mr Wright took us to Borden and thro’ the Car Ferry “Charlottetown.”

Tyherll21. Poured rain. Nothing doing but stay another day.

22. Poured rain in AM. Left after dinner and called at Allison Profits got about 7:30. Ham & Edward here and Nellie. YPS Rustico church.

23. Showery and cold. Lorraine came home in afternoon, cut out a dress for her. Busy all day.

24. Still cold and showery. Communion in Institute Church in AM. Rally Service at night. YPS and Mr Green took charge. Lorraine went back in town.

25. Showery part of day. Ripping and sewing. Went to Institute at Leigh Warrens at night.

26. Lovely day to-day. Washed and canned mackerel. Mrs Hammond McKenzie and Charlie here this afternoon. Home at night. Hall meeting.

27. Fine and warm. Ernest ploughing. Anita went over to Ellices in afternoon. Made grape jam and Sarsaparalla wine and etc &.

28. Lovely day, made mustard pickles. Sewing for Nellie. Ernest ploughing sod behind barn. Went for drive with Ernest & Winnie.

29. Grey day and rained hard in afternoon. Cleared at sunset. YPS at Wesleys. Ernest helping put up church pipe in evening.

30. Lovely day sewing, made jelly for Ham. Put up cottage stove in front room. Elmer Fyfe down in evening. Nellie went home after Mission Band.

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**October 1933**

Oct 1933

1. Lovely day, Elmer Fyfe took Anita Pauline Edward and I to Carleton in afternoon. Baptist church at night.

2. Raining part of day. Cleared up lovely at night. Peeled a lot of apples for drying and canned five quarts. Ham, Ellice and Annie here this evening til 11 PM.

3. Lovely day, washed, baked. Picked cranberries and Anita and Gertrude went to New Glasgow to Women’s Institute Convention. Charlie Pink up at night. Tired? Oh boy.

4. Heavy white frost. Ironing. Finished cranberries. Freda here in afternoon. PJ & I went over to see John F in evening.

5. Cloudy but fine. Dug Hams potatoes. Girls tired. Letter from Marion. She is going to Chicago with Ken McLuckie[?] to see Jack. Meeting in Mayfield, Liberal, Ernest went.

6. Rained most of night and all day. No news. No YPS to-night. Marion started on her trip to Chicago.

7. Not cold but very wet. Cleaned house and baked. Anita went to Roy Toombs for Lorraine.

8. Pouring all night and all day Sunday. No let up to-night. Wrote to Lottie Simpson and Marion.

9. Cloudy and misty. Washed and got them dry and partly ironed. Dance at Prestons. Wilbert & Arthur Wright, Alice Jewel, Keith & Margaret came up in evening. Quite warm.

10. Oh did it rain? Sewing all day. Anita & Lorraine went over to Mr Patersons to arrange about program for concert.

11. Lovely morning and day. Churned all forenoon. Anita at her quilt. Three lady tourists here to dinner. Ernest plowing. Anita & PJ at Jerrys to a committee meeting. Lorraine went back to town.

12. Lovely day. Digging potatoes all day. Good crop. Did 40 rows. Milton & Ham here. Tired. Premier Stewart buried to-day.

13. Fine day. Finished potatoes at noon. Prof Loyd Shaw spoke to the YPS in Baptist Church on citizenship and his trip in Scandinavia. Here for lunch.

14. Anita went to Hampshire. PJ & I alone. Saturdays work, etc.

15. Lovely day. Reuels and Lorraine out for dinner. B. Church in afternoon. We went over to Austins at night.

16. Lovely day. Not feeling very good. Cut up stuff for chow & jelly. Tired at night.

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**October-November 1933**

Oct 1933

17. Another lovely day. Washed, baked and went to woods with Irene & PJ. Practice here at night.

New baby at Robert Zebs

18. Lovely fine day. Institute at Jerrys at night. Baked for Is lunch.

19. Lovely day. Ernest pulled beets. Ironed etc. Ham over in evening.

20. Cloudy and cool. Blowing a gale to-night. Ernest in Town to Liberal Convention. Got letters from the three girls and box chocolates from Mrs Rees.

21. Colder and blowing. Ernest and Ham at mangles.

22. Cloudy but not cold. Preparing United Church after painting. Mable Simpson here to dinner.

23. Rained a little and warmer. Anita got home from Acklands. Committee meeting at Freds. Herb Lowell & Edward here. Got a little heifer calf. Polly.

24. Colder. Ernest finished mangles. Anita went to Freetown with Mr. Paterson to a YPS Convention. Pouring rain to-night.

25. Rained very hard and blowing a gale, very warm all day, but colder to-night. Practice here at night. Bad storm on mainland.

26. Finer and cold. Blowing. Oyster supper at night. Took in $34.90 at door. Everybody busy helping and tired at night.

27. Went up to Hall with Ernest in AM. E grading potatoes in afternoon. YPS at Manse to-night.

28. Cloudy and warm, Anita went to Carleton with Ellice and Austin. Headache.

29. A regular howler of a storm. Barn roofs off in a good many places. Charlie Wyands roofs off. No service. Terrible sea storm.

30. Finer. Helped thrash and picked Sunbury Pippin and Ben Davis apples. PJ at Manse getting ready for Halloween party.

31. Ernest & Ham took in the turnips. Halloween party at Manse, CGIT affair. Washed this AM, made doughnuts & tea ring this afternoon.

Nov 1st. Cold and wet in AM. Ernest dug dahlias, Glads, carrots, parsnips, etc. Cold job. Finished ironing. Ham here to dinner.

2. Fine and not very cold. Went over to Austins in afternoon. Margaret over for the night.

3. Lovely day all day. Swept etc in AM and did some baking after dinner. Austin got his mare halfway into turnip pit.

4. Snow flurries in afternoon, rained in AM. Blowing a gale.

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**November 1933**

Nov 1933

5. Still blowing and cold. Ellice here for dinner. Pauline and Ernest went to church.

6. Anita came home from Keiths at 1:30 AM with Foster Sellers. Allison and Ruby Profit here to tea. Also the Kiddies Betty & Bruce.

Nellie came back for awhile.

7. Very nasty day. Fine enough in morning but snowed and hail & rain in afternoon & evening. Ernest killed a porker for the barrel. Miss Tyherll[?] & Miss Crow came to Manse in connection with CGIT work. Night too stormy for meeting.

8. Still grey and cool. Ernest ploughing in afternoon. Some people haven’t turnips out yet. Nellie back again. Scarlet fever in several places in Mayfield.

Scarlet fever scare

9. Lovely morning, turned chilly. Killing geese for Armistice Supper.

10. Started to snow about 9 AM. Roy Toombs’ went to Town for Dorothy and Lorraine. Not cold to-night, ground white. Got 10c per pound for Geese. They averaged ten lbs.

11. Started to snow about 9 AM. Roy Toombs went to Town with car for the girls. Quite wintry. The Wyands here to practice and Eric Bell here for the evening.

12. Still storming and blowing. Had goose dinner. No preaching. Quiet day. Baby girl arrived in SS Hospital to Rupert & Vera Simpson.

13. 14A. Finer. Mr Paterson took Lady and our sleigh and took Lorraine to Hunter River. Ernest butchering at Freds.

14. Thaw to-day and snow about all gone at night. Rained hard in afternoon. Letter from Marion in Campbellton NB. In bed all day.

15. Fine day, not much snow in sight. Ernest and Clarence out on telephone line in forenoon. Banking house in afternoon. Anita feeling rotten. Institute at Hamilton Lairds to-night. Annual meeting.

16. 14A. Mighty cold day but fine. Washed and sewing. Ernest at various jobs, banking house, etc. Harry Leard Crapaud killed on the 14th with the electric light plant.

17. 10A. Fine and very cold. Ernest thrashing at Hams this afternoon. Alvah McCallum & Herb Craig here to tea. Mr Pickering and Miss Wordside to YPS at church. Anita to Austins to tea.

18. Milder to-day. Ground white. Ham finished thrashing. Marion coming to Keith’s to-day from Campbellton.

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**November-December 1933**

November 1933

19. Cloudy and a little snow on ground. Preaching in both churches. Nellie not very well.

20. Snowed a little all morning. Anita went to Emerald for Marion. Directors meeting of Hall Company.

21. 14A. Fine day but cold. Talked all day. Anna Gertrude & Marj Clarke here this evening, making plans for Fenners silver wedding,

22. Much milder to-day and snow all gone to-night. Roads bad. Clara Tennis & Eddie Doak[?] married. Parcel from Dorothy Russel.

Clara Tennis

23. Cloudy and chill. Girls helping Dad pile wood. Sewing.

24. Cloudy and dark. Pauline & Nellie better. 25th anniversary of Fenners & Laura Stewarts wedding and they are celebrating. John McLeod New Glasgow (Winnies father) died either last night or this morning. I went over to see Winnie this evening. Anita has tooth ache.

John McLeod

25. Bright and sunny most of day but cold and blowing hard. CGIT at Manse. Austin went to Town.

26. Fine. Hilda Ackland Emerson Murray Reuel Enid Pauline Walter & Lorraine here for dinner and Emerson & Hilda here for tea. Good to see Waine. B. Church at night.

27. Storm. Rained hard at night, brook very high. Snowing before dinner but finer to-night and not very frosty. Wind nor’east.

28. Snowed a little bit. Not very cold. Anita not very well and we didn’t wash. Play meeting at Jerrys.

29. First bright fine day for a long time. Washed. Dance at Jim Stewarts. Ernest & I went to Bob McKenzies

30. Miserable dark foggy day. Mild snow about gone. Blowing hard to-night. Sir Arthur Currie died.

New baby at Edgar Dennis’

Dec 1. Cold wind and some snow flurries. Girls had supper at Austins. Nellie went home to-night for the weekend. YPS at Chester Woolners.

Grace Ackland Murray twin girls

2. 8A. Very cold and blowing a gale all day. Wyand boys & Ham here thrashing. Sewing skirt for Pauline.

3. Fine and not so cold. Ellice over for dinner. Had chicken. United Church at night.

4. Cloudy, nothing new.

5. 10A. Lovely day, sunny in AM but clouded over and temp 28A by noon. Washed but clothes didn’t dry much.

6. Another dark day and a little snow failing. Rained at night. Ernest has Edgar (Jack) in the woods. Getting around 10 eggs a day. Price last week 40 c.

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**December 1933**

Dec 1933

New girl at Cedric Simpsons on the 6th

7. Colder and snowing a little. Ernest sawing wood at Jerrys this afternoon. Heard that Fred Clarkes has been raided and 147 gallons of rum and two cases whiskey found. Too bad for the community to say nothing of Fred.

8. Keiths birthday. Nice day. YPS at Jerrys. Miss Bateson of Carnegie Library there.

9. Nice in AM but got dirty in afternoon. Ernest went to Creek and I went with him as far as Campsies[?]. Very chilly wind. Lt Gov Dalton died.

10. Snow storm, turned to rain in afternoon. Quiet Sunday. No preaching. Turned cold in night.

11. 12A in AM and 20A to-night. First fine clear night for weeks and weeks. Killed ten geese to-day. Girls went to Wyands to practice for Christmas.

12. 10A and blowing bitter cold. Just 6A to-night. Killed 26 chickens to-day. Davis Moffat paying 16c a lb. Averaged 7 ¼ lbs.

13. 4B. Blowing hard and bitter cold. Busy keeping three fires on and getting ready for Institute at night. Not many here but had a good meeting.

14. Still very cold. Had a letter from Maud telling of Chesters marriage in Nov 1932. Pretty blue worried letter which made us all feel bad.

New boy at Cecils – William Vernon Simpson

Cold wave across Canada and Atlantic England and France

15. YPS at Willie Toombs. Too cold for girls to drive. Everyone busy. Men working in woods.

No 3 boy at Cecils

16. Grey and cold but moderated in afternoon. CGIT in afternoon. Clemmie over to play with Nellie. Ernest & I went down to Lornes in evening. Wind bleak, roads bad.

17. Nice morning, United Church in AM. CGIT Vesper service in evening. Vera Simpson here.

18. Cloudy AM. Washed. Snow storm from SE. Everybody busy.

19. Nice day early. Got clothes out and half dried. Practice here at night for Christmas music. Got letter from Keith that Margaret is quite sick. Ellice got phone M has pleurisy.

20. Not nice day. Roads drifted full. Ernest went to Rustico in AM and school exam in evening. Getting cards and letters written. What a life. Jerry & Anna sick.

21. Howling snow storm. Ernest could not get to school. Bobbie came and folks broke the road for him. Not very frosty, but a lot of snow down. Margaret better.

22. Fine morning but clouded over. Very chilly and terrible roads. Ernest went to Hunter River for Lorraine. Busy day decorating for YPS Christmas tree. About 45 here.

23. 8A. Lovely morning and bright all day, the 1st sunshiny day for two months. Everybody very weary. Anita made a sultana cake. Choir practice at Wyands at 10 PM. 2A.

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**December 1933-January 1934**

Dec 1933

24. 8A. Snowing until about 2:30 turned to mist. Dad and I went over to John F’s in afternoon. Annie Lowther over in the AM. Mr Quigley came and there was no preaching in the Baptist Church at night.

25. What a change. Thawing like smoke this AM. A wonderful lot of Christmas gifts for everybody. The first Christmas without Keith.

26. Bitter cold zero. Didn't wash. Ernest thrashing this afternoon. Mrs Wyand & Blanche called. Nellie went home for the week. Edward here this evening.

27. Fine and mild in AM but turned very cold and blew a gale from NW. Snow flurries and drift. 2B at night and

28. 8B this morning and still blowing. Ernest kept busy carrying in wood, up at 4:40 this morning lighting fires. Cold wave all across continent. Annie over in afternoon.

29. 14B. Carrying in wood and keeping fire going all day. Blowing and drifting and bitter cold. No group.

30. 16B. Fine and clear and moderated a little in afternoon. Peter Murray, Jimmy Tennis, Lewis Toombs, etc & Upton and Dora here. Good to see somebody

31. 4B. Went up to 18A. Church in afternoon. Had Roy Toombs invited for dinner, but it was too cold for them. Sing song at night. Arthur Wright drove up from Carleton on a bad road.

Jan 1. 26A and snowing just like feathers until afternoon. Wind east and nor’east and started to blow and pile things up generally. Roy Toombs’ family and Arthur here for dinner and afternoon etc &. Much colder at night.

2. Fine and very cold, roads very bad. Keeping four fires on. Arthur over with Edward and nearly froze. Austin took Annie to station. Edward here until 9 PM.

3. 10B. Lovely fine but very frosty. Not blowing hard. Girls Anita Waine & Arthur went over to Austins in afternoon. Ellice came home at night. Clarence Stewart & wife and Stirling here this evening. 14B at suppertime, zero at 11 PM and

4. 4B this morning. Arthur started for home at 10 AM. 10 B zero to-night. Three girls went over to John F’s.

5. Sewing. Nellie back again. Feeling very punk all day. Went over to see Ellice in the evening. Edward over in the evening. Snowing but not so cold.

6. 40A. Fine and thawing. Thrashing. CGIT. Lorraine & Anita went with Irene to Olafs and Bob McKenzie and in the evening went to Gertrude Lamont for the evening.

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**January 1934**

7. 36A. Lovely morning. Anita & Lorraine & Miller went up for Mother and took her home at night. Baptist Church in afternoon. At night Lewis Evelyn Eric & Elmer arrived for evening etc and on into the AM. Lovely day all day.

8. SE & E wind. Washed but it started to snow about 10 AM and stormed until 5 PM. Churned and the most of us had a nap. Dance at Bruce Grahams to-night.

9. Fine and not very cold. Got clothes out early and dried. Lorraine packing her suitcase. Turned very cold at night but calm.

10. 10B here and 22B at Hunter River. Dad took Lorraine to Station. Very frosty but a fine day. Anna here in afternoon and Gertrude Lamont and three kiddies here to supper. Some day.

11. Milder again. Temp up to 35A but a ground drift going and roads bad. Marion sewing for Nellie. Canning [?] 17 bottles. Wrote to Irene Clarke.

12. Colder this morning blowing hard and drifting. YPS at Wyands at night. Herb came and in afternoon to get inititated into doing barn work and stayed all night. Wind NW.

13. Not a bad day, cloudy but not so very frosty. Erenst went to H. River with Bobby on his way to Town. Herb Anita and Pauline went to Stanley to Rink. Got home about 12:40 AM pretty cold.

14. Storming all day from East. Not very much frost. No preaching but a dandy day for resting and letter writing. Turned colder to-night.

15. Wind blowing hard and around zero all day. Drifting and not fit to break roads. Marion braiding a mat. Not much else done. No school. Irene in town. No mail.

16. Zero. Lovely fine day. Moderated. Anita washed and I hung out clothes and puttered around outside. Very cold at night again. Heavy white frost.

17. Very cold bleak morning. Not feeling very well. Ernest got home about noon. Institute at Ben Woolners to-night. Sleepy tired.

18. Cold, zero at night and blowing hard and drifting all day. Anna over helping us quilt. Marion Martha washing too. Garden quilt. Tired at night.

19. 10B. Didn’t sleep much. Cold all day. Snowing at night. YPS at Manse. Quilting.

20. 8B. Mighty cold all day and zero again to-night. Quilting. Drifting all day

21. 10B here and 14B at Will Grahams. Kept very cold all day. Ernest went over for Ellice after dinner. Baptist preaching at Jerrys tonight. Ernest Anita and Pauline went.

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**January-February 1934**

22. 16B but quite calm. Finished the quilt. Got letter from Waine, she has had bad cold. Cavendish section, United Church business social at Manse.

23. Very chill in the morning. Ernest went to Frank Andrews for oatmeal and in the evening we went to Charlie Wyands. Roads bad, so much snow. Temp up to 33 and it rained at night.

24 40A. Mild today and a great relief after the intense cold that we have had for weeks. Went over to Jerrys in afternoon and Marion stamped a mat. Knitting Margarets sweater.

Janet McNeill married to Hon Peter Aitken son of Lord Beaverbrook.

25. Girls started hooking. Lorne McNeill in this AM. No news.

26. 18A. Lovely day. Girls hooking. Marion & I have colds. YPS at Manse. 22 there. Letter from Margaret. All well.

27. 2B. Glorious morning, clear and frosty. Marion sick with cold. CGIT in afternoon. Mabel & PJ skating

28. Milder this morning. Stayed in bed until K. and Margaret landed about 3:30. Feeling pretty mean. Jerrys and Ellice and Edward here in evening. Kids stayed here all night. Raining at 10 PM.

29. 40A. 2B at night. K. went to see John F and he and Ellice went to Austins for goose dinner and left for Carleton about 2:40. Blowing a gale and getting very cold. In bed all day.

30. 12B. The coldest night yet and all our plants froze. Still feeling pretty rotten and Marion none too good. 6B to-night, but not blowing. Four fires going.

31. 12B. Girls hooking. Ernest went to Mayfield to get Laddie shod and get a few groceries. Starting Open Window quilt. Perfect moonlight night. Carl Woolner & Florence Laird married at New Glasgow.

Carl Woolner & Florence Laird

Feb 1. 20A. Men started ice. 31in in one place but at lower end of pond 28in thick. Heavy sawing. Wyand boys here for dinner & tea. Raining at night.

2. 40A this morning and rained very hard all day. Freezing to-night and still misting with west wind. Girls finished no. 1 hooked mat. New calf.

3. Cloudy but fine. Girls washed, swept, and scrubbed and baked etc. Everybody tired at night. Ernest had lot of work draining water out of hen house. Went to Harolds for flour etc.

4. Sun. Cold east wind but fine. Preaching in afternoon. Robbie and Irene here to tea and the gang has gone to Jerrys to sing song. Wrote Aunt Lydie about Keith. May Green quite sick.

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**February 1934**

5. 10A. Quite frosty but fine day. Nearly everyone at the ice. Anna & Anita went down to Milton Greens this AM to help out. May quite sick. Drs there. Ham here to-night. Potatoes 50c at Kensington.

6. 6B and 16B at Chester Woolners. Girls hooking. Not feeling very good. Men working at ice.

7. 2B. Pretty cold night. Blowing hard and snowing some. Did not work at ice to-day. Ham here for supper.

8. 4B. Very fine and heavy white frost. Went over to Ellices in the afternoon. Ernest sawing ice for Allen Wyand.

9. 14B and 22B at Charlie Wyands. Very fine and not blowing hard. YPS at Ernest Dunnings at Stanley and our girls going with Geo and Mary Clarke. No ice to-day. 57 at YPS.

10. 8B and blowing, moderated a little towards evening. Anita Ernest & I went down to Alex’s. Arm pretty sore.

11. 10A in the morning and 20A to-night. United Church in the morning. The girls went down to Lornes after dinner. Snowing to-night and the girls didn’t go to Sing Song at Lewis Toombs.

12. 30A. Lovely day. Girls washed in AM and we went down to see Mrs Hammond McKenzie in afternoon. Called in at Bobs and Marion stopped at Manse. Potatoes 60c at H River & Kensington.

13. Snowing some all day. Irene Simpson here to tea. Institute at Allen Wyands. Ernest and girls went. Rioting in France and Revolution in Austria.

King Albert of Belgium accidentally killed in a fall while mountain climbing on Sat 17th

14. Ash Wednesday. Howling snowstorm. Started to blow in morning. Calmed down at night. 2B zero. No mail.

15. Ham came home from Kensington. Chill wind. Girls finished no 2 hooked mat. Drifting and cold.

16. 6B in morning and 16B at night. YPS at Lewis Toombs. Willie Johnson took our girls. Very calm at night. World Day of Prayer at manse in afternoon. Too cold for me to go.

17. 14B here 20B at mill and 25B at Hunter River. Moderated by noon and Marion and PJ went into other CGIT girls to New Glasgow. Very cold again to-night. Vern Simpson stayed here all night.

18. Sunday. 10B. Girls went over for Ellice this morning. Mother not very well to-day. Mr Quigley preached in Baptist Church. Sing song at Manse to-night.

19. 4B. Better to-day. Girls washed and Ernest finished thrashing in afternoon. Nellie went home with Earl to-night. Marion & Mrs. Paterson calling this afternoon. Lorne & Mary came up for the girls to go with the Wyands to-night.

20. Very foggy all day and snowing thick in evening. Irene gave school kids a party. Ernest working at ice to-day. Finished and mailed Margarets sweater.

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**February 1934**

King Leopold III crowned King of Belgium on Friday Feb 24th

21. Lovely day. Ernest at ice. Marion put in her blue and sand quilt. Johnston family and Robbie here in the evening. Mary Graham sick.

22. Milder to-day. Quilting. Anita & PJ finished yarn mat. Letters from Lorraine Marion M & Dorothy. Choir practice to-night for YPS service. No school.

23. 46A at noon to-day but colder to-night. Quilting to-day. Men at ice and here for dinner. YPS at George McCoubreys. Mary Graham very sick with flu.

24. 6B. Very cold. Marion & PJ went to Lewis Toombs to CGIT meeting. Finished blue and sand quilt.

25. 6B and blowing a gale from the west. Wind froze my nose in bed. No one went to church from here. Sing song at Mrs Hammond McKenzies at night. Willie Johnston took the girls.

26. 6B in AM and very chill. Snow storm at night and no-easter to-night blowing hard and very cold. 8A to-night.

27. 8A but still storming and drifiting in AM. Finer in afternoon and quite calm this evening and 14A. Roy Stevenson sick. Lots of people snowed up

28. Zero this morning but bright and sunny. Girls washed. Ham here for dinner. Practice for YPS Service here at night. Ernest & I went over to John F’s in evening. Pretty frosty but very fine.

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March 1934**

March 1 30A. Fine in morning but blowing and drifting in afternoon Ernest Ellice & I went to see Amanda but the door was locked so we came back to Charlie Wyands. Skate on Pond at night and brown bread and beans at Webbs afterwards.

2 38A. and the nicest day for months. Girls finished a braided mat. That’s 7 since Christmas. Not feeling very spry. YPS at Will Simpsons at Mill. Dance all Geo McCoubreys

3 Mild to day, pouring rain all afternoon and tonight. Egg Circle meeting in afternoon adjourned. Little Bertha Lamont taken to S. Side Hospital this afternoon. Appendicitis.

4 36A. Very mild. Baptist preaching in afternoon. Mr Quigley called. Sing song at Jerrys. Neuritis, not feeling very good. Herb White has lock jaw.

5 50A. Rained hard all day. Stayed in bed all day.

6 56A today. Girls washed. Thawed very fast. Ernest took Earl a bag of potatoes. Girls went to Johnstons to night. Parcel from Dorothy.

7 40A and perhaps over. High wind. Ernest went to Mayfield and Rustico. YPS choir practice here to night. Up since noon.

8 42A. Lovely day. Ernest went to Kensington with potatoes 60c per bus Blues. Pork is 11c. Roads very pitchy in places. Ice good. Herb White died at 1 PM. Anita at Jerrys in afternoon. Marion & PJ at Manse in evening. CGIT meeting.

Herbert White

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**March 1934**

9 Colder this morning and quite a lot of snow down. Still snowing and drifting. Ernest at cemetery this morning, only 5 inches of frost. Lots of snow. Funeral this afternoon. YPS at Ray Lairds, girls didn’t go

10 8A. Fine day but cold. Marj, Dora and Mabel here all day. CGIT Banquet for Mothers and Grandmothers. Anita went up for Mother and Dad took her home. Everyone pretty tired at night

11 10A. A howling snowstorm all day and into night. Wind NE and deep cold. No church. Everyone rested after the big day yesterday.

12 12A. Cloudy in AM but finer in afternoon. Letters from Waine Maud and Miss Moore. Anita started Mrs Boas mat. Practice at Jerrys at night. Marion painted shells.

13 Lovely morning. Girls washed. Ernest killed 2 porkers at Jas O’s. Practice here at night. Mrs. Eddie Toombs quite poorly. Pigs weighed 218. 212 lbs.

14 Rain and snow and very very dirty. Girls hooking. Practice at Jerrys to-night. Pudding & ice cream. PJs birthday.

15 Lovely March day. Hooking and getting ready for Institute Social at Jerrys. A good crowd and program and made $17.71c.

16 The day after and everyone tired. Girls hooking. Ernest went down to see Bob and I visited at Lornes YPS at Jim Stewarts. Keith came up from Carleton got here about 7 o clock. Upton Smith and Sheriff Wright here for dinner at 2 PM. Thawing some today but colder this evening. ~~Director~~

17 Meeting of the Hall company directors to-night. Keith went home after dinner and took Pauline with him. Not many to CGIT meeting.

18 Raining in morning and snowing at night. Baptist Church in afternoon and YPService in United C at night. Not many to it but it was a very nice service. Elmer Gordon & Eric in for lunch. Pretty rough at 11.30.

42A at noon

19 14A. In morning and 4A to-night. Ernest hauling manure. Girls hooking. No news.

20 Lovely fine day but quite frosty. Marion hooking. Anita getting basket ready for Pie Social in Hall. Mr Paterson bought it. Had a nice quiet evening at home. They made 32.50 at social.

21 Cold chill east wind. Institute at Mike Doyles. Took two sleighs and Anita took Ellice Anna & Mrs Paterson. Tired at night. Road pretty icy in places. Lots and lots of snow.

22 Ernest and Anita went to Hunter River to doctors. Nan got two teeth out. Lorraine made an average of 74 in her exams. Mary Stewart and Helen and Walter here this afternoon. Gertrude got home from S. Side.

23 4A. and blowing a gale and drifting. Moderated at night. Marion went to YPS with Eric Bell. Put in open window quilt.

24 Lovely day. Anita not very spry or Marion either. Keith Margaret and Pauline drove up. Keith came for fox. Elmer here in evening. CGIT in afternoon.

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**March-April 1934**

Margery Clark & Cyril Smith married March 26

25 Sunday. Snowing in morning. Keith and Margaret went up to see Mother in forenoon. Here for dinner. Had ice cream. United Church in afternoon and YPS at night at Stanley. Good road and good crowd.

26 Perfect day all day. Ernest sawing wood. Marion quilting. Girls washed and churned. Earl Simpson took Hazel to Hospital for an operation for appendicitis. Ernest and I went up to Herb Simpsons in evening.

27 Snowing raining and finally cleared up and fine but thawing like the mischief. Quilting all day back sore. Saw by paper that Marge and Cyril were married yesterday. Ham here this evening. Com. meeting at Wesleys.

28 Pouring rain in the morning. Ernest went to town and came home with Lorraine in the evening. Snowed from 10 AM about 5 inches new snow down to-night. Wyand boys came out to practice.

29 Lovely day but terrible hard on the eyes, everything is so white. Finished open window quilt. Anita visiting at Fenners. Practice here to night.

30 Perfectly lovely day but wind east and quite cold. Mary McNeill here in afternoon. YPS social at Manse.

Good Friday

31 6A. Lovely fine day. Ernest went to Hunter River for flooring. Good road. Cleaned up pantry & dining room this AM. CGIT meeting in afternoon. Ernest & I went over to Jerrys in evening to discuss play, Clover Time. Arthur Wright came up for weekend

April 1 Grey day and started to rain about 5 PM. No church service in the place. Mr. Quigley came over in the evening but ‘twas pouring rain. Annie Lowther & Foster Sellars here to supper Sunday and till ten o clock. Mrs. Wyand, Herb & Lowell here too. Tired?

2 Busy getting ready for shower at night. Mary & Thelma helping. About 50 here. Marjorie looked very nice, and received some useful presents and everyone had a very nice time. Cloudy, foggy day

thawing like mad

3 Fine and road not good, thawing fast. Ernest took Lorraine to station in afternoon. Everyone tired out to day. Letters from Aunt Emily Enid Edna

4 Colder this morning, snowing and drifting. Girls hooking. I cut out house dress. Play crowd meeting at Jerrys, Anita & Dad meet Ham here for supper. Emma Wyand Moyse in Hospital again

5 Ernest started laying the hardwood floor in the front room. Miserable day snowing and drifting. Girls hooking. Mary and Lorne here in evening

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**April 1934**

Aunt Sadie has been sick.

6 Fine and not so cold. Same old thing, hooking sewing and Ernest working at floor. YPS at AJs at Stanley.Robbie Willie Irene & Anita took the grey dart.

7 Fine and thawing quite fast. Ernest finished floor. Everybody tired out to-night. Dad & I went up to Fenners this evening.

Saw black bird and PJ heard robin

8 Snowing in morning. Girls went to church. Sing song here at night. Mary Clark appeared out but not Cyril. Bessie Hillman died at Bradalbane

Mrs. Stan Wedlock

9 Lovely day. Girls did a big big washing and nearly finished their mat. Ham here all the afternoon. Lewis Toombs went for Fleming for Annie Earl. E At Ced Simpsons.

New girl at Earl’s

10 Ernest & I went into Earls for Nellie & Harold. Pretty hard place. Spent the afternoon with Ellice. Ernest away at a private meeting of leading citizens at Mrs. Wyands to see what if anything can be done to better conditions at Earls.

11 Had rather a strenuous day with small boy as he has had cold and ear ache. Willie McKendrick very sick. Thawing quite fast tho the wind is East. Not much ice in the Gulf. Winnie & Ernest over in evening

12 Fine. Girls still hooking. Ernest went down to see Bob in afternoon. He is going to Montreal for treatment.

13 Cloudy day and rained hard in evening. Snow going for all the wind keeps so cold. YPS was to have been at Lorne McNeills but the roads and night too bad to go.

14 Lovely spring day, wind got around to south west and thawing like smoke. Ernest and Anita went up to Reagle Paynters for mat and to Freds. Tired out with small boy.

15 Foggy all day. Baptist church in afternoon and sing-song at Wyands at night. Mr & Mrs Wyand and Bobbie Toombs here to supper. Small boy very good.

16 Finer. Ernest working at Kitchen drain. Marion in bed quite sick but better tonight. Laura Fenner & Mary in this evening and Edward.

17 Raining more or less all day. Ernest sand papering front room floor. Marion up to-day but pretty punk again to-night. Little Harold a very good boy. Dad gone to Jim Stewarts to practice dialogue

18 Lovely warm day. Snow going fast. Marion better. Made a boiler of soap. Harold out all day nearly. Good little boy. Dad got a bad cold as all the rest.

Bobbie brought wagon

19 Lovely day. Washed. Anita quite sick. Busy all day and tired at night. Stirling & George here practicing dialogue.

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**April-May 1934**

Got parcel from Dorothy Russel for PJ

20 Warm and blowing south east wind. All feeling very punk. Nellie went home from school. Ham here and Ernest clipped Laddie and Bill.

21 Got up in morning and had to go back to bed again. Lovely day. Everybody feeling very mean. Dad sold steer to Lorne Craswell for $25.50. Got cheque from Webster. Ham here.

22 Sun. Poured rain most of day. Mr Paterson had Hams road cart to New Glasgow. Everyone feeling pretty rotten with cold.

23 Lovely day after rain but cooler. Grass looking a little greener already. Sent Eaton order & seed.

24 Ernest went to Hunter River, took eggs for Austin and Edward took steer. Little boy pretty fussy and I’m feeling pretty rotten. Girls cleaning yard. Ernest cut down big box elder at south of house. An old old tree.

25 Lovely day. Washed in AM and ironed in afternoon. Anita and Ernest took small boy home. Pretty shiny in there tonight.

26 Wind cold so the girls started house cleaning. Marion ironed curtains. I sewed some. Tennis & wife Ham, Geo. & Stirling here in evening

27 Blowing hard and quite warm. Raining a little at night. Girls papered South West bed room. Sewing. YPS at Lornes and Cemetery meeting here. Jim Warren has the job of caretaker for cemetery. Little David Simpson has scarlet fever

Mr Paterson took car to Rustico & Upton & Ina went to Stanley with a car.

28 Quite a storm in the morning, rain and snow and snowing to-night again. Lovely in afternoon. Anita & Pauline cleaned two bed rooms. Ellice over this evening. Dad at Freds to practice.

29 Fine day, wind east and cool. Mr. Quigley preached in afternoon. Feeling rotten. Robbie Toombs Eric Bell and Willie Johnston here in evening.

30 Blowing a terrific gale all day from SW. Ernest got farmers home and cleaning grain in afternoon. Helping Jerry load lumber etc. Eaton order came. Feeling better to-night.

May 1st Still blowing but warm. Ernest finished cleaning grain and plowed the garden and fixed up the hot bed. Seeds came from Rennies and Dominion Seed House Georgetown. Community Shower for Mary Clarke Smith at Fenners to-night. Probably a dance too.

Planted few early potatoes

2 62. Very warm in forenoon. Girls in garden. Ernest ploughing at shore field. Planted shallots. Institute at the Manse. Blowing very hard SW.

3 Girls tired. Blowing hard and a very warm rain this evening. Planted part of hot bed and sweet peas. Sewing. Girls and Wyands went to Clifton to night to a sing song at Ernest Dunnings, and didn’t it rain before they got home.

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**May 1934**

4 Very warm in the morning but wind came around East and very cool in evening. Dad & I went back to woods for trees. Got five beauties, three maples and two birch. YPS at Gordon Lairds Anita & PJ went with Mr Paterson. Letter from Aunt Sadie. She is a little better.

62 chickens

5 Very warm south wind. Ernest went to Kensington for timothy seed. House cleaned my bedroom and dining and various other things. Planted peas this evening. Set incubator again.

hot bed up

[Change of handwriting: Ernest]

6 Myrtle went to Carleton with Wyands. Alf Simpson here to tea. Talked some. Girls for mayflowers and to sing song at Jerrys, raining tonight.

7 Rain & snow and cold not much doing in AM same in PM boys here to practice. Set[?] two here.

8 Cold. Wind east. Plowing in afternoon. girls washed. Play practice at JR Stewarts Oliver Bernard here for timothy seed.

9 Froze hard this AM cold east wind blowing all day. Girls drove to Rustico practice at Freds.

10 Fixing Bonnell fence, plowing, got dailas out also seed turnips went to Austins got two old hens to go with chicks. 28 left. Girls went to choir practice at night blowing a gale from south west.

11 Warmer today shower in AM went to Mayfield for new windows putting out manure for mangles girls working in garden and cleaned pantry rather poor word from Bob today. YPS at Fenners.

12 Still cold. Plowed down mangle manure started to harrow. Mr. Webster brought Lorraine out, took her back in evening Girls cleaning pantry. Robbie here in evening.

McLeod Stanley

13 Rain & cold wind nor east great day to rest. Dads cold not very good Baptist service at night. David here in evening.

14 Working on road AM fencing afternoon Anita and Pauline went to Chester Woolner in evening.

15 Fencing too wet to harrow. disking in afternoon girls painting big dining room boys here to practice Lowell[?] Wyand got load of hay Elmer Fyfe here also Ham.

16 Still cold but finer. Girls washed etc harrow Jim Simpsons. went to Fergusons in evening

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**May 1934**

17 Splendid day. Harrowing. M Green here shingling. Girls papering. Goslings hatching Reuels called. Have a new car.

18 Raining in AM. fencing pond field Roy brought Lorraine home cold north east wind at night Anita and Pauline at McCoubreys YPS.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting]**

19 Lovely morning but very cold in afternoon. Ernest met me at Emerald and we got about 7:30. Left Margaret and Keith well and very busy. Had a lovely visit. Girls have everything shining and paper is very pretty. Cold to-night.

20 Very nice morning early but raining by evening. Alvin came down at noon. Ham here nearly all day. Dad & I went down to see Jennie Bob and called on Alex. Girls & Alvin had tea at Ben Woolners.

21 Cold as Greenland. Anita went to O’Leary with Alvin. Marion sewing. PJ sprained her ankle. Peg & I walked over to Ellices Dad & Jim O up to Ferguson’s.

22 Still very cold. Cloudy all day and thunder and heavy rain to-night. Washed, churned and made soap. Dad at Hall to practice Mr. Paterson’s mother died before he could reach home.

First cod fish May 24th

Sowed grain 26th

Dione Quintuplets born May 28th

23 Finer to-day. Marion sewing. I cleaned back porch. Ernest harrowing. C. Chior practice here at night. Everybody tired.

Arbor Day

24 Lovely day. Out in garden all day nearly. Dad harrowing. Oratorical Contest at Freetown to-night. Marion went with Ernie McLure & Sadie.

25 Lovely day. Ernest and Lorraine went to town with Roy Toombs to Convocation. Lorraine came 10th on the list of second yr students. Lewis Woolner 1st, Dorothy 4th, Wanda 9th. Planting stuff in garden. YPS at Ben Woolners.

26 70A this AM. Sowed field behind the barn. Marjorie Enman Simpson has scarlet fever, is quite sick. CGIT girls gave Mrs Paterson an address and book and this and served ice cream & cake at the Manse. Everyone tired to-night.

27 76A. 78. Just a glorious day, very warm. Alvin and Anita got home at 1.30 PM. Baptist Church in afternoon and YPS service at Clifton at night. Ham here all the evening. Dad & PJ went for gaspereau.

28 76A. Lorraines birthday. Very warm and quite a breeze. Anita and I washed. Ernest sowing Mr. & Mrs. Ben Woolner here for a little while to-night.

29 Still very warm and dry, terrible fires in Northern New Brunswick and very smoky here Letters from Aunt Maud, Miss Kellie, and Ted.

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**May-June 1934**

Potatoes up May 30th

Finished sewing grain 30th

30 Beautiful day. Finished sowing to-day except two little corners. Anita & Pauline house cleaning. Garden looking good. Early potatoes up to day. Fenner Stewart sick pleurisy. Mrs. Paterson started on trip to Scotland.

31 Lovely day. Very smoky, fires raging in NB, Quebec, and Ontario. Cleaning sewing room, landing and Anita finished her room. She and PJ playing in Cottage. Mr. Paterson took Fenner Stewart to the Sanitorium to-day to have fluid removed from lung.

June 1st Fine and quite cool. Anita murescoed pantry ceiling. Carpenter put in a new window in pantry and dining room. I finished cleaning the landing Ernest working on mangle land. YPS at James L Lepages

2 Papered front porch and practically finished house cleaning. Planted carrots, beets, parsnips in field. Ellice over this evening. Dad to Mayfield.

3 Perley, Daisy, Roy, Velda and Firth brought Marion home. Had Mother down for the day and Reuels brought Lorraine out. I went west with Perleys at night.

4 At Perleys, Daisy washed Ernest sowed mangles.

SA Macdonald died June 11th

Mr. Green married June 12th, third wife

5 Terrible tragedy at St. Eleanors. Keefe, Station agent at Miscouche and Charles Holland his brother-in-law instantly killed on a level crossing. Racing the train to Borden. Peter Murray here I went to Lizzies in evening.

6 Marions birthday. Went out to Mays in evening Heavy thunder storm up west.

Ruth Webb White a son

7 Alvin took me out to Lizzies again.

8 Went to Rays. Elmer Harris and Dr. Jack Jenkins here taking moving pictures this week.

9 Went out to Perleys in evening and came home

10 to-day with Rupert, Dorothy, Miriam & Raynall. Tired at night, no preaching any where. Rained AM.

11 Lovely day. In garden all day. Over to Ellices to-night. Girls setting out plants. Mr. Green supposed to be married to-night but wasn’t as the lady didn’t arrive.

SA McDonald

12 Girls transplanting from hot bed. Set out tomato plants in evening. Mr. Green & Mrs. Seaman married and all Cavendish gave them a charavari. I went up with the kids. Ernest hauling manure all day for turnips.

13 Sowed turnips. Anita and Marion both on the blink. Washed. Finished planting garden stuff behind Cottage. Institute at Mrs. Dolph Flemings.

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**June 1934**

14 Glorious rain all last night and misty to-day. Not feeling very spry today. Ernest helping move telephone poles this afternoon. Com Chior practice to-night in church.

15 Cloudy, misty, and cold. Finished piecing Little Ships quilt. Cleaned drawers in hall and etc. YPS here tonight. Big Crowd.

16 Very damp and bitter cold all day and to-night. Lorraine came home, finished her second year PWC. Ernest went to Creek with Mr. Paterson.

17 Very cold to-night but has been bright and sunny all day. Alvin arrived at noon. Ernst went with Jerry to Rustico to hear Mr. Osborne preach. Mr. Wallace of Bradalbane preached here to-night.

18 Busy day. Washed and weeding in garden and Dad & girls cleaning up in Lovers Lane. Mrs Albert up in afternoon and Mrs. Hammond McK and Charlie, Mary and Lorne and a whole gang of young people in. Tired oh no.

19 Lovely day and quite warm. Anita took Marion to Emerald. She is visiting Keith’s. School meeting. Everyone up in arms about the way the road has been left. Ernest & Ham fencing.

20 Very rainy day. Just good old fashioned spill and not very cold. Sewing most of day. Ernest housecleaning granary.

21 Glorious day after the rain. Pulling thistles out of the straw-berries. Put in open window quilt. Ernest & Lorraine went to Mayfield to look for a school. Chior practice here at night.

22 Lovely day with big scattered clouds. Ernest working on road. Widening it out to 28 ft. Quilting. YPS at Stanley. Three girls drove.

23 James Arthur died at 2.30 AM. Lovely day Ernest on road in forenoon. Busy all day. Finished quilt. Everybody tired. Everything growing good.

James Arthur

24 Lovely day but breezy. Lorne & Mary took Lorraine & PJ down to Keiths and brought Marion home. Alvin Dorothy Rupert & Jack Matthews drived at noon. Bapt Church at night. Busy day and tired.

25 Lovely all day and heavy rain at night, thunderstorm. YPS. Sports night in Webbs field. Quite a number here. Made $5.60.

26 Another lovely day. Everyone a wreck after the rush last night. Institute District Convention in Stanley. Anita went in afternoon. Marion Dorothy & PJ went to-night. Alban here to-night

27 Just a perfect day. Girls washed. Put in Ship of my Dreams quilt this afternoon. Marion & Dorothy went to Mrs. Lowthers to tea. Alban white washing.

28 Lovely day, very warm and looks like rain to-night. Mother 72 to-day. Mr & Mrs. Peveril arrived at 1.15 for dinner. Everyone tired to-day Ernest working on telephone line.

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**June-July 1934**

Allen Wyands barn struck on the 29th. Heaviest storm for years

29 Thunderstorm very heavy and kept at it nearly all day. Everyone rather exhausted after the storm. YPS at Rustico Church.

David Johnston New Pres.

30 Lovely day but wind north and gusts cool. Alban finished white washing house. Guitar concert at Cottage.

[July] 1 Lovely day and very busy. The Wrights came up, brought K. & Margaret and Lorraine. Alvin brought Rupert, Isobel, Jack, and we had Judge Gordon and wife call. Ben Woolners up for sing song to-night.

2 Heavy rain this morning and again to-night. Very heavy thunder storm. Quite a busy day and everyone tired to-night. O’Leary gang went home after supper.

3 Lovely day. Foggy in AM but cleared up beautiful. YPS went on annual picnic at Experimental Farm. PJ stayed home with me. Mrs Bonnell & family and Miss Jessie B. arrived also the Brinton family. Reg McNeill Rupert and Lewis Woolner here in evening.

4 Glorious morning, but heavy rain early. Ernest went to Borden with Mr. & Mrs. Peveril. Did a whale of a washing and weeding in garden. Everyone tired. Elaines here for a while.

Fidelle Blacquiere drowned at Rustico Harbor on July 9th. Murray Simmons drowned Bedeque on the July 17th.

5 Ernest and Ted and Anna got here about 7pm. Very warm day and everyone tired to-night. Ted looks older and is pretty glad to be home.

6 Lovely day, very warm. Everyone talking in morning. Ted Anna Ernest PJ and myself went to Town and to Gordons for supper and to camp fire at night.

7 Very tired and very warm day. Thunder in evening. Everyone talking and went to Bay View for clams at night and brought home flounders.

Murray Summers

8 Lovely day. All went to shore after dinner. Wilbur and Gertrude Ackland here for tea. Harry and Jean Linkletter and Aunt Alice came before church and Aunt Alice stayed with me

9 Lovely day. Washed, baked, ironed and churned. Mr & Mrs. Crow brought Keith & Margaret up in evening. They went fishing. Terrible tragedy at Rustico. Fidelle Blacquire drowned.

Fidelle Blacquiere

10 Lovely day. Reggie brought Gordon up in forenoon. Had a drive after dinner. Gang went for clams and had a clam bake at night. Feel very sore and tired.

11 Lovely day but very warm. Gang went out fishing after dinner. Had a wonderful day. Took Gordon home and brought him back again. Everyone tired and all sleepy. A lot of tourists around.

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**July 1934**

12 Very hot day. Ted, Anna Gordan and Ernest went to O’Leary. Isobel and Marion Brinton here Ellice over in evening. Orange Tea at Gambles Corner, near Tryon.

13 Lovely day, very dry again. Mr. Brownlie took the family out fishing and they had a wonderful day. YPS at shore.

14 Very hot day, cloudy most of day. George & Amanda celebrated their 25 Anniversary. Quite a crowd and everyone had a very nice time.

15 Cloudy most of day but very hot and dry. Ernest Gordon and Alvin arrived about 2 PM, Arthur Keith & Margaret came along a little later. Gang went to Woolners to sing song.

16 Threatened rain but didn’t. Big washing. Anita went to Town with Mrs. Bonnell. Mr & Mrs Brownlie and Wesley went away and Mr. & Mrs. Timmins and Adele arrived. Justice Ellsworth Lawrence & wife and son and wife and a Mr & Mrs. Cameron here to-night. Ernest went to Kingston with Jack Bulman.

17 Cooler to-day. Miss Clark and Mrs. Russel of Toronto arrived this afternoon. Also Mr and Mrs Heegbee and Mrs Heegbee Sr. Went to Harolds to-night for supplies.

18 The Heegbees went fishing and caught 80 mackerel. Miss Smith and Miss Jackson camping behind Cottage. Reg McNeill & Willard Caseley called with some folks from Town.

19 Lovely day after last nights shower. Western Union picnic at Bedeque yesterday and some young fry went and Lorraine came home with them. Finished cleaning cottage. Choir practice here to-night.

20 Glorious rain just now and much needed. Mr & Mrs. Irvin arrived to-night. Been a rather trying day, blowing so hard and hot. YPS at Charlie McK. shore. Miss Smith & Jackson took our girls. Potato bugs bad. Very heavy thunder storm. Freds ranch struck and a tree at Max Fergusons.

21 Very warm day. Ernest sprayed potatoes for bugs. Everything fresh after the rain. Picked first sweet peas. Everyone tired to-night

22 Pretty busy day. Mr & Mrs Hayden and maid and baby came last night so we had fourteen for dinner. Baptist church in afternoon. Mrs. Joe Rankin here to see Ernest

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**July-August 1934**

23 Lovely day, quite cool. Big washing. Mr Hayden went back to Montreal. Elmer took Ernest and Lorraine to Milton. Mr & Mrs Rice & Dick arrived at night and we had to fit up the Cottage. Campfire at night.

Kenneth McKendrick have a new boy

24 Beautiful day. Another washing, baked two batches of bread and churned. Miss Clark and Mrs Russel went on afternoon train. Anita down on pond with Mr. Rice. Got a dozen trout.

25 Very warm. Ted and Anna got here about noon. Went to Rustico in afternoon. Mrs Mort Williams died in the morning. Went down to shore in evening for a little while. Not very early getting to bed.

Mrs Mort Williams

26 Warm day. Albin cutting. We are pretty busy. Had a weaner roast at shore with Mr & Mrs Simpson invited, Jerry boarders. Had a good time. Girls slept in green Cottage.

27 Ted and Anna went to Brackley. Washed, baked churned and scrubbed. Very muggy and close. Rained in afternoon. Hot to-night. Miss Heckle and Miss Donnelly arrived and are staying for the week. YPS at shore.

28 Dreadfully hot day. Ted & Anna got back from Gordons. Rained. Had clam bake at night. Tired?

29 Still very hot. Alvin brought Belle down. Ted & Anna left for Keiths this afternoon on their long journey back to California. Very hot to-night.

Mary Clarke Smith has twins a girl and boy

Eleanor Louise & Elmer Lewis

30 Very foggy and damp in forenoon but lovely afternoon. Girls & I went for berries, got rasp- and blue berries. Tired to-night. Mr & Mrs A Rice and Dick went back to Boston this AM.

31 Fine day, very warm. Washed, baked, churned, and went to Rustico at night. Myron & family returned. Four tourist cars before noon. Girls not feeling very good. Ernest shingling barn.

Finished hay. Very light crop

Aug 1 Very warm and sticky and heavy rain in afternoon Russel and Pearl Webb called for a few minutes. Pauline and Nan not feeling very spry. Mr & Mrs Johnson & Lorne and Mary up this evening.

2 Pretty nice morning. Went picking berries with Myron & Elaine. Back very sore at night.

3 Blowing a gale. Had to give up shingling in afternoon. Very busy and tired at night.

11th Have been too busy and tired to write. Went down to Carleton with Austin and Ellice on the 4th came back Sunday 5th. Mr. Hayden and Mr & Mrs. Gillings and Mr & Mrs Carse and Jimmy came Aug 4th. Mr. Dick came on Aug 6th. Full House. Annual Cavendish tea on Aug 8th. Big crowd. Keith and Margaret up. I didn’t go. 9th and 10th very high wind and

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**August 1934**

10 very tiresome. Heavy thunderstorm at night YPS at Mrs. Hammond McKenzies. Feel very sore. Marion & Anita went to town with Mr. Hayden.

11 Pretty busy day. Everybody kept moving. Mr and Mrs Spense from Ottawa arrived to-night.

12 Lovely day. Marion went to Tryon with Myron and Elaine. Had busy day. About ten came in this afternoon. Dr Norman McNeill of Sussex and Dr. Donald McN called. Mr. Bishop preached in United Church at night.

13 Lovely day, quite cool. Very busy. Canned nine qt bottles of beans. Baked. Churned etc and washed dishes in between. Jerry Simpson house caught fire and about 200 people gathered there in a short time. They got it out before any serious damage was done.

14 Lovely day. Washed. Very busy. Mr. Hayden took us for a drive in evening.

15 Baked ironed etc. Winnie Keith Starratt[?] of Moncton and her niece arrived here to-day. Had Mr & Mrs Bishop here to tea. Institute tonight at Mrs Chester Woolners.

16 Mr. Dick left. Just a busy day like all the rest. Margaret scalded herself while getting breakfast for the Bishops. Mother down there.

17 Mrs Timmins & Adele the Carses and the Haydens left this AM. Rosie here and very busy. YPS at shore.

Tragedy at Hopedale on 18th. A Mr McPherson killed by manure spreader and the father died of shock

18 Terrible gale and girls went to Town with Mrs. Bonnell. YPS gave a bean supper to 57 poor city kiddies. Mr Young and Miss Gooden came. Mr & Mrs Gillings went away.

19 Very warm. Easier today. Very tired. Baptist church in afternoon. Went down to shore after Church. Pauline went with Myron to Tryon or to Keiths rather. Alvin drove.

20 Washed. Busy. Blowing hard.

21 Canned beans to day. Down at shore with Elaine in afternoon. Mother there too. Big crowd tourists here at night. Eight extra.

22 Washed again. Lovely day. Lorraine and Dad went to Town to Exhibition. Every one tired at night.

23 Rained hard in morning and a big squall in afternoon.

24 Mrs Bonnell took me into Town with her. A perfect day. Jacques Cartier celebration. Mrs. Bonnell starting on her journey west. Will meet Mr. B in New York. Emily Stewart here to-night. Gang has gone to YPS in Rustico Church.

25 Busy day. Emily Stewart here. Myron had two trips to Emerald for the Fergusons & Mr. McDavid.

26 Lovely day. Pauline LePage arrived. One of Mrs. Wyands cottages burned down after the young peoples service. Mrs Young & Miss Gooden sang. Everyone weary. Sing song at Webbs.

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**August-September 1934**

27 Lovely day. Started pickling. Mrs. Bulman finished Marions sewing. Very tired. Went to New Glasgow with Mrs Bulman and to Rustico for Emily Stewart. Myron took us.

28 Fine but cool wind. Very busy. Marion making house dresses. Had the Brintons and Fergusons up for the evening and Mr. McDavid. Pauline and Walter both here.

29 North east wind but no rain. Roy Toombs up tonight until midnight. Garden a mass of bloom. Ernest started cutting our grain.

30 Mr & Mrs Spence left this AM. Rather a cool day. Cutting grain.

31 Terrific gale with showers. No serious damage done. Flowers battered a little. Jack Webster and Billy Prowse out for the night to go shooting.

Sept 1 Miss Gooden and Mr. Young left. The last of our summer people. Willard Caseley and party called in afternoon. Ernest and I went to shore at night.

2 Fine and warm. Alvin Hattie and Miriam arrived. Reuel & Enid and Elaine etc and Dr. Don McNeil and family here in afternoon Baptist Church at night and Ben Woolners in for sing song after. Tired?

3 Labor day. Gang went to Town in afternoon Billy Prowse & Mr. Webster here for breakfast and dinner. Girls got home about 10.30 tired and happy. Hattie staying for week.

4 Lovely day, did quite a washing. Dad and I went to Harolds in evening settled up with him.

5 Blowing a terrific gale all day. Washed again. Went in to Wyands at night and settled with them. Got cauliflower for pickling

6 Lovely day, very fine. Had a busy day. Dan McKinley and his daughters called in afternoon. Miss Wilkinson and Mr AH Hart Davies here for dinner. Girls went to Rustico to visit Ruth Matheson.

7 Very fine and very dry. Hauling in grain. Getting cuc’s ready for pickles. Jerry over in evening. YPS at church.

8 Still fine. Finished hauling grain that is out. Pauline picking hazel nuts at Jerry’s. Painted kitchen and finished enameling the chairs. Everybody all in

9 Lovely day, very warm and dry. Alvin brought Dorothy McKendrick down. Charles McFarlane and Arthur up. Mr Archibald preached.

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**September 1934**

10 Misty day and north east wind in afternoon. Made pickles, baked bread, washed and Anita & PJ went to Hunter River to dentist. Rev Sydney Gilchrist lectured in United Church on Africa. Mima here at night.

11 Made Marions fruit cake today. Ellice over Committee meeting at night to arrange for Bay Conference on Sat. night. All in.

12 Lovely day all day. Had a tremendous shower for Marion at Jerrys. About 150 there. Arthur and Keith and Margaret up.

13 Marion and I went to Ch Town with Ernest and Winnie. Had a terrible day shopping and both very tired when we got home. Reuel brought us out and ‘twas a lovely drive.

14 Very busy all day getting ready for YPS at night. The church gave Marion a lovely Aer o pack suitcase. Weary?

Mr Laird Murrays Dad

15 Lovely day. Mrs. Wyand here. Boys Conference in Cavendish and George Ramsay and C[?] Lowther here. Banquet at night in Hall. Emily Stewart here over weekend

16 Great day. Reuels here to supper. All but Marion and Bobby went to Church at night. Mr Leary spoke.

17 Very hot day all day. Marion & Waine went to Hunter River for dentist but Bonnell went to Halifax with Laurie Bulman. Mrs. Hammond & Charlie McKenzie here this evening. Mima here all night

18 Marion had letter from Murray. Mr. Laird died on the 14th. Quite a shock and of course has settled all plans for a wedding on the 22nd. Very warm day, rained at night.

Bob McKenzie Jennie, Olaf & Ellen, and little boys here

19 Rained a little in AM. Garden glorious Institute at Jean Smiths. School fair in Mayfield. Emily here all night.

20 Took Emily up this lovely morning and brought Mima over. The 29th wedding anniversary. Jean Dora and Mary McLean here. Mrs Wyand here in evening. Ernest & I went over to see Ellice.

21 Lovely day. Picking beans. Mima and I making calls at John Fs. Clarence Stewarts Jean Simpsons for tea and down at Ceds after.

22 Lovely day. Mima started back. Picking beans and plowing. Mrs Harry McKenzie here to tea. Picked beans until dark. Elmer Fyfe here in evening.

23 Mother down to-day. Church in morning. Quiet day. Charles McFarlane Ruby Cousins Arthur Wright here in evening.

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**September-October 1934**

24 Just one perfect day. Sept has been a wonderful month this year. Washed, baked. Marion busy. Practice here at night.

25 Fine but quite hot. Ernest and Lorraine went to Jerrys to pick apples and in afternoon Anita PJ and Dad went for cranberries. Keith & Margaret and Arthur up. Chicken supper in hall.

26 YPS Convention in S. Side. Anita and Lorraine went with Eric Bell. Mrs. Paterson Mr Quigley Ellice, Hazel and Miss Stavert and Alvin here to-day.

very hot and dry

27 Very hot day. Packed Marions belonging and shipped them. Everyone tired. Hester & George and Emily Stewart here to-night

28 Lovely day. Went with Marion to Borden. Keith and Margaret got on train at Albany. Alvin took the rest of the family to Borden and we saw our dear girl on the boat. Lorraine and Anita stayed down at K. Will I ever forget that home coming. YPS at Urban Taylors. Lorraine came home

29 Still fine, busy all day. Made jam and jelly. House very quiet. Raining to-night.

30 Rained nearly all day. Baptist church at night

Oct 1 Quite cold all day and feels like frost to-night Got a wire from Marion that she had arrived safe. Picking tomatoes cuc’s etc. Lorraine & I went in to Lem’s store to-night. Nearly froze.

2 Heavy frost. First this fall. Lovely fall day. Had a nice letter from Murray which made us feel better. Washed made jelly, crab apple jam and cut up stuff for another dose of chow

3 Perfect day. Finished cranberries and started potatoes. No news

4 Cold and showery. Ernest went to Emerald for Anita. Cleaned and moved into our own bed room and straightened up the landing. Letter from Marion. Marion married at last.

5 Lovely day. Girls and Ernest at potatoes all day. Made tomato jam and ripe cucumber pickles. YPS at Gordon Lairds.

6 Finished potatoes. Marion McKenzie came out in the afternoon and Mrs Ball and Mrs. James here for supper. Decorating church for Thanksgiving. Rained.

7 Thanksgiving. Lovely day after the rain. Mother went to Carleton with Charles & Arthur Jack Clark and Lorraines college chums here Irene and Mrs. MacKay sang in church at night.

8 Cold & windy, took Marion to station. No news.

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**October-November 1934**

9 Horrid day. Washed, picked potatoes after harrows. Started stone path. Over to Jerrys at night. Sent for my coat.

10th Same weather. Dad helped Austin finish his potatoes. Worked at star quilt. Annie & Foster here to-night.

11 Finer and warmer. At Keiths. Worked hard at potatoes. Got mangles in on both places.

16 Dad & Jack Stewart came down for a load of mangles and brought a sow down for Keith. I came

21 home on the 21st and Lorraine went down to help a little with turnips. Arthur brought K & Margaret up too. Ellice and Austin went to Carleton.

22 Cloudy and showery. Mr. Gillis of the live stock marketing board spoke in the hall on Cooperation. Not many there. Anita at Manse in afternoon working on a heavy quilt to send west.

23 Finer. Anita washed. Miss Stavert here to tea and for evening. Some flowers still blooming.

24 Fine, not very cold. Anna, Mary Graham and Annie Moore here in afternoon making quilt for West. Anita and Emily Stewart drove to James L. LePages to a social.

25 Fine but cloudy all day. Ernest at turnips. Institute at J M McCoubreys. No news. Walked down to see Ellice in evening. All in when I got back.

26 Raining all day and quite foggy. Mr. Paterson took Anita to Rustico to YPS but no one there. Mending all day. P J not feeling well.

27 Ernest ploughing all day but its pouring rain tonight. Nice quiet evening. Ernest reading, the rest crocheting and knitting.

28 Colder and blowing hard. Reuels called in afternoon. Baptist church at night. Frost.

29 Quite cold in morning and blowing hard. Ernest and Anita dug the dahlias in AM. Ernest ploughing. Busy at little odd jobs. Went down to Lorne McNeills in evening.

30 Lovely day. Washed. Heavy shower at noon but cleared up and not cold. Ernest ploughing. Anna and Jerry over in the evening, Edward here.

31 Lovely fine day. Ernest ploughing field across the lane. Went up to Gertrude Lamont’s in afternoon, called to see the twins, and spent the evening at Mr. Greens. Kids at Jerry’s in evening.

November 1 Pretty rough day, rained hard and blew from S. East. Sewing and mending. Nice long letter from Marion.

2 Fine and colder. YPS at James L LePages. Girls went with Mr Paterson. Big dance at Leta Blair’s. Was Anita cross when she came home?

3 Blowing and quite cool. Girls helped thrash and went to Hunter River. Emily here for weekend. Ham on the warpath for his gate that the young fry hid Weds. night. Austin brought load of turnips.

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**November 1934**

Clarence Gallants have new boy no. 2 on Nov 6

hard frost

**[Change of handwriting; Anita?]**

4 Lovely fine Sunday for a change. Mother went to town with Reuel. Miss Stewart & Emily here YP tonight. Poor crowd.

5 Perfect day. Lorraine got home 4.30AM. Dad ploughing. L & I to see the twins and into store. Got Eaton order, also barrel of apples from Murray. Laddie choked tonight. Fenner & Don down.

6 Desperate rain, nothing doing.

7 Dad ploughing. L & I went to Harolds and took Miss Stewart to social at Mary Wells. New boy at Olafs. Robert Webster Stevenson.

8 Dad finished ploughing, washed & finished star quilt. Mayfield boys out to practice. [handwriting back to MW] Me in town with 103 temperature at Enid’s. Had a lovely visit with Artie at the farm but quite sick at night. Lovely day.

**[Back to Myrtle's handwriting]**

9 Feeling better and got home Erin McNeills in afternoon and mighty thankful to get. Lovely day but poured rain at night. John Bulman here helping Ernest in woods. YPS at Jerrys.

10 Showery rain and snow. Colder. Men hauling out wood. Thrashing a little and hauling wood. CGIT.

11 Very miserable day, snowing and raining. B church in afternoon. Robbie Toombs here for supper and evening. Memorial Services everywhere.

Little snow fell the 11th but was all gone by night.

12 Rained and misty all day. Cleared up at night Anita & Waine went over to Austins. Dad to Mayfield to committee meeting. Cora Toombs has pleurisy.

13 Finer and colder again. Ernest sawing wood. Had Anna and John Bulman here. Got wood inside. Started banking. Practice here to-night.

14 Snowing quite thick about 4 inches fell. Ernest & John banking house. Mending coats all day and cutting patches in evening. Cora Toombs not doing very well.

first snow

15 Nice fine day. Girls washed. Letters from Miss Moore Alvin, Mrs. Spence and Keith. Men in wood.

16 Lovely fine day. Ernest and John cleaning up the dry wood in the bush near house. YPS at Ben Woolners. Girls didn’t go. Lovely long letter from Marion.

17 Lovely morning, not very cold and the little snow we had is about gone. Sawed up a lot of dry hardwood. Girls helped. Making nightgowns and P J making pyjamas. Emily and Elmore McKay here this evening. Roads very muddy to-night. Mr & Mrs. Paterson returned from N.G.

18 North east wind and not cold. Quiet day until the kids arrived from Carleton just before supper. Emily here. U. Church in AM. Froze at night. Wrote to Lottie Simpson.

19 Fine this morning. Anita helped thrash and took Emily up. Started raining about noon and kept. New boy at Lorne MacNeills, Ernie Rollings McNeill, a 10 pound baby. Everyone well pleased. Nellie Simpson here to-night.

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**November-December 1934**

Clive McNeill & Dora Woolner married Nov 21st

20 Cold bleak wind all day and freezing to-night. Ernest and John in the woods.

21 Lovely day. Washed in AM and baked, busy all day. Girls went to Charivari at night. Clive McNeill and Dora Woolner married at Manse. May Clarke was moving to York Point with her family.

22 Fine day, not cold. Annual meeting, Institute at Hamilton Lairds. Robbie and David here in evening.

23 Lovely day, very warm. Ham finished his thrashing and was here to supper. YPS at the Manse.

24 Very warm day, like September. Sawed wood in forenoon. CGIT in afternoon. Pouring rain to-night and wind nor east.

26 Fine but bitter cold wind all day. Foster Sellars called for Lorraine and took her to Carleton. Anita & I went to Wyands to practice over the hymns. Robbie & David called Service at Jerrys at night.

27 Fine day and cold. Ground froze but good roads. Anita has sore throat. Girls sewing. Ernest putting in wood. I went over to Austin’s in evening with Ernest.

28 Fine. Ernest cleaning up yard, wood all in. Sewing for Nellie and girls, sewing pyjamas & slips for themselves. ~~I went over to Austin’s in evening~~ while Ernest was at Harold’s. ~~Good road, clear~~ Road slippy.

29 Fine again and thawing out and roads a bit slippy. Roads pretty bad, girls went to Hunter River. Lorraine to get teeth out. Got books from Library.

Prince George Duke of Kent married to Princess Marina of Greece.

30 Fine. YPS at Lionel Robinsons. Shipped hogs. Roads bad.

Dec 1st Ah darn I made a mistake. Well, twas misty and wet all day, rained hard in afternoon. Roads very muddy. Drove down to Bobs in evening. Their anniversary, thirty eight there. Emily here all night.

Rob & Jennie

2 Lovely day. Warm and good breeze. Arthur Wright and John Myers up from Carleton, bad road. Ellice over for supper. Church (United) at night. Not feeling very well. Reuel and Enid out in the afternoon for a few minutes.

3 Fine and colder. Freezing. Ernests birthday. Had chicken for supper, by way of celebrating.

4 Started snowing and ground white by night. Finished killing chickens. Rain & snow in evening.

5 Colder this morning. Ernest took chickens to Harold’s. 125 lbs at 16c. Letters from Lizzie & Elaine. Geese no price. Mr. Green here for dinner.

6 Cold and snow on ground. Choir practice here at night. Mrs. Wyand came with the boys. Robbie & David here.

7 Blowing and cold. Ernest got stove up stairs and we were busy getting ready for YPS social night. About 40 here. Good meeting.

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**December 1934**

8 Grey day and cold, 4B some places. Moderated in afternoon and Anita and I went down to Lorne’s to see the new arrival. Eric Rollings McNeill no less. Ernest has sore back.

9 Fine day but cold. Church in afternoon, Mr Quigley. Sing song at Wyands at night.

10 0. Fine and oh is it cold. Sent Eaton order. Ham here to supper. Too cold to do much but keep on fires.

11 4A. Very cold but calm and a little snow falling. Ernest and Ham working at the pump. Nothing doing.

12 Institute at Webbs. Girls washed in AM. Everyone busy. Institute gave Anita a handkerchief shower. Quite a number here. Wind cold, bleak but the night fine. Trucks still going from Rustico to town.

Cars still running

13 Sawing wood back in field. CGIT practicing at manse and choir practice at night.

14 Snowing and drifting most of day. Killed geese. Feathers flying. YPS at night at Willie Toombs. Edward swell[?] with the girls. Got home at midnight. Emily here.

15 Big storm and cold and blowing hard. Girls had planned to go to Town but roads too bad. Storm general on Atlantic coast. Letter from Marion.

Cold 5A

16 7A. Lovely fine day. Roads bad this morning. Ernest out breaking roads before Church. Boys came to practice in evening, also Elmore McKay.

Jessie Stewart came out with the girls.

17 Anita and Emily went to town. Bad road but fine day. Sold geese to Harold for 11 c per lb. Girls down skating to-night on pond. Eaton & Simpson.

18 10A. Lovely cold day. Every one busy. Ham & Nellie here for dinner.

19 Fine day very chilly in evening. Anita made candy for Emily and took Jessie up in the afternoon. Emilys Examination at night. Edward took Anita & PJ up.

20 Pouring rain in morning, very mild all day. Snow melted fast. Blowing hard and colder to-night. Cavendish school examination. Jessie, Anita & Lorraine went. Dad drove them over. Mailed 53 cards & 13 parcels to day.

21 Colder and blowing hard, sewing. Anita went to Rustico to help decorate the Christmas tree for YPS. Kenneth came up for Emily and Jessie, and they are all at Group. Nice cards from friends to-day.

22 Fine in AM. The Stewarts got away after dinner. Anita at Jerry’s in afternoon. Practice at night at Wyands. More cards.

23 Cold north wind and light snow flurries. Quiet day, all alone, first Sunday for a long time. Church at night at Jerrys.

24 Grey day and snowing most of day. Girls washed and scrubbed etc &. Parcel from Marion & 29 cards. Annie & Edward over. Keith and Margaret arrived at 9.15 and were we glad to see them.

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**December 1934-January 1935**

25 All kids again on Christmas morning. Santa very good as per usual. Aunt Mauds books on the way. The Lowther family here in evening. K & M at Austin’s for dinner and here for supper. Irving Green here in evening. Nannie not able to come down. Ernest sick.

George McLeod Fredericton and his wife

26 Lovely morning for Keith and Margaret to go home. Put in a quilt in afternoon. Sounds rough out tonight. Ernest better. Put Marions Dresden plate quilt in frames.

Mrs George McLeod

27 Not very cold in AM but stormed very bad before night and got colder. Terrific gales along New England coast and a great deal of damage done. Quilting all day.

No mail

28 Still drifting but finer. Bobbie came with mail. Finished quilt. Group at Austins. Anita & PJ went.

29 4A. Grey day. Ernest went to mill in morning and to Mayfield in afternoon. Got Dolly shod. Lewis & Mrs. Toombs here in the evening. Snowing a little and milder.

got books from Aunt Maud

30 Sunday. Not very frosty but a north east snow storm and kept at it all day. Everyone reading or sleeping.

not cold

31 Breaking roads and for the first time Hams fields are opened. Ham here. Bobbie had a bad road, got as far as Jim Stewart’s and George Clarke went up for mail. Letter from Marion etc.

Jan 1 Lovely morning not cold. Girls washed. I went over to see Winnie in the afternoon. Arthur and John Myers came along about 3 PM and they had tea at Austins.

2 Mild in morning, turned bitter cold at night. Very mild in afternoon. Ernest went in to Harolds, regular blizzard and roads very bad.

3 4A. Fine and blowing a gale and very frosty. Dad took Lorraine up to Bay View to teach for Emily.

no mail

4 10B. Blustery and bitter cold and drifting all day. Coldest night this winter. Lorraine at Bay View school again. YPS at Manse. Girls didn’t go, letters from Marion and Myron & Elaine.

5 16B. Bitter cold morning and blowing a gale. Arthur and John getting pretty impatient about the weather. Dad went to Mayfield in afternoon. Moderated at night. Kenneth Stewart brought Emily up, she was pretty cold.

6 Milder this morning no frost. Boys left for home about 10 AM. In bed with headache all day. Baptist preaching at Jerry’s. Eric Bell down this evening.

7 Rained nearly all day and foggy. Thawed a lot. In bed till evening.

8 Foggy this morning, girls washed and went to Ray Toombs in afternoon. Took 41 cans of beef to get sealed. Got our invitation from Mr Cooper of the Theatre management for the Anne of Green Gables play. Quite excited about it. Bad roads.

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**January 1935**

Jan 1935

Mild all over Canada

9 Pouring rain this morning and freezing on the trees etc. snowed some in afternoon. Sewing, finished my blue dress.

10 Snowing early, turned to rain and simply poured all day. Got ready to go to town but decided to wait until to-morrow. Terrible floods in town and in Nova Scotia and as far as New York.

Terrible floods in Maritimes

11 Went to town on a desperate road, mud, bare ground over dykes and snow banks but such a lovely day over head. Saw the picture Anne of Green Gables. It was wonderful. Stayed at Reuels.

12 7A. Saw several folks in the morning about town. Called to see Ruth White and came home on the 3.20 train. Road hard and very rough. Pretty cold night.

13 Sunday. 4B. Brr but its cold. United Church in the AM. Wrote letters.

14 6A. Frosty grey morning. Ernest took Nan to Kensington. Churning all the afternoon. Snowing to-night Herb, Lowell & Edward came to go skating.

15 2B. Blowing cold. Not doing much. Kids went down skating with Edward.

16 3B. Mighty frosty but fine. Lorraine washed. Ernest & I took Mrs Paterson to Institute at Ben Woolners. Quite a lot of bare road. Frosty. Girls kept house. Herb here for a while.

24B at Truro

17 Very cold morning but not blowing. Mother says twas 16B Kensington way. Kids went down skating to-night and nearly froze. Pretty cold night. East wind and chill. United Church sectional meeting.

16B in places

18 Snowing all day. Irving Green here all afternoon. YPS at Manse to-night. Colder to-night. Lorraine the new President, Upton Vice.

19 Pretty badly crippled up with sore back. Frosty but bright and snowy all day. No letter from Marion. Parcel from Mrs Gillings. Lorraine & PJ busy with Saturday’s work. Choir practice at Wyands at night. Dad & Lorraine.

20 S. Frosty morning. B. Church in afternoon. Not feeling very spry. Mr. Quigley called for books. Sing-song here at night. Gertrude and Don down for the evening.

21 Milder to-day. Ernest started the ice. Ellice over for a few minutes this afternoon. Letter from Marion & Ted. Adelaide had stroke.

22 Raining most of last night and blew hard. Didn’t do much. Turned colder at night.

23 A good many at the ice today. Nice day. Snowing a little in evening.

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**January-February 1935**

24 Raining most of day. Turned colder at night. Adelaide Clarke had a stroke Monday and is pretty poorly. Marion Moffat very low.

25 5B. Bitter cold, blowing hard. Wyand boys helping Ernest with ice. YPS at Olaf Stevensons. Emily came down and went with Lorraine & PJ to group. Letter from Peggy. Marion Moffat died this morning.

Friday Marion Moffat

26 Still bitter cold. Wind S.E. Ernest at ice. Very chill day and snow flurries. Wind shifted to S. West still very frosty.

27 S. Fierce headache, cold morning and all day. Dad went with Jerry to funeral at New Glasgow. UC at night. Girls went. Mabel Simpson here for supper.

28 17B. Ernest went to Emerald for Anita, got home at 12.45 Good road. Wyand boys came after dinner to go at ice. Very cold but calm.

Robert Brown

29 Cold south east wind. Ernest at Cemetery in morning and to store in afternoon. Snow storm at night. Dance at Olaf Stevensons. In bed all day.

30 10B. Very cold and drifting. Jerry & Dad went to funeral. Ben Woolner & Mrs Woolner got this far. Road very heavy. Very cold night.

31 13B. Pretty snappy but not drifting. Men at ice. Girls hooking and me doing odd jobs. Girls gone to choir practice at Wyands. 18B at Stanley to-night.

Feb 1 Fine day. Very frosty all day. YPS at Jerrys at night. Ernest helping Wyands at ice. Anita hooking.

2 Milder but very chill wind. Men finished ice. CGIT meeting in afternoon. Emily over to get her paper signed. Letters from Marion & Aunt Sadie.

3 S. Grey day. Very little frost. Baptist church in afternoon Mr. Quigley, Everett Gass, Robbie Toombs, Thelma here to supper. Sing song at Jerrys to-night.

4 Mild day. Anita and Waine went to Hunter River to Dentist. Waine got five teeth out. John Toombs was taken to Hospital this afternoon. Snowing a little this afternoon and colder to-night.

5 Cold and drifting all day. Anita washed but didn’t put all the clothes out. Lorraine feeling better to-night.

6 14B. Lovely fine day but very frosty. Went over to Ellices in afternoon. Tired at night. YPS debate committee here.

New Girl at Ced Simpsons

7 Very frosty night again and another clear bright day. Nan put in a kitchen mat. Ernest & I went down to Roy Toombs and to Mrs Hammond McKenzie to tea. Choir practice at Bob McKenzies.

8 Lovely day. Quite frosty in AM but moderated. Canning chicken. YPS at Manse. Lorraine out to tea with Mrs Paterson. Letters from Margaret & Marion.

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**February 1935**

9 Lovely morning and not frosty. Ernest and I went to Hope River after dinner, first to call on poor Charlotte Simpson and then to have tea at Simpson Bells. Snowing a little as we came home. Girls & Irving Green went to Stanley to Rink.

10 S. Lovely day again. Mr Paterson back from a visit to his people in N.S. and preached this AM. Mrs Stavert here to dinner & tea. Irving came down. Took Waine for a drive and they have all gone to New Glasgow to church.

11 Lovely bright day. Washed. Anita hooking. Ernest two trips to mill. Blustery at night.

12 0. Fine and cold. Ernest hauling lumber. We went down to Alec’s in evening. Blustery coming home. Letters from Ted and Mrs. Timmins.

13 Fine, bright and very cold. Nan hooking. Working at my quilt. Stiff neck. Nellie here this week. Valentine party at Jerrys. Big time. Hauptmann sentenced to the electric chair.

Hauptmann sentenced

14 Very fine winter day. Stitching my ring quilt. YPS at Hamilton Lairds. Ham here this evening.

15 Raining most of day, foggy to-night. Girls have gone to choir practice at Wyands. Helping Nan with her mat to-day.

16 Finished mat to-day. Miserable cold nasty day. Girls went up for Emily to-night and Lorraine froze her face. Irving Green here and the new Egg Circle directors meet here and will likely be here till next week. Letter from Peggy.

17 S. Very fine morning, but clouded over and snowing a little to-night. Preaching in Baptist Church to-night and sing song afterwards at Webbs. Lowell here for supper.

18 Very fine day. Girls washed. Dance at Fred Clarkes at night. Big crowd, not much fun for some.

19 Still fine. The morning after the night before. Play crowd meeting here. Quilting Ring quilt.

20 Blustery in morning. Fine in evening. Choir practice at Olaf’s at night.

21 Very fine day tho twas rather blustery in AM. Hope River play at night, the Frozen Trail. Cleared $16.60 for Cavendish. Cold night.

22 Cold day. Finished quilt. Everyone tired. YPS at Paynters in Rustico. Pauline went with Reggie & Mabel but turned back at Olafs.

23 10B. grey cold day and bitter chill wind. Anita in bed until afternoon. Peggys letter came saying that Rev Ewan is resigning in Norval and that they are going to live in Toronto. Egg Circle directors meeting at Allen Wyands to-night. Snowing late.

20B at Hunter River

24 S. Snowing and drifting this morning. North east wind came north and cleared. No one went to church. Quite cold. Lowell, Edward and Norman McFarlane here. Roads bad.

Wrote to Aunt Sadie & Mima in evening.

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**February-March 1935**

25 Fine day and not quite so cold. Ernest & I went down to Bobs for the afternoon and to dance at Fred’s at night. Jennie quilting.

26 Snowed all day. Lorraine working at her ship’s quilt. No news. Colder at night.

27 Blowing and storming all day. Men broke the roads for Bobbie. Irving up in the evening and they had quite a hilarious time. Lorraine finished quilt.

28 Very very cold this morning. Washed a few things. Nan hooking yarn mat. Edward and Norman McFarlane over this evening. Just heard that Aunt Lydie is in the hospital.

March 1 5B. Very cold day but bright and sunny. Helping Nan hook some. YPS at Wesley’s. Reggie took the girls. Eric Bell down. Roads bad.

2 Milder today tho frosty to-night. Busy all day. Saturdays work. Play meeting at Jerrys.

3 S. Snowing in morning. Baptist preaching in afternoon. Colder to-night and blowing hard. David Johnson here in evening. Elaine visiting Marion & Murray this weekend.

4 Miserable cold day tho sunny. Drifting all day. Wind N.W. Marion’s letter came. Lorraine washed in AM. Ham here for supper.

5 Fine. Got clothes dried. Anna called in afternoon. Very chill at night and a light snow fall. Institute the postponed Feb. meeting at Mrs Wyands. Mrs Willie Moffat very poorly. A tremendous lot of snow everywhere.

6 Cloudy and light feathery snow falling. Went over to Jerrys in afternoon and to manse at night to hear Mary Pickford on the radio. Very frosty.

7 Very frosty, clear and bright all day. Anita finished her mat. Arthur made a record trip from Carleton in 4 ½ hours. Choir practice at Wesley’s.

8 6B. Another perfectly fine day. Wind came around N E. Cold. YPS at Webb’s. Over thirty here. Busy day had treasure hunt so there was some stir. Very cold night.

10B & 20B at different places

9 15B at Wheatly River, 10B at Preston’s. Clear and not so windy. Keith phoned for Lorraine to go down with Arthur so they got away about 9.30. Everyone a little weary. Ernest & I went to Johnstons and the girls went to Rink.

10 S. Perfectly lovely day. U Church in AM. Emily here for dinner, she & Anita have gone to Freds to get the Sunday afternoon service from S. Side. Sing-song here at night.

11 Lovely day. Got Marion’s letter. Ernest & I went over to John Fs for the evening. Mild all day. Dance at Olaf’s.

12 Not so fine. Rained a good part of day. Anita washed and she & PJ went to Johnstons to a small party.

13 Put out clothes. Snowing and altogether dirty. Russell McLure very low. Mrs Moffat a little better. Finished piecing second wedding ring quilt. Nan and I spent the evening at Don Lamont’s.

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**March 1935**

14 Perfectly lovely day but quite cold. Anita went up for Mother. Miss Stavert and Mabel over for supper. First play practice.

1st play practice

15 20B. Calm and cold all day. Sewing on the green dress Mrs. Russell sent. YPS at Stanley to-night. Girls drove Laddie. Ernest went to Jerry’s to practice. Russell McLure very poorly.

2nd P.P.

16 Thawing. Finished thrashing, had Edgar T., Edward Lowther and David here. Irving fixed our dining room table. Tired at night.

3 P.P.

17 S. Charlie Dickison is 101 years old to day. Baptist church in afternoon. In bed all day. Irving here to supper. Anita & PJ went up to Don’s to sing-song. Blowing a gale and thawing.

18 Colder this morning, wind N. west and blowing hard all day. Back sore, not doing much.

P.P. no. 4

19 Cold night, nearly froze in bed. Blew hard but calmed down this evening. Very icy. Ernest carrying water to cows. Barnyard a glare of ice. Anita washed this AM and ironed this evening. Letters from Waine & Margaret. Practice at Jerrys.

P.P. no. 5

20 Lovely day all day. All the family attended Grand Opera at Mayfield at night. Colder when we came home. Anita finished Confetti mat.

21 Nice day. Ellice & Ham here in the afternoon. Institute at manse. Very good roads except for slews and pitches.

22 Lovely day again. Russell McLure died at 6 AM. Anita hooking. YPS at Olaf Stevensons to-night. Letter from Peggy in Kitchener. Cold but perfect night.

Russell McLure P.P no 6

23 Nice day. Anita in bed until after noon. Pauline & I quilting “junior’s” quilt. Choir practice at Wesley’s. Cut up oranges for marmalade at night.

24 S. Very beautiful morning with a light snow falling. Not cold but turned cold enough by night. Very nasty day for the funeral. Ernest, Anita & I went. Irving here for supper etc. Mr Osbourne had the service and twas in the United Church.

25 Fine morning, cold. Anita washed. I made marmalade. Not feeling extra spry. Play practice here at night. Mrs Wyand and Jerry here.

PP7

26 Fine day. Anita made a pie for the social. Missionary society putting on in Hall to-night. Anita & PJ went. Nan’s pie was run up. Guess Preston got it.

27 Snowing a little most of the day. Anita went to town for her glasses. Ernest helping in cemetery this AM. Sewing. Practice at Jerrys. Ham here for supper.

PP8

28 Nothing new. Anita hooking. I cleaned my bedroom over the Kitchen. David Johnson here helping Ernest in the woods. Practice for Easter service here at night. Mary McLean here for evening.

29 Snowing and as dirty as can be all day. Mild but freezing to-night. YPS at Don Lamont’s. No news.

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**March-April 1935**

30 Lovely day, very white. Pauline and I went down to Lornes after dinner and for Margaret Stevenson after supper. Nellie at Jerrys in afternoon.

P.P. 9

31 S. Lovely day. Adelaide Clarke died this morning. Baptist preaching in afternoon. I had to play. Emily, Margaret Stevenson, Irving here for supper. Sing song here at night. Lewis & Mrs. Toombs and Cora here.

Adelaide Clarke

April 1st Lovely day. Anita took Emily up. Washed and cleaned up back porch. Ernest & David in the woods. Party at Geo McCoubrey to-night. Long letter from Marion. Walter Meech very poorly.

2 Miserable dirty day, snow and rain. Funeral in the afternoon. Mr Paterson had charge. Another slam for the Baptists.

3 Nice fine day. Thawing some but freezing hard to-night. Wrote to Elaine, just heard that they have scarlet fever. Letters from Waine & Margaret. Dance at Prestons. Anita & Irving went.

11 little pigs arrived

4 Very cold and blowing hard all day. Choir practice here to-night. Anita’s glasses came.

5 Blowing and very cold. Ham here to supper. Ernest went to Bay View for a load of mud. YPS at Chester Woolners. Had Questionnaire.

Baby girl at Keith’s Ina Austina

6 Nice to-day but still very cold for time of year. Letter from Marion. Ellice over in the morning to tell us the good news of the arrival at Keiths of baby Ina Austena. Dad & PJ went to Hunter River to dentist. Planning to go to Carleton to-morrow.

**[Change of handwriting]**

7 Snow flurries in AM. United Church. Irving came over for dinner. Edward here in afternoon. 25 in to sing song & practice at night. Folks didn’t go to Carleton, Mother miserable.

8 Mother & Dad left for Carleton early this AM. David came at night to do the work. Irving here too.

9 New day. Dad & Lorraine came home at 1 PM. wonderful road. Play practice in Hall at night.

10 Thawing fast. Washed this morning. PP small lunch in to YP practice. Nellie went home in a huff.

11 Cleaned dining room. Ham here & Clemmie. Nellie back. Play practice at night. Hooking.

12 Beautiful fine weather. Hooking. YPS at Fenners. 40 there. Roads all shot.

13 Nothing exciting happened today except that for the first time for months the family went to bed at 8 PM. Raining.

14 Dull day, supposed to be Baptist Church but we waited in rain for Mr. Quigley. Roads terrible! Dad, PJ & Waine went to Fred’s to hear the Rev J.S. but didn’t. Irving up.

Marion Ling

15 Hooking. Kids put in a small quilt. Dad helped shovel out roads. Irving here scraping hall floor.

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**April 1935**

16 David Johnson here hauling wood. Mounties came for Irving Green, everyone feeling bad. Girls washed. Rained in afternoon.

17 Hauling wood. Girls quilting. Choir practice at Manse. Marion Lings funeral. Bad road.

18 Anita at manse hooking. Play practice at hall.

19 Splitting wood in field. Sawing wood at Austin’s in afternoon. Cemetery meeting. Ham & Milton here Lorraine & Anna at Manse hooking. Choir practice at Church.

20 Dirty misty day. David here. Clipped Laddy and cleared seed grain. Play practice in hall. Horrid road. Letter from Mother in Carleton. Margaret not very well.

21 Everybody lazy to-day. YPS. Easter service held this afternoon, terrible roads. Sadie & Ernie here to tea. Lowell & Edward here at night.

22 Sawing wood. Lowell, Edgar David & Alban here, Letter from Mother. Margaret some better. Play practice at night. Bobby brought a wagon.

Baby girl at Davis Moffats

23 Nice bright day though awfully cold – ice is packed in the Gulf again. Washed in the morning, also churned – did ironing in evening. Neta at the manse hooking in afternoon. Ham here for dinner and supper. Letter from mother. She plans to come home Saturday. Dad on to Mayfield – meeting to go over the voters list.

24 In to Wyands to practice. Walked.

25 Quilted a quilt. Edgar here splitting wood.

26 YPS at Wyands. 33 there. Rustico bunch walked up. Nan at Manse hooking. Aquilla Rollings dropped dead this AM.

Aquilla Rollings

**[Back to Myrtle's handwriting]**

27 Well I came home from Carleton by way of Albany, Kensington and Hunter River and Dad brought me home over the worst road either of us have ever travelled on. Nearly dead at night. Play practice.

28 S. Raining. Funeral in afternoon. Ernest went to Cemetery. Mr. Quigley had charge. Baptist church at night. Robbie, David & Thelma spent evening here, came in from the rain. Mr. Quigley here for supper.

29 N.W. wind and bitter cold. Ernest cleaning out hot bed. Sewing a little. Still very tired. Cemetery meeting here in afternoon. Austin Graham has the job at the cemetery this year. Letter from Marion.

30 Wind SE Lovely fine morning but started raining after dinner and poured until on into the night. Play practice. Ice went out to-day. Elizabeth McLure very poorly. Took Clara Tennis Gallant to hospital. Car run from Stanley to Kensington. D’arcy Fleming broke his leg.

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**May 1935**

[Much of May 1-4 covered by “A Song of Thanksgiving” by John Masefield for King’s Silver Jubilee.]

May 1 Lovely fine morning, blowing a gale from SW. Ham here for dinner and supper. E killed little porker. Jubilee Committee meeting here at night. Girls housecleaning.

2 Very cold west wind but fine. Girls cleaned two halls upstairs and Pauline’s room. Ernest to Jim Houston’s and store. Play practice. Ham here for supper.

3 Very fine but wind North West and very cold. Girls washed in A.M. and were sorting up the attic. YPS at Willie Toombs. The three girls drove.

4 Wind still bitter cold N.E. Ernest working with road. Ham here for dinner. Nan and I went to Rustico for paper for the pantry. Play practice at night. Arthur and Annie drove from Carleton.

5 S. Very fine, wind N. United Church in AM. Jubilee service. Quiet day.

6 King’s Jubilee celebration. Sports out from town for first time. Dad working at Cemetery in afternoon straightening monuments. Girls cleaned sewing room and landing. Bon fire on Austins hill tonight.

Sports out

7 Fine in morning and warm but wind cold in afternoon and evening. Ernest & I went to Toronto to see a Frenchmans horse. Anita walked from Lornes to Dolph Flemings to Institute. Bad hole at Artie’s gate and Mr Paterson got stuck. Ernest went down to Dolphs for Nan.

New Girl at Edmund Gallant’s, Zetta’s Mary Audrey

May 8th, Walter Meech

8 Fine and wind still East & north and cold. Girls tired. Dad went to town with Jack for stuff for ceiling & floor of big dining room. Play practice play practice. Walter Meech died in Toronto.

1896, 39 years ago came to Cavendish

9 Lovely day. Seeds came from Georgetown, Ont. Nan at manse hooking. David here planting trees for Mr. Bonnell. Play practice at night. Fire in Jerrys field and Billy Pas’. Some excitement for young fry.

planted some seeds in hot bed

10 Dark day, threatened rain. Girls went up to Hall in afternoon and for Mayflowers. YPS contest closed and they had the meeting in Hall and served ice-cream and cake. Not feeling well.

11 Finer. Planted peas, lettuce in garden. Girls busy all day. Nan helped finish the Paterson mat. Play practice at night.

12 S. Mothers day. In bed most of day. Got up after dinner. Reuels came out for first time, called on way home from Bay View. Miss Stavert here for dinner and went with Pauline for Mayflowers. Girls went to Wyands to practice. Baptist church at night. Big crowd there. Arthur & John up from Carleton.

Sunday School started

13 Wind bitter cold and flakes of snow falling. Ham went to Hunter River with little pigs. Ernest sold four at $4.00 each. E. harrowing field across lane. Girls washed. P. practice to-night. Up to-day, no good.

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**May 1935**

14 Fine and warmer to-day. Ernest harrowing. Anita went to town with Jack. Lorraine did the ironing and we did a little in the garden. Planted shallots. Letter from Anna, and a card from Marion saying Walter Meech had died May 8th. Ernest to Mayfield to a Liberal meeting. Raining.

Mr. Bishops a son

15 Wind NW and cold. Not much rain last night but too wet to harrow. Ernest and David took plaster off of big room ceiling. Girls working in garden. Got up six big wash tubs of dahlias and put them in earth. I went over to John Fs in evening but Ellice came so they called me home. Play practice.

16 Fine and warm this afternoon. Ernest harrowing all day. Girls cleaning pantry. Practice to-night.

17 Nice day. Nan & Waine went to Rustico for paper for the pantry. Ernest harrowing after dinner and planted early potatoes behind cottage. Hot bed up good. YPS at manse to-night. Nan didn’t go. Tired.

18 Still cold. Ernest harrowing. Finished the pantry and got the house straightened up. Emily sewing on Anitas green dress. Play practice.

Lettuce up

19 S. Fine in AM. Showery in PM. Mr & Mrs Wright and Arthur brought up Mr & Mrs Irving Toombs. The Wrights here for supper etc. U.C. at night. George down practicing a solo.

20 Fine day. Tired. Didn’t wash. In garden some, planted gladiola. Mrs Lorne Houston here in the afternoon for some dahlia bulbs.

21 Fine, warm in forenoon but wind cold in afternoon. Ernest sowing field at end of lane. Washed. Baked cookies and biscuit and first rhubarb pudding. Play practice.

22 Bitter cold wind. Ernest sowing field across lane. Cleaned kitchen. Girls washed the ceiling twice. Choir practice at Wyands to-night.

23 Still cold wind. Cleaned back porch. Sewing in afternoon. Went up to play practice at night. Everyone tired.

24 Nice day. Ernest harrowing pond shore field. I walked to shore and back before dinner. Girls got ready for Uncle Gordon’s and they didn’t come. Thyra and Fred Bingham here also Mrs. Webster. Oratorical contest in Kensington. Anita & L. went with Mr Paterson. Leah Lord 1st, Annie Lowther 2nd.

25 Lovely morning but turned bitter cold and foggy about 5 PM. P. P at night. Letter from Peggy.

26 S. Fairly nice day, blowing hard. Baptist preaching in afternoon. Reuels here for supper and Roy Toombs up in evening.

27 Wind cold all day. Ernest harrowing. David out in afternoon working at Bonnells garden. Washed. Pauline went with Miss Stavert to S. Side on the bus. Thunder & lightening at night.

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**May-June 1935**

28 A few showers and warmer. Busy getting ready for play which came off with a bang. Twin calves at barn. Dionne Quintuplets 1 year old. Lorraine 18 years old to-day. For Fifty Thousand and a String of Pearls took in $41.85C

$41.85

29 First warm rain this year and Ernest got the cows out to pasture for the first this year. E. working at room ceiling. Girls went fishing to-night got 1 trout, 2 perch, and a dozen or more gaspereau.

30 Fine. Put on play at Clifton. Made $15.00.

31 Finer all day and warm and had a heavy rain at night. Reuel and Enid came out for the YPS meeting and it rained so hard there just wasn’t any meeting and I went back to town with them.

June 1st Lovely day in town. Rested in AM and in afternoon called on Dr. Vincent and he took me to see Irving. Saw Eddie Cantor in some fool picture at night.

2 Enid and I went to Baptist church in AM and I went alone at night. Two good sermons. Communion service at night. We drove out to Stanhope Beach in afternoon.

3 Lovely warm day. Enid washed. Came out to James L’s after dinner and Enid and Lucy brought me home. Play in Harrington to-night. Mrs. Wyand here. They had a big crowd at Harrington and made $15.00.

$15.00

4 Very warm day and wonderful growth. Leaves out good but apple trees slow. Planted cucumbers and Kentucky beans to-day. Ernest putting out manure for garden stuff.

5 Very warm in the morning. Girls, or rather Lorraine, painted the kitchen ceiling and Anita put the glue on the big room ceiling and shellac on moulding. Ernest working at manure. I went over to see John F in the evening. He isn’t very well.

6 A beautiful day and a busy one. Marion’s 28th birthday. A letter from Dorothy telling of her trips up to see Peggy. Three men here for dinner. Set out 60 dahlia bulbs. Play crowd gone to Milton. Irving sentenced two years.

$17.00

7 Very fine. Planted beans, table corn, carrots, etc. Letters from Miss Alice Gordon and Mrs. Carse. YPS at Oliver Bernard’s. Emily here to-night.

Sowed mangles

8 Very warm day. Ernest putting out manure for potatoes. Nan in bed until afternoon. Everyone busy. Play at New Glasgow to-night. Made $11.00.

$11.00

9 Very hot early. Reuels out to dinner and took us to Carleton. Anita and Lorraine went with Foster Alvin, a Mr. Campbell and two Manderson girls here this evening.

10 Lovely day, washed. Cutting sets. Play at Fredericton to-night. Everyone tired. Had small crowd and dumb.

8.00

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11 Poured rain until 3.30 PM. Cutting sets. Reg McNeill came down from O’Leary. Glad to get some help. Girls set out hundreds of plants in garden. Ernest working at hardwood floor in big room. Institute at Fenners.

Richard Profitt Simpson killed near Levi, Que

12 Blowing a gale but fine. Lorne Bulman and Reg helping Dad to-day. Finished planting garden stuff. Nan and I into store this evening and called at Ellice’s. Bonnell family arrived in Cavendish today. Bruce Scott came with Mrs. B.

13 Lovely day. Everyone busy. Ernest at room floor. French River play. Six Wives on the Rampage. Made $26.14 at door. Richard Simpson buried at Kensington.

$13.07

14 Lovely day. Thundered but very little rain here. YPS at hall tonight. Reuel spoke. Good crowd. Anita went to Brackley with Emily and a Mr. McCallum. Regular twister in Kinkora. Hail.

S. Side High school burned

15 Glorious rain nearly all day. Set out cabbage, cauliflower and tomato etc & Reg and Lorraine got nice mess of trout for dinner. Elmer Fyfe here in evening. Big fire in S. Side last night. Geo Hooper buried to-day. May Alexs brother.

16 Lovely day. Quiet until about 4 PM when Keith and Margaret and Ina and Arthur arrived. Isobel Ramsay called too in afternoon. U. Church at night. Ina gaining a little. Tommy Hiscott taken to hospital.

Lots of letters lately enquiring about board.

17 Rained nearly all day and cool to-night. Ernest & Reg scraped room floor and girls got room cleaned and floor hall shellaced. Over to H. River with Mrs. Bonnell.

18 Very cold all day. Don Lamont planted our potatoes. Washed, etc. Everyone busy. New fencing. Play in French River to-night. Likely the last.

$9.45

19 Heavy frost this morning. Still working at floor. Finished cleaning my room. New fencing. Ernest went to Rustico and I went to see May Alex.

20 Fine in morning but rained hard all afternoon and tonight. Busy fixing up the two big rooms. Baking. Anita went to Mayfield to Institute Convention & Arthur came up for Lorraine and brought Sambo. Stayed all night, cold rain.

21 Very heavy thunder storm this morning. Miss Gordon arrived in the middle of it. She is very pale and thin. Ernest at church this afternoon. YPS at Rustico Church. Reg Webb and Avalah up.

22 Lovely early but rained part of day. Jean Casely came on the bus this morning and Alice Gordon went back this evening. Choir practice here to-night.

23 Heavy rain in night and early this AM but a lovely day. B. Church in afternoon. Georgie Reid and Miss Austin here for supper. Got their car into a mud hole in Lover’s Lane.

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**June-July 1935**

First wild strawberries for tea

24 Perfect day. Busy. Mrs. Albert up in afternoon & Mrs Bonnell in evening. Quite warm. Wonderful growth. Corn, beans etc up good in field.

25 Fine day. Washed. Oliver & Mrs. McNeill called here with Mr and Mrs Wall from California. School meeting and Miss Stavert has school again.

26 Cool and fog clouds. Very foggy to-night. Anita went to town on bus to Institute Convention. Had two New York ladies for lunch. Mary and Will Graham here this evening. Jean went to McCoubreys.

27 Very fine east wind, hot sun. Three girls from Ohio arrived this afternoon. Miss Kellie and Marion Crawford. Anita got home with Perley’s and Aunt May called. They were with Allie Coughlin.

28 Showery. Anita at shore helping Mrs. Wyand with luncheon for Federated Women Delegates who have been in Burial[?] Convention in Charlottetown. YPS at Church.

Mothers 73 Birthday

29 Lovely day. Everyone very busy. Cleaned cottage. Dr. John McNeill and Mary and Marnie and Aunt Emily here to dinner. The Ohio girls left this afternoon. Ernest and Lorraine went to see Rustico trustees.

30 Jolly thunderstorm this morning and again this afternoon. Leander Reids barn burned this morning. Dolph Flemings barn struck too. Visited Mr Bonnell this evening.

July 1 Cold day but very fine. Washed and quilting. Pauline went to Jamie Ls to go to town with Reuel. YP choir practice here and play practice. Looks as tho Lorraine isn’t going to get a school.

2 Lovely day. YPS picnic Malpeque. Nan stayed home. Lorraine and Reggie went. I went to town with Mr Bonnell & Mrs. B. Dad went in the morning to lumber for the Cottage. Everyone tired in evening. Ham here. Mrs. Casely broke her arm

3 Another lovely day. Sewing. Girls got some more strawberries. Put oilcloth on sewing room floor. Family gone to Wilmot to put on the play. Didn’t make much.

Play at Wilmot

4 Very warm day and blowing a gale. Jean Caseley came last night. Lorraine and Anita went to see the show Anne of Green Gables. Mr. Bonnell took them in. Practice here tonight.

5 Very hot day until about 3.30 when wind came East. Had a nice shower and everything fresh and growing. Sewing all day. YPS at R Church.

6 Cold as Greenland. Busy. Jean went home to-night by bus. Everyone tired.

7 Nice day but still cool. Mother down this afternoon. Reuels called. Baptist church to-night. Quiet day.

8 Cool. Good day for working. Got wash out early. Jean came down on bus. Sewing. Miss Gilken came.

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9 Warmer. Still sewing. Girls ironing, the Misses Houston came by bus. Everyone weary to-night.

10 Lovely day. Ernest nearly through with Cottage. YPS at Clifton to-night assisting in a Missionary meeting.

11 Very warm day after a thunder shower at 3 AM. Mrs Rogers of Montreal here to-night. Play meeting at Freds and telephone meeting.

12 Fine but blowing a gale and very hot. Orange Tea at Kensington in the rink. Mr & Mrs & Miss James came this afternoon and four girls from Ontario here all night.

13 Eleven boarders for breakfast but the Ont. girls left right afterwards. Terrible hot and everyone very busy. Mr. Green put the flue in the Cottage. Miss Gooden & Mrs Young came.

Hall meeting

14 Busy day. Tired. Rae & Velda and Mr & Mrs Black here in afternoon. Mr Harding preached at night.

15 Fine and warm. Ernest went to Town with Jack and I went on bus. Busy day all round. Got beds etc for Cottage. Camp fire at night at shore. Everyone tired.

Myrons came

16 Rained last night and showery to-day. Finished the cottage and the Timmins family sleeping there to-night. Elaine and kiddies all here at different times to-day.

17 Very busy. The James’ left also the Misses Houston. Washed and straightened up room. Had several Mrs A J Robertson & party called. Miss Moore over this evening also BW LePage & Mr McPhee.

18 Lovely day. Air clearer. Garden coming very good. Mr & Mrs Hall and Miss Helen Hall here to-night. Toronto people. A lot of cars in here to-day.

19 Fine day but very cold at night. Mrs Hayden and Miss Hooper, Aileen and Peter arrived. Everyone about all in.

20 Terribly busy. Miss Rogers and Miss Todd came to Cottage. Girls busy cleaning up Bide a wee. Jean went home. Walked over to Ellice’s.

21 Lovely day. Baptist preaching. Mr. Young & Miss Gorden sang. Reg Webb John & Ruth & Bobbie here. Jessie Stewart came and Arthur, John Keith & Margaret & Ina here.

22 Blowing a gale. Washed. Mrs. Rogers & party left. Scrubbed “Bideawee.” Party from Winnipeg here, travelling in a bus. Big day. All the house people went to Town. Anita made a birthday cake for Mrs Timmins and Mr Young.

23 Big day. Election, provincial. Conservatives wiped off the map of Prince Edward Island. Mr & Mrs Mason here last night and again to-night. Mr Alan Longstaff and family came to-night to Beda wee

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**July-August 1935**

24 Showery but fine to-night. Everyone stepping on it to-day. Girls got first raspberries to-night. Dad & I went in to Lewis Toombs. Two boys from Cardigan have car trouble.

31 Very warm and very busy. Mrs Timmins has been sick for days and Dr Mellish took her to the PE Island Hospital. Everyone worried and very tired. Camp fire at shore.

Aug 1 Lovely day but very very warm. Mr. Carse and Mr. Longstaff took a party out fishing and had a great day. Ernest & James O. went to Town with Austin and are not home at 11 PM. Mr. Timmins came out to-night.

7 Cavendish Tea. Mrs Levi Laird and Mrs William Campbell of Rustico died and were buried on the 9th. A double funeral at the church in Cavendish.

Mrs Levi Laird Mrs Campbell

The Gillings here and the Windsor girls, Misses Robertson, Kennedy Coulter, Stanley, and Winnie[?]. The Haydens here five weeks. Miss Bell came the 14th and Miss Piers the 20th. Other odds and ends in between. Mr & Mrs Manning and Mr & Mrs Cox here for three days. They were from Melrose Boston. The Browns and Van Nordens from New York were here, enough. Had terrible hot weather for nearly two weeks. Reuels here for a week

Temp 95 on north side of house and 112 & 118 in the sun. Served meals out doors for three evenings. Terrible storm on Aug 25. Loss of life out sea off Newfoundland Coast. The Mannings came the 25th. Grain terribly tangled and not very well filled. Potato crop small.

29 Rained all night but fine to-day and very warm. Ernest cutting shore field.

30 Quite warm. Ernest finished cutting. Nan went to town and Lorraine went to Kensington to YPS Convention as a delegate.

31 Rained all day. Sewing at Anita Kimona. Invited up to Freds for ice cream etc. Miss Piers, the last of our guests left this AM.

Sept 1st Lovely day all day. Mother down and K & Margaret and Ina up also Arthur. Lorraine home for evening

2 Lovely day. Nan washed a few things. Messeurs Prowse and Webster out for the day. Mr & Mrs Heinz here for night. Gertrude and the Woolners here for evening.

3 Another lovely day. Men taking in grain at Hams. Anita packing. Finished her Kimona. Mr & Mrs Pulsifer arrived at night.

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**September 1935**

Annie Lowther started for Moosejaw Sask.

4 Perfect day and Nan started on her trip to Marion. Annie Earl here washing. Had a supper party of six. Tired?

5 Cloudy and rained. Guess its the tail end of a terrible sea storm off Florida. McKenzie King in Ch Town to-night. Thrashed.

Mrs Dan Bulman

6 Nice day. Went to Town with Pauline to Polyclinic. YPS at Rustico Church.

7 Lovely day all day. Men took in a lot of grain. Busy all day. Lorraine went to Town with Arthur for the week end. Winnie Mary & John McNeill walked over. Ernest came for them.

8 Lovely day but wind cool. Reuels out to shore and came up here for ice-cream before they went back in evening. We three went to Church. Eric Bell Mrs Bell & Mr. Fyfe called.

9 Men hauling in grain all day. Lorraine helping. Mr & Mrs McCleary called. He is the new United Church minister in S. Side. Cutting up stuff for pickles. Rained at night.

10 Wet morning. Stayed in bed until 1 PM. Tired. PJ & I went over to John Fs in evening. He’s failing pretty fast. Dad went to Mayfield to a committee meeting. Bertie Hillman Clark died in PEI Hospital.

Mrs Ray Clark age 50

11 Rained in night but turned out a lovely day. Washed. Ham wasn’t here for dinner. Went over to see Ellice and Ernest went up to help Jerry with Church stoves.

12 Shower in night but Ernest finished hauling in grain. Lorraine & PJ helped Anna & Mabel scrub the church.

13 Started ploughing this afternoon. Reporting plants and gathering seeds. YPS at Church. Little arrived. Feels like frost to-night.

little pigs

14 Heavy hail shower in early morning but no frost here. YP Convention in New Glasgow. Lorraine & Pauline invited over for the supper to-night. Made jelly and Indian relish.

15 Sunday. Raining in AM and a jolly storm by night. Quiet day. Reading writing and sleeping.

16 Terrible rain and wind all day. Regular north easter to-night. No news.

17 Finer to day but very cold for September. Wanda came down this morning on the Bus. School Fair in Mayfield this afternoon. Institute at Mrs Paterson.

18 Nice day. Went with Mr Paterson to York to WCTU meeting. Ernest plowing. Nelson McCoubrey pretty poorly. Pauline lunched New Yorkers.

19 Much warmer than we have had. Made jelly. Margaret Woolners here for supper.

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**September-October 1935**

War threatening between Italy & Ethiopia

20 Raining part of day. Pauline went to Malpeque with Mr Paterson to a Young Peoples Convention. Bean supper in the Hall for the YPS. Also our 30th wedding anniversary. Tired?

21 Finer to-day. Nelson McCoubrey died at 2 AM in the Sanatorium in Ch Town. Ernest helping at grave. Had Mr & Mrs Bonnell & Mr & Mrs Fred Toombs for the evening. Tired? Oh no

Nelson McCoubrey

22 S. Very nice day. Dad & I walked to shore in AM and went to funeral in afternoon. Big crowd there. The Casely family here for supper. Went in to Wyands to-night. Allen got home from Toronto last night. Arthur up.

23 Blowing a gale and showery. Lorraine & Wanda walked to shore. Ernest & I went to Lewis Toombs in evening. Bright northern lights and very cold for September.

24 Finer to day and cool. Girls went to Town. PJ with Bonnells & Lorraine & Wanda with Mrs Paterson. Dad picked beans.

25 Lovely day and warmer. Cloudy to-night and raining. Pauline got home from Town. Mr & Mrs Huber of Pennsylvania here for the night.

26 Warm day, blowing a gale. Supposed to be practice here at night, only two came. Dad picking cranberries. Poor crop.

Thyra married Oct 1st

27 Still warm. Finished picking beans. WCTU organized in Cavendish. Mrs Miller spoke at night. Pouring rain.

28 Colder. Just doing odd jobs. Choir practice here at night. Pouring rain.

29 S. Warm and rained most of day. Stayed in bed until 4 PM. Baptist church at night.

30 Nice day. Lorraine in bed in AM with cold. PJ and I went visiting in afternoon to Lornes and Alex’s. Lois very sick.

Oct 1st Fine day. Mr Green here helping Dad with cellar wall. May & Will McKendrick here for supper and Ham here for evening. Hamilton Laird died this morning. Thyra Clarke married to Fred Bingham.

Hamilton Laird

2nd Lovely morning. Nasty squall in afternoon. Dad ploughing in AM and picking cranberries in PM. Pauline went up West.

3rd Got a telegram from Murray. A new girl arrived at 2 AM. So glad its over. Lovely day. Dad gone to funeral. Lois very sick. Marion Elizabeth Pat.

4 Lovely day all day but raining to-night. Lorraine went to YPS with Mr Paterson. Dad finished the cranberries and I spent the afternoon at the shore.

5 Fine but colder. Busy all day. Lois better. Ernest plowing. Made jelly for Ham. Cleaned chest in kitchen.

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**October 1935**

Dominion Election Oct 14. 155 Liberals

Elected McKenzie King will again be premier of Canada and Bennett Leader of Opposition

6 S. Fine but wind cold. Reuels out to dinner. Alvin here for supper. Lulu Duncan with him. Rally Service at night. Two cars in to-day.

7 Cloudy and cold all day. Howard Gallant here ploughing. Letter from Anita. Marion fine. Ellice over in afternoon.

8 Fine but wind cool, still a lovely day and evening. Mr & Mrs Stirling and Doris here all night. Ernest went into with Eric McNeill to Clifton to political meeting.

9 Lovely fine day, talked a lot. Went over to Manse in evening with Mr & Mrs Stirling.

10 Perfect day. Went to Harbor in the morning and Ellices in afternoon. A bit weary to-night.

Ed Grahams boy

11 Very nice day. The Stirlings left after dinner. We canned 66 cans of mackerel. Paid 7c for the fish, used 58 ½ in the 66 cans. Artie Allie Zall and Irene Clarke called. YPS at Church.

12 Rained in AM. Heavy frost to-night. Perfect night. Choir practice here. Mr Young & Miss Gooden married.

Charles Stevenson

13 Fine day. Rupert Dorothy & Daisy brought Pauline home. Baptist Church in afternoon.

Edward Toombs

14 Rained a little, not much. Thundered in afternoon. Dominion election. McKenzie King has 155 Liberals elected. The largest Liberal victory in history.

Thunder in evening

15 Went to Eddie Toombs’s funeral at 10:30. Wind came round north and turned cold. Picking potatoes but had to quit in afternoon on account of showers.

Very bad storm and wind at night

16 Blowing a gale and cold but fine. Girls sewing. Head tired. Committee meeting at night, YPS. Too cold to work at potatoes.

17 Just one perfect day all day. Finished our potatoes. Keith, Margaret, Ina and Arthur came up for Lorraine.

18 Another lovely day. Pauline finished her plaid skirt. I made crabapple jam for Ham, pumpkin and cranberries. Finished little knitted outfit for Marions baby.

19 Rained about noon. In bed till noon. Letters from girls. Wee babe gaining. A big parcel of tulips from Mr. Timmins. Put up stove in room and moved organ.

20 S. Lovely day. Communion Service in United Church. No Company, quiet day. Lorne and May took us down to South Rustico to Anglican Church. Thanksgiving service.

21 Lovely day. Washed in the morning. Dad dug up a bed for tulips and we planted about 150.

22 Very fine day, warm this evening and raining. Ernest working about the garden. Edward here this evening. Social at James L. LePages.

23 Very warm all day. Ernest working at mangels. Institute at Mrs Ben Woolners. I went with the Patersons. Letters from Girls. Marion at Aunt Mauds. Poured all evening.

Lightning

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**October-November 1935**

Thanksgiving, Oct 24

24 Colder this AM and much colder in evening. Rained and hailed. Ernest & PJ went to Thanksgiving service in Church. Ernest finished mangles. Small crop.

25 Cold. Hail & snow stayed on north side of barn all day. Hard frost to-night me thinks. YPS at Manse. Dad pulled carrots. Lucy McLures sale, Wheatley River. Young people at YPS. Letter from Aunt Maud

Sale

26 Cold today. Rained last night. Dahlias look pretty dead this morning. Cecils baby died to-day.

Baby at Cecil’s

27 Rather a cold day. Enid and Reuel & Walter out for the day. Reuel & Enid went up to the baby’s funeral. We were not wanted. Baptist chuch at night. They had named the baby Miriam.

28 Lovely day. In bed until dinner time. Not doing much. WCTU at Mrs Wyand. Didn’t go.

29 Just a perfect day, very warm. Ernest at turnips. Elmer Fyfe here in evening.

30 Not so warm to-day and heavy fog this evening. Ernest finished turnips. Everything in but parsnips. Ellice over in afternoon.

31 Dense fog. Ernest ploughing in afternoon. Allen Wyand & Katie celebrated their 30th anniversary. Had a very nice time. Pauline to the charivari.

Nov 1st Just a perfect lovely day all day long. I took Anna for a drive to Rustico, called on Mrs Bernard, Doyles and had tea at Ben Woolners. YPS at Rustico.

2 Cloudy and started raining at noon and poured in afternoon. Quite warm. Nothing doing.

3 Colder to-day. United Church at night. Arthur Mr & Mrs Wright brought Lorraine home.

4 Nice day. Girls washed in AM. Ernest working around garden cleaning up rubbish. No news.

5 Cloudy most of day, not cold. Ironing and knitting. Dance at Freds and Orange banquet at Jerrys. Willie Toombs & Charlie Pink in this evening.

Finished ploughing

6 Very warm sticky wet day. Ernest cleaned sink drain. The rest of us knitting. No news. Dance at Tennis’s to-night.

Shipped 6 hogs.

7 Very nice day. Ernest thrashing at Hams. Ellice & Austin went to Carleton, took seven little pigs down to Keith. Went over to John Fs this afternoon. Choir practice here at night.

8 Fine and not very cold. Ernest thrashing at Hams and ploughed garden in afternoon. YPS at JL Le Pages. Girls went with Mr Paterson. Dad & I spent the evening at McCoubreys.

9 Colder but a lovely day. Mrs Albert came up in the afternoon. Ernest and Howard putting out manure in mangle land.

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**November 1935**

Cattle tested this year all over the Island

10 S. Lovely day. Went to woods for a walk. Baptist Church in afternoon. Sing-song at night. Robbie Toombs here for tea.

11 Not very cold and fine in morning but raining a little this evening. Armistice celebration. Chicken supper at Mike Doyles. Ham here all evening.

12 Not a very fine day and pouring rain all afternoon and night. No news.

13 Such a rain, steady all day. Wind east. Ernest got young cattle in for the first time.

14 A continuation of the last two days rain. Mr Hill here testing cattle. Howard finished his month. Election day in Great Britain.

15 Showery most of day. YPS here at night. Not a big crowd here.

16 Much colder. In bed until near noon. Arthur Margaret Keith and Ina came up. Went to Creek at night.

17 Cold, froze hard. Reuels called in afternoon. Arthur and kids went home about 9.15 AM. Sing song at Jerrys. Walter Clarke killed, thrown from carriage.

Walter Clarke, Kensington

18 Terrible day. Snow in morning then rain and wind, east. Dr. Hill back again, pretty badly shaken up after a car accident and the very bad roads. Several other accidents. Started on sweater. Worse storm along Atlantic coast in 20 yrs.

Got new Hymn Books for Baptist Church. Great Songs of the Church and New Gems of Song.

19 Not quite such a terrible day as yesterday. Wind cold but no frost to-night. Parlor social at Manse. Dad & Lorraine & PJ went.

20 Dark day. Not feeling very good. Institute at Jerrys on lunch committee. Lorraine & Dad went. I went to bed and scratched. Mrs Doyle new Pres of Institute.

Pansy Adams & Stanley Coles married

21 Rained a lot. In bed, had Dr. Mellish over. Shower for Pansy Adams here. Itching terrible.

22 Lovely summer day. Feeling pretty dopey. Girls tired. Itching better. Elaine has a new baby girl. YPS at Gordon Lairds. Girls didn’t go.

Margaret Jean Brinton

23 Rained some. Dave McCallum dead. Girls busy.

24 S. Got up to-day. Cold and a gale. Itching terrible. Church at Jerrys. Stoves smoked. New Hymn Books

25 Still blowing hard, north east. Snow in Ch Town and some places east, none here. Ernest killed some chickens. Our hogs did very well. 10 ¼ c dressed.

Hogs took 1st prize at Amherst

26 Ernest and Lorraine went to Town and Dad got a new suit. In bed again, pretty itchy.

27 Lovely day. Girls washed. Ernest sawing wood at Austins. In bed.

28 Very warm and rained most of day. Feeling better, got up this afternoon. Put up our new thermometer.

29 60A. Pouring rain all day. Everyone knitting. No news. Telephone been out half the fall.

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**November-December 1935**

Mary Burke died suddenly at St. Vincent Academy Halifax. Only child of OF Burke

30 Nice day, not cold. Ernest finished hauling out wood and sawed in afternoon. Letters from Elaine and Anita.

Dec 1 S. Lovely day all day. Arthur came up about 1.30. United Church to-night. Mrs Paterson sick.

2 Another lovely day tho’ colder. Ground froze. Finished wood sawing and Ernest went on road with Clarence Stewart working at telephone. Charlie Pink here this evening.

3 North east wind and snow flurries in afternoon. Girls washed. Chicken dinner. Ellice over in afternoon. Len Coles took washing machine to Town.

4 20A. Lovely day. Dad and Pauline went to Hunter River. Joe Weatherbie here at night. Wyands entertaining New Glasgow YPS. Girls went. Snowing at night.

Mary Burke

5 15A. Snowing most of day and colder to-night about 13A. Chior practice here.

Ina has first tooth

6 Mary & PJ went to woods for ground spruce. Nothing much doing. Cold and blowing all day. YPS at Manse. CGIT girls served lunch. Letter from Marion.

7 Fine. Girls got ground spruce. Nothing special doing.

8 Cold wind but a nice day. Keith 26 to-day. Church in afternoon. Lorraine not very well.

9 Nice day but chilly south east wind, snowing at night. Dad shingling or patching barn roof.

10 Rained most of day. Dad at Austins killing chickens. Not cold but a chill day. Choir practice here at night.

11 Nice morning but snow flurries in afternoon. Dad took cow down to Alex McNeills in AM and in afternoon took the clock to the Creek to get it fixed and I stayed with May. Had my first sleigh drive but not much snow. Cars still running but road bad.

not frost

12 Rained most of day and some snow. Very chill wind, north east. Blowing a gale to-night. Letter from Anita.

13 Nans 24th birthday. Dark day with mist and snow. No frost. Knitting & crocheting. Girls went for more running[?] spruce. Cleaned up Dining room.

New boy at Rupert Simpson in Prince Country Hos

14 32A. Not blowing quite as hard. Thrashing a little in AM. Spent the afternoon at Gertrudes & evening at Freds. Lovely evening, very mild.

15 S. 36A. Perfect day. All walked to United Church. Sing song here at night. Mostly boys.

16 Snowed some. Dark day. Didn’t wash. Busy at Xmas things.

no frost

17 Very dirty at times. Sale at McCoubreys, didn’t amount to much. Ham here for dinner. Choir practice at Wyands at night. Froze.

18 22A. Colder this morning. Washed. Started for Institute at Nick Doyle but did not go further than Lornes. Eric Bell down for the evening. Mr. Paterson got word of his fathers death.

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**December 1935**

Mr Paterson father died

19 18A. Lovely morning. Ernest took Mr Paterson to Hunter River and is getting box from Maud.

20 26A. Just a perfect day to day. Went to Creek through the fields, good sleigh roads. School examination. Lorraine & PJ went. Got fifty books from Maud yesterday.

21 Had snowed in night and mild but turned colder in evening. Girls helped Anna at Church. Made doughnuts. Ham here all the afternoon. Ernest went to Jim Houstons in afternoon & Ern McNeills on business at night. Got a 3 lb box of candy from Windsor.

22 12A. Wind west and blowing hard and cold. Ernest went to Wyands with Lorraine to practice. Baptist Church to-night.

23 12A. Tried to snow all day. Girls made candy in AM and went to Jerrys in afternoon. YPS Christmas tree at night. Lorraine & Margaret Woolners had tug of war.

24 10A. Lovely morning but chill. Busy. Arthur came up but Keith and Margaret not coming. Big mail to-day.

**[Change in handwriting]**

25 15A. Excitement as usual. Dad and Pauline went to Manse to hear the King in morning. Pauline & Edward went skating in afternoon. Mother and Dad went for drive – over to John F’s and then up to Austins and Mother stayed. They all came over in morning. Mr. Green sick with pneumonia.

26 Quite mild. Dad killing chickens. Arthur & Mother started for Carleton at 1 PM. Christmas cards still coming.

27 30A. Nice jolly storm. Bobby didn’t come. Not doing very much. Edward over in afternoon. Mrs Fred quite sick with cold. Will Green died about 11 PM. Austin didn’t go to town as planned.

no mail

Wm Green

28 24A. Fine but drifting. AJ McLeod died about two o’clock this morning. Wrote to girls in Norval. Dad helping dig grave in afternoon. Usual Saturday work.

A.J McLeod

29 12A. Sunday. Real nice storm. Edward over for books in morning and here for dinner. Read and slept most all day. Gary Rollings youngest child very, very sick with pneumonia. No service.

30 10A-24A. Nice day though rather cloudy. Not doing very much. Thrashed a wee bit in morning. Dad took nineteen chickens over to New Glasgow. Terrible road. Chicken prices 23, 21, 19c. Averaged a little over 6 lbs and $1.30. Fred Bulman died age 87.

Fred Bulman

31 20A. Snow flurries. Washed in morning and started churning. Pauline & I drove down to Roy Toombs’ in afternoon. Five pound box of chocolates came from Brownie. Letter from Marion, [?], Elaine and Mrs Stirling. Edward over for books in evening.

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**January 1936**

January 1st 1936

1 20A. Lovely day. Mr. Greens funeral at noon. Mr Quigley arrived about one o’clock. He took home a nice little collection of murder stories. Blanche here to see about having shower for Sadie here next Tuesday night. Annie Earls terribly sick up at Freds. Mrs. Fred in bed too. Dad went down to Greens with Jas. O. in evening to hear the will read. They are executors.

[Back to Myrtle's handwriting.]

2 0. Zero at Albany this morning. Came home from Keiths. Lovely day but frosty. Road to Hunter River has the usual number of pitches. Had a lovely little visit at Mr. Quigleys and got home at night. Choir practice Rosie & Jimmy, Edward, Ham here. Alex and Mary got their books.

[Change of handwriting.]

3 Bad snowstorm turned to rain in afternoon Waine has neuralgy. No YPS. Fred here in morning to see about relief for Earls. Folks up there not very good.

Temp went to 46 above In Ch Town about 10 pm

[Back to Myrtle's handwriting.]

4 34A. Annie Earl and Hester better this morning. Lovely day. SW wind clear and warm all day. Dad and Clarence Stewart out on telephone line. James O. Milton Green and wife here about Will Greens business in the evening.

Baby girl at Clive McNeill’s

5 S 32A. Pretty rough day, no preaching. Mr. Quigley had a funeral in New Glasgow in afternoon, Stewart Parkinsons baby. Snowed quite thick in afternoon but not cold.

6 26. Colder but not a bad day. Ernest & James O went to Town about the Green business. Edward here helping with the work. Not much doing. Dan Graham died this AM. Miss Stewart didn’t get back, no school.

Dan Graham

7 24A. Lovely day all day. Ernest got home about 5 PM and Keith came soon after for Lorraine. Mrs Wright very sick, pneumonia. Shower here at night for Sadie Johnston. Blanche, Anna, & Mabel helping decorate. Big crowd.

8 Not so fine, wind more north west and a nasty drift going. Funeral at 12:30. Tired. Got house snugged up again.

9 Not very fine. Jerrys lost another horse Queenie. Dad killed beef at Freds. I went up and did some baking for Hester. Mrs Wright seriously ill.

10 36A. Very red sunrise and snowed and finally rained at night and blowing hard. No group again. Made potted meat. Premier Walter M Lea died in Hospital. Dad sawing at Jerrys hurt his back.

Mrs Alder Wright

11 26A. Lovely day. Helped Ernest thrash in morning. Got word of Mrs. Wrights death in afternoon. Have lost a real friend.

12 Lovely day. Ernest not very good but he and Annie have started to Carleton with Lassie. United Church this AM. Expect Anita would get to Carleton last night.

New boy at Clarence Gallant

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**January 1936**

Rudyard Kipling died January 18th 1936

13 30A. Fine day. Edward did the work. Dad and Ham got home about 7:30 pretty chilly. Mrs Wright funeral this afternoon. Lorraine still in Carleton. Telephone won’t ring.

14 Dad pretty badly crippled. Glad Anita is home. Lovely day but cold night. Ham here all afternoon. Institute at Wyands. Nan & PJ went.

15 6A. Lovely day. Not feeling very good. Slept all the morning. Moderated in the day and was 20 above this evening. Sadie Johnston and Ernie McLure married at Manse. Anita & Pauline went to charivari. Shower at Preston’s for Bruce Ferguson.

Clarence Dance

16 Raining some, settled snow. Turned colder at night and blowing a gale. Ernest a little better. Jerry and Anna over this evening. Cold to-night.

17 15A. Blowing and drifting but the sun shining. Got letter from Marion and wee Pat has a tooth. Marion sent some snaps of her ladyship. Cold night, girls went with Edward to YPS at Harry McKenzies.

18 Zero for the first time this morning. Not much news and not much doing. Lorraine still in Carleton. Letter from Aunt Sadie and my quilt patches came. David here splitting wood. Pretty cold but moderated. Edward here most of day. No news.

Rudyard Kipling

19 20A. Snowing a little all day. Mr. Quigley over in afternoon. Ellice over in afternoon and for supper. Edward had Laddie for the evening. Came up a storm and

20 he didn’t get back until Monday afternoon. Bobbie came. The stormiest day we have had and quite cold to-night and blowing hard. King George V died at Sandringham and a nation mourns. Edward VIII the new King and there is no Prince of Wales. Still blowing a gale.

King George V

21 10A. and still cold but clear and fine. Freds brought Annie Earl down this afternoon and told us of the King’s death. Annie pretty frail. Girls washed and went over to Austin’s in evening.

22 Fine and not so cold. Anita & PJ went down to see May Alec in afternoon. She hurt her side the night of the shower. Bernice Ferguson & Grant McLeod married.

23 Wind South east not much frost, snowing a little most of day and about 4 PM the wind shifted to SW and we had a real blizzard. Cutting out quilt patches.

24 4B and blowing a gale all day. In bed with sore back. YPS at Austins. Letter from Marion.

25 Zero in Am and 15A at night. No news. Guy Rollings baby sick. Choir practice at night at Wyands. Letters from Waine & Myron.

26 14A. Nice day. United Church in afternoon and memorial service 23A at night. Milder to-night. Got down stairs.

27 20-24 Above. Lovely day all day. Girls washed and in afternoon Anita went up to Don Lamonts. Started to blow about 10 o’clock

28th and a howling snow storm all day long. The worst of the winter so far. King George V funeral to day at Windsor. The service was broadcast. Got up this evening. Harold Toombs have a new daughter.

no mail

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**January-February 1936**

29 22A. Still snowing in the morning but stopped by noon and the men out breaking roads in afternoon. Ham here for memorial service over the radio. Annie Lowther over in afternoon.

no mail

30 20A. Not a bad day but a chill wind and cloudy. Ernest shoveling snow in the morning. Good to get the mail. Letter for Waine from a girl in New Zealand. Annie not extra good to day. Sox social In New Glasgow. Girls took Laddie and went.

31 15A. Not too bad a day. Snowing a little nearly all day. Went down to Alecs for the day. May very miserable. YPS at Willie Toombs. Girls did not go. Snowing quite thick.

to-night 14A

Feb 1 6A and blowing a gale. Cold day. Girls helped thrash in afternoon. Piecing a quilt, wedding ring, and knitting etc. Blowing hard to-night but 14A at dark.

2 4A here and 5B at Chester Woolners. Blowing and drifting. Made a plum pudding. Bitter cold at night. No Church.

3 2B AM and still blowing and drifting. Calmer tonight. Girls have gone over to Jerrys. Nothing special doing.

4 10A. Lovely day. Girls washed. Clouded up in afternoon. Hester and Mr Paterson here in afternoon. Got clothes dried. Blowing chill from SE at night. Went over to John Fs.

Men at ice. About 17 Inches thick

5 8A. Snowed last night and sleet but cold and blowing this morning. Wyand boys here for dinner & supper. Clarence Stewart here for the evening. Ground drift going.

6 4A. Cold morning, blowing but sunny. Ernest finished our ice. Social at Charlie Wyands. Perley phoned at supper time that Ray was very ill and half past eight of his death.

Rayburn McNeill

**[Changes in handwriting]**

7 10B. Grand day. Dad took Mother to station in afternoon, to go to O’Leary. Neta & PJ took Annie and Edward down to Willie Toombs to YPS. 22 below at Hunter River that morning.

Dan Bulman

8 Nice mild day. Dad helping Lowell with ice. Took Annie Earl over to the Manse. Anita went to Hunter River for Lorraine.

9 All went to United Church in AM. Girls went to Lems to hear radio in afternoon. Robbie out tonight. Just a swell day. Ray McNeill’s funeral Kentsford Cemetery.

10 Quite mild & snowing in AM. Dad helping Wyands at the ice in PM. Annie over no news.

11 4A. Blowing and drifting some. Annie here for supper. Blanche & Lowell here in evening.

12 0. Nice fine day. Girls hooking. Annie & us went down to Chester Woolners to Institute social. Very nice time.

13 Nice day. PJ over at the Manse in afternoon. No news.

14 Lovely day. Girls went to see Sadie McLure in afternoon. YPS at Manse. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

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**January 1936**

15 Nice day, cold and frosty. Dad away nearly all day putting in a phone for Leigh Warren. Play meeting at Jerry’s in evening.

16 Perfect day – we girls went to Wyands to practice in the morning. Baptist service in afternoon – fair crowd. Irene here for supper. Sing song here at night.

17 Quite mild – washed in the morning and still hooking. Dad and James O. went to Town. Pauline, Neta and Reggie went to Stanley to hockey game and had a very punk skate.

18 Lovely than raining and most of the fields around here quite bare. Ham here for supper. Dad and Neta over at Jerry’s in the evening.

new boy at Don Lamont’s

19 Cold and terrible gale – ice everywhere and a perfectly terrible road. Nothing much doing except hooking. Dad & I to play practice in evening about half the crowd there.

20 Lovely day – finished our mat, single width. Neta & I walked to Wesley’s to choir practice and were the only ones there – snowing a bit in evening.

21 Snowing not cold – Dad working at the pump.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting]**

22 Started for home, Elmer took me to Station. Had been to Campbellton and at Lizzies. Got out to George Webbs. Mary Bagnall on train from S. Side. Phoned home and Ernest came for me. Bitter cold bleak northeast wind and drifting. Roads rough and slewey.

23 Wind more north. United Church in afternoon. Charlie Pink came about 4 PM and here for evening.

24 Not too bad a day, a little snow falling. Girls washed and put in two small mats. Arthur came up this afternoon. Ham here for supper. WCTU at Manse, but I’m home to-night.

25 10 above this morning but Ernest went to Hunter River with a load of potatoes. 45c per bus. Edward Anita & Pauline went to New Glasgow to rink. Letters from Aunt Sadie & Mrs Bonnell. Moderated and snowing at midnight.

26 30 above this morning, looks and feels like spring. Ernest has pump up again and fixed it for sure. Arthur and Lorraine spent the afternoon and evening at Roy Toombs. Dad and I went in to Charlie Wyand in evening.

27 30. Nice day but wind chill. Arthur went home, took Mrs. Lowther with him. Rained at night. Play practice at Jerrys.

Brewar Auld

28 32A. Lovely day, Womens World Day of prayers. Anita and I there. Dorothy Toombs spent the afternoon here and went to Group at Manse with the girls. Leap Year Social. Dad and I went down to Alec’s in evening. Enid got home from Montreal.

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**February-March 1936**

29 10A. Lovely morning, bright and cold. Girls hooking. Went in to Wyands at night to choir practice. Eggs 24c for Grade A.

March 1 Very lamb like this morning. Went over to Manse and heard King Edward VIII speak to his people. Baptist church at night. Headache.

2 10A. Pretty cold but still fine. Girls washed and hooking. Quiet evening at home. Mrs Webb died in Halifax.

Mrs Arthur Webb

3 4A. Heavy white frost this morning and a very chill southeast wind. Girls finished two little door mats. Helen & Mabel here and Dad & Waine went to Jerrys.

4 30A. Cloudy but mild. Bob & Jennie McKenzie here for afternoon and evening. Anita went up to Fenners in afternoon. Annie & Blanche here for a while in evening.

5 38A. Mild and rained some. Ernest helping Alec at ice. Annie Lowther here to dinner. Choir practice at Manse. Dance at Preston Warrens.

Thyra & Fred Baby girl

6 20A. Raining and freezing in AM. Snowing in afternoon and very fine at night. YPS here and a jolly crowd. Neta gave a cookie demonstration. Very gorgeous moonlight night.

Ernie Laird

7 20A and very fine but cold. Ernest & I drove to Kensington on the ice. Had dinner at Art Henrys & tea at Mr George Simpson. Play practice at night.

8 10A. Perfect day. Ernest & I at Ern McNeills, I was there all day. John F very poorly.

9 10A. Lovely morning. Very frosty but milder to-night and a snow storm. Ernest over at Ern McNeills to-night. John F still living but unconscious. In bed all day. John F. died at 8:15 PM this evening.

John Franklin McNeill

10 Mild and the ice all off of trees. Ernest at Cemetery all day, tired to-night. Hard digging so much frost in ground there. Not feeling extra good. Back badly twisted. Joseph Wetherbie here for night. Play practice and Egg Circle directors meeting. Herb Wyand has egg hauling for next year.

11 44A. Lovely day and thawing. Tol McNeill came home to-night. Institute at the Manse. Heard to-night that Thyra has a young daughter. Finished piecing double Irish chain quilt.

12 52A. Thawing like smoke. Funeral in afternoon. All went but Pauline. Roads not so good. Alf Simpson here in the evening and Jerry.

13 48A. Some thaw to-day. Rained hard in morning and a lot of water running. Anita finished another mat no. 4. Lorraine & I cut out patches for another quilt. Ham here for supper. Keith sent up money for Lassie.

Roads bad No mail

14 44A. Cloudy morning and rained a little in afternoon but cleared up lovely. Freezing a little to-night. Lorraine went to Town with Arthur or rather went to H. River with Bobbie.

15 Lovely day, warm as April. Ernest & I went over to Ern McNeills to hear radio and to church in the afternoon. Mr & Mrs Wyand in for tea and evening.

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**March 1936**

16 44A. Another nice day. SE wind and thawing. Road bad. Ernest in woods. Anita hooking and I didn’t do much. Annie Lowther over this evening.

Eggs 24c 20c 18c

17 60A. What a day for March. Snowing going like smoke. Ernest & Edgar Doiron in woods. No news. Heavy snowfall in Ont.

Butter 25c

18 56A. Lovely day. Warm SE wind. Ernest went to Hunter River for Lorraine. Roads terrible, almost impossible.

new boy Jack Bulmans

19 60A. Snow all gone in front of house. Reports of cold and snow in Ontario and west. 12 to 15 inches of snow. Both mail men brought wagons today. Ham here for supper.

Bobbie brought a wagon

20 58A. Rained hard last night but fine again this morning and a lovely day. Anita dug a basket of parsnips and lifted the straw and brush from her perennials. Everything growing under the straw. James O down this evening.

21 48A. Nice morning but raining hard to-night. Ernest walked in to Allen Moffats for Queenie. Paid $135.00 for her. Edgar finished at the woods to-day. Finished piecing second Irish chain quilt.

Blackbirds

22 52A. Fine early but showery before noon. In bed all day. UC in afternoon. Anita & PJ went to Johnstons this evening.

23 Cooler to-day, Lorne McNeills have a new baby boy. This is the 4th boy for them. The two first died. Practice at Jerrys. Jas R. Stewart pretty sick. Wrote to Lottie Simpson.

New boy at Lornes. Robins

Measles at Miller Orrs, Mervin[?] Bulmans etc.

24 Around 30A. Much colder to-day. Wind north & east. Girls washed. Wyand boys and Lowther kids here for evening. Dad & I went down to Bobbs.

First car from S. Side to Ch. Town

25 30A. Cool and cloudy. East wind. No news. Everyone busy. L & PJ finished quilting Ina’s little quilt. Annie over. Play practice. Cars running on pavement.

26 40A. Not so chill to-day but cloudy and damp. The girls invited to Jerrys to 7.30 supper. Guess I’m not considered a Baptist anymore.

27 Not a bad day but dense fog a lot of the time. Got my third wedding ring quilt to-gether. Waine made dress for Ina and Anita hooking chair seats. Ernest working down the lane. YPS at Wesleys. First car running here today.

Upton running around with car

28 34A. Rained hard and snowed in afternoon, ground white to-night but very little frost. No news. Play practice at Freds. Blowing a gale all night

29 and to-day Mr. Quigley brought car by way of Rustico. Church to-night. Feeling rotten all day. Lucy Gallant died in the Town Hospital after an appendicitis operation last Tuesday. Sing song.

Lucy Gallant

30 Lovely day. Put in a quilt and nearly finished it but run out of thread. Ernest ploughed lane. Committee meeting here at night.

31st 62A. Very warm day, blowing and roads dry and dusty in places. Ernest and Anita went into Mayfield for the funeral but did not go to church. Finished quilting one quilt and put another in frames. Girls washed and ironed and cleaned up the straw and brush in garden. Perennials all up good. Even the peonies are up and the grass is getting green. Heavy showers this afternoon and wind NW and cooler tonight.

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**April 1936**

Thunder

P. Practice

Hauptman to be electrocuted to-night for the kidnapping and murdering of the Lyndberg baby. 48 hours reprieve granted.

April 1st Heard to-night that Hauptman has a forty eight hour reprieve. Cold wind to-day. Ernest clipped Laddie. Finished quilting no. 2 Irish chain. Cemetery Committee meeting.

2 Snow storm to-night but was a lovely morning tho froze hard but thawed out. Dad cut down part of big balm tree. Made Sultana Cake. Girls sewing their summer cotton dresses and were over to Winnies this evening.

3 Finer to-day and the snow of last night about gone. YPS at Mrs McCoubreys. Lorraine and Dad at play practice.

Hauptman Electrocuted

4 Cold wind to-day. Austin over all forenoon. Arthur came up this afternoon. Anita finished hooking and cleaned up the landing and sewing room.

5 Fine day but chill wind and looks and feels like snow. Glorious moon light night. Sing song at Wyands.

6 Not a nice day. Girls washed but didn’t leave clothes out very long but they dried fairly well. Arthur went home in the morning. Blowing a gale from SE to-night and raining. No news. Mrs Laird (Murrays Mother) broke her hip.

Road to Hunter River opened to trucks.

7 Fine in forenoon and until evening. I went down to shore in afternoon. Lovely down there but shore has changed some, a lot of rocks showing up. Blowing at night and started to snow and a

8 real snow storm this morning from N. East and such a gale. Road blocked. Bobbie came but no other carriers left H. River to-day. Choir practice here to-night for Easter Services.

9 Lovely day and Dad busy hauling out wood. Edward here helping him. Went over to Austins after dinner and hooked all the afternoon. Play practice and a YPS Com meeting.

10 Lovely day. Ernest shoveling the road in AM. Made two aprons. Anita & PJ walked to YPS at Chester Woolners and Lorraine, Dad & I went to the Manse to here Handels Messiah.

11 Bitter cold east wind. Ernest at Austins sawing wood. The rest of family tired and sleepy. Marions letter came telling of Mother Lairds accident, a broken hip. Play practice and Ellice over. 1st new calf.

12 Such a miserable stormy day for Easter. Snowed all afternoon so the YPS service didn’t come off. Mr. Quigley over in afternoon. Three men from Toronto entombed in Mine in Moore River. 2nd calf.

Easter

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**April 1936**

Three Ontario men in a caved in Gold Mine in Nova Scotia for a week

13 Snowing all day and blowing harder to-night not doing much.

14 Same old thing. Snowing all day but milder. Nothing doing. Fellow brought fresh herring 20c per dozen. Ham here for supper. Play practice. Nix?

1st fresh herring

15 Not very good in morning but cleared up lovely. Ernest shoveling snow in forenoon. Road full from here to Bay View. Institute here to-night.

16 Glorious morning and day. Girls washed. And Nan & I cleaned back porch. Ernest trying to find his wood pile in the snow. P. Practice in Hall. Very heavy thunder storm and a barn burned in Stanley.

Heavy thunder

17 Nice day, blowing hard. Wind SW. The men had to shovel the church hill, full from top to bottom. Bobbie brought team in carriage. Anita & Pauline quilting at Arties. YPS at Jerrys’. Mrs Audrey Browns barn 3 horses, 4 cattle & 2 pigs burned.

18 Not a bad day. Ernest killed little porker. Anita up at Freds helping Hester. Play practice to-night.

19 S. Nice day. Easter Service in afternoon. Arthur came up. Sing song at Wyands. Charlie Pink here to tea. Word came over radio that the men in the mine had been reached and they were trying to get soup to them but there has been a cave in and the rescue work has been delayed.

Men still in mine

Dr. Robertson & Alfred Scaddings carried out of mine at 12:45 PM on the 23rd

20 Lovely day. Sawing wood. Cemetery meeting at night. Anita at Wyands part of day and me in bed all day with headache. Snow went some to-day. Arthur went home this morning. Hermon Magil died in mine.

21 Wind SE and warm. Ernest helping George McC. saw wood. Anita helping Blanche houseclean. Girls washed and ironed. Play practice. Men still in mine.

poured rain

22 Blowing a gale all day and Art Simpson was harrowing. Ernest & Stephen splitting wood. Choir practice at Wyands. Margaret very very sick.

23 Word came over the radio while we slept that the men had been taken out of the mine, two of them alive. Mr. Magill died on Monday AM. Sent our seed order and put in a quilt. Went up to see Gertrude and Hester this evening. P. practice.

24 Cold wind. North & east. Men finished splitting wood and we finished quilting no. 3. YPS at Wyands.

25 Nice day but cool. Dorothy Toombs came home with the girls last night. I went to Town with Ernest & Winnie and saw the quintuplets at night at the Prince Edward. Margaret very sick and Mr & Mrs Gardiner came up for Ellice. Phoned Arthur late at night and they thought her a little better.

26 Reuels brought me out this morning. Rained a little this evening and we had church in almost darkness. Wyands & Robbie & David in after church.

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**April-May 1936**

27 Lovely day but cool. Ernest & Jas O. went to Hunter River on the Green Estate business. Mr & Mrs Paterson called in the forenoon. Want Lorraine to play for concert Wed[?] night. John Myers & Arthur up to-night. Margaret’s condition a little better. Cemetery meeting here tonight.

**[Change in handwriting]**

28 Lovely day. Mr Pat. took Mother and Dad to Carleton. Play practice at night.

29 Cloudy and warm. Got quilt in frames. Social at night - very good crowd – made $26.50.

30 Rained a wee bit in forenoon but nice and sunshiney in afternoon. Dad went to town with Jack for cedar post. Spent the day quilting. Play & choir practice at night. Mrs Lowther came home.

May 1 Beautiful spring day – could almost see things growing. Started harrowing – got peas and gladiolii planted in garden. Finished quilt. Ham here for two meals – Peter Murray got some hay. Mr. Pat. took Pauline & Neta down to YPS at Ben Woolner’s. I was over to Austin’s in evening. Planted glads.

2 Beautiful morning but wind north in afternoon. Got two hot beds planted also lettuce, chard and onions. Dad ordered his shingles. Pauline went to Carleton with Lowell and Edward. Practice here for ‘Burnt offering’ and also play practice.

3 Cold damp day. United Church in morning and we slept all afternoon. Pauline and Annie came home. Margaret much better and able to be up in afternoon. Had lovely quiet evening reading and writing.

4 Cold rain. Incubator came off. 61 chickens but five cripples. Finished up the basket quilt. Annie over in evening. Cleaned grain.

5 Another cold damp day. Got started quilting Play practice at night.

6 Fairly nice day but still cold. Quilting. Hotbed and chickens doing nicely. Neta at Roy Toombs to practice & Dad at Jerrys. Reg over for choir practice.

7 Terrible gale. Messers Webster and Prowse out for the first but didn’t call. Finished quilt and it looks quite pretty. Nice row at play practice about the date. Avalah here in evening. Jerry’s got their radio.

8 Dark day not so cold until evening. YPS At Preston’s – good crowd but punk meeting. Didn’t do much but start my plaid skirt.

9 Cold and rainy in morning but cleared in afternoon. Usual work. Pauline over at Jerry’s in evening. Rest of us at the Hall. Play went great and the date is the be May 19. Stephen went home. Letter from Mother – Margaret not too bad but pretty tipsy. Edward over for his three little pigs.

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**May 1936**

10 Beautiful sunny day but east turning south wind. S.S. started. Arthur up in afternoon. Baptist service at 3. Pauline and Neta at Wyand’s to sing song. Made ice-cream. Hen hatching.

11 Dark damp day – Not doing much but sleeping – Planted more beets, carrots and peas. Pauline & Neta went to Hall to practice ‘Burnt Offering’.

12 Another wet morning. Got ‘cast’ started. Men working at manure. Went fishing in evening and finished up at Jerry’s. Radio is lovely.

13 Showery day and warm. Neta away to town with Austin, Mrs F., and Annie. Washed in morning. Pauline in th store in afternoon. Word from Mr. Lang that he & family are coming on July 18th. Baby Pat is in hospital with pneumonia. Play practice at night. Mr. Pat. Up. Neta stayed at Austin’s all night.

14 Lovely breezy day. Eighteen chickens hatched from two hens. Others growing like everything. Play practice for both plays at night.

15 Terrible gale. Southwest turning to north. Didn’t do anything special. YPS at U. Church at night.

16 Terribly cold, blowing, and snowing in afternoon. Dad sowed field behind barn and this side of old orchard. Cleaned dining room. Word that Pat is O.K. again. Margaret fine. Practice at Hall until 11:30.

17 Cold north

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting.]**

18 Got home at noon to-day from Carleton. Tired. Went to play practice at night. Ernest sowing.

19 Rained a little most of day but cleared up in time for the play “The Country Minister.” Big crowd and everything went swell. John and Arthur up. Tired? Made $54.70.

54.70

20 Blowing a gale but fine. Stephen harrowing Ernest cutting sets. Everyone weary. Avalah out to-night Ham here.

21 Very cold wind. Sowing all day. Anita went with Mr. Patersons to Wallace McKays for practice of Burnt Offering. Ham here.

22 Bitter cold all day and frost in evening. Sewing. Nan went to Cape Traverse with Elmer & Dorothy to see play Contest. Mr. Watterworth spoke in Hall to the Young People on Temperence.

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**May-June 1936**

23 Still cold but a little better thaw yesterday. Ernest planted potatoes this morning. We went down to Lornes after milking. Choir practice here. Mother sick. New calf at barn.

24 S. Warmer to-day. Showers in afternoon. Baptist preaching at night. Roy Toombs’ here in afternoon and Reuel & Enid here to supper. Mother pretty miserable.

25 Perfectly lovely morning. Dug up a bed for pansies. Ernest putting out manure for mangles. Girls did big washing and it rained in afternoon and evening. Burnt Offering play practice in Hall.

Holiday

26 Cold wind all day and methinks there will be a frost to-night. Anita and I went up to see Mother this afternoon. Burnt Offering play at Freetown to-night. Some day to-day. Cavendish won.

27 Wind cool but lovely and sunny. In garden all day. Girls weary. Gaspereau this morning. The Country Minister at New Glasgow tonight.

28 Cloudy AM and poured rain all the afternoon. I went to town on Bus. Ham Peter Murray and Joe Weatherbie here today to meals. New calf. Girls papered Keiths room.

Lorraine 19 years old

29 Fairly fine. Girls finished the West bedroom and cleaned up the house for weekend. The Play crowd went to Brookfield and I went along too. Did fairly well. 14.70 I think. YPS at Lionel Robinsons.

30 Nice day, warmer. Girls did my room and the little Hall. Everyone tired to-night.

31 S. Lovely day. Arthur came up in morning. Chicken & plum pudding for dinner & ice cream at night. A couple here for dinner.

June 1 Lovely day. Arthur left this morning fairly early. Ernest sowing pond field. Did a whale of a wash and set out dahlias.

2 Another lovely day but windy. Girls getting ready for the trip to S. Side to-night with their burnt offering contest. Big ironing and busy day.

Mary Clark has new son

3 75A. Pretty warm and what a gale. Freetown won in the finals last night. Girls tired today. Cleaned pantry. Sewing. Harrington at night. Brought home $98.

**[Change in handwriting.]**

4 New girl at Keiths. Mr Wright and Harry Muttart came up for Mother. Very wet afternoon. Dad finished sowing in morning. Got some things transplanted from hotbed.

Ada Louise Webb

5 Awfully foggy – north and north east wind. Started cleaning kitchen – got paper off and woodwork painted. YPS at church.

6 Beautiful day and a busy one. Finished the kitchen. Everything growing – tulips still lovely. Elmer Garth.

Fred Lowthers have a new son

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**June 1936**

7 Perfectly beautiful day. Thermometer 80F and over. Reuel’s out to cottage. Very quiet afternoon. YP Service in UC at night. Burnt Offering. It went off awfully well – church practically full.

8 Lovely day – did a whale of a wash and ironing. Morning hot but wind east in afternoon. Bonnell family arrived. Letters from Montreal. Play ‘Country Minister’ in Milton. Left here about 8 o’clock and everybody nearly dead. Brought home $15. Terrible fog.

9 Wind still east and quite cool. Feeling not so good. Clarence and Dad started the roof. We girls cleaned back stairs & landing. Everybody fine at Keith’s. Neta & Pauline & I to Clinton to hear ‘Valley Farm.’ Avalah out. Some show! We are nearly convinced that we are fairly good actors!

10 Very warm day 80. Men still at roof and what a mess. Cleaned Hayden cottage & moved out – also got the southwest bedroom ready for work. I went over to see Ern McNeill in evening.

11 Lovely day. Papered ceiling & painted floor of bedroom and started tearing paper off southeast room. What a job! Several sharp showers in afternoon that stopped work on roof. Milton play. ‘Where’s Gramma?’ at Hall. Made [blank]. Awfully good play. Practically finished transplanting flowers.

12 Wind northeast, cloudy and cold. Grand for the plants. Neta in garden again in morning – and we finished stripping paper! YPS at Manse. Dad went to Hunter River in afternoon.

**[Back to Myrtle's handwriting.]**

13 Foggy and none to warm. Shingled and papered the South East room and guess they were all in at night.

14 Lovely morning, very warm. Arthur brought me up. Just got dinner over along came Gordon Lydie Ruth John & Bobby and Reg and Gordon G[?]. Reuels in for a while in evening.

15 Everybody on the jump to-day. Clarence & Dad finished south roof. Girls papered two ceilings and I did the cooking. Peter here putting out manure for turnips.

16 Very warm in morning and a cold nor-easter at night. Girls washed and I went to Institute Convention in afternoon. Good crowd and meetings.

17 Cold day. Clarence scraping floors of big rooms. Girls papered the ceiling of front room. Busy day. Institute at Dolph Flemings.

18 Not a bad day but a long busy one. Clarence here working on roof. Girls got two room floors waxed and polished and papered the hall ceiling and started the walls.

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**June 1936**

19 Fine. Girls finished papering the Hall and are about tired out. YPS in Rustico church. Lorraine on the debate.

20 Very fine, warm and blowing hard. Went to Town for curtains and got some of them made to night. Mr Bonnell came. Everyone weary. Finished shingles on nor’east roof of main house. Heavy thunder storm at night.

21 Lovely day. Lazy in AM but did a good many things and Miss Lamb came in afternoon. Baptist church at night and “Burnt Offering” was put on in New Glasgow. Arthur up with Norman McFarlane & Annie.

22 Didn’t wash but everyone was busy. Reuels came out to the Brinton Cottage for the holiday.

First straw berries. Sewing.

23 Just one perfect day. Men finished the roof. Girls did one whale of a washing. Made marmalade. The Brintons arrived. School meeting and Lorraine has Cavendish School.

24 Lovely day. Dorothy Ward here for dinner, agent for the National Magazine. Alvin came along to supper and took the girls to Town. Raining. The National Park Commission here with BW LePage in afternoon.

25 In bed all afternoon. Girls painting. Rained. Ernest putting up garden fence.

26 Still damp tho’ fine early. Dad & Jas. O went to Town and the play at Cornwall to night. Will be a tired bunch. Miss Lamb & I stayed with Bonnell Kiddies. YPS at Will Grahams. Small crowd, wouldn’t pay expenses.

27 Lovely day. Everyone busy. Hunted for and found my room[?]. I scrubbed the cottage. Went over to see Winnie this evening. They were just going away so I went down with Elaine.

Lorne McNeill hurt his thumb

28 Mother 74 today. She was down with Elaine for the day and called here this evening. Gave her plants for the garden and ice-cream. Thunder and heavy rain in afternoon

29 Rained most of day and quite cool. Washed but not many of clothes dried. Busy day. Ham here this evening and Milton Green. Dorothy Toombs has North Rustico School. Jennette Clark, Mayfield, Ruth Buntain South Rustico, Irene Wyand, Bay View.

30 Very cold all day but fine. Cavendish players went to Seven Mile Bay Hall with The Country Minister. Busy day. Girls picking strawberries in afternoon.

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**July 1936**

July 1 Cool in morning but lovely this evening. YPS Picnic at Victoria and they had a grand time. Have three more boarders to-night. Mr & Mrs Braneld and Miss Allen. Myron took us to the creek.

2 The Branelds left, looking for a cheaper place and Mrs Weldon & daughter and Mrs Roscoe came. Lovely day, warmer. Myron took Jerry & Anna and Mrs Wyand & me to New Glasgow to the Evangelists meeting. Arthur McQ killed by a car when riding on his bike.

Arthur McQuarrie killed

3 Lovely day. Warm. Ernest painting small Cottage. Willie Johnston here hoeing mangles. Lovely day. YPS Rustico. Elmer Fyfe called for Anita.

4 Rained early and pouring to-night. Busy all day. Anita finished cleaning the big Cottage. Mrs Weldon etc went to Town. Lindsay did a lot of walking. Ham here this evening.

New boy Annie Blacquiere

5 Raining and cool wind in morning. John Arthur & Wilbert up for the day. Burnt Offering play at Stanley. Ellice over in evening. In bed with sore back.

6 Still cloudy and damp. Anita went to Town. Feeling a little better but not able to move much.

7 Lovely day but blowing a gale. Mrs Weldon found a worm in her lettuce. Poor Pauline. Plaster seems to have helped a little.

Marion had a letter from Jock in Addis Ababa

8 Perfect day and a busy one here. Umpteen cars. The Robinsons at the shore for choir annual picnic and Earl McPhee too. Strenuous for day for Elaine. Ham here all the evening.

9 Up to day and down stairs and out doors. Dad went to Town. Girls busy. Bought 23 qts strawberries and stewed them.

10 Went to shore for day with Elaine. About a dozen cars in here to-day and everyone very tired to night. Feeling better. Hall Meeting. Funny.

11 80. Pretty hot day. Busy. Ernest & Stephen painting. Everyone busy. Nona Weldon in bed all day. Went down to Louies for a little while in evening.

12 S. Very warm day and a busy afternoon talking to strangers. United Church at night and Change Parade. Roads very dusty.

13 Lovely day, warm. Ernest & Stephen hoeing turnips. Roots and garden stuff look good. Rain would do good. WCTU meeting at night.

14 Rained hard last night and most of the day. Annie here washing busy day. Bot bedroom dishes at John [?].

15 Still damp cool and foggy. Pauline & I went to Town with Myron and had a big day and busy. Bot blankets & sheeting also pillow cases. Sorry to hear that Mrs Turner Sneath is not coming as we had hoped to have them to-day.

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**July 1936**

Been terribly hot in Ontario.

16 Cold as Greenland all day. I washed a few things. Just the two girls here Miss Lamb & Lindsey. Busy and weary to-night.

17 Still cold. Just busy. Making pillow slips. Picked first raspberries. YPS at Charlie McKenzies. Letter from Peggy.

18 Lovely day. Had picnic supper at shore. Avalah here for supper and evening. Mr & Mrs Lucas and two children Kenneth & Margaret here for night. They are from Chatham Ont. Mr & Mrs Lang, Margarette & Howard arrived by late train.

Upton Smith & Ella Stavert married

19 S. Lovely day. Busy all day. Lots of cars around. Ella Champion & husband here. Roy Toombs and Billy Burns etc & Church at night. I kept little Jean maybe[?].

20 Lovely day. Anita and Dorothy went to Town and purchased a blanket for Upton & Ella from the group. Busy. Tired.

Miss Piers came

21 Lovely day, had Annie Earl washing and had a steady stream of cars all afternoon. Rev Cuthbert McLean, wife, and sister were here. Institute at Fenners. Hauling in hay.

22 Nice day quite warm. Ironed. Miss Jean Richardson & Mrs Belford here for night.

23 Perfect day, very warm but a breeze. Good hay weather. Ernest cutting & coiling. Washed etc. Tired.

24 Lovely day blowing hard. Finished cutting hay. Have our big cottage occupied tonight. Mr & Mrs Thomas and two children so we have 11 over night. Went with Myron to pick berries.

25 Rained. Busy. Cleared up at night and Mrs Hayden & Peter and Miss Kellie came.

26 Nice day tho’ we had a shower at 8 AM. U Church in morning. Arthur up in afternoon with Stewarts. Busy.

27 I washed sheets etc. tired at night.

28 Annie Earl here washing. Showery in forenoon. Terrible hail storm about 6 PM. The worst we have ever seen. Lots of thunder and lightning. Family of McLennans here for night.

Hail storm

**[Change in handwriting?]**

29 Dull, dark damp day – some sunshine in afternoon. Thunder & lightning in evening – Harpers over. Gang up to see Fred’s fox ranch. McLennan’s still here.

30 Cloudy morning but lovely afternoon & evening. Miss Piers, Lindsay & Waine to town. Mr & Mrs Valliant & Mr & Mrs Parry arrived at cottage.

31 Lovely day. Dad finished hay. YPS at shore. Helen here for the day. Tremendous washing.

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**August-September 1936**

Very cold summer. Only twice that temp has been to 80.

August 1 Perfectly lovely day – and a busy one. Mr. Higgs Dr. Steele and ladies here for supper. Ontario couples left. Reg McNeill here for the night.

2 Lovely day and lots of company. Only six boarders. Ottawa man here taking motion pictures. Gertrude & Wilbur here in evening.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting.]**

Quite busy in Aug. Mr & Mrs Gillings, Mr & Mrs Manning, Miss Budd & Miss Hutchins here. Mr Manning took us down to Keiths one Monday evening and took Ernest & Lorraine up West to see the gang there. Aunt Sadie and Vern home. Perley, Daisy, and Vernon here one Sunday and took Mother to O’Leary with them on a Monday. She was away nearly two weeks. Sadie Johnston McLure has a young son on Aug 16th w eight 10 lbs. Bernice Ferguson McLeod has a son too. They are living on the Canada Simpson place. Mr. Hayden was here for a week. Miss Carson and the Gooch family here at same time. Ruth Raynor came for a weekend. Mr & Mrs Carse came along for the last week of Aug. Jimmy here for four weeks Mr. Hefferman and Miss Gerard here for five days. Enough.

31 Mr. Hayden & Peter left this AM. Went to shore with Mrs. Carse. Very warm sultry day. Waine at school all afternoon. Annie here washing.

Sept 1 Lorraines first day at school and she’s very tired to start with. Busy ironing etc. Play crowd had a little time for Jean Clark at Freds. Blowing and dry.

2 Lovely day. Ernest busy at harvest. The rest busy preparing for a big day tomorrow.

Walter LePage came out

3 Lovely morning but started to rain about 2:30. Nevertheless we fed 60 people to afternoon tea at 4 PM. The Ladies of the Good Roads Convention.

Good roads afternoon tea

4 Lovely morning but a Nor East gale to-night. Everyone weary. Rained hard this afternoon. Girls at YPS at Church.

5 The Carse family left this AM and Wanda Dennis came on the Bus. Dr. John T. McNeill, Aunt Emily and Jessie Stewart here for tea. Dad & I went in to Lems.

6 Lovely day. Alvin Rupert, Dorothy Isobel and Reuels all here for the day. Went to Carleton in afternoon and to Town at night.

7 Rained all day or most of it. Went to show at night San Francisco and were nearly squashed. The O’Leary bunch here all day.

Labor Day

8 Damp. Went up to Town in afternoon and to Hospital at night to see Mrs LePage. Nellie Bernard Hooper was there. Appendix operation.

Arthur Dickenson 86 yrs

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**September 1936**

9 Came home in afternoon and found girls washing and very tired. Aunt Sadie arrives tomorrow.

10 A lovely day, the first fine one for a week or more. Ernest cutting and hauling in grain at Ham’s. Jim Warren took me to Kensington for Aunt Sadie. All a bit weary at night.

11 Nice day. Men hauling in grain all day. Got basket of plums and picked our own. Mr & Mrs Talamon here for the night. YPS at Rustico Church.

12 Rained hard most of day. The Talamons left after breakfast. Confusing morning. Ernest Miss Lamb and myself were invited to Bonnells for evening.

13 Aunt Sadie at Bay View for the day. Church at night. Two extras for dinner and for supper. Lorraine went to Carleton with Foster. Hailed at night.

14 Blowing a gale from north and cold wind all day. Gaspesia in so we had a lot of visitors. Miss Lamb packing. Went over to Manse.

15 Lovely day. Dad a big big washing and very busy. Everyone tired at night. Ernest hauling in grain till late.

National Park like to take in Cavendish

16 Cloudy and blowing a gale all day. Institute at Austins at night. Lorraine Anita & I went.

17 Cloudy and rained this forenoon. The WCT Union Convention in United Church. Very good meetings. Served lunch at church. Mr Harding spoke at night.

18 Anita went with Mr Paterson to Tryon to YPS Convention. PJ & I ready for YPS here and Mr. Luck came out on the bus and was here all night. Lovely warm day.

19 Raining this morning and blowing a gale all day from east. Everyone weary. Letters & snaps from Marion. Terrible storm all along coast.

20 Just one perfect day all day. Reuels out with picnic dinner. Took Aunt Sadie & I to shore. Quiet evening. Heavenly.

21 Fine day. Washed. Pauline went to Carleton with Wyands. I cleaned the back porch this afternoon. Hon Mr Dunning, Premier Campbell, BW Lepage & Peter Sinclair here this AM. Committee meeting at night. Ice cream & Avalah.

22 Fine day all day. Not very busy. School fair in Mayfield. Ham here this evening.

School Fair

23 Lovely day. Went in to Ch Town on bus with two pairs of glasses to get mende, Aunt Sadies and mine. The meeting of Government decided on Cavendish as site of National Park. Committee meeting here tonight. Reuel & Carl Belver[?] here for dinner. Mrs Albert for supper.

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**September-October 1936**

24 Another lovely warm day. Not very busy, did up some plum jam. Ernest & I over to Ern McNeill’s to-night.

25 Rained most of day. Aunt Sadie had a letter from Vern with very bad news in it of a car accident he has been in. Ernest went to town for the day getting information about the Park and to a meeting at which Hon Mr. Dunning was speaking. YPS at Manse. Emily Stewart here for week end.

26 Nice day but wind cool. Arthur & Pauline came up from Carleton also Annie Lowther. Dad fencing. Anita & Emily away visiting at Bay View.

27 S. Nice day but raining to night. Rather busy. Rally Service in morning. Baptist Church in afternoon and special service in Rustico to-night. Dorothy Toombs here for day. Aunt Sadie went up with Mother for day. Annie & Lowell have the kitchen tonight. Rained at night.

28 Cloudy early but cleared up and blew hard. Washed and ironed. Committee meeting at Chester Woolners.

29 40A. Bitter cold day, thermometer around 44 all day. Picked beans and tomatoes and a few cranberries in afternoon. Mr Wright came up for Anita to-night.

30 40. Still cold, around 40 all day and a stuff breeze. Had a party of four for supper. Mrs Harry Douse[?] her for cranberries. Not a big crop.

Oct 1 26A. Everything white this morning with frost. Rained in afternoon and quite hard at night

2 Lovely day and not so cold. Made jelly and chow. Alex & May up this evening.

3 Pretty nice day, but we had frost this morning. Ernest finished cranberries. Girls planned to go to Town but the bus didn’t go. Ernest and I went to Creek for wall paper.

4 S. Nice day but wind cold. Aunt Sadie went with Cecils to Keiths. Church at night. Quiet day.

5 Cloudy and damp in morning but fine in afternoon. Finished potatoes. Only fair crop. Everyone tired to-night.

6 Nice day. Washed. Had car load of sight seekers in afternoon. Started papering spare bed room. WCTU meeting at night at Manse.

7 Nice warm day. Ernest ploughing in forenoon and helped Pauline finish papering spare room. Pouring rain at night.

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**October 1936**

L.M. Montgomery came the 10th

8 Nice day after the rain, very warm. Aunt Sadie and I went to shore and gathered Irish moss. Choir practice here at night.

9 Just a perfect day all day. Walked up to Freds in the morning and busy all day. Ernest ploughing down by pond.

10 Just as nice as yesterday but started to rain about 5 o’clock. Maud came about noon with Mr & Mrs Middleton and Mrs Beaton. Aunt Sadie went back with them. Lorraine & PJ went to Town with Ern & Winnie.

11 A lovely day. Had some visitors. Arthur and Anita came up. Baptist Church at night. Alex and May came in after church. Alvin and Misses Manderson were here.

12 Nice quiet day in morning. We were all tired. Nan & Arthur left at 8 AM. Prairie Rose play at night. Roland Beaton and his mother brought Aunt Sadie home. Quite a wind squall at 5 PM.

13 Fine and cold. Ernest shipped potatoes to Montreal and Toronto. Busy day. Reg & Mrs Paterson and Douglas here for supper. Mrs Wyand and Dick Campbell & Irene & Annie Lowther here this evening.

14 Still cold but fine. Little snow flurry in afternoon. Maud went to visit Amanda. Ernest & I went to Winnies and up to Fred Clarkes.

15 Nice day but cold wind. Pauline sick with cold and sore throat. Had Ern McNeills & Mrs McLeod to supper and Dr & Mrs Mellish and Mr and Mrs Quigley here for evening. Busy day.

16 Pauline in bed all day. Had Jerry & Anna Fred & Hester and Laura in the evening.

17 60A. Quite warm. Busy all day. Mother down for the first time in over a year. Maud went down to Alecs this evening.

18 S. Lovely fine warm day. Communion service in U. Church in AM. Reopening of New Glasgow Church. We went with Alec & May. Had car trouble on the way home.

19 Cooler but fine. Ernest killed a little porker. Stephen back.

20 Threatened rain but turned out a very decent day. Did a big washing and got it dry, Pauline is better. Invited over to Jerrys to a Aluminum demonstration and dinner.

21 Lovely day. Aunt Sadie went to Bay View. Busy ironing etc. Park men here this afternoon also Mr Metzler for supper.

22 Blowing a gale all day. Very busy, baking bread, pies, chicken, etc. for Chicken Supper in Hall. Big crowd. Maud Montgomery McDonald spoke. Made 43.05. Bay View Institute helped.

YPS Chicken

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**October-November 1936**

23 Rained hard all day. Been very busy all day. Mr Edwin Johnstone here this evening and addressed the Group on his trip to Vimy France.

24 Poured rain all day. Fine at night and Ernest & I went down to Alec’s to see Maud. Aunt Sadie came back from Bay View.

25 Lovely cool day. Went on our usual trip to Park Corner with Alec & May & Maud. Anita and Arthur came up. Reuels were out.

new baby boy, Marion’s

26 Lovely early but clouded over and rained. Got a telegram from Murray and the new son and heir to the Laird name has arrived. Nan & Arthur went back home this morning.

27 24A. Bitter cold and ground white with snow and ice. Cleared up and blowing a gale all day. Men putting machinery away.

28 22A. Not such a bad day but ground froze hard and no one can get their turnips in. Ernest & I went to Creek. Shower for Francis Clarke at night. Ernest Lorraine & PJ went.

29 Lovely morning but raining hard by evening. Letter from Hospital from Marion. No news.

30 Lovely day. Ernest finished turnips and got the cabbage and part of carrots in. Aunt Maud would start on her home journey this AM. Play practice in Hall. Surveyors at work at Alf Moores.

31 Fine but cool wind at night. Lorraine & PJ went to Hunter River with Milton Green to dentist WCT Union at Mrs Wyands at night. Keith & family up and were here all night.

Nov 1st Cloudy day. Kieths at Austins for dinner. Perley Daisy Raywell and Velda came down for Aunt Sadie. They didn’t stay long. U. Church at night. Lorraine Lowell & Gordon Fyfe went to Carleton.

2 Nice morning. Washed. BW and Mrs LePage here in afternoon. Lorraines tooth giving her trouble. Rained hard all day.

3 Warm 56. Cloudy and rained all forenoon. Play crowd booked for North Wiltshire to-night. Blowing a gale. They had about $5.00 for their trouble

4 Election day in U.S. and Roosevelt is returned with a very large majority. A good thing for Canadian trade. We had Mr Cautley, Mr Ross, McBeth and Prowse here for dinner. They are putting up their stakes prepatory to surveying. Raining hard to-night and all night. Francis Clarke and Clarke Craswell married.

Francis Clarke & Clarke Craswell

5 A terrible rain all day and blowing fairly hard. Churned. Ernest thrashed. Earl for dinner and Ham for supper.

6 A nice fall day. Earl here to dinner. He and Ernest are working on the line clearing up for surveyors. YPS at Jerrys. Orange Supper in Hall. Letter from Marion. She will likely be at home in Norval to-night.

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**November 1936**

Ernests time with surveyors

9hrs

7 Not a bad day. Ernest with surveyors. Stewart Wright came out for Arthur and Lorraine. Cloudy in afternoon but did not rain.

9hrs

8 S. Just a perfect day, warm and clear. Ernest & I walked to shore in the morning and it was just perfect down there. The shore has sanded up again and is much nicer now than it has been all summer. Church at night. Reuels here in afternoon for a little while. Went to church with Lornes.

9 A cloudy day but did not rain. Didn’t wash. PJ and I went away to back of farm in afternoon. Surveyors here again to-day. Dad & I went up to Jim Stewarts this evening.

9hrs

10 Nice day. Washed etc. Andrew Mac & Amos Blacquire here in woods. Directors meeting in Hall to-night. Rained hard at night.

9hrs

Tillie Bentley age 71

11 Blowing hard this morning and cold. In bed until noon. Surveyors are working East. Got word that Tillie McNeill had died in PEIsland Hospital. Ernest at Jas. O’s to-night.

7hrs

12 Not a bad day. Didn’t do much but fed men and knit. Mary McLean quite sick. Not so bad as reported.

8hrs

13 Nice morning but turned cold. Surveyors got as far as Gordon Lairds. YPS at Rustico had a send off for Charlie Pink at Ben Woolners. Janette Clarke here for weekend.

14 Perfectly lovely morning. Froze. Clouded up and turned chill. Ernest McNeills took Jerry & Anna and myself to Kensington to Tillie Bentleys funeral.

15 Lovely warm day but rained before church and heavy thunder showers in afternoon. Quiet day.

16 Nice morning but as usual lately turned very cold before night. I took Janette Clark to her school. Dad with the surveyors. Got as far as Gillis’ pond. Will finish to the Harbor tomorrow. PJ washed. Amos here at noon.

17 Lovely morning, froze and clear. Ernests last day with surveyors. Storming at night and ground white at bed time.

18 20A. Storming like midwinter and getting colder all day. 8 above at dark. Knitting.

19 14A. Not quite so cold but stormed most of day. Pierce McNeill died in forenoon. Bobbie came through this way for the first time this fall. Specially called Halled Directors meeting called by Cecil but he is floored this time. Choir practice.

Pierce McNeill Age 85 so paper says

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**November-December 1936**

20 20 above this AM and around 32 this evening. Been a pretty nice day. Ernest at Cemetery this AM. Made potted meat and finished putting on outside windows. YPS at Ernest McNeills.

21 Nice warm day, snow about gone in fields. Funeral in afternoon. Laura Bentley Shaw there. Haven’t seen her for a good many years. Carriages sleighs and cars at funeral. Dad went to Amandas in evening and squared up with her. Anita and Arthur came up.

22 38A. Lovely morning. Lorraine & Arthur went to store in AM Baptist Church in afternoon. Lowell, Edward and Norman McFarlane here in evening.

23 Poured rain in early morning and turned to snow and blowing hard. Cleared up in afternoon. In bed until noon. Ham over. No news.

24 16A. Not a bad day. Men in woods. Girls washed. Committee meeting here at night about Christmas program.

25 Lovely morning. Ernest hauling wood all day. Thawing and the little bit of snow is almost gone. Institute social at Jerrys to-night. Proceeds for Sanatorium.

26 Rained hard most of forenoon. Thrashed in morning. Ready to saw wood. Ernest & I went over to Ern McNeill’s to hear the radio. Blowing a gale and drying up some.

50 above at noon and 36 at 10 pm

27 Fine day. Men sawing wood. YPS at Webbs.

28 16. 10. A lovely day, pretty frosty. Ernest McNeills took us to Town. Couldn’t get any business done. Got a new brown hat and ordered a radio.

29 32A. Ground white but rained before noon. A lovely quiet day. Church United at night.

30 Killed chickens. Ellice over in afternoon. Nice day but cold wind. Holmans set up a radio for us.

Got radio

Dec 1 Cold bleak wind all day. Girls washed. Getting my clothes gathered to-gether for my trip to Peggy.

2 Lovely day. Busy. Ernest went to town for gift for Herb Simpson. Social at the Manse. Mrs Wyand here all evening. We went to bed wrecks.

**[Change in handwriting: Lorraine]**

3 Pouring rain. Mother went to HR with Mary and Cyril. Terrible road and gale.

4 YPS at Manse. Cold and frosty.

5 Cold – Dad & James O., Helen & I went to HR with Milton. Committee (telephone) meeting here at night. Presented Herb Simpson with a club bag. Dorothy Toombs up. Arthur arrived about nine o’clock. K & M and kids went to Austins.

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**December 1936**

Sun. 6 Nice day – cloudy. Arthur & I went in to Stewart’s. The kids came over in afternoon. Robbie here too. Keith is only fair. Service in Baptist church in evening. Snowing when the kids started for home.

7 Nothing much doing.

8 Cold – Practice for the Nativity at church. Eric and Elmer called for us. Charlie Pink up – stayed all night.

9 Not doing any special. Home in evening and got our Christmas orders made out.

10 Weather(?) PJ and Neta at choir practice at night. King Edward abdicated.

11 Very mild and roads a perfect mess of mud. We three went to play practice at night. Only seven there. Lowell in to hear radio. Heard Prince Edward’s farewell speech to the Empire. It was wonderful.

12 Mild. Rather busy getting ready for the dinner at night. Heard the proclamation in London & Ottawa. Wilbert, John, Arthur and Annie arrived about 6:00 PM after a terrible trip from Rustico up. Helen and Eric failed us but managed to get Thelma for Wilbert. Had rather a jolly time. Levi Laird died.

13 Colder. Some snow in afternoon. The gang stayed until about 2:30 PM. Were all here for dinner including Lowell and Edward. They all went to church except A & I. Poor Ham arrived at church during last verse of last hymn. Had nice quiet afternoon & evening.

14 Cold but bright. Holiday. School concert practice at hall in afternoon. Levi Laird’s funeral at church. Dad went. Play practice at night at church. Lewis Toombs here for evening.

15 Lovely day. Some snow in morning but quite mild. Nothing much doing. Letter from Mother. Home in the evening.

16 Lovely day. Neta in bed all day. Institute here at night and a grand crowd.

17 Raining. Neta in bed in morning. Practice at church at night. Gang up from Carleton.

18 Colder and snowing. Practice at church. Eric & Elmer in.

19 Lovely sunshiney day, rather cold. Pauline and Dad went to S’side with Milton. Max Ferguson’s business. School practice in Hall. Rather busy day home getting ready for YPS at night. Good crowd and a very good time. Five pound box of chocolates from Judith Piers. Also cards from Bonnells and Flemings. Amos here for the day grading potatoes.

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**December 1936**

20 Mild but strong chilly wind. Spent the day tying up parcels and addressing cards. Baptist service in afternoon but not many there. Roads something terrible. Had a grand evening listening to radio.

21 Mild in morning, but turned much colder. Girls terribly busy with costumes. Play practice at night. Elmer and Eric took the girls but I stayed to home and made costumes for the kids. Mr Pat managed to be at practice for about half an hour. Cards and parcels galore.

22 Cold but a beautiful clear day. Marguerite here having a white dress made. Dad shipped potatoes @ 72c. Mary, Marg. Pauline Anna & I decorated Hall in afternoon. Good crowd out at night and things went off fairly well. Terribly tired but relieved. More parcels and cards. Cummings, father & daughter killed near HR.

23 Snowing and cold. Dad started for town early. We girls slept in until after nine. What would Dad say! Ham here doing barn work. Practice at Church at night. Elmer & Eric called. Arthur came up on the train along with Annie and Edward. Was home when we got home. Ham & I got tree.

24 Quite cold. Ham over before we were up. Dad at home about 11:00 AM and brought the box of books. 45 this year! Arthur and & walked in to the store in afternoon. Pauline skating on pond at night but I felt more comfortable by the fire.

25 Beautiful clean cold morning. Santa was more than good to us. Usual excitement of course - especially with the guitar! We kids went skating in the afternoon, Annie and Edward over too. Reg over with guitar in evening, Neta over at Lowthers & in to Wyands. Bobby had a car.

26 Cold with just a bit of snow. Not feeling so good with a rotten cold. Rather a busy day getting ready for “Nativity”. Arthur got Lowell to take him to HR for my present – and such a one! A seventeen piece toilet set! Ethel & the girls at church in afternoon & E here for supper. The play was a huge success Herbert, John, Margaret, Keith & kids up in the evening. Bobby had a car again.

27 Very mild and rain. Had a very quiet sleepy day and evening. Was supposed to be a U. service but no one went from here.

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**December 1936-January 1937**

28 46A. Mild and rain, colder at night. Dad killing chickens. I got my papers signed and oh, what a mess it is outside! Nothing much doing. Spent evening correcting exams.

29 6A. Cold. Spent morning canning chickens. First time to use canner and it works slick. Ham over for evening. Also Gordon! Had a very nice time playing cards.

30 8A. Clear and cold. Washing for first time in two weeks. Pauline & Neta at Lowthers for evening.

31 Silver thaw. Dad & I drove to Hunter’s River, thence to town and oh what ice! Pavement just like glass, but fine for skating. Got my tooth out and partial plate in. Dad sold the farm. Came out on the 3:20 train & I kept on to Carleton. Raining some. At Keiths for night.

Jan 1st 1937 Friday. Beautiful mild clear day. Ham here nearly all afternoon. PJ at Netas taffeta petticoat. YPS at Lowthers at night – everyone walked. Roads a mess!

2 Cloudy and colder. Wilbert and John came up in afternoon and brought me along too. Roads terribly cut up. W J and Neta at Lowthers for supper. Everyone at pond skating in evening. Austin G. got his foot in a springhole.

3 Raining. Edward & Wilbert here in morning and we all went to Wyands to practice in afternoon and stayed for supper. No service. Mrs Wm Moffat is very poorly. Gang here in evening for a while.

4 Beautiful day, ground frozen a little. School re-opened. Boys started for home about 8:30 AM. David out to help Dad kill beef. Ham here, too. Neta very miserable with cold. Radio gone phooey. Nice quiet evening home. Jerry went to hospital.

5 Lovely day – quite clear. Canning meat seems to be the order of the day. Got 66 cans of beef done to-day. Nothing much happening.

6 Still no snow – blowing and cold. Canned some more meat. Nothing much doing.

7 Cloudy and cold – snowing a bit at night Pauline sewing. Made up some potted meat. PJ and Neta at choir practice – exams for me! Mr Pat in NS.

8 Lovely day, fairly cold. Some snow on ground but not enough for good sleighing. Holmans out from town to fix radio and took it back with them. YPS at Manse at night. Mrs Wm Moffat died in morning. Eric, Elmer, Gordon, Dorothy T. & Austin here after YPS.

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**January 1937**

9 Raining & snow all gone again. Usual Sat work and exams. Green girls and Mary here to organize Sewing club but couldn’t with so few. Arthur arrived about 10:00 PM just about all in. Terrible accident on pavement near HR. Capt McLean of Stanchel killed while putting chains on his truck and another truck rammed him between the bank & his truck. Girl killed in Clyde River. Arthur planning to leave for Chicago on 25th.

10 Sunday. 12A. Beautiful day but cold & blowing. Rather late getting up but all managed to get to U. Church. Arthur & I went to Roy Toombs’ in afternoon. Lowell here for the evening. Irene fair.

11 10A. Clear and cold. Neta went to HR with Arthur and from there was going to town – then to Hampshire. Nothing much doing – family rather small. Ham here in afternoon. Had supper without a lamp for the first.

12 Snowing in morning – fine snow. Wind southwest and not cold. Cleared in afternoon and a perfect evening. Dad & Pauline washed. PJ finished her knit skirt. Nothing much doing.

13 Beautiful day though a bit chill. Milton shot Donkey. Organized Sewing Club at school. Eaton order came. Home in evening. Rink in Stanley.

14 Chill wind but warmer rain in PM. Dad to mill this morning. Mabel over for some help with her knitting. Home in evening.

15 Pouring rain. Brook up around the bridge. Very foggy in afternoon. Arthur, Keith & Wilbert arrived about 3:45 and oh the mud! K & W were here only long enough for supper. Ham over in evening. We had one grand time learning to play ‘Monopoly’.

16 Snowing and cold. Overslept a bit & Ham caught us at breakfast at 9:00 AM & straightway went to Jerry’s with the news! What a man! Rather busy – Girls here to Sewing Club in afternoon but no leader. Played Monopoly all evening.

17 4A. Sunday. Clear and sunshiney. Snow has nearly all evaporated. Baptist service in afternoon. Good crowd out. Mr Q in for books. Ed over in evening. Harold Toombs’ have a new daughter.

18 Fine and mild in morning but quite cold in evening. Dad took Arthur to station and expected to bring Neta home but Cyril brought her down. She is some sight minus ten teeth. Home in evening and playing Monopoly.

19 Fine. Nothing much doing. Eric B. down in evening.

20 \_\_\_ Croteau out to Lodge.

21 Snowing but fine in evening. Milder. Dad down to Harry McK. in evening to see about his coat.

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**January-February 1937**

22 Cloudy fairly cold. Ham over for dinner. Neta in bed all morning. Let school out at 3 o clock and Milton took me to Hunter River and Arthur met me at Carleton. Big time at Wrights in evening. Eric took Pauline & Helen down to Ira’s to YPS.

23 Beautiful day – clear as crystal. Dad thrashed in morning and went to mill in afternoon. PJ went to Milton’s to Sewing Club but they had no meeting. Home in evening. Jean Clark got home.

24 0. Clear and cold. United service in afternoon. Fair crowd. Dad had a sleep morning and afternoon (so he says). Lowell, Johnstons and Ira Hill here in evening.

25 Snow then silver thaw and rather nasty. Finer in afternoon. Dad went to Hunter River for me. Arthur left for Chicago and I went as far as Sackville.

26 Perfectly lovely day and not very cold. Ed and Dad working in the woods. Eric Bell down in evening. Terrible floods in US.

27 0. Clear and cold. Dad and Edward finished hauling out wood. Letters from Uncle Ted & Mama. Temperature going down to-night.

28 -6. Clear. Nothing much doing. Lowell, Ethel and Douglas here in evening and after practice we had a fine time at Monopoly.

29 Clear. Pauline & Neta went to Herb McEwan to YPS & took Mr Pat and Douglas. Dad & I home. Still terrible reports of floods along Ohio and Mississippi River. Men here sawing wood.

30 Lovely day though fairly cold. Teaching to make up for Monday & Sewing Club at Manse in afternoon Home in evening.

31 Clear and cold. Home all day. Baptist service in evening. Small choir at Wyands all had cold. Mr Quigley in for a few minutes. Gordon Fyfe in too! New boy at Clives.

February 1 Snowing but not very cold – almost rain at night. I was to Ed. Grahams for supper. Shower for Dora at George McCoubrey’s at night – good crowd.

[2] Snowing – just like feathers. Herb here for dinner. Over at Jerry’s on snowshoes after supper. Heavy walking. Home in evening.

[3] ... and fairly cold. Girls washed. WCTU social at

… in evening. Only eighteen but we had

… time playing Monopoly, crokinole, parchesi,

… in $4.00.

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**February 1937**

4 Clear and cold. Neta and Dad went to Hunter’s River but didn’t get their teeth. Neta had another tooth out. Busy evening at exams.

5 -16. -30 at HR. Beautiful clear day – and everything sparkling with white frost. Nothing much doing. YPS at Jas. R. Stewarts. We girls went & took Mr. Pat & Douglas. Nanny down for afternoon.

6 0. Cloudy, but rather a nice day. Sewing Club at Ern’s in afternoon. Nellie and Hazel here for supper. We girls went to rink at Stanley at night. Stanley Juniors & Cavendish boys playing hockey. 5-2 in favour of Stanley. Snowing when we got home at 11:15.

7 Sunday. Snowing – soft. United Church in morning. Fair crowd. Very quiet afternoon. Robbie and Edward here in evening.

8 Still snowing but very gently. Dad to Alf. Moore’s in evening. Eric Bell and Eric Simpson here to a committee meeting in evening and we had a very good game of Monopoly.

9 Silver thaw – raining quite hard all day. Eric & Earle, Elmer and Edward here threshing most all day. Mice had been rather awful. Dad thinks he will be a bit short of grain. Dad and Neta went up the road in evening & Neta got her hair cut. Her jaw is still bothering her a lot. Dr. Claude left for Vancouver. His father isn’t very well.

10 Perfect day. Very mild and snow is absolutely rotten. Dad went to town in morning. Girls washed. Edward over to do barn work. Lowell here in afternoon. Dora & Ira married at home at 7:00 PM. PJ & Neta went to charivari and had a big time. Dora married in navy transparent velvet.

11 Lovely day. Some snow in afternoon. Dad got home OK. Heard Myron speak over the radio this morning. Busy getting things ready for Valentine social at Roy Lairds. Letter from Mums. She is in Toronto now.

12 Lovely day and not cold. Lowell here helping Dad with ice. It is only 13 in. thick. Pond very high. Took woodsleigh and took Helen, Mary & Freda to YPS at Roy Lairds. Dorothy & Irma sick with chickenpox.

13 Fairly mild. Men finished our ice. Amos here too. Sewing club here in afternoon. Girls all here but no women. Home in evening. Ham here.

14 Perfect spring day. Baptist church in afternoon and very good crowd. We were to Johnston’s to try out their new organ. It is a nice one. Sadie & her boy were home. Nice time.

15 Very mild. Snow disappearing fast. Stubble fields beginning to look brown. Nothing much doing.

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**February 1937**

16 Nice day but cold. Everything a glare of ice. Lowell here working at ice. Neta dyeing for my mat. Home in evening. Dad has a nasty cold & sore throat.

17 Cold and a terrific gale. Almost impossible to keep kitchen warm. Lowell and Willie here.

18 Cold but clear as crystal. Men at ice. Wyands finished at shore. Pauline & Neta at Ern MacNeill’s in evening.

19 Perfect day and snow and ice going fast. Fenners got henhouse moved in afternoon – twelve houses. YPS at Jerrys at night – good crowd.

20 Perfect day – just like April. Sadie and son & Mrs Johnston here in afternoon and for supper Egg circle meeting. Sewing club at Greens in afternoon. Jas. O. and Dad in to Amandas in evening.

21 One more beautiful day. Roads are getting bare in a lot of places. Service in UC in afternoon – best crowd for ages. Mrs Lowther here for supper. Dora & Ira appeared out.

22 Perfect spring day. Girls washed. Fyfe boys down with car in evening and they went as far as Roy Toombs. Blanche and Ethel here for evening. And we had a fun game of Monopoly.

23 Cloudy but mild. Nothing very exciting happening. Pauline in to Lewis’ for her music lesson. Johnson’s and Robbie out in evening and we had a fun time at Monopoly and fox trotting! Neta put in a kitchen mat.

24 Beautiful and mild. Dad went to town and from there to Carleton. Institute at Wyands and a real good crowd. My program. Perfect night. Midnight when we got home.

25 Snowing and very mild. Neta & I drove to NS to teacher’s study group. Snowing very nasty and so soft. Took Jeanette too. Choir practice and committee meeting here at night.

26 Perfect day of sunshine. Quite a bit of snow down and its just like feathers. Mr. McLure here giving music lessons. Amos doing the work.

27 Nice day but snowing and drifting a bit. Hooking, exams, etc. Girls here to sewing club in afternoon. Home in evening.

28 Rather cool but fine. Very lazy day. Amos looking after barnwork – new calf. Baptist service at night. Edward took us up. Gordon down with car & we went to sing song at Manse after service. Pauline sick at her tummy.

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**March 1937**

March 1 Lovely day, drifting a bit. Pauline in bed nearly all day. Ed went for Mother and Dad and they got home around 9.30. Mums just about all in.

2 Perfect day. Nothing much doing. Keith and Alvah Blackmore arrived about five o’clock with team. Edward and Norman McFarlane over for evening. K. over to Lowthers in evening. Mother on the couch ‘most all day with a crippled back.

3 Perfect day. The boys left about 10:30 with quite a variety of stuff including heifer hens[?] and incubator. Mother feeling better. Neta hooking. Mrs Wyand & Blanche this evening also Edward and Norman.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting.]**

4 10A. Pretty snappy but moderated and snowed all afternoon. Girls had planned to go to rink but nothing doing. Ham went to Town and back.

5 Perfectly lovely morning, the trees are a sight with their lovely white blankets. Went over to see Ellice in afternoon. Anita finished another mat. YPS at Allen Wyands. Lem McLeod buried today.

6 18A. Nice day. Headache. Sewing class here. Hester here for tea. The three girls went to rink got home at 1:45 AM. Ruth Buntain came from New Glasgow rink for the weekend.

7 S. Not a nice day, quite cold and drifting. The girls went to church in the morning, 28 there. Herb Wyand here to tea and took Ruth home in evening.

8 4A. Lovely fine frost morning. Girls washed. May and Alex came up in evening and were here til midnight.

9 Not so cold this AM. In fact it rained a little to day and settled the new snow. Anita getting ready to go to Sackville to-morrow. Back wretchedly sore.

10 Anita and Mr. Paterson got away in good time. Lovely forenoon. Ernest went to Hunter River for feed and coal. Snow flurries in afternoon. Charlie McKenzie here for supper.

11 2 above. Cold and blowing hard and drifting but sunny. Heard Myron over radio. Choir practice at night. Very heavy ice in Strait and Car Ferry was four hours late so Mr Paterson didn’t get home until after 11 PM with our horse.

12 Quite cold again to day but bright and sunny. Music class day at Webbs. Earl McLure here all day. YPS at Wesley Smiths to night. Dorothy Toombs came up for weekend.

Shirley Jean to Francis Clark and Charlie Craswell

13 Not very cold but a chill wind. Didn’t do much. PJ the smartest of the bunch. Alfred Simpson very sick in S. Side hospital pneumonia.

14 10A. Nice morning, not cold. PJ 17 years old to-day. We went to church in afternoon and Robbie and David came in for tea after service and for the evening.

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**March-April 1937**

18th Explosion in New London, Texas when over 500 school children and teachers and a million dollar school was blown up by gas explosion

15 Just a lovely morning and PJ and I washed. In afternoon Dad & I went down to see Mrs Albert. Wind chill in afternoon and evening.

16 Raining this forenoon but cleared up at noon. Ironed. Ernest & PJ fixed the organ. Ernest went to Hunter River for Anita. Boat having trouble in the Straits. Got home in pouring rain at 11:20.

John Simpson of Malpeque

17 Pretty big thaw. Brook very high. Anita has a bad cold. No institute to-night. Tennis & wife and Annie here in evening.

18 Lovely day, just like spring. Sewing for Louise. Terrible disaster in New London, Texas when something over five hundred children and teachers were killed in explosion.

19 Another perfect day. Ernest went to Hunter River with two little porkers. Girls hooking. YPS at Oliver Bernards. Got home at 12:45.

20 Nice day but spring like. Hemstitching a sheet. Sewing club at Ernest McNeills. Choir practice here tonight.

21 Cloudy but not cold. Stayed in bed this morning. U Church this afternoon. Ernest McNeill over in evening

22 Not a nice day. East wind, snow, and almost rain. Lorraine went to Ch. Town to Teachers Convention. Not a bad road. Enough snow to help quite a little.

23 Colder last night and a blustery day all day. Girls washed. Not feeling very spry, me. Practice at the Manse to night.

24 Cold all day and blowing hard but bright. Ernest and Anita have gone to Institute at Townsend McNeills. No news.

20 10A. Still cold. Having a terrible time with hives. Lorraine got home from Town a wreck.

26 38A. Stayed in bed to-day. Earl McLure here all day. Nothing special doing. Warmer to day after some cold days. YPS at BB Grahams.

Roy Woolners baby girl no.2

27 Nice day but grey. Girls hooking. Choir practice here at night. Sewing club at Greens.

28 Lovely morning getting a service from Los Angeles coast to coast broadcast. Easter music nice. Service in United Church in afternoon and in Baptist Church at night. The Choir did extra well. Mrs Wyand here for tea.

Easter Sunday

29 Snowing a little most of day. Washed. Now hooking. WCTU meeting at Wesleys.

30 Nice day, no news. George Clark and Sadie McNeill married in Town. Wesley Jean & Freda here for the evening. Wind keeps cool and roads holding fairly good.

31 Lovely day. Ernest & I drove to Rustico in AM. The family went up to Freds to the reception to George and Sadie. Lorraine wrote and read the address.

April 1st Nice day. Mother down for day. Ernest & I went down to Alec’s in evening. Got home at midnight.

2 No news. Cleaned my bedroom, busy all day. YPS at Manse to-night.

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**[poem “In Lovers’ Lane”]**

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**April 1937**

April 3 A bleak cold wind all day. Anita hooking at Lorraines ship mat. Ham here in evening. Clear and cold night.

4 S. Glorious sunshine this morning. Wind north. Not much ice in. The family (cept me) went to United Church this AM. Ellice came over in afternoon and George and Sadie. Ice-cream for supper.

5 Lovely day, thawed a lot. Big washing and cleaned the dining room. Nan not extra spry.

6 Fine and thawing. Ironed all day. Cleaned the shelves in pantry. Tired.

7 Anita finished ship mat for Lorraine, thawed a lot but froze a little at night.

8 Lovely day, blowing hard and drying up. Our Newfoundland dog at Station. Jim Warren here for evening.

9 Ernest went to Hunter River for Nero. YPS here at night. Small crowd.

10 Stormed all day from North, ground white. Headache.

11 S. No church, mild and bad roads.

12 Didn’t wash but it was a lovely day but wind very cold. Ice in solid after quite a spell of blue Gulf.

13 Washed, nice day. Roads terrible, probably the worst we will have. Ernest went to mill in morning.

14 No frost last night and thawed and dried up a lot today. Nan finished her sixth mat and is through for this year. Girls went up to Freds to night. Sewing for Louise to-day.

15 Lovely warm day, raining to-night. Went over to Manse for afternoon. Mr Paterson here to-night & Committee meeting. Red Wings beat Rangers in final playoff for the Stanley Cup. 3 to 0.

16 Rained most of day, cleared up at night and Nan and PJ went over to church to Group. Just three boys there so they came back here. Working at Nans silk, down comfort.

17 Froze hard and clean and cold all day. Sewing club here. Cold to-night. Letter from Marion. Poor wee Pat.

18 S. Cloudy most of day but not very cold. Church United in afternoon. Sing song here at night.

19 Fine, Ernest went to Town and stayed all night. Ham here looking after the barn.

20 Poured rain all day. Girls washed in AM but didn’t put clothes out. Ernest got home about 11 AM. Sewing in afternoon.

21 Cloudy and foggy. Cold wind. Sewing. Got one wash dry. Institute at the Manse.

22 Cold wind, bitter to-night. Another washing and cleaned the back porch.

23 Bitter cold wind all day from East. Girls ironing, I was sewing, etc. YPS at Church to-night. Letter from Peggy. She has had her tonsils out. Mrs Garfield LePage died very suddenly in her sleep.

Mrs Garfield LePage

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24 Fine cold day. Blowing hard from North & N. East. House cleaning upstairs. Sewing club at Ern McNeill’s. Nan away to Committee meeting at Johnstons.

Will Alex Houston

25 Nice day. Dad & I went to see Irene Wyand in afternoon. Mrs Garfield LePages funeral, very large. Baptist Church at night.

26 Did ~~tremendous~~ wash ~~and cleaned attic in afternoon and did a lot of burning~~. Funeral in afternoon. Maria Matheson and Ham here for supper. WCTU at night, Mrs Wyand on war path.

27 Did a big big wash and cleaned attic and burned and burned. Everyone tired and had a committee meeting at night. Very unusual Northern Lights.

Northern Lights disturbed telegraph centres all across Canada & USA

28 65A. Very warm and lovely. Everyone busy, cleaned sewing room and landing. Ironed etc. Another committee meeting to-night.

29 Lovely day but wind cold. Getting ready for banquet and everyone busy. Alex McNeill here at night. Misses McBeth & Ross here to supper.

30 Clear and cool. YPS Banquet at Webbs. The last probably. Everyone about all in at night. Fed 58 and oh what a mess afterwards.

1934

April 4th Got $50.00 from Amanda for Lorraine

Sept 11th Paid Amanda $25.00 being balance of $20.00 owing from last year and interest on what we borrowed this year to date

1934 Nov 20 Sent EC LePage $25.72 and credit bill for 4.28 dated July 25 34

Nov 29 Chap from Emerald taking orders for trees, ordered 2 apple trees, Layton and MacIntosh Red @ $1.00 each

Dec 5 Paid Ellice Lowther $10.00 interest

1935 Paid Mr Green $14.50. $10.50 of which was Int. and 3.00 for work

Aug 8 Ordered and paid Mr Oulton[?] for their apple trees, 2 MacIntosh 1 Delicious

Paid Moore & McLeod 27.35. Paid Reg $12.00

Aug 12 Paid Holmans $26.40 on account. Paid Amanda 50.00

Paid Fenner $3.00

Aug 27 Paid Will McDougall $15.00 on harrows. Paid Len Wyand $50 on account

1936 July 20 Paid Clarence Stewart 20.00

Paid Herb Wyand 4.53

Paid Grocery man 5.05

Oct 27 Sent BW LePage interest 12.00

28 Paid EC LePage on account 15.00

30 Paid Dr. Fleming 15.00

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**May 1937**

May 1 Lovely fine day, wind cold. Everyone very tired after last nights banquet. Becky Simpson very sick, heart trouble. Mr Dunning down to take us for a drive in a new Plymouth car. Cemetery meeting at night. Mrs Lewis Toombs here for evening.

2 S. Just a perfect cloudless day. Mr Wright and Wilbert brought Ina, Louise, Keith, and Margaret up. Mrs Neil Simpson of Vancouver called for a little while, with her sister.

3 Just a perfect day and quite warm. Did a big big washing and out all the afternoon until dark cleaning yard and burning grass. Ellice over in evening and John Fyfe down. Our new boy Edward Doiron arrived. Becky Simpson died in night.

Becky Simpson

4 Fine day. Anita helping Ellice paper. Mr Williams here with a Chev car and took us for a drive. Trustee meeting at Jerrys.

5 Lovely morning but clouded up and cooler in afternoon. Big day at Webbs, we bought our first car, a Chev. Girls went for Mayflowers. Started harrowing. Very dry weather.

6 Very warm. Dad & I went with Ern & Winnie to the funeral in Clifton, Becky Simpson. Mr Williams brought our car and its in the barn to-night. Play in the Hall for WMS. Stanley Play

Hindenberg air ship exploded at its moorings In Lakehurst, NY. 35 dead and many in hospitals.

7 Cold cold east wind. Sewing all day. No news. YPS at Church.

8 Forty-one years ago Mother and I came to PEI. Just the regular work. Lorraine made a blouse. Cyril Smith got the last of our young cattle. Wesley got one last night.

9 S. Glorious rain to day. Church Baptist in afternoon. Lowell here nearly all day. Stewart Ferguson quite sick, very very sick all night.

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**May 1937**

10 They took Stewart Ferguson to Hospital to day. Lovely day after the rain of yesterday. Nan had her lesson driving with Mr. Williams this morning. Committee meeting for district convention. Nan went with Wyands. Lorraine at Jerry with the Patersons.

11 Fine day. Mr Smart, Mr Cautley, and Mr Fenton here to dinner and Dad has the oversight of this end of Park. Nan took us to the creek to-night and afterwards Dad and I drove as far as Alf Moores. Got radio battery so we will hear Coronation Ceremony to-morrow.

12 Coronation day of King George VI of England and we listened to the radio most of the day. Planted sweet peas and some garden seeds. Bon-fire to-night on Austins hill. King George spoke to his people over the radio.

13 Headache in morning. Went to New Glasgow in afternoon with Nan & Waine.

14 Bitter cold all day and raining this evening. Edward Lowther over. Dad has job as temporary Warden for a year of the Park. Job started on Coronation day.

15 Rained hard in morning but not as bitter colder yesterday. The girls and Jim Warren went to Town. Dad & I were in to Johnstons to-night. Letter today from Mrs Bonnell.

16 Rained most of last night and until 11 AM. Quiet day with United Church at night. Warmer.

17 Miserable wet day, poured rain all forenoon and cold. I walked over to Austins in afternoon. Anita went to Kensington on the bus.

18 Very nice day and warmer. Washed, Miss Gillan here for dinner. In garden in afternoon. Took May and Alec to Hunter River to-night.

19 Lovely morning. Nan & I took Ellice down to Rustico and in afternoon. I went to school and girls made ice-cream for Lorraine for school kids. Arbor Day. Institute at Mrs Dolph Flemings. 70 there.

20 Rained quite hard this morning. Girls & boy cleaned the kitchen ceiling and woodwork. Robbie & Reggie here to practice.

21 Very nice day. Busy. Mr McKinnon plastering at the Bonnell house. Put down floor oilcloth in Kitchen in afternoon and went to Creek after supper. YPS at BB Grahams.

22 Just a perfect day all day. Drove down for McKinnon in AM and girls took him home. Painting and varnishing floors.

23 Just a lovely day after the fog lifted. Anita, Lorraine, Thelma, David, and Edward went to Carleton. Reuels out to dinner. Baptist Church at night. Alvin and Jean Manderson here for the holiday.

24 Nice morning. The kids went fishing in forenoon and we went to Town to see Maytime in afternoon. Gertrude Ackland came up to-night for a visit. Pouring rain.

25 Rained to-day but we washed and clothes dried this afternoon. Wind cold to-night. Play practice here after the crowd got here. Eric Bell here for a while.

26 Nice day but wind cold. Everyone busy. Washed bedding and baked bread. Mr McPhail here for dinner. Planted dahlias. Anita & Gertrude down to see Sadie Johnston McLeod.

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**May-June 1937**

Bad storm up West June 1st. Twister

27 In bed until noon, just tired. Girls went calling in afternoon. Poured rain all evening.

New Boy at Rupie[?] Simpsons

28 Cloudy this morning but cleared up lovely this afternoon. Mr. Cautley here in afternoon. Girls started to Group but turned back on account of dense fog. Lorne & Mary up this evening.

29 Just a perfect day after the fog lifted but wind cold tonight. Anita & Gertrude visiting in afternoon. Dad working in garden. Had a little drive to Creek and back.

boy & girl at Ced Simpsons

30 74A. Very nice day, quite warm. Wilbur Willis came for Gertrude. Mr & Mrs Art Henry here in afternoon also Reuels called. We took Mrs Paterson to Ch Town to hear Mrs Park of Korea. She was very very interesting.

31 84A. Very very warm and quite a sharp little thunder storm at tea time. Very hot all day and its 64 at bed time and not a breath of wind. Busy day. Went over to Mrs Patersons in evening. Mrs Wyand & Mrs Lowther there.

Bad fire in Brookfield Orange Hall burned house and some barns

June 1 80A. Very warm until about 4 PM when wind came round to north. Ernest working in garden. Crated up 36 hens to-night for Upton. Willie Toombs here this evening.

2 Much cooler to-day but very fine. Girls set out some plants in AM. In afternoon we took Mrs Paterson and called at Mrs Johnstons, Mrs Alex Toombs, and Bob McKenzie. Upton took 36 hens and our two little pigs this morning.

3 Prince Edward, Duke of Windsor, and Mrs Wallis Warfield married to-day. Planted beans. The first shipment of gas oil etc came for Park. Elmore McKay and Winnie got dahlia bulbs.

4 Poured rain nearly all day. In bed with sore side all day.

5 Still it rained. Anita took Mrs Paterson to Hunter River in the morning. Set out a lot of plants. Isobel Beers here waiting for Mrs Bonnell. The family went to Ch. Town at night to see the Coronation pictures and Spanky McFarlane.

6 Got home at 1 AM. Peggy is 30 years old to-day. A lovely day but wind cool. The country very beautiful and the apple bloom is very lovely this year. Baptist Church in afternoon. Dad and I went down to see Mrs Bonnell in evening.

Mrs Bonnell arrived with Family

7 Very nice day, looked like rain but didn’t manage it. Cleared off lovely in evening. Anita took a carload of women to New Glasgow to District Convention. Dad & I went in evening. Premier Campbell spoke on National Park. Got home at midnight.

8 70A. Very warm sunny and SW wind for a change. Edward rolling. Girls washed. I cleaned up back porch. Mr Cautley Mr McKay and Mr McLaren here in afternoon. Mary (Mrs Lorne McNeill) up to-night for dahlias. Sold another cow. Girls got home at 12:45 from Cape Traverse.

9 Just a perfect day all day. Ernest burning brush along Mayfield road south of Cemetery. Went to Rustico this evening. Got paper for little North west bed room.

10 Lovely morning. Left early for Town taking Mrs Fred and Anna with us also Lucy Woolner. Girls got bed spread for Mrs Paterson. Trinity Church YPS put on three one act plays in evening. Fed them here afterward. Rained hard in afternoon and road very bad.

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**June 1937**

Sir Robert Borden died to-day

11 Lovely day. Girls papering big dining room. YPS at Manse to-night I stayed with Mrs Carruthers. Mrs Bonnell started for Toronto to-day. Going from there to Washington and to Los Angeles.

12 We have had two whole days without rain. Quite remarkable. Girls went to town again and the car is quite OK now. Keith Margaret and kiddies arrived with Mr & Mrs Gardiner.

13 Just a lovely day. We went up for Mother and to see the twins at Ced’s. Church at night United. Harry Linkletter & family and Aunt Alice here this evening.

14 Fine all day but raining to-night. Girls papering. Lorraine visited to the manse to tea. Got a lot of plants set out in garden. 3 big truck loads of posts came this afternoon for Park fence. Everyone tired.

15 Lovely day all day. Washed and girls papered some. Ernest at Oliver Bernards signing for the Posts. 2 loads came here. Went to Kensington in evening for the final playoff between Freetown and Cavendish and carried home the shield for Cavendish. Lorraine did it wonderfully well.

16 Feeling quite puffed up this morning. Girls papered in afternoon. I went to Bob McKenzies to Missionary meeting and to Wesleys in evening to Institute. Very tired at night.

17 Blowing a gale. Keith and Fenton Howatt up for a load of machinery. Had quite a fight with the fire over in the stumps along the Mayfield road. Girls finished papering the room and got front room floor shallaced. Ina came up with Keith and is just going to sleep. She’s a dear kiddie.

18 Cloudy morning and rained. Keith came for another load of machinery. Is pretty well set now. Rained hard all night, no group. Girls working at room floor. Dad put separator away and put oilcloth down in back porch. Pretty snug now. Cold.

19 Cloudy and cold. Papered the north west bedroom. Its pretty snug now, fixed it up for Aunt Sadie or myself. Girls finished front rooms and are tired to-night. Directors meeting of Hall Company.

20 S. A perfectly lovely day all day and glorious moonlight night. Baptist church in AM. Went to shore in afternoon and the girls went to New Glasgow at night to put on “The Colour line” play.

21 Busy day in garden, went to Carleton in evening and stayed until Saturday. Institute Convention in Town and Margaret went. Rained all the week. A Commission has been appointed to value the land in Park Area and were here this last week to meals. Girls met me at Hunter River and we went to town. Got home about 5:30. Lorraine is going to Toronto with Mrs Leith Wright on Thursday. WCTU meeting at Church. Gave Mrs Paterson a book.

27 Mr Paterson preached his farewell and slipped out the back door without so much as a handshake. Just good for them, the congregation I mean. Stewart Wright and family at for tea and went with us to Stanley to see the play “The Color Line”. Rained again this evening.

Lorraine left July 1st for Toronto with Mrs Wright

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**June-July 1937**

28 Just a perfect day after a heavy rain last night. Everyone busy. Churned, baked bread, four men extra for dinner. School picnic at the shore etc. First load of wire came.

29 76A. Very warm, still and close. Washed, had the four men for dinner and Ham for supper. Anita went to Stanley to Elmore McKays shower. Two ladies here from Conecticut for a while this evening.

School closed

30 Poured rain from 4 AM until afternoon. What a day. Lorraine getting her clothes ready for her trip away to see Marion.

July 1st Foggy in morning very still and hot. A lot of people going to shore in afternoon. Mr McLaren & Mr McKay here. Lorraine left Hunter River with Mrs Leith Wright at 11.30 AM for Toronto. Pauline getting ready to go to camp to-morrow.

2 Anita, Pauline, Vera, and Isobel Beers went to Brudenell to the YPS camp. Mrs Albert came up for afternoon, four girls from St. Lamberts called for a little while. Perley & Daisy brought Aunt Sadie down. The new Minister Rev George Tillie inducted to-night.

3 Not feeling too bad until evening but cold turned to chill and not much sleep.

4 Lovely weather. Lorraine arrived in Toronto to-day and would be with Marion to-night. In bed all day, quite sick. Dr. Don McNeil in afternoon, and several other cars. A big crowd at beach. Mr Quigley preached at night.

Elden McKay

5 Nan took me over to see Dr. Mellish this morning, temp 100 and some. Blood pressure 144. George McCoubrey moving our big Cottage.

6 Got the big Cottage as far as the hollow. The flue fell off and someone might have been killed but wasn’t. May McKendrick here for the night. Feeling very punk all day. Elden McKay buried to-day, large funeral.

7 Just a perfect day all day and the Odd Fellows Picnic went off with a bang. The Institute took in over $100.00. Everyone tired. Slept good at night.

8 Another hot day, very little wind. Had Isabel Tennis here washing. Anita and Annie went to Long River to Missionary Rally in which the young people had the Devotional Service. Spent the evening with Elaine.

9 78A. Lovely day, quite warm but a nice breeze going. Anita went to Brudenell for the Camp girls. Got 8 qts strawberries. Group at shore. Mary Emily McNeill Montgomery died.

Mrs Montgomery

10 Just perfect all day, not too warm. Quite a surf on to-night. Girls tired. In garden a lot today. Went to Hunter River to night. Aunt Sadie with Elaine today.

11 Perfect day. Took May & Alec to funeral in Malpeque, also Ham. Had a lovely drive but dust pretty terrible. Went to Church to night.

12 Orange tea at Canoe Cove. Wind cool but lovely clear day. Milton Green cutting hay here. Artie & Jerry Clarke here and friends with them. Anita at Austins to-day.

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**July 1937**

13 60. Cold wind (east) all day. Clouded up in afternoon but cleared away very fine in evening. Telephone directors meeting here. Much warmer, a lovely day all day. Doug Smiley & friend arrived and we gave them some dinner. We went to Chelton in evening to ice cream social. Got home around midnight. Took Annie & Lowell.

15 Grand day, warmer. Beth Brinton here most of day. Dr & Mrs Bonnell here in afternoon. Margarets birthday and she had a party. Mr Tillie called this evening.

16 Rained a little most of day. Had quite a number of cars in, among them Miss Killock, secy of Lord Tweedsmuir. Letters from Lorraine and Marion. Dad has bad cold.

17 Lovely day, quite hot. Churned in morning. Went to town, took Duglas Smiley & Bill Huidess with us. Dr & Mrs Swift here in evening. The Carse family came to Lowthers.

18 S. Rained a little and some fog. Rather cool all day. Had Elaine & family and Ruth & John White & Bobbie for dinner. Mr & Mrs Carse and Jimmy in the forenoon and many callers in afternoon. Church at night.

19 Lovely day, wind east and not too hot. Washed. Ruth & John went to shore in afternoon and Pauline, Anita & I went with Mr. Carse, Dr. & Mrs Swift, Bill Huidess and Doug Smiley deep sea fishing. Wrote to Aunt Jennie to-night and Marion and Lorraine.

20 Just a perfect day all day. Temp around 80. Picnic supper at shore with the Carses, Swifts, Doug & Bill, John, Ruth & Bobbie. Bonfire at night. Had a good day.

21 Ironed in morning. PJ & I took the White family to Brackley in afternoon. Institute at Leigh Warrens.

22 Quite warm to-day. Had Miss Moore over for tea. In evening, we took Mr & Mrs Carse to Stanhope and home by way of town. Walter LePage here.

Frank Andrews

23 86A. Very warm day. Went picking raspberries in morning, on the grass all afternoon and to YPS camp fire at night at shore. Dr. Swift spoke.

24 Another warm day but a breeze going. Mr Paterson here in evening and bought our little Cottage. Anita, PJ & I went to Hunter River and brought Miss Omrod[?] down, also Mrs Harper. Frank Andrews & Mrs Hammond Bertrams funerals this afternoon. Mrs Bertram died of fractured skull from falling from a carriage at Hunter River.

25 S. Just a perfect day. U Church in the morning. Dinner on the lawn. Mr Ross brought a car load here for tea. Made $1.75. About forty registered. Ernest counted 147 cars at Beach at one time. Tired to-night.

26 Very hot day all day. Washed in AM. Pauline went fishing with the Carse party. They got 125 in the boat. Went to shore in evening.

27 Hottest day this season. Went to town with Dr Bonnell. Anita took the Carse family to town and I missed them all and the show. Terribly tired at night. Blew a gale all day.

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**July-August 1937**

28 A lovely day, not so hot. Had the Carse family for tea and went for a drive and fishing trip. Mr & Mrs Harper here in evening. Reuels out this afternoon.

29 Just one perfect day. Wind east and not too hot. Mr McKay & McLaren here in afternoon. Watching Fenners cows out of our grain field all the afternoon. The Carse family here in evening. Anita took a party to S. Side.

30 Lovely day. Three people here looking around before I was up this morning. Pauline took the Carse family to Emerald this morning. Made goose berry jam. YPS at Gordon Lairds shore.

31 Another fine day. Not a drop of rain for two weeks and is everything getting dry. No one around to-day. Went to shore in afternoon and got cooled off and again in evening.

Aug 1 Cooler to-day and cloudy and the long wished for rain has come at last. Blowing a gale from East. Aunt Sadie not very well, in bed to-day. Baptist preaching in afternoon. Edith & Ernest spoke, Annie & Laura Bagnall there. I played. Reuels here for supper. Two little girls of Col Parker Hoopers drowned at Stanhope Beach.

Rosilee & Shirley Hooper drown

2 Cleared up and was a lovely day. Myron & family kept house with Mother to look after Aunt Sadie. Nan, P.J. Dad, and I went to Dalvey and to town to a show at night. “the last of Mrs Chayney.” All tired but happy when we got home. They had a lot of visitors.

3 Another perfect day and a grand thunder shower at night. Anita at Lowthers. PJ and I washed with Dads help. A lot of tourists here. Busy day. Walter went with Anita to the shore for supper.

4 A perfect day. Not so many visitors. The two little Hooper girls who were drowned were buried this afternoon. Ernest sneezing[?] to day. Mary and Laura Bagnall here this evening. Went to Rustico in afternoon and had to go to Hunter River to get a new ground wire for car. Ham & Eric Bell here this evening.

5 Quite a warm day. Pauline took Miss Ormrod[?], Mr & Mrs Harper and Annie Lowther to town. Mr McLarren brought four men out to dinner. Anita at Lowthers. Went for raspberries. Tired.

6 82. Very fine and very warm all day. Western Union YPS picnic and we poured tea to about 300. Dr Bonnell gave an address at the camp fire at night. Everyone tired. A new boy at Cyril Smiths, no. 4

Margie Clarke Smith baby boy

7 84. Very warm from early morning. Mr & Mrs Gillings coming to Jerry’s to-night. Went to shore this evening and up to Rupie Simpsons and to Lem’s.

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**August 1937**

Baby girl at Blair Andrews

8 S. 83 and a very hot day. Didn’t do much cooking, ate out doors. Went to shore in afternoon, about 150 cars there. Walter went home. U. Church at night. Girls went for service afterwards. Pauline sick.

9 87. Still hot from early morning. Nan & Dad washed. Had two over for dinner. Girls went to town to show. Mr & Mrs Gillings & Mrs Murray here in evening.

10 80. Some breeze going but still quite warm. Clouded over this evening like rain but none came. Nan at Lowthers part of day Pauline on the couch all day. Did an ironing this afternoon and had a lot of callers. Took the Gillings party for a car drive.

11 Rained and heavy thunder and lightning in some places. Cleared up before dinner and was fine for the tea. Anita and I helped, Keith & Margaret and Kiddies up.

Cavendish Tea

12 Such a gale and warm and sticky all day. Rained in evening. Lorraine got home, travelled by bus. Anita took Mr & Mrs Gillings and Mrs Murray to town. Telephone meeting.

13 Quite a warm day. Quite a lot of talking. Aunt Sadie and I were at Ern McNeills for tea.

14 Busy all day. Girls went for blue berries and we all went to a show at night “Silent Barriers” Nannie down.

15 Perfect day. Nan Dad Aunt Sadie & Mother went to Brackley in afternoon. Quite a number of callers. Mr & Mrs Art Henry & Herbie Leavitt here to tea. Baptist church at night. Quite cool this evening.

16 82. Quite a warm day. Anita at Lowthers. Washed and talked to a large number of tourists. Went to Keiths at night.

17 Lovely day but very hot in afternoon. 82. Had Mr & Mrs Gillings and Mrs Murray for tea and for a long car ride afterwards.

Exhibition Week

18 Rained in morning, didn’t do much to-day, went to exhibition at night. Got home at 12.45 AM.

19 Lovely day and cooler. Went down to Elaines for the day. Had the Brintons & Gillings here this evening.

20 Another perfect day. A light shower last night and a heavy rain in Ch. Town. A lot of visitors here to-day. Waine & I went for blueberries. Said goodbye to the Gillings. YPS at Charlie McKenzies shore.

21 85. Very warm day. Thunder squall in afternoon. Busy. Went to see Mrs Charlie Wyand at night. Beth here.

22 S. Much colder today with north wind and surf. All went to United Church in morning and Fredericton at night to hear Mr. Sellick. Bobbie Toombs here all afternoon and to tea.

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**August-September 1937**

23 Nice day, cool and not blowing. Girls washed. Myrons here for dinner and left for Tryon about 2.30. Pauline took Aunt Sadie, May & I down to Oliver Bernards. Got radio fixed.

24 Just one perfect day. The girls went to town and we had a lot of visitors. They took Ham to town. All home this evening.

25 Lovely day again. Very dry. Garden needs rain badly. Went to Rustico for mackerel but didn’t get any. Lorraine & I went to shore in afternoon. Institute at Lowthers. Delegation from Cavendish went to town to-day to wait on the government about prices for their land.

26 Very hot day all day. Louise McNeill of Sussex here in afternoon. Not many visitors. Dr. Bonnell here in evening.

27 Very warm to-day. Broke my glasses frames and had to go to town for new frames. Took Ellice & Aunt Sadie with us and brought Mr MacDonald home with us. Camp fire & Dr Lockhart speaks to YPS to-night. Hot dogs at beach at Charlie McKenzies.

28 Lovely day and a busy one. Ernest, Anita & PJ went to Carleton for Keith and Margaret and were going up west. Canned 36 cans of mackerel, made marmalade, pickles, etc… Ham here to-night.

29 83. Still very hot and dry and smoky to-night. Baptist Church in afternoon. Home all day. Family got home at 12.30 AM.

30 87. Crop very poor up West. Very hot today, up to 87 and so smokey. Fires in different parts of Island. Doris Stirling here to-night. Miss Love of Ottawa Administrations Parks Branch and her neice here for tea.

31 Lorraine started school again. Quite a few visitors around. Ham & David putting in our grain. We took Mr MacDonald to Rustico this evening and I took a few things to Mrs Marshall.

Sept 1 Rained to day and cloudy all day. Went to town in afternoon to see “Naughty Marietta”. Janette Macdonald & Nelson Eddy. Ernest had two men working at back bridge.

2 Very warm and sticky to-day. Washed. Keith & Margaret and Wilbert up for the day. Anita & Aunt Sadie went to Simpson Bells.

3 Fine day and still very warm and smokey. Mother down to day and we took Mr MacDonald down to Alec’s. YPS at Church. Keith got the binder house and a truck load of old wire. Made plum jam.

4 Still very hot all day until evening. Wind came around north and cold. Made more plum jam. Have 18 qts of it now. Busy and tired.

5 Very much colder. Quite a number around. Mr Wright and his two sisters here for the day. Bonnell preached in the evening to a crowded house. Alvin & Jean Manderson arrived.

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**September 1937**

6 Lovely day, cool and bright. PJ, Aunt Sadie & I took Mr Macdonald to Park Corner. The girls and Alvin went to Ch. Town.

7 Lovely day. Anita & PJ went to Carleton for Ina and Louise. Not feeling very good. Gertrude Lamont here in evening.

8 Cold day and showers. Washed. Mr Smart and Mr Gibson of Ottawa here early. Kiddies good. Telegram from Mr Hayden, coming Saturday.

9 Lovely day but wind cool. Went to town early, got home at 1.45. Kiddies good. Olive Murray & Mabel Simpson here in evening also David & Robbie. Preserved peaches to-night.

10 Girls went to Kensington to YP Convention. Busy all day and didn’t do much. Ernest working in woods across brook. Got it very well cleaned out.

Cousins Cheese & Creamery Burned

11 Warm south west wind and quite warm all day. Anita & PJ went to Rustico in morning and in evening we went to Borden for Mr Hayden. Had a little rain in afternoon.

12 Terrible gale last night and all day. Stacks and trees blown down, no rain. Quite hot to-day. Anita went to town with Reuels. Gordons up to see cow.

13 Very warm in morning. Rained in afternoon. Washed. Mr McLaren and men here. Dad & I invited to Bonnells for dinner. Not much news. Heavy rain east.

14 Blowing very hard all day but no rain. Very very warm. Cooler to-night. Ernest getting shooting notices up. Mr McDoull here to-night. Is to shingle the roof of Kitchen.

15 Busy day, up early. Ernest started patrolling Park. Shooting season opened to-day. Mr Keayes RCMP helping. Perfect day. Went into town and Anita came home. Institute meeting at Mike Doyles.

16 I was in town and Ernest travelled practically all day. Choir practice at Church.

17 Miss Clarke (Flora) Missionary spoke in Baptist Church. I went to a show in town Wee Willie Winkle featuring Shirley Temple. Had tea at BW LePages. Reuel & Enid got home at night.

18 Nice day. Mr Hayden left this AM. Girls came for me in afternoon. Mr Fenton & McLaren here.

19 Very nice day. Lizzie, Elmer, Lillian and Arthur down for the day. Church in AM. All home this evening.

20 Rather a rough day with wind and showers. 32nd anniversary. Went to Rustico in afternoon with Dad and to Alecs at night.

21 Not quite as windy as yesterday but cool. Girls and Ernest picking cranberries this morning. Mr McDoull finished shingling. Went for a drive in evening to see Mr Quigley.

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**September-October 1937**

22 Not feeling very spry. Mr Tillie here for dinner. Nothing special doing.

23 Lovely day. Went to shore in forenoon and stayed til 1.30, went to Rustico. Ham taking the wood down from back field.

24 Just one perfect day all day. Ham here at wood. Aunt Sadie went to Alecs in afternoon. YPS at church.

25 Another lovely day but raining at bed time. Mother down for the day and took Aunt Sadie up with her to-night. Called to see Mrs Albert.

Baby girl at George Clarkes

26 S. Rained quite a lot to-day but we went to Carleton and came home via Wilmot and brought Jean Caseley with us. Church at Kensington to-night. Rally Day service in Cavendish.

27 Lovely day. Washed in AM. Had five men extra for dinner. Mr Forsythe here most of afternoon and Ethel Rankin & family. WCTU meeting at Church tonight.

Charles Schurman

28 Thrashed this forenoon. Had 13 men extra for dinner. Mr Hurst out from town treating poison ivy. Went to town in afternoon but missed seeing Lord Tweedsmuir. Had tea at Enid and came home in pouring rain. Mr Forsythe brought out the piano.

29 Rained most of day and night. No men for dinner. Choir practice and Executive meeting at Church.

30 Finer to-day and lovely evening. Anita and Jean took Annie to Carleton to funeral and brought Margaret and kiddies up. Men here for dinner.

Oct 1 Cool to day but fine until 5 PM. Raining to-night. Three men for dinner. Anita went to Kensington on the bus and Margaret went over to her Mothers. Girls did not go to Group.

2 Cold showery day. Girls took car to town for repairs, Jean & Margaret went with them. Made sweet mustard pickles. Cold to-night. Eric Bell here for the evening.

3 S. Baby Pats 2nd birthday. Reuels out for dinner. Margaret and Kiddies over for supper. Went to U Church. Miss Wood sang and Mr Moore. Went to New Glasgow to hear the Male Choir give a musical program. ‘Twas grand. Very bright northern lights.

Prof S N Robertson of P.W.C

4 Nice day. Anita & I ate too many grapes and were pretty sick. Rest of gang went to Kensington to hear a Darky sing hymns.

5 Nice day, warm but blowing. Washed in AM, and we went to Rustico for fish. In bed, feeling rotten. CGIT organized. Rev Ewen McDougald died.

6 Very warm, rained in afternoon. In bed until evening then went down to hear the National Sing Song broadcast from Ch. Town and the Election returns from Ontario. Liberals have a large majority.

7 Thunder in early morning and showers all day. Cleared up for a little while. Fencing going on.

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**October 1937**

8 Fine and colder. Girls busy in forenoon. Six extra for dinner. Reggie McNeill came for Aunt Sadie. YPS at Rustico Church. Girls heard that Mrs Wallace Toombs had been killed in car acccident. She was very badly hurt instead of killed. Hip broken.

Heavy frost

9 Pretty nice day. Men here for dinner. Dad, Anita & PJ went to Charlottetown in afternoon. Fencing started at the back of farm.

10 Lovely day. No church in Cavendish. Ernest and I had a grand walk to very back of farm. Anita & PJ went with Eric Bell to Keith’s and to Church in S. Side. Mrs Hammond McKenzie and Charlie here until midnight.

11 Washed. Rained and blowing gale. Mrs Paterson & Douglas blew in about 2 o’clock. The worst storm in years.

12 Mr Paterson came to Georges and Nan took Mrs P over. Got the clothes out in afternoon and it poured rain at night. We went into town for the evening, saw a Show “I Met Him in Paris.” CGIT at Church.

13 A nice day all day. Inspector at school. Four park men for dinner. In the evening we went to Rustico. Called on the new baby at Freds.

14 Nice day. Five men for dinner. Went to S. Side in afternoon. Fencing going on full swing. John Myers up to-night.

15 Just one miserable day all day. Snow and rain and altogether dirty. YPS at Chester Woolners. Gordon and Elmer took Lorraine & Anita. PJ went with Mr Tillie.

16 Fine to-day but still cold. Got a big dinner ready and not a man came to help eat it. No news.

17 Went to Carleton in afternoon and to Bedeque Baptist Church at night. I stayed down. Wild duck for dinner at 5:30 PM.

18 Started the new Bath house at the shore. The fencing going on. Keith grading potatoes all the week. Poured rain most of Sunday the 24th and Dad

26 Pauline, Anita & May Alec came down for me. Keith and Margaret went to S. side and I came home with them. CGIT meeting here to-night. Keith had been to Dr Simpson and is getting ready to go to Halifax Friday.

27 Lovely day again. Four park men here for dinner. Girls went to town after dinner. Wesley Smiths sale in afternoon. Keith in for a little while. Went down to Roy Lairds for chickens.

28 Nice day but pouring rain to-night. Just had Mr Ross here for dinner. Ellice over in afternoon. Ham sold his cows and we went to South Rustico for him. Adult Education meeting at Jerry Simpsons.

29 Just a perfect day after the terrible rain of last night. Anita and Mrs Tillie left for Halifax this morning. Girls getting ready for a Halloween social here tomorrow night. No YPS at Rustico and no company for weekend as was planned. Ham here this evening.

30 Lovely morning but raining by noon. Three men here for dinner. Halloween party here at night. Blowing and colder.

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**October-November 1937**

31 Cold day, blowing. Enid & Reuels out and kids. Marguerite Graham here to supper. U Church at night. Ralph Conner, Rev Chas Gordon dead.

Nov 1 Cold day. Washed, ironed. Farewell time for Wesleys at night.

2 Nice day, blowing hard to-night. Nothing special doing. O Hanley finished hauling posts. Dance at Prestons.

3 Not too bad a day. Five men here for dinner when we expected one. Ernest went to town with Ross.

4 Nice day, cool. Mr McKay brought Ernest home at noon. Choir practice here to-night, maybe two came.

5 28A. Hard frost, down to 26 last night. Headache. Girls and Margaret Howell went to S. Side with Mr Tillie. Dad and I all alone.

6 Nice day, rained a little but work went on just the same. Four men for dinner. Anita got home to-night. Keith does not have to have an operation. No ulcers or gall bladder trouble. Raining to-night.

7 Nice day but quite cold. Took the car and family to S. side to church in AM to Harry Linkletters after Church and home at 8.15 PM. Snow flying to-night.

8 Nice day, not so cold, raining to-night. Washed. Ham and Edward here for day, ploughing and banking house. Went with Pauline to Rustico to Ben Woolners for evening.

9 Very warm, cloudy, showery. Earl here to dinner & Ham to supper. Took our donation for the west over to Manse.

Ramsay Macdonald died at sea on trip to South America

10 Lovely early but clouded over and colder. Three men here for dinner. No news.

11 Snow on the ground this AM and blowing hard and cold all day. Knitting. Ernest working about buildings.

Herbert Simpson

12 Lovely day all day. Men here for dinner. Went to shore in afternoon. Found purse with $2 in it. Heard that Herbie Simpson is dead. He has been in an Asylum in Vancouver for almost a year, ten months anyway. YPS at church.

13 Another gorgeous morning. Helped Ernest burn brush. Went to town in evening, the five of us. 1st baby at Mr Quigleys.

New girl Mr Quigleys

14 Went to United Church this morning and home the rest of day. Pouring rain most of day.

15 Poured rain all last night and all day to-day. Ham here to dinner. Road must be a mess to-day. Made me a apron today and Dad made a box for Nan, hope chest.

16 The third day of rain and did it ever rain, just steady all day long. Finer to-night. Made another apron and finished a pair of stockings for Ina.

17 Just one perfect day. Girls washed. Had six men for dinner. Cut out my dark print house dress. Institute at night at Townsend McNeills. Anita and Mrs Fleming re-elected Pres. and Secy.

18 Pouring rain again and blowing and cold. Eased up a little by 12 o’clock. Anita took us to the funeral. The mill road bad. A very large funeral, Masonic. Mrs. Dr. Stewart Simpson came home with the remains.

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**November-December 1937**

19 Nice day, colder. Baked & churned and sewing. Ernest and Anita went to Hunter River in afternoon. Annie Moore and Bobbie here for a little while. YPS at Stanley Church.

20 Fine in morning but chill started to snow at noon and turned to rain and has been raining hard for hours. No news. Ernest has sciatica pretty bad.

21 Fine day but ground very wet. I walked to shore in forenoon. Found 10c. Baptist Church in afternoon. We females went to Church at night in Stanley.

22 Nice day. Got washing out by 10.30 and had 5 men extra for dinner. Ernest & Pauline went to Rustico at night, took car. Freezing.

23 20A this morning. Wind cold. Lorraine went to Rustico school in afternoon. Anita in bed with cold. Ham has about finished collecting for the cemetery.

24 28A this morning. A chill wind. Four men for dinner.

25 Nice day. Mr Wes Coles & George McCoubrey here moving the little cottage for Mr Paterson. We started for Carleton, got as far as Austins and turned back. Snow on ground and very slippy.

26 Nice day, milder. Snow gone. Men got cottage almost all the way. YPS at Church. Dad and I went up to see Mrs Hammond and Charlie. Raining when we came home.

27 Cloudy & mild to-day. Mr Coles stumping in the new cemetery plot. Dad and Anita went to Hunter River for a box of six pheasants Ring-necked and we let them out back Lovers Lane. Roads bad.

28 Fine and dark, roads bad. Home all day. Girls went to United Church at night.

29 Very mild, 50A to-night. Rained most of day and stopped outside work. Felix Buote here this afternoon. Jamie Moffat of New Glasgow aged 77 yrs.

Jamie Moffat

30 Just a perfect cloudless day. Girls washed. Ernest has men in woods clearing up dry wood. I walked over to Ellices in afternoon. Aunt Maud’s birthday.

Father

Dec 1 25A. Lovely day. White frost. Choir practice here at night. Mr & Mrs Ben Woolner and Earl McLure here in evening also Charlie & Mrs McKenzie.

2 Another lovely day. Went to Carleton in evening. Cold.

3 NE. Grey day. Ernest has men in woods. Anita took Mrs George Clark and Winnilea[?] and Gladys over to Hunter River. Y.P.S at Church. Got barrel of apples from Murray.

4 30A N.E. Blowing a gale all day. Girls and Ham got away to town early and had a big day. So had I.

5 S. Snowing and blowing. Not very cold. Turned to rain before noon and poured the rest of day.

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**December 1937**

6 34A. night. Cloudy all day. In bed until noon. Three men extra for dinner beside Ham. Cleared up this evening and freezing at 10 PM. Letter from Peggy.

7 40A. Too dirty to wash. Expected men but they didn’t come. Mr McKay here in afternoon also Mr McLarren. Men work at Bath house.

8 Washed. Cloudy in forenoon but cleared up lovely. No frost. Roads terrible. Very little travelling. Bobbie brought a wagon.

Keith 28 years old today

9 Poured rain all day. No work done here in woods. No news. Anita went over to see Ellice in afternoon.

10 Very nice day. Ernest has a clean up crowd in the woods. In bed until noon. Anita went to Hampshire with Frank Houstons to Gertrude Acklands wedding. YPS at Church.

Gertrude Ackland & Wilbur Willis Married

11 Just a perfect day. Ernest cleaning rubbish out of woods back the lane. Made Christmas fruit cake. Roads bad.

12 Snowing this AM. No frost. Family went to church. wrote to Lottie Simpson and Marion.

13 Blowing a gale and some snow flying. Washed. no news. Men still clearing and burning brush. Anita in bed most of day.

Anita 26 today

14 Still snowing and blowing. Ernest went to Rustico for meat. Road bad. Ham here this evening.

15 Grey day with a little snow flying. Blowing hard. Men in bush clearing and burning. Institute at Jerrys. Eric Bell here this evening.

16 Nice morning. Jim Warren drove our car and took us to town. Road rough to Rustico but pavement good.

not cold

17 Rather dirty but not cold. Snowed most of afternoon but cleared up at night and a very beautiful night out side. Dad & I went to Alecs for evening.

18 Lorraine taught school to-day. The men had to stop work in afternoon as it was snowing and very dirty. Rained hard before night. Girls scrubbed the school. Charlie & David here to practice.

19 Nice day, not cold. Anita took the car to church in afternoon. Harry McKenzie & wife here before & after church. Ellice & Austin here & Fred & Hester in evening. Little Ronnie Blacquire died in Hospital. Amos is in the woods in Quebec.

Ronnie Blacquire

20 Dad & I went in to Tennis’s in morning. Dad found the ringed neck male partridge remains back in woods. Had been killed by hawk or owl. Choir practice. Gordon here. Not washing this week. Very cold to-night.

21 6 above. Frosty. Pauline in for her lesson to Lewis Toombs and Anita & Dad went to Rustico, took car. Got a quarter of pork. Girls busy with Christmas stuff. Lots of mail.

22 Lovely day, not very cold. Jim Warren & Anita went to town. McKay & Sutherland here for dinner. Examination and concert at night.

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**December 1937-January 1938**

23 Busy day all day getting ready for YPS Christmas tree. Turned colder in evening and snow flurries. About thirty here. Our box of books at the Station. 39 cards came to day.

24 Snowed a little all day and blowing. Got house snugged up and made a big batch of doughnuts. Took the battery and anti-freeze out of car. The goose is ready for the oven. Good radio program to-night, listening to Vancouver.

25 30A. Nice Christmas day with plenty of sun and snowing all day. No wind and the trees perfectly lovely. Very little frost. May and Alec up to dinner. Ernest miserable with sciatic. Heard the Kings message at 11 AM. Charlie McKenzie, Annie & Edward Lowther in evening. Marions letter came at noon. 123 Christmas cards came.

Wind east

26 Blew hard last night and still snowing a little today. Ernest pretty bad with sciatica. Charlie took the girls to church. Not many there. Still snowing.

27 Ernest in bed good and solid. Girls did the work. Anita has a party here to-night. Rough night.

28 Not a bad day, a lot of snow down just like down. Girls washed a big washing. Dad a little easier. Marguerite, David and Ham here this evening. Blew hard in the night.

Colder

29 2A. Much colder and getting colder all day until it went to 2 above at night, and blowing a gale. Got pretty lame[?] so we are moving Dad down stairs to-morrow.

30 2B and a lovely bright day. Good to see some sunshine. Charlie McKenzie in this AM.

31 3B and kept that way all day. Just zero at midnight. Ernest not so well today. Bitter cold. YPS at Austins.

Jan 1 5 above but bitter cold in morning. Moderated during day and 20 above at night. Ernest not a great deal better. Very tired of bed. David came and took the girls up to Charlies to practice.

2 S. Snowed and rained and blowing hard all day. No church anywhere. Annie & Lowell in for a little while to-night. Ernest better to-day.

3 14A Pretty nice day. Girls washed & I churned. Blew hard but very nice afternoon. Charlie & Ham here at time. Ernest Winnie & John over in the evening.

4 26A and just a perfect day. Ernest feeling much better. Got our box of books from Aunt Maud. Pauline went for her lesson to Lewis Toombs. Finished my white shawl. CGIT at Manse. Milton Green here this evening.

5 30A. Raining in the morning. Some of men came to saw and ‘twas too wet. Got started in afternoon and didn’t do much. Mr Tillie called. Tired to night. Mr McLaren died in Hospital.

WA MacLaren

6 16A. Lovely day all day. Not a cloud and calm. Men tried to saw wood but Prestons engine wouldn’t work. Got Freds. Got word to-night of Mr McLarens death.

7 Men here at wood. Finished the pile out here. Started snowing in afternoon and rained at night. Girls did not get to Group.

8 38A. Thawed a lot and has settled the snow a lot. Got up and put on fires and turned into bed with sore back. Ernest a little better.

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**January 1938**

9 S. Fine and colder. The girls walked to church. Wind cold and blew harder by night and was 12 above. Marguerite here for dinner.

10 2B. Bitter cold morning. Ernest better to-day but feeling pretty rotten myself. Girls busy all day trying to keep house warm and with the work to do.

11 Wind moving but not blowing so hard and very fine. Moonlight nights and Pauline had a skate before and after CGIT at Manse. Lewis and Cora Toombs here in evening.

Malones house burned

12 10 above and a lovely day all day. Nero went walking and the girls went to Herb McEwens for him. Dr Mellish over in afternoon and Miss Cameron with him. Practice at Johnstons and Rink at Stanley. Jas O’s Jerrys and Lem Wyands at ice which is around 12 inches thick. Cecil has Myron Brintons Cottage hauled and men working at Earls house getting it moved. Malone getting Alf Moores house. Lovely night.

Zero at night

13 Zero. Heavy white frost and chill. Ernest better. Chill east wind. Ham here in afternoon. Not so frosty.

14 24A at one time today, down in evening. Ernest got out a little while. Mr Tillie called. YPS at Lewis Toombs. Girls drove.

15 8 above this morning and 10 above to-night. Ernest out more to-day. Pretty sore, me. Got room fixed up in spare room with two beds. Gordon here this evening.

16 S. 6 above in AM and 4A at night. Lovely day all day. Girls walked to church in afternoon. Mr Quigley and Robbie & Annie and Margaret Moore called. Sing song at night at Mrs Johnstons. Gorgeous moon light.

17 6 above. Quite a cold day. Girls washed and went to Rink at Stanley at night. Hockey game Stanley & French River. Score 5 x 2 for French River. Ham here all the evening & Edward.

18 Zero this morning, cold north wind. Ernest has men working at ice. Bitter cold night. CGIT here to-night.

Bernice LePage

19 2 below but a perfectly clear bright day. Finished ice at home and at Lowthers. Institute at Olaf Stevensons. Nita & PJ took Mrs Lowther, 12 above to-night.

20 8 above this AM and 14 this evening. Just another perfect day. Ernest went for drive up to Alf Moores. Anita went up for Mrs Hammond at noon.

21 16 above. Ernest & Pauline went to town in afternoon. Light snow flurries that didn’t amount to much. YPS at Manse. Big fighting bout in NY between Tommy Farr & Jim Bradock. The latter won out.

22 8 above. Just another perfect winter day but wind cold. Girls went over to see Ham but he wasn’t home. Pauline got a new coat & Dad got a leather one and a pair of high boots. They had a nice time in Town. Quite frosty to-night. Boston Bruins 9. Maple Leafs 1.

Some Hockey game

23 S. 2 above. Nice day. Church in afternoon. Sing song at Lewis Toombs. Pretty cold but very bright.

24 Could not move this morning or all day. Cloudy but milder. Girls washed & churned.

25 42 above Dad went to Hunter River with the Aunt Maud bedroom furniture for Marion. Kept pretty quiet. CGIT at Mary McNeills. Letter from Mr McKay referring to Mrs Wyand & ice at shore.

26 Around 40 above and the snow nearly all gone off the fields. Still in bed. Chior practice at Mr Johnstons.

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**January-February 1938**

27 Froze this morning. Temp 28A this AM and 24A PM. Anita left for Carleton. Cyril Smith took her up. Dad has a cold.

28 8A this morning and 4A to night. Got down stairs today and was glad to get up to bed again. Group at Manse. Perfect day.

29 Just a lovely day all day. The girls got their work done early. Milder. Didn’t attempt to go down stairs.

30 A nice day. Wind south east and a little chill. Blew a gale at night. Baptist Church at night and sing song at Fred Clarkes.

31 43. Blowing a gale and thawing like smoke. Poured rain in afternoon. Ham here to dinner. The Alf Moore barn blew down that Bruce Graham is hauling. Snowing to-night.

Feb 1 14A A pretty nice day but cold. Dad & Pauline washed & PJ went for her music lesson and Dad went to Lems in afternoon. Ham here for evening. CGIT here.

12B at Hunter River at night

2 2B here and 10B at Hunter River this morning. Dr Mellish came over. Cars running to Rustico and from Ch. Town to O’Leary. Very cold night, the coldest so far this winter. Up and downstairs in afternoon.

3 8B this morning. Head bad all day. Mr McKay & Ross walked up from Rustico and landed here for dinner. Pauline busy. Ernest up as far as Alf Moores and took the men down to Rustico. Choir practice at United Church Wind SE tonight and very chill. Snowed before midnight.

4 40A and poured rain for hours. Cleared up some and wind came around to NW. Freezing a little tonight. Eric Bell called for girls to go to Group at Manse. Ernest took another load of wood to Earl Simpson.

5 16A Perfect winter day. Ernest down to Alec’s and Lornes in the morning and up to the mill in afternoon Lorraine & Pauline went to New Glasgow to rink. Got home 1:40 AM. Roads icy. Maple Leafs & B. Bruins at Toronto 4.1.

6 38 at noon and thawing again. The rest went to Church in AM and I made a pudding and potato scallop for dinner. Feeling better. Ernest has gone over to see Austin Laird. He got his head cut a while ago and then fell through the loft. Sing song at Charlie McKenzies.

7 30. Colder and snowing a little all day. Two of our pheasants were eating corn that Ernest put out under the trees. Feeling pretty rotten all day. Colder at night.

8 14 above this morning and drifting. Ernest drove Lorraine over to school this morning and took PJ into Lewis Toombs for her music lesson. CGIT here at night. Ham and Milton here. Party at Frank Houstons. Pauline went.

9 10 above and very calm and fine. Dad & Pauline washing. Not feeling too good. Ernest went to Hunter River for Anita. Choir practice to Alfred Moores. Cloudy at night.

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**February 1938**

10 18A this AM and 10 above to night and by far the worst storm of the winter, so far. North east to north wind. Dad took Lorraines dinner to the school and went for her around 2 o’clock. Bobbie came, hasn’t missed a day so far.

11 2A and did not go higher than 6 above to-day. A bitter cold day and drifting hard until evening. Dad put the school fire on but no one could get anywhere. Big banks and bare ground.

No mail & no school

12 10A and not so windy. Ernest shoveling snow all the forenoon. Some high banks in places and a lot of bare ground. Charlie McKenzie down in evening. Terrible storm in English Channel last night.

13 20A. Nice morning. Marguerite here before I had my breakfast. 10A tonight. Baptist Church in afternoon. Dad & I went into see Mrs Charlie Wyand. Sing song at Ira McCoubrey.

14 10A this morning and snowing a little all day. Wind NE & E. 8A to night. Girls invited up to Fred Clarks. No news. Ernest took No. 3 loads of wood to Earl Simpsons.

15 2A. Bright day but cold wind. Anita went over to help Ellice. Ham here for a while in afternoon. CGIT here to-night. Mrs Tillie over. 11 below at night.

16 11B this morning 20B at Hunter River. Ernest went to Rustico this forenoon with the battery. Got 20 lbs beef. Institute at Ira McCoubreys tonight. Very frosty.

17 4B. Bright and cold all day. Anita over at Austins in afternoon. Dad & I went to Lem’s and to Johnstons for him to get his hair cut. Lorraine has bad cold. They didn’t go to Church Practice.

Serious times in Europe this week. Hitlers speech made quite a sensation. Anthony Eden resigns as Foreign Secy.

18 10A. Milder through the day but a bleak chill wind all day. Ernest was up to Earls in afternoon. Group at Ern McNeills CGIT had the program. Social night. Snowing at night.

19 20A. A lovely looking morning with a frost white blanket over everything. Very nice afternoon. Wilbert Wright and Martha Ling arrived about 3 o’clock. Anita & PJ went to Stanley Rink. 4 below zero when they came home.

20 4B. Perfectly gorgeous morning with heavy white frost covering every thing and not one breath of wind. Church (United) in afternoon Ernest and I spent the evening at Lorne McNeills. Pretty frosty.

21 10A. Fine but pretty cold. Girls washed. Anita hooking in afternoon. Everyone anxious about the state of affairs in Central Europe. Anthony Edens resignation has caused quite a stir in England and world wide.

22 2A this morning. Perfectly clear all day. Dad & I went down to see Alex & May this afternoon. CGIT at Ern McNeills.

23 Cloudy this morning but a nice mild day. Got up to 30A. Anita went up for Mother this afternoon. The three pheasants here this afternoon. Chior practice here to-night.

24 Fine day but chill east wind all day. Blowing hard to night. George Clark, Sadie and Charlie here for the evening.

25 10A. East wind and chill. Not much doing. Ham here in afternoon. Edward went to Bay View for Vivian Howatt. YPS at Jerry Simpsons.

26 Zero this morning but very fine and a perfect day. CGIT girls went to Stanley Rink for a skate to-night. Dad & I alone. Anita fell on ice and hurt her wrist.

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**February-March 1938**

27 S. Just a perfect day. Temp up to 32. Had a walk in forenoon. Girls went over to Mrs Lowthers after dinner. Baptist Church at night.

28 30A and snowed quite a lot. Pauline washed but we didn’t put out the clothes. Very dirty day but not blowing. Wind East.

March 1 14A and blowing harder this morning and wind more north. Bright day but wind very cold. Alvah McNeill lost another horse. Tough luck to lose two inside of three days.

2 4B and a grey day and cold again to-night. Roads heavy. Got another male pheasant to-day, this one from NB. CGIT at Alfred Moores. Robie came up for the girls.

3 2B this morning and 10B to-night and is it cold. Ham here for dinner and Ernest down to Lorne McNeills helping them start their sealer. Terrible floods in Southern California. Cecil Simpson has jaundice.

4 14B here, 26 at Hope River, 22 at Simpson Bells. Pretty cold day but cloudless. Ernest went to Hunter River this afternoon. Going to O Leary to-night. YPS at Milton Greens.

Womans World Day of Prayer

5 2 above and went up to 30 but down again to 20 at night. Snowing by supper time. PJ went to Stanley with Marguerite but got home before dark. Edward over.

6 S. 33 above this morning but turned colder by noon. No one went to Church from here. Quiet day.

7 10 above and a glorious day but walking terrible. Lorraine had to break her road to school and the crust made it very hard. Committee meeting here and WCTU at Arties. Bad roads, heavy.

8 Lewis Toombs and the girls are away to CGIT at Milton Greens and a practice for St. Patricks social at Aflred Moores. Got quilt patches from MacNamaras.

Hon Peter Sinclair

9 5 below this morning and kept cold all day. Charlie went up to Hunter River for Ernest. Practice at Charlie McKenzies to-night.

10 4B and cold all day, more like January than March. Ernest went down to Alec’s for a quarter of pork. Robbie up in the evening to practice and Winks the kitten went home with him.

11 12 below and was it cold. Feeling better to-day. Charlie Anita and Lorraine went to Town this evening. Pauline went to Stanley to YPS with Marguerite. Serious trouble in Austria. Government taken over by Nazis.

12 32A. Hitler in Austria to-day and the Germans have taken charge. A lovely day. Peter Sinclairs funeral to-day, service in Ch Town, will be buried in Summerfield to-morrow. Girls had a nice trip to Town. Robbie took them down to practice.

13 S. 33 A but a chill wind. Girls went to church in afternoon. Quiet day.

14 12A. But bitter cold and blowing. Girls washed in AM. St. Patricks social at Manse. Cold night. Hitler in Vienna. Pauline 18 yrs old. Two feet of snow on level. No break.

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**March 1938**

15 8A. Blowing and cold all day but cloudless all day. Not feeling very good. Bad cold. Dialogue practice here. Went to bed early.

16 Not so cold to day and feeling better. Went over to see Ellice in forenoon. She had been so miserable this winter. Ernest Anita and I went to Institute at Ben Woolners.

17 Nice day but chill East wind. Ernest & I went up to see Mrs Hammond. Girls went to rink at Stanley to-night.

18 32A. Cloudy and rained most of day and froze on to everything in evening. No Group. Edward over in evening. Heard Joseph Kennedy speaking from London in afternoon and Lord Tweedsmuir at night. Shirley Moffat has a new sister.

At Davis Moffats a girl No. 2

19 32A. A continuation of yesterdays weather. Some of the ice dropped off of the trees. Bobbie Smith sick, gall stones.

20 44A. The warmest day for a long time and the snow has settled a lot to-night and its still going. All the family went to church.

a baby girl Willard Nichols - Margaret Pearl

21 Rained a lot to day and the snow has had a bad scare and is on the run to the brook. Ernest drove Waine back and forth to and from school. We spent the evening at Freds.

22 Not a nice day. Blowing a gale from North & N. East. Girls washed and ironed. CGIT here in evening and a taffy pull.

23 A nice day all day. Thawing pretty fast in afternoon. Ernest took me over to Ern McNeills in afternoon and in the evening we went down to Alfred Moores. Choir practice here. Roads pretty bad.

24 54A. Feeling rather rotten. Anita working at her spread. Pauline finished hooking her first mat. A Scotty dog. The brook very high. Ernest had to drive Waine to school.

25 34A. Very fine and did not thaw a great day. Fields bare but plenty of snow in roads yet. Group at George McCoubreys. Girls walked.

26 Very fine day and wind east and cold all day but thawing a little. Ernest closed gaps in fields and the church hill was broken out and our lane. Gordon here in evening.

27 S. Not a nice day at all, a cold east wind. Stayed in bed until afternoon. Tennis & wife here this evening. Baptist church. Ice is solid in Gulf.

28 Wind east. Cold wind all day. Did not wash. Mary Graham and Myrons and Ced Simpson here for evening to WCTU, but did not have meeting.

29 East. Lovely day. Girls washed. Ernest went to Rustico for meat, Nan went up to see Mrs Hammond McK and had supper at Freds. Lorne and Mary up in evening. Had a nice tumble off the door step.

30 Another lovely day but cold east wind. Had my first walk for a long long time.

31 Cloudy, wind south and chill. Ham here in afternoon for supper & milk. Roads bad, too much snow in places & bare ground.

April 1 Pouring rain and warmer. Should help to clean up snow. YPS at Prestons to-night. Mr Tillie took Nan. Foggy and misty tonight. Bobbie had a wagon.

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**April 1938**

2 Fine day, no frost last night. Men shoveled out hills to-day. Mrs Wyand has a real letter in Patriot to-day. She will not budge. Knitting a little suit for Ian.

3 Ground white and everything else. Soft snow. The family went to Church but not me. Walking bad. Not many out. Ellice came over in afternoon. Mrs Wyand has been giving the Government fits and is getting something to think about.

4 Just a lovely day and the snow disappeared in the afternoon. Ernest getting ready to saw wood. Marions letter came and I wrote to her this evening. Girls washed and cleaned the dining room. Charlie had Gypsy for afternoon.

5 Lovely morning and fine all day but wind came around east and cold in afternoon. Men had a good day sawing wood. CGIT at Ernest McNeills. Mrs Wyand had another epistle in Guardian.

6 Light snow fell this morning. Wind North East and North and cold all day. Still sawing wood. Anita and Lorraine went to Sunday School meeting at Church.

7 Fine day but cold and snow not going very fast this week. Finished the wood sawing. Ham here and I had to spoil his fun for not letting him talk politics. Got the hockey again and cheered for the Maple Leafs.

Started house cleaning

8 Bitter cold all day East wind. Lorraine sick but taught until 2:30. Cleared S. west room. Group at Church.

9 What a miserable day. Wind SE. Snow, hail and rain. Lorraine got up but was glad to turn up her toes again. Anita stitching a quilt together. Charlie & Jim came down to practice at night. Keith has another carbuncle no. 5.

10 S. Edward Lowther 18 today. Still snowing. If it keeps up we will have good sleighing. Anita and PJ went to church. Not many there. A very dirty day. Went to bed early. Radio battery almost done. Waine better.

11 16 above and north west gale. Girls washed. Wind came to SW and gave the ice in the Gulf a push off. Ernest and I went to Alec in evening. Blowing a gale.

12 Temp 40 A this morning. Joe Stewarts house burned to the ground at 1 AM. Dark day and raining. Fine at night and freezing a little. CGIT at Manse.

13 Cloudy and East wind. Quilting Anitas dahlia quilt. Ernest down as far as Charlie McKenzies old place in forenoon and up to Freds in evening. Edward over this evening.

14 Quilting. Rained most of day but cleared up lovely in evening. Robbie here in evening also Thelma and Gordon F.

15 Fine to-day but foggy. Got Anitas quilt out and Waines in. Group at Church to-night.

Good Friday

16 Lem Wyands store burned up early this morning. Rather a mystery. Fine day but wind East and cold. Anita and I went over to Austins, walked. Freezing again to-night. Roads still very bad. Annie Lowther home for Easter Holidays.

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**April-May 1938**

17 Easter Sunday. Lovely morning but radio reception very poor. United Church in afternoon. All the family ‘cept me went. Margaurite Graham here from Church. Mrs Houston died of cancer.

Mrs Wellington Houston

18 54A. Rainy day at times and raining hard to-night. Made out our seed order to-night. Finished Lorraines Dresden plate quilt. Ernest cleaning up chip yard.

19 56A. Raining in morning but very mild. House cleaning spare room west bed room and our bedroom. Nero away for the night. Annie and Alfred Moore here for Evening.

20 70A. Very lovely day, warm and a good breeze. Girls did a big washing and painted the wood work of Kitchen and I cleaned my little bed room. Mrs Ed Graham & Margaurite, Earl Simpson. Mrs Fred and George Clarke here in evening.

21 Cooler this morning, raining, but cleared up and wind came around cold. Girls finished Kitchen and I finished the landing and me.

22 Not quite so cold. Ernest & I cleaned back porch and the girls ironed and baked and scrubbed and waxed floors. Group at Church to-night. Eric Bell down. Saw first truck come out of Mayfield road and go east but not far.

23 Cold wind but not a bad day and drying up. Girls scrubbed school and finished cleaning upstairs. Cemetery meeting and choir practice here tonight. Girls walked to shore to-night and found silver bar pin.

24 S. Lovely day all day. Sunday school. Marguarite here for dinner. Girls went for Mayflowers but they are very scarce. B. Church at night. Ernest and I walked to shore. Cars on the road to-day.

25 South east wind, not very warm. Cleaning house yard and Dad took banking away and burned a lot of rubbish. Ham here to dinner, and Robbie here this evening. Charlie had Gypsy this morning to Rustico.

26 Still damp and cloudy. Rained last night and this AM. Ernest and I went to Rustico and around by Wes Rollings and Park Fence. Had supper at Alecs. CGIT in Manse.

27 Cloudy in forenoon and rained in afternoon. Washed and ironed and Institute at Mrs Ernest MacNeills. Not many there, we walked over, very dark.

28 32A. Miserable day, fog, mist and cold east wind. Got first herring from Jimmy Doiron to-night. Play practice here.

29 Still cold and very little sunshine to-day. Not doing much extra. Too cold to do anything outside. Ball game on school grounds and YPS at Church.

30 Rained hard most of day and cold. Roads bad. Practice at hall for concert. Robbie & David & Charlie here afterwards. Ham here to supper.

May 1 Fine morning but wind cold and rained by 5PM. All the family went to church. CGIT girls had their Service. Quiet day, no company. Went to bed early.

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**May 1938**

Robert Lamont died.

2 Lovely fine day for a change but turned cold in afternoon. Out all day. Girls washed and cleaned car and got it out. Preston here for dinner. All went to bed early. Tired.

got car out

3 Fine morning wind north and cold. Planted hot bed and sweet peas and some lettuce. Concert at Hall at night and Tex Cochrane sang. We took him back to town after the show. Made $35.00 at concert.

4 Cold wind and blowing hard all day. Mr McKay came to dinner. We went to town for car license 2-841. Had supper at Enids. Car working very good.

5 Cold grey day with snow flurries. Ernest planted early potatoes. Put Lorraines wedding ring quilt in frames. Oliver Bernard here for supper. Snowed and rained in evening. Mrs Phemie[?] Marshall.

Mrs Marshall

6 53A and as cold as ever. Foggy and bitter cold wind all day. Quilting and Ernest and Anita transplanted some perenials and nearly froze. Group at BB Grahams.

7 Fine in morning. Girls and Mrs Lowther went to Carleton in forenoon and brought Keith and Ina home at night. Had Mother down for day and it rained at night so she couldn’t get home.

8 Bitter cold and fog in morning but cleared off in afternoon. Norman McFarlane brought Ellice, Margaret, and Annie and Louise up so we were together for dinner except Marion. Reuels out for first time to-day. Going to church at Stanley tonight.

Mother’s Day

Softball going strong.

9 Nice morning, cold but sun shining. Girls washed. Afer dinner we went to Summerside in afternoon and Kensington at night. Took Mr & Mrs Tillie. Had a nice day and got home around midnight.

10 Still cold. Ernest opened up Bonnell House and Helen and Annie Earl Simpson cleaning it. Quilting in afternoon. D[?] Keeping at school. Dad and I went up to see Hester. CGIT here this evening.

11 Not too bad a day. Rained a little in afternoon. Very little sunshine for three weeks. Out for a while in afternoon. Dad and I went to Rustico in evening and to Ben Woolners.

12 Nice day. Mr McKay here in afternoon. Ernest burning rubbish down in hollow and the fire took to the grass. Tex Cochrane and YP put concert on at Stanley and Nan, Waine, & Mrs Lowther took Tex to Town afterwards.

13 Quilted most of day. Poured rain in the forenoon and early morning. Brook red as mud. YPS at Church.

14 Nice day with wind south and S. West. Made marmalade. Quilted in afternoon and went to Town in evening. Pauline finished Enids sweater and took it to her.

15 S. Very dense fog in forenoon and such a downpour of rain as we have had this afternoon. No one went to church. Nice quiet restful day. Rained all night

16 and nearly all day today. Finished the wedding ring quilt. Bad roads and still raining and dark as Egypt. Girls and Edward went fishing and Elmer Pluck came back with them with a nice string of trout for lunch.

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**May 1938**

17 Just one wretched day all day with temp down to 36 and an east and NE gale and rain. Everyone fed up with the bad weather. Mrs Fred Clark very sick. Girls washed.

18 Cleared up and got wash out and ironing done. Ernest working around the place. Mrs Fred very sick and Marjorie came over and Dr. Houston here this evening. Institute at Mrs Dolph Fleming.

19 Just a lovely warm day and Ernest & I did some planting in garden, onions, shallots, parsnips, carrots, beets, and one row of beans. Sat out on swing most of afternoon. Girls walked to shore. In evening I went down to see Alec & May. Alec is sick again. They had Stevenson to-day. Choir practice here to-night. Charlie & Anita & Waine went for smelts.

20 Another lovely warm day. In bed with furious headache. Mr McKay & John Coles here in forenoon with fire notices. Nasty fire at Ernest Myers woods this afternoon. Poured.

21 rain all last night and this morning. Girls finished cleaning pantry. Anita helping at school grounds. Keith & Margaret and kiddies called for a little while. Not feeling very good.

22 S. Lovely day. Absolutely helpless in bed all day. Preaching at night. Ham pretty mad over some people fishing in pond.

23 Blowing to day. Girls washed. Gave school kids ice cream Thyra, Fred, and Jessie here for night. Girls, Anita & PJ went to Freetown.

Boy no. 2 at Ernie McLures

24 Lovely day all day. Feeling better and got up in afternoon. Alvin and Jean arrived. Mr Smart, Mr Thompson and Mr Woods here for a few days.

25 Very nice day, quite warm. Men looking over the grounds for a golf course. Mr Thompson took us to town at night, to a show. Room 18.

26 Temp 72. Another perfect day. Men busy. Mr Smart and some Gov. officials interviewing Mrs Wyand at shore. Went down to see May and Alec to-night.

27 A nice day but much cooler. Premier Campbell, Graham Towers Governor of Bank of Canada, Robert JC Stead and Mr Smart here this afternoon. The Premier got his car stuck in a spring hole over in the field. Went in to Ch. Town to hear Mr Stead and see his moving pictures of some of Canadas National Parks. Had a flat tire going in.

28 Waine 21 to-day. The three girls took Mr Thompson and Mr Wood to town this AM and put the car in garage for overhauling. Claud Graham has pneumonia and Mabel Woolner nursing him. Anita went to Kingston to visit Mr & Mrs Wilbur Willie.

29 Cloudless morning but fog clouds in afternoon and very cold wind. First tourist car to register. Church in morning. Mrs Tillie has pneumonia. Margaurite Graham here for dinner.

30 Nice day and Dad, Pauline and I did a big washing. Mr McKay here in afternoon and to supper. Mrs Wyands buildings are to be moved back from shore field.

31 A lovely day and much warmer. Ironing in morning. Had to get a new battery for car and have Preston fix it before we went to Adam Browns funeral. Took Austin Ellice and Ham. Anita got home from Wilbur Willis. Mr Quigley over after the funeral. CGIT at Church. Anita, Dad & I were up to Will Grahams and putting up fire signs on Park grounds. Then went down to Lornes and Dad and Nan went to Alecs.

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**June 1938**

June 1 A lovely warm day with the wind in almost every direction. Took a walk to the very back field in the forenoon. Smelts for dinner. Went with Dad to Rustico putting up signs (fire prevention). After supper drove to New Glasgow to see Mr & Mrs Quigley and Opal. David J. and Ira Hill here for a little while.

2 Fine day, blowing hard and cool to-night. Washed the good blankets. Anita at Will Grahams this morning. Claude is at the critical stage of pneumonia. Choir practice at Harry McKenzies. Heard to night that Bob Anderson died of heart trouble.

Robert Anderson

3 Still blowing a gale and quite warm. Feeling rotten all day. Girls washed wood work in big dining rooms. Finished garden.

4 A perfectly lovely day. Girls finished cleaning the hall. All went into Town to-night to get something for Dads sore feet. Mrs Wyand moving her Cottages to-day.

5 A lovely morning and clouded up and rained in afternoon. A dedication service in Baptist Church of a Communion Service given by the Bagnall family in honor of their Father and Mother. Reuel and Enid were out and we drove down to the shore with them. Went to New Glasgow to Christian Church. A very lovely service. Mr MacDiarmid preached and several special singers, Lena McLure, Rupert McKay, Walter Burdett, Edward Sellek, and Mr & Mrs McDermid.

6 Marions birthday. Glorious rain last night and so warm this morning. Ernest and girls setting out plants in garden. Ellice and Mr & Mrs Dolph Fleming here in afternoon. Got telegram that Ted and Anna will be here to-morrow. Play practice to-night.

7 A perfect day again. Anita & PJ washed and then went to Borden and to Keiths for dinner with Ted and Anna. An exciting evening with plenty of talking going on.

8 A lovely day and plenty doing to-day. Ted and Anna and Ernest & I went to Town this afternoon. Had a nice day and everyone sleepy and tired to-night.

9 A perfect morning and girls and Ted and Anna went to Hope River to fish. Had two cars with tourists. Mr Smart and McKay, and Gertrude Lamont here. Went to shore in evening and over to see Ellice.

10 Another perfectly lovely day, sunny and not too warm. Went to Rustico in morning and Ted got clams and Anna got a picture of her [?]. Ted cleaned the car and in evening we went to see Mary and Alec. YPU and Alden Laird and party came up.

11 Fine again and Anna, the girls and myself went to Town to see the circus. Tired to-night after a big day. Ernest & Ted had a quiet day. Tired at night.

12 Lovely day but blowing hard. Had a few cars in but had a quiet day. Quite a number of cars at shore. Enid in for ice cream. Young Peoples Service at United Church at night.

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**June 1938**

Jean Clark & John Bulman married on June 15th

13 Dark cloudy day and rained a little. Washed churned and baked bread and went down to Keiths for evening, took a bucket of clams, Mrs Lowther and Edward. Had a jolly evening.

14 Ironed in morning and Ted and Anna packing to go up west. They took me to Carleton and I stayed until Sunday the 19th. Did some sewing for Margaret and rested my feet. Dad and Anita and Charlie came down for me at night and we brought the children home with us.

20 A lovely day after a cloudy morning. Girls washed. Ted and Anna got here about 4 o’clock with a nice string of trout for supper. Went to shore for a little while but a heavy cloud came up and we just got home in time. Had a grand rain.

21 Lovely morning early but feels like frost to-night. Went to Town in afternoon. Ironed in forenoon. Got new sport shoes. Went to Mrs Alberts in evening. Tired to-night.

22 84A. Very warm day. Temp over 80 and everyone tired of heat and wind. Went to Rustico in afternoon for lobster and codfish. Mr McKay and Mrs Fred Clarke here in afternoon. Girls, Dad and Anna went to show at night in town.

Isabelle Ramsay & Errol Stetson married

23 Still very warm. Anita went to Institute Convention with Peg Tilly. Lorraine had her first music lesson from Lena McLure. Down to Alec’s in evening.

24 Still very warm and no rain tho’ cloudy part of day. Down to Rustico with Ted and Anna and to the shore. Group at shore to-night. Boiled lobsters for Gordon Fyfe. Ernest stepped on our little Tex Kitten and killed him. Feel sore and oh so tired.

25 A nice day, rained a little in Ch. Town but no much here. Lorraine Pauline Anna & I went to Town. Got my hair thined and it feels much better. Milton Green and girls up in evening. Everyone tired.

26 Poured rain this morning. Uncle Ted and Ernest went to Carleton for Keith and Margaret & Annie. None of the others came. Anita Dad & I took the kids home this evening and went to Bedeque Baptist Church.

27 Washed in morning and churned in afternoon. Anita took Mrs Fleming to Institute convention. Jack Quinns barn burned. Fortunately the Masonic hall didn’t catch. Ted, Ernest, Anna and I went to Brackley to see Gordon.

baby girl at Brampton Murray and Marion, Elaine

28 Damp air all day. East wind in afternoon. Ironing. Anna and Ted fishing. Male chorus in New Glasgow at night and the whole family went.

29 Rained hard all last night and this morning and the men of the house slept. Had 19 register to-day. Cleared up lovely in afternoon. Lorraine made herself a dress. Went down to see May and Alec about a picnic Saturday.

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**June-July 1938**

30 Busy day all day. Got up early and went to S. Side for Aunt Sadie. Ted & I went to Rustico for clams. Lorraine had her school picnic. Miss Moore and Miss Haszard here after supper.

July 1 Lovely day but hot. None of us feeling very well. Ted fishing most of day. Got letter from Murray saying they have a new girl. Went to Rustico to-night and to shore. Aunt Sadie pretty tired.

2 Grey morning and started to rain about 9 AM. We filled up two cars, took lunch and went clear to East Point and back. May and Alec and Ellice. Mrs Albert stayed with Aunt Sadie. Everyone tired at night for it rained on the way home and the road got pretty wet.

3 Rained all last night and practically all day. Gordon and Lydia Ruth and John and Bobbie here for tea. Reuels here for a couple of hours.

4 Rained again to-day. Lorraine went to Camp and Anita and Pauline were in town. Mr Wood and family arrived and Dad & Mr Wood went to Borden for Mr Henderson & Wood. Annie L. and Charlie MacFarlane here in evening. Mrs MacFerguson & Mrs Farrish here in afternoon. What a day. John McLure (Philips brother) fell from wagon and killed.

John McLure killed

5 Rather a hectic day. Mr Woods took the men to town and brought out another Woods making eight Woods for dinner as well as four others. Mrs Paterson kindly gave up her cottage for a few weeks so they are all there to-night. Very weary at night and we went to Art Henrys for the evening. Letters from Marion and Aunt Maud.

6 Mrs Paterson and Douglas here. Annual Bible Society meeting in New Glasgow. Anita took Mrs Paterson over. Several cars in. Thunder shower at night.

7 A perfectly lovely day. Ted Anna and I went to O’Leary. Stopped in S. Side. Called at Oliver McNeills. Everyone a bit weary at night and a bit sad. Lizzie is not very well.

8 Another perfect day. Busy. Went down to Keiths in afternoon and to YPS at shore at night. Mrs Paterson gave a talk for Paulines program.

9 Very busy morning. Anita took Ernest and Aunt Sadie for drive around by Rustico and Mrs Paterson to Amandas. Ted and I went to Rustico for clams etc. Anita to Clinton for strawberries. Had fried trout and mackerel for supper and a clam bake and hot sausages and rolls at night. Had the Woods family and Mr Henderson and Mr Woods. Keith and Margaret and Mr Wright and Wilbur here.

10 Lovely morning. Ted and Anna Ernest & I went to Gordons for dinner. Had supper and went to shore for evening. Lewis, Evelyn and Mrs Woolner here and Mrs McKenzie and Charlie here when we got back from shore. Terribly tired.

11 Fine, blowing a little but turned out a lovely day. Ted and Anna and Pauline left this morning for Borden and Marions. Got letter from Marion to-day. Mrs Paterson went to Town with Mr Tillie and they brought Lorraine home from Camp.

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**July 1938**

12 Nice day but cloudy and raining to-night. We did a big washing to-day. Mrs Paterson and Douglas went home. We visited with the Woods family. Douglas and Helen came along. Mr TA Crerar and wife, Premier Campbell etc. and so on called here this afternoon. Big day.

13 Rained most of night by the look of things. Finished ironing. Mr Wardle, Mr Mills, Mr Fenton, Mr Murdie & McKay here this morning and went through the house. Mr & Mrs Shirley here this evening. The girls went with Smiley kids to Carleton.

14 Lovely day. Temp up to 80 and hay dried good in afternoon. Lorraine at Mrs Lowthers for day. Quite a number in. Camp fire at shore with Smileys and Woods and Mr Henderson.

15 Raining again this morning and very warm and sticky. Elaine and Myron here to supper. The Smiley family over for a while. Quite a number in to-day. Mr Fenton & Murdie & McKay here.

16 80A. A lovely day very warm. Milton Green finished putting our hay in for Elsie and he cut some across lane. Mr Stewart of the Golf Course Branch came at night and Mr & Mrs Carse and Jimmy. Very late at night and everyone tired. Got card from Pauline and Marion and Anna.

17 Lovely day but blowing hard. Mr & Mrs Carse here until noon. Went with Myron and Elaine to Tryon and didnt get home until 11:30. Mr Stewart at Premier Campbells all day. Over 40 registered.

18 Rained a little but work started on Golf Course at 1 o’clock. Quite a number in to-day. The Carses and Smiley families with Anita & Lorraine went fishing. Ernest went with Mr Woods to Emerald etc looking for Wes Coles.

19 Very warm in morning but turned cooler and fog in evening. Busy day. Washed, 36 registered. A party from Stanhope Beach here in afternoon. Car refused to go so had Preston down. 23 men in woods to-day. Ira McCoubrey hurt his foot and had to go to Ch. Town for x-ray. Lowther boarders had supper at shore.

new potatoes

20 Cloudy muddy and very hot. Over 30 men at work to-day. Mr & Mrs Thompson and Jimmy Gibson here to-night also Mr Stewart. Quite a number in to-day. Everyone weary. First raspberries.

21 Quite warm and quite busy. Washed, ironed, etc. Not so many around to-day but quite enough. Mr & Mrs Carse over and Mrs Woods up this evening and we walked through the lanes together.

22 Started raining shortly after midnight and rained until noon and again at night. Had Mr Murdie and Jim Coles here for dinner. YPS at church tonight. Letters from Marion and PJ.

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**July-August 1938**

to Norman Woods a son

23 Showery but everyone working. Mr Smart and Mr Smith here extra for dinner. Nan came home at 2 PM and I went for raspberries. We went to Town at night, took Mrs Carse and Jimmy.

24 Blowing a gale all day. All went to Church. Lorraine took Mr Stewart up to Premier Campbells. John Myers and party here, had picnic supper back the lane. Feel very sore and aching.

25 Finer to-day and blowing hard all day. We picked about 20 qts of raspberries. Very large and plentiful. Messers Smart and Smith here for supper. Girls went over to Lings to rehearse for the wedding.

26 Hot busy day. Washed. The Thompsons and Jimmy Gibson left for Cape Breton. The Charlottetown Male Chorus putting on their concert in Hall. Gave them lunch here afterwards.

27 Lovely day all day. Very busy, surveyors here and men getting estimate on work to be done in house. Mr & Mrs Carse Jimmy and Mrs Hayden here in evening. Anita and Lorraine to Martha Lings & Wilbert Wrights wedding.

Wilbert & Martha Married

28 Just one perfect day all day. Lorraine and I as busy as usual. Had the Carse family and Mr Smith for supper. Anita took Dr & Mrs Swift and Ellice to Belfast. Had blow out and got new tire. YPS Committee meeting at night.

29 Nice day. Took the Carse family to Hunter River. Went to Town in afternoon. Got me two house dresses. Poured rain at night and all night.

30 Cloudy in forenoon but cleared up in afternoon. Just the usual Saturdays work. Anita and Lorraine helped Mr Stuart with his pay roll. 44 men on the list. Took Mr. Stuart for a drive to Rustico. New Diesel tractor arrived.

31 S. Very fine warm day. Six cars down from O’Leary and a good many people in. Took Mr & Mrs Hayden down to Alecs this evening to see Mr Hooper. Weary to-night.

Aug 1 A very nice day but very warm. Girls washed. Mr Stuart went over to Cape Breton and we are alone again for the first time since last June 7th. Went to Carleton to Wilberts shower.

2 Very tired to-day. Not so hot. Picked berries in AM. Girls went for berries in afternoon. Marion Brinton here for supper. Dr. & Mrs Fleming of Red Lion Penn. here for evening.

3 Lovely day, quite warm. Went over to the Brinton Cottage for the afternoon. The Robinsons and Mr Woods up from Tryon. A wire sent to Arthur Wright at Mattawa[?] to come at once. A lot of people around to-day.

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**August 1938**

4 Very hot day but fine. Mrs Fred here sewing for Aunt Sadie. Lizzie, May, Belle & Will and Isabelle down before dinner. Messers Smart, Smith, Fenton and Murdie here. Lorraine talking to Arthur on phone.

5 Another hot day. Girls went to Town to Mrs McLaren sale and came home with two candle sticks a cup and saucer and little bowl. Elaine over this evening. YPS at shore.

6 Very fine and hot. Wind NW. Everyone busy. Anita Ernest and Lorraine went to Dalvay in afternoon and sent wire to Arthur not to come East. Everyone weary to-night. Went to the shore for a look around. Mrs Wyand pretty snappy.

7 S. Very nice day but warm as usual. Very busy all day a great number of tourists in. 72 registered. Dr. Bonnell preached a night.

8 Nice day, girls washed and had to hang clothes at Old orchard on account of dust in lane. Took kink in my back and pretty crippled. Mima here most of day.

9 Cooler. Girls ironed and went to Borden in afternoon to meet Mildred Dondale. My back pretty bad. Girls didn’t get home until after 11 o’clock and it poured rain all the evening and night.

10 Poured in morning but cleared up for the annual Cavendish tea. Got up after dinner but should have stayed in bed. All in at night.

Cavendish Tea

11 Cloudy in morning but kept fine. YPS picnic at Darnley. Mrs Woods spent afternoon taking care of me. Anita took Mildred, Eleanor, Helen and Annie Lowther. Slept at night.

12 Not feeling very good. Mima here and Anita took her to Hunter River and to see Mrs Albert and Mrs Alec Toombs. YPS at shore at night. Rev Arthur Matheson spoke.

13 Rained in morning and work was interrupted but carried on all day. Feeling better. Chior practice at night.

14 S. Just a perfect day. Got out doors on the couch for the day. Mr & Mrs Logan and family here this forenoon. Mrs Matheson speaks at Baptist Church to-night. Quite a number registered.

15 Cloudy but very little rain. The work went on quite merrily. Up and down stairs to dinner but not able to do much. Girls washed and ironed. They went to Creek at night. Elaine over.

16 Quite warm. Girls ironed in morning and went to Town to Exhibition in afternoon. Had quite a heavy rain most of night. Worst of storm at sea. Girls got home after midnight.

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**August 1938**

17 Very hot, 84 after dinner. Ernest went to Town with Reuel. Mrs Hayden and Eleanor over and Elaine and family. We took Mildred Dondale to Hunter River and she and Mima would travel together to Sackville.

18 Just as hot to-day as yesterday. Men cutting down trees across brook and my big spruce is down to-night. Went to Town with Mr & Mrs Woods this morning. A lot of people here to day among them Peter Pat and family.

19 Very warm in forenoon but wind came around cool after dinner. The Logans left to-day for S. Side called in on their way. A great many in to-day. Mrs Herbie Bagnall and her daughter also Mary Laura and Annie. We took Aunt Sadie down to Carleton to see Jim McQuarrie and spent the evening at Keiths. Brought Ina and Louise up with us.

20 Much cooler to-day, quite a number in this afternoon among them Mr & Mrs Frank Rankin. Went to Creek to-night.

21 Lovely day but a very busy one. 85 registered. Pageant put on at United Church by Kensington Missionary society on the life of John Geddy. Sing-song here afterwards. Alone[?] Webb down with some girls. Norman Woods & Robbie Charlie and his Mother and Hester in after Church.

22 Quite warm to-day. Tractor acted up but is doing better to-night. Stuart and Hilda brought Lorraine home from Town. Mr Thompson came on late boat.

23 Things moving around here to-day and our vegetable garden rooted up. Moved our best dahlias. Ellice over in afternoon. Anita went to Kensington to-night to an executive meeting.

24 Cloudy day and rained in afternoon. Dr. Bonnell served afternoon tea. Mr & Mrs Gordon MacMillan of Cornwall here to tea. Institute at Mrs Hammond McKenzie. Ina, and Louise at Grandma Lowthers.

25 Poured rain all day, a real northeast storm. Some of the men came to work and worked until noon. The old acacia tree was cut down this morning. ‘Twas very rotten so had to go. Made marmalade and got some India relish ready to pickle. Enid and Walter here this forenoon.

26 Tractor rooted up our flower garden and piled things pretty high. Mr Thompson got us a supply of groceries and we are having a fair time with peaches and tomatoes galore. A very hectic day. Mr Smith here to dinner and the Cowan’s friends and neighbours of Aunt Mauds here to supper with Mrs Campbell. Girls didn’t go to group at night. Mrs Abb Hiscott very sick also Mrs Herb McEwen.

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**August-September 1938**

Art Woolner new boy No 1

27 Lovely day. Very busy all day. Girls took Ina and Louise over to Elaines in afternoon for a little picnic. Anita and Edward went to Carleton at night.

28 Lovely day. Anita brought Keith and Margaret up also Annie & Bev Beers. Not as many in today. Heavy surf on. Went with Anita when she took the kids home. 10 ½ lb boy at Cecils at 3 AM.

New boy no 4 Cecil Simpsons Douglas Maynard

29 A perfect day, not too warm. A huge washing again. Elaine and family here to tea. Reg McNeill went home this afternoon. Mr Tillie in this evening.

30 Very nice day. Lorraine went to Hunter River to Teachers Convention. Finished ironing. Had company. Mr Harry Brown and Eleanor. Hazel McCoubrey and Helen Woods. Mr Smith up.

31 Just a perfect harvest day and some people would finish. Mr McDoull here measuring the house again. Aunt Sadie making plans for home. Quite a number in among them the Aiten[?] ladies from Sussex. Took Mrs Lowther and went to Ben Woolners in evening. Work started over at Hams.

Sept 1 Lovely morning but rained by 2:30 PM and men quit work at 3 o’clock. Made 14 qts plum jam and a batch of Indian Relish and various other jobs. Had all the Woods for the evening.

2 43A. Fine to day and everyone on the job. Dad dug up three apple trees in old orchard. Mrs Hammond down. Went up to Rupie Simpsons in evening Gertrude Lamont down. Norman Woods & Robbie here this evening. Cold to-night.

3 Had rather a busy day. Finished up my house dress. Went car riding in afternoon and to town at night. Went to a show. Not much good. Tired.

4 S. Very busy day. Seventy registered. Stewart and Hilda here for the day. United Church at night and we called to see the Patersons afterwards. Blowing hard.

5 A nice breezy day. Had dinner with Elaine. Myron came on the early boat and they were packing up. Alvin came down and Mrs Stewart came this afternoon. The young fry went to Ben Woolners.

6 Blowing hard and quite cold but fine. Finished ironing. Anita went to Hunter River to get car fixed etc. Went down to Alfred Moores to see Mrs Norman Woods and the baby boy. Called on the Woods family who are leaving in the morning for Toronto.

7 Blowing very hard all day. Not so busy. Aunt Sadie went to Mothers for the day. We took Mr Stewart to Charlottetown and saw the picture Ebb Tide. Pouring rain all the way home.

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**September 1938**

Sept 8 Watson Fyfe and son Audrey and a LeClair drowned off Peggy Cove, NS

8 Lovely day but cold and blowing. Ernest and Earl at Rustico putting in Leigh Warrens gate. Mr & Mrs Art Woods and Ellice in this evening.

Watson and Audrey Fyfe

9 Nice day still blowing too hard to seed the greens. Mr Stewart left after dinner for Cape Breton. Parley and Daisy came down for Aunt Sadie about 6 PM so we are alone again except for a Frenchman who is here for the day.

10 Just a perfect day and Mr Norman has his greens seeded. We washed this morning. Girls went over to Austins for corn for supper. Went to town with Charlie and Robbie. Mr & Mrs Wilbur Willie have a new girl.

baby no.1 girl to Gertrude Ackland

11 A lovely day. Had a bad headache. Anita went to Brackley in afternoon. 75 registered here. Mr Quigley here in evening.

12 Another lovely day. Anita went to Town early, took Art Woods and wife. Had Miss Haszard and Miss Moore here for dinner and had a quiet afternoon. Went over to see Winnie in evening.

13 Cloudy morning and raining by 1 PM. Went to Town with Mrs Bonnell and went to a show with Enid The Girl of the Golden West. Jeanette MacDonald & Nelson Eddy. Still raining.

14 Misty to-day. Men worked all day at green across lane and various other places. Mr Smith here to dinner. Made plum jam. Eric and Elmer here this evening. Elmer brought little kitten.

15 Misty forenoon and rained hard all afternoon. Anita and I took Mrs Fleming and Mrs Doyle to Town to see about the Banquet. Premier Chamberlain was flying to Germany as a last recourse for the peace of Europe.

16 Rained hard all the forenoon. No work done here today. Anita went to Bradalbane with Mr Tillie and the two girls went to Town to-night to a party at Chester McLures. Very warm all day but cooler to night.

17 A lovely but a very busy one. Girls simonized the car. Had our Institute dinner at Old Spain and went to the Capital and saw the picture the Call of the Yukon. Lorraine took Robbie and Anita David.

18 Cloudy and quite warm. Quite a number of Islanders here in afternoon. Reuel and Enid here to supper and Walter. Church in morning, United.

19 Raining this morning, in fact rained until 5 PM. Art Woods ran the tractor but no other work done. Very warm day, temp 68 at 6 PM. Mrs Abb Hiscott died of cancer, has been very ill for a long time.

Mrs. Abb Hiscott died

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**September-October 1938**

20 A lovely day, quite warm. Washed in morning and after supper. Anita Ellice Ernest and myself went to Carleton and a duck dinner was ready when we got there. Our 33rd wedding anniversary.

Temp around 80

21 Another hot day with temp around 80 and warm at night. Situation in Europe very critical. Institute meeting at Oliver Bernards. Anita and I took Mrs Fred & Mrs Fenner to Stanley to Mrs Abb Hiscotts funeral.

22 A very nice day, not quite so hot. Nothing strange or startling happened. Went to Alec’s for a few minutes while the rest of family went to Rustico with Battery. Also to Rupert Simpsons and got squared up with him.

23 Was a nice day. Broke my teeth in morning and not feeling very good about it. Messers Smith, Murdie, McKay and Coles here for dinner so we didn’t get to Town. YPS Executive meeting at Church.

24 Gorgeous morning. Anita & I went to Town, took the Smith girls. Got my teeth fixed and bought a linoleum rug for dining room. Got radio fixed up.

Watson Fyfe buried in Summerfield

25 Much colder, showers in forenoon. Quite a number in this afternoon. Ernest and I went over the trail and Golf Course. Baptist Church in afternoon.

26 Nice day. Lorraine quite sick and Anita was in bed part of day. WCTU meeting to-night at church.

27 A very fine day. Mr Thompson arrived about 2 PM a little the worse for wear. Mr Douglas arrived too but soon left. Prime Minister Chamberlain address the Empire in his final plea for peace in Europe. Raining to-night.

28 A nice day. Anita went to Town to keep house for Mrs Bell. Lorraine taught to-day. Inspector there. Mr Thompson rather on the blink and meals at all hours. Mr Woods has taken him to Town to-night. The war situation a little more hopeful to-night. Chamberlain, Deladier, Mussolini and Hitler to get together to-morrow for a four power conference.

29 A sigh of relief and a prayer of thanksgiving to-night for the hope of peace instead of a world conflict as it would have been had Hitler marched on Checoslovakia. Fine day. Mr Woods and Mr Thompson not back yet and we wonder why.

30 Cloudy and quite cool all day and an easterly storm to-night. Mr Thompson quite sick to-day. Mr Smith here in afternoon. Mr Bert Woods here to-night.

Tillie Clark 89 years old

31 Mr Thompson in bed all day and the Woods men quite worried but he was better at night and stayed alone. Just a terrible strain.

Oct 1 Poured rain all day. Regular Nor East storm No work done. Mr. T had a walk this evening feeling quite a little better but oh so thirsty. Letters from the girls. Lorraine getting ready for Rally Service.

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**October 1938**

2 A lovely cold day. Mr Thompson kept the men busy to-day making his plans for the finish of the work up here and below the road. Rally Service in Church. Very good. Robbie Toombs address a surprise to many and very fine.

3 Frost this AM and a perfect day followed and a busy one. Mr Smith & McKay here also Miss Gillian Health Nurse and a stir around all day. Went to Creek at night.

4 Frost again this morning but a lovely day. Had Mrs Earl Simpson washing and cleaning. Everyone busy and weary to-night. Started work on Park fence.

5 Nice day. Mr Bentley and Mrs Craswell here all day getting photographs of Golf Links. Mrs Albert McNeill and Oliver Bernard Gordon Laird Miss Haszard here in afternoon.

6 Rained hard in the morning and no work to day. Anita, Gordon Bell, and two girls came out in afternoon for supper. Tired to-night.

7 A lovely day again and quite cool. Plenty of work to-day. Mr Smith, Murdie and Beven here looking at the bathroom problem. Cleaned the pantry. YPS at Church to-night.

8 Lovely day. Heavy frost again this morning. Lorraine went to Town. Took Annie Lowther and Ira McCoubrey. Intended bring Wanda Dennis out. Fairly busy. Men made a rustic bridge over the brook. Working on tee I & green I. Charlie Craswell taking down Hams’ barn and Herman Hill the pig house.

9 A nice day. Mother down for the day and we went to Brackley in the afternoon to see Aunt Emily McNeil. Church (Baptist) at night. Garfield LePage and Mary Bernard here in afternoon.

10 Thanksgiving. Very fine. Lorraine home from school and we didn’t do much. Went down to Keiths for a goose dinner. Dad ordered a new suit.

Clarence Gallants New girl

11 A perfect day. Lorraine helped wash before school. Had Mr and Mrs Art Henry and Herbie Leavitt for the afternoon and tea. Eric Bell down this evening.

12 Just a perfect day. Temp 68 at one time. Had Mr & Mrs Norman Woods for tea and the evening.

13 72 above to-day and just perfect. Not feeling very good all day. Messers Smith McDoull and Constable here this forenoon. Up to Donald Lamonts to see Gertrude to-night. Ernest has to move his hay.

14 Still lovely weather and quite balmy south west wind. The men came at noon to work on the house and three are here to-night. Putting sills under the kitchen end and cement foundation.

Will Hill

15 The unusual fine weather continues. Lorraine busy helping me but we had a nice afternoon at shore. Mr Woods crew working at Hams and on the sand dunes. Got word this morning that Will Hill had died in Westport, Connecticut. No particulars.

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**October 1938**

16 S. Very fine but cooler. Quite a number here this afternoon. Alvin and Jean Manderson here for afternoon and evening. Eric Bell here for dinner.

17 Much colder to-day. Rained in the morning. Carpenters working here to-day. CGIT started to-night. Blowing hard and house cold.

18 Lovely day but quite cool. Ellice over in afternoon Mr Smith here for dinner. Mr Murdie & McKay up.

19 Cloudy day. Men working at cement. Anita came home from Town. Lorraine tired to-night. Pouring rain and Institute post-poned.

20 Cloudy and damp all day and fog. Men worked all afternoon. Carpenters all day. Institute at Lorne McNeills at night.

21 Rained this forenoon but cement men on the job this afternoon. Carpenters worked all day. YPS at church.

22 Colder and cleared up in afternoon. Quite cool to-night. Men finished the cement work. Lorraine went to town with Mr Woods and they brought Wanda Dennis out. Couldn’t get the car to start to-night.

23 A lovely fall-day, quite cool. Had a walk in the morning over the Course. Enid & Reuel and family including Otto here this afternoon. We took Wanda to Town at night and went to Baptist church and Enids afterwards.

24 Lovely day in forenoon but clouded up in afternoon and blew a gale. Messers Smart & Thompson came to Borden on the freight boat and Mr Wood & Norman met them and took them to Town. Mrs Woods & Jr here until after midnight. Dance at George McCoubreys, their 10th anniversary.

25 Colder this morning and blowing hard. Mr Thompson here for dinner. Everyone weary today.

26 A perfect fall day. Messers Smart & Thompson here to dinner also Murdie & Smith and five other men. Carpenter opened up our bedroom roof.

27 First game played on Golf Course this afternoon. Teachers study group at New Glasgow. Went to Town to-night to see the show Tom Sawyer. Mr Thompson, Mr Mould, Mr Galbraith, & Mr Beers played the game & Edward Lowther caddy.

GG gc, 1st round

28 Cloudy AM but kept fine all day and the work went merrily on. Everyone very tired to-night. Went to Creek.

29 Busy day, cloudy but no rain. Men put in south door frame. Got word that Kennie Woods is dying. Anita went to Carleton for Keith and family. Halloween party here to-night. Tired? Oh no.

30 Bitter cold wind all day. Not so many around. The Carleton family of Webbs went home with Lowell & Annie. Mr Tillie preached in United Church.

31 Cloudy at times and warmer. Everyone busy. Washed etc. WCTU at Arties.

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**November 1938**

Nov 1 Lovely day. In bed all day. Smelts for dinner. Mr Smith here. Anita busy. Walked over to Erns for milk to-night.

2 Just as mean a day as one could wish for. Rain & hail and wind and more hail to-night. YPS Committee to-night and choir practice. Anita went to Kensington with Gordon and Elmer. Carpenter put new window in kitchen.

3 Not nearly so cold or blowy. Golf men working on green in front of house. Carpenters getting along very well. Mr Murdie & Mr Smith here at supper time. A farewell social at the Parsonage for the Quigley family, in New Glasgow. We left Mr Shehan to keep house.

4 Just a lovely day and everyone as busy as can be. Mr Smith here to dinner. Cleaned the dining room and the house. Expected Mr Stuart to-night but he hasn’t arrived. YPS to-night.

5 A lovely summer day, cloudless and warm. Not feeling very good and had to go to bed. Had Mr & Mrs Norman Woods up for tea and took them to Town to-night. Orange Lodge Banquet to-night.

6 S. Just a perfect day all day. Went to New Glasgow church in the morning. Mr Quigley preached his farewell sermon. About 20 cars here in afternoon. Very warm all day. Dad and I went to the shore at night just perfect moonlight and so warm.

7 Another perfect day all day and very very busy. Shavings all over the house. The men fitting in windows. Washed. Mr Stewart and Mr Cornish arrived in afternoon. Had smelts for dinner. Went down to Alec’s for a little while in evening.

Eclipse of Moon

8 Foggy this morning. Painters came and got nearly all over the house to-day. Mr Smith here for dinner. Mr Murdie & McKay up and oh a confusing and busy day. Tired out tonight.

9 Rained a little in the morning and Norman Woods had to quit work. Painters went to Dalvey but the carpenters were busy enough and working in the bath room. Mr Murdie & Mr Smith out this afternoon. Girls going to shower at Blair Andrews for Thelma Johnston.

10 A nice day but quiet a breeze. Norman finished the work on Golf Course to-night. The men gave him an address and present. Mr Murdie out again and the work here will be finished for now in a few days.

11 A very nice day and oh what a rush. Norman Woods over in the morning and a dozen and one interruptions through the day. Reuel and Enid brought Otto out for a visit. Alec & May up for the evening. Anita went to the Armistice dance at Mike Doyles with Charlie & Mrs Hammond.

Thelma Johnston & Reg Whitlock Married

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**November 1938**

12 Warm this morning but colder again this evening and blowing hard from NW. Mr Shehan plastering and made a cement doorstep for Kitchen. Trying to get the place clean for Sunday. Painted back porch floor. Otto at Alvahs to-night.

13 A cold day. Church in forenoon. Rained in afternoon. Mr Murdie and Sutherland here. Alvin, Dorothy McK, and the four Woolner girls here to tea. Otto came back to supper.

14 Washed in morning. Mr & Mrs McBeth here to dinner. A very busy day all day. Took Otto to Bay View and to Stanley for smelts.

15 Mother down to-day. Fine and cold. Otto has a cold. Everyone very busy. Miss Lena McLures recital at night. A big crowd there. Otto went down to Alvahs again.

16 7 degrees of frost this morning and blowing hard all day. Plumbers came in forenoon. Institute at Leigh Warrens at night. Anita took Otto to Emerald and Springfield.

17 Perfect morning but clouded up and snowed to-night but turned to rain. Lorraine took Otto to New Glasgow. Shutters all on to-night. Men digging drain for ceptic tank.

18 Foggy this morning but did not rain to-day. Mr Murdie and Mr McKay up this forenoon. Anita & Otto were up to Cedrics and to see Mrs Darnley. No Group to-night. Lorraine went to Ch. Town with the plumbers.

Isabel Doiron married on Nov 23

19 Raining part of day. Plumbers finished for this trip. Bath room fixtures in place. We went to Town to-night and oh such a downpour of rain.

20 S. Fine but some snow flurries. Cleared up to night. Fred Clark & John Myers here to night. No church here to-day.

21 Fine day. Anita took Otto to Clifton and Hester & Sadie & Winnilea to Ch. Town. Mr Murdie here in afternoon and ordered work stopped. Tired to night.

22 A nice day. Mr Constable the only one here. Dad not feeling very good, back sore. Anita & I washed and cleaned and took Mr Constable home at night over a terrible road. Got word that Aunt Sadie is sick.

Frost all out and quite mild tonight

23 Fine day. Mr Shehan came this AM and finished the flower stand. Got a message from Margaret. Keith sick with trench mouth. Anita and I went down and brought the kiddies up. Isabel Tennis married. Lorraine went to the wedding.

24 Snowing most of day, very gentle and calm 4 ½ inches fell. Wind started in night. Just another day. Kiddies good but stirring.

25 One of the very worst snow storms in years and years. Ernest went over to school for Lorraine. Blowing a gale from NW to-night and colder. Highest tide in 15 years and great destruction among fishing gear.

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**November-December 1938**

The snow storm extended from the middle states to the Atlantic, cost NY City a million bucks.

26 Not such a bad day, snowed a little. Ernest and Winnie got home from Ottawa. Made a dress for Ina.

27 Snowed nearly all day and blowing hard to-night. Dad took Otto over to Erns and the kiddies to Mrs Lowthers. A busy day.

28 A lovely day. Scrubbed the room above the kitchen and did some changing around. Lorraine changed the beds in her room. Otto & Kiddies returned. No school as the pipe isn’t safe. Roads bad from 6 to 10 ft of snow on highway in places.

29 18A. Fine to-day. Blew hard all night but moderated through the day. Ernest took Otto to Hunter River this afternoon. Road not very good. Anita at Prestons baking for Dorothys wedding. CGIT here at night. Very weary.

30 A very nice day temp around 30 and not cold to-night and very calm. Washed and busy all day. Mr Constable here for supper, much the worse of booze.

Dec 1 A terrific storm again to-day and the goose supper and Dorothy Warren shower. Dad & Anita got ready to go to Rustico but thank Heavens they didn’t go. Had a hard time to get to school.

56 mile gale

2 Pretty rough day and not many in school. Not much news. Mrs Hammond McKenzie is very sick and John Laird died this afternoon. Roads bad, no one travelling if they can help it.

John Laird

3 A lovely day all day but cool. Dug the grave today. Dad and I went to Mayfield. Dad to Harolds and Amandas and I to Charlie Wyands. Mrs McKenzie very sick to-day.

4 Poured rain most of day. Dad and I went up to Charlies in the forenoon. Dad took Fred to Stanley to John Lairds funeral and before they came back here from the cemetery poor Mrs Hammond McKenzie has slipped away after not a weeks sickness. It seems so hard when life meant so much to her this last year.

Mrs Hammond McKenzie

5 A perfectly lovely day, mild and sunny. Anita at Prestons the kiddies at Ellices and I washed most of day and the clothes just didn’t dry. Dad went his rounds to Rustico.

6 Fine in morning but rained in afternoon and night. Funeral at Baptist Church. Quite a large one considering roads. Had Ida May stay with Children. Shower for Dorothy Warren at Ben Grahams. Not many there. A piece went out of barn roof.

15 men killed in mine at Sydney, CB

7 42. A lovely day but blowing a gale from South. Snow almost gone except in hills. Dorothy Warren & Boyse White married. Anita & Mary Stewart had charge of the wedding dinner. Lorraine went to charivari.

Dorothy Warren & Boyse White

8 38. Very nice day. Anita went to Carleton with the children so we have a quiet house to-night. Another disaster near Quebec when 7 men were killed in a land slide at an asbestos mine.

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**December 1938**

9 Cloudy and misty all day and rained in evening. Dad went to Hunter River for Pauline and took Lorraine up and she and Anita went to Town. Charlie McKenzie here all afternoon and evening. Anthony Eden spoke from New York.

10 Foggy, misty and pouring rain from 4:30. Ernest went to Rustico to meet the girls. Wilfred McLeod & Ben Woolner got them that far. All were drenched when they got home.

11 Stayed in bed all day. Girls went to church in forenoon. Edward over in evening. Back pretty sore to-night.

12 Pretty crippled but able to knit a little. CGIT here at night. Lorraine has a cold. Girls washed.

13 Anitas birthday. Feeling better but not moving around much. Made an apron. Roads not so good. Snow on ground but not cold. Getting roads shoveled for cars.

14 Kings birthday. Fine day. Mr Smith & McKay here for dinner. Dad went to Rustico in the forenoon and got the barrel of apples that Murray sent. Shipped a box of fish to Marion.

15 Colder to day and blowing a gale again to-night. Temp down to 8 but 10 above zero at 10 PM, zero in Montreal. Making aprons for Christmas.

16 Fine and cold but wind went down at night. Dad had Amos here hauling wood home from field.

17 A perfect day all day. Jack & Mary Stewart went to Town with the girls. Arthur Wright coming to Island to-night. Lorraine went to Borden with Stewarts to meet him.

18 Quite mild. No church service to-day. Charles McFarlane Annie Lowther Arthur & Lorraine arrived at supper time. Arthur very thin.

19 Fine day and we went to Ch. Town. Roads good for time of year. Quite a lot of snow on Dolph’s hill and the church hill here. Saw Otis[?] and had dinner at Enids. Got box of books from Maud.

20 Not a very nice day. Nan washed a few things and went to Rustico for brown sugar etc. Making aprons.

21 Lorraine busy practicing for school concert. Snowed in afternoon and blowing hard.

22 Snowed a little all day and blowing a gale. Heavy mail there days and bad roads for the mail carriers. School concert postponed.

23 Still a very rough day. Ernest went to H. River for Arthur but he did not come on the morning train. Got last of Christmas cards mailed. Arthur came at night with Edward and Annie. Ernest and I over to Austins for a little while.

24 Very nice day. Not cold but cloudy all day Dad & I went down to Alec for our chickens. The concert at hall to-night and Im alone. The concert was quite a success.

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**December 1938-January 1939**

25 A nice day cloudy but not cold. Had a very nice quiet Christmas and as usual so many gifts for everyone. Had a lovely chicken dinner and made ice cream for after church. United Church at night.

26 Nice day. I paid up for eating Christmas dinner and had to go to bed, quite sick all night. The young fry went skating on the pond.

27 Planned to have a party to-night but canceled it. Blowing a gale, snowed a little and rained plenty at night. Lorraine & Arthur at Lowthers to supper & evening.

28 Still blowing and getting colder. Ernest took Arthur & Waine to Hunter River. Going to Stewarts. A bitter cold night with 35 mile gale.

29 6 above zero this morning and 12 above at night. Wind went down and we had a fairly quiet night.

30 A gentle snow fall and temp up to 26 above. Girls went to group. Eric Ball down. Group pretty nearly dead. Mr Tillie not much help but has been seemingly working in opposition.

31 6B Dad went to Joe Stewarts for oats and to the mill. Paid telephone bill. Kept getting colder until 6B at night but at 11 PM was 10 above. Blowing and snowing a little at bed time.

Jan 1 A bustery cold day and spent quietly at home. Chicken dinner. Nothing special.

2 No mail to-day and a very miserable stormy day until about 2 PM. Cleared up and temp got up to 32A from 16A in the morning. Blowing a gale from West at night. Anita went over to Austins.

3 6A. Bitter cold and blowing very hard. Dad went to Hunter River for Lorraine. She spent yesterday in Carleton at Wilbert Wrights. Martha had quite a few in to dinner. Gordon Fyfe here this evening.

4 4A. Quite cold and blowing hard all day. Clear and sunny. Ernest went to Mayfield to see Robt Zeb about taking the barn down. Heard Pres. Roosevelt give his address at the opening of Congress to-day. Too cold for CGIT. School opened to-day.

5 A very fine day and not so cold. Went down to see Mrs Albert this afternoon. Jas. O. here in evening & Margaurite Graham.

6 Dad went to Hunter River for coal. Milder but a chill day. In bed with bad headache all day. Rained at night.

7 Foggy and mild. A mess outside. Ernest went to Head of Bay to see what trees are down.

8 Still mild and cloudy. The rest of family walked to church and Mr Tillie asked Lorraine to play. Finished a letter to Maud. Ethel Wyand gone to Town to take music lessons.

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**January 1939**

9 Snowed a little in morning but didn’t amount to much. Dad and Anita went to Johnstons for hair cuts. PJ went to Stanley Rink with Austin Graham and George and Sadie Clarke spent the evening here.

10 Girls washed and it rained and froze so the clothes were dried up stairs. Very icy at night. CGIT here.

11 A nice day turned colder again and blowing a gale at night. The roads very bare of snow. Ernest and I went down to Alec’s at night for a bag of potatoes etc. Robert Zeb tearing down the barn and have over half of the roof down.

12 16A. Fine frosty morning, clear but cold enough. The men worked at barn and have it over half down. Charlie Mckenzie at home after over three weeks visiting. Very cold night, 14A and such a gale.

13 Bitter cold and blowing hard all day long. Snow fell through middle States and Ontario. Men didn’t work on barn to-day. Charlie here for supper and evening. Dad took Arthur to New Glasgow and he was going to walk the rest of way to Hunter River.

14 14A. Not blowing so hard. Quite a number of teams helping Robert haul the barn. Not doing much in house. Note from Marion.

15 A nice day. Quiet. Mr Tillie preached in the Baptist Church to-night.

16 A perfect morning, 14 above and a grand day. The men working at the barn and have the roof nearly all off. Charlie came down for supper. Dad & Lorraine each got a cheque from Dr. Bonnell.

17 A nice day. Heavy white frost this morning. Seven men here for dinner. Bevins men brought out sceptic tanks and tile in Jenkins Transfer truck. Travelling through fields from Lorne Houstons to Mayfield road.

The last pieces of old barn came down

18 Mr Smith and Jim Coles up to-day. Finished piecing no. 1 pin wheel quilt. Amos took Gypsy to Creek and she got badly crippled on him and is in at David Johnstons.

19 Rather nice day not very cold. Dad into Johnstons a couple of times. Gypsy not suffering so much today. Sewed up two quilts. Girls went to Ern McNeills to-night.

20 Snowing a little until afternoon. Arthur and John Myers walked from Hunter River. Ernest & Amos working at ice. Frosty at night but calm.

21 Arthur got telegram with work in sight so started home right away and John & Lorraine went with him. Would have a long wait in Hunter River. Dad borrowed a horse from Milton. Got word of Mrs Toombs death. Louis went to Halifax yesterday. Gypsy getting better. Started knitting my suit and Anita started her coat. Has been a perfect winter day.

Mrs Eddie Toombs

Temp from 16 to 28

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**January-February 1939**

Jan 24 The worlds worst earthquake in Chile, South America

22 In bed all day with bad headache. Charlie came down to dinner and stayed all night. Snowed in afternoon and no one went to church from here. Blowing a gale and poured rain at night.

23 A forty mile gale. 22 above in the morning and a regular storm. 6 above at night and bitter cold wind. Men dug the grave in Cemetery in forenoon. Charlie went to Hunter River for Lorraine and had a cold trip.

24 2 above and calm this morning. Ernest went to funeral. Snowed in afternoon. Girls went to CGIT at Alfred Moores. Snowed at night.

25 6A. Misty in the morning and snowed a little in the afternoon. Not much doing. Bitter cold at night and blowing a gale. Earthquake in Chilli S.A.

26 6A. Another bitter cold day and drifting but sun shining. Ernest put a blister on Gypsy. Alfred Simpson here for the evening.

27 5B. The frostyest morning yet but not blowing quite so hard and a sunny day. Ernest went to Rustico for coal. The girls visiting at Freds to-night.

28 3A. Pretty fine day. Busy. Nan not feeling very spry. Made ice-cream for the school children as Lorraine taught to-day to make up for day lost last Monday. Maple Leafs score 6. Red Wings 0.

Mrs Art Henry died suddenly age 62

29 Nice day. Not much to write about. Read, wrote letters and Church at night and the rest of family went.

30 A nice morning. We did a big washing and in afternoon Dad and I drove to Hunter River and motered to town with All Cutcliffe. Took Reuel to a show, The Three Comrades. Pauline LePage in bed.

Tommy Hiscott aged 94

31 Quite a stormy day but we did our shopping and went to Capital at night. “True Confessions”. Very cold day out here.

Feb 1 A nice day and we came home at night. About zero. Roads better than we expected but cuttings filled again. Pretty cold when we got home. Lorraines face very sore.

2 Frosty day and wind cold. Lorraine quite sick and has Thelma Smith teaching for her. Eric Bell here for evening. Anita and Thelma went to rink at Stanley.

3 Milder to-day and snowed in forenoon. Waine a little better but still feeling punk. Thelma went home to-night.

4 Milder to-day and a light snow fall. Turned much colder at night. Dad and I went to Lewis Toombs in evening, bitter cold coming home and down to zero.

5 S. Blowing a gale all day and drifting. No one went from here to Church and very few out. Nice quiet day.

6 Zero and calm. Girls washed and I churned and knit. Lorraine taught today tho’ not feeling very good. Missionary society social at Manse at night. A nice quiet time with a mighty poor lunch. We walked over.

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**February 1939**

Peter Stewart and James Fraser found dead in their home at Harrington on Feb 8

7 Zero or below this morning. Dad went to Hunter River and just the regular work going on. Charlie here this evening.

8 4A. Still very cold with east wind all day. Didn’t get warm all day. Girls went to Stanley to a Concert put on by the womens Institute. Very good program.

9 Still a very bleak cold wind and light snow falling. Wind north west and blowing hard to-night.

10 Dad took Lorraine to school but only three children there. All have a kind of Grippe. Lorraine in bed all afternoon. Blowing hard at night, snowed rained etc.

11 A nice day and not too cold. Temp got up to 38 but went down again at night. Ernest cutting out some dry wood in the old orchard. Charlie down helping in afternoon. Dad & I went to Miltons in the evening. Capt Buote & Mrs Buote wedding anniversary 65 years married. They celebrated on the 9th and had a big crowd that night.

Ice moved out quite a piece

12 S. A very nice day all day but frosty. Mr Tillie preached in Baptist Church to-night. Pauline the only one to go from here.

13 6A. Snowed a little in morning and we just didn’t wash. Lorraine went to school and came home again. Temp around 10 above. Dad got Gypsy home.

14 Cloudy. Anita & Lorraine in bed all day. Pauline & I washed. Dad went to Stanley for groceries. The room flue burned most of day. Bernice Axworthy here to tea.

Very heavy thunder and lightning in Maritimes.

15 In bed with flu but the girls better and able to get downstairs. The school closed for the week.

16 Margaret came up from Carleton with Lowell Wyand. Blowing a gale at night. Mild day.

17 Margaret over in morning. Dad went to Stanley in AM and came home chilled and sick.

18 Margaret over again. Pauline busy with so many invalids and the girls are helping to find the house. Dad very miserable. Mr Tillie here in afternoon.

19 S. Lorraine & PJ went to church in afternoon. Wind cold. Margaret and Charlie here at night. Very cold night.

20 Anita had her suit case packed to go to Town but the morning was stormy so she didn’t get. A bitter cold morning and day. Lorraine teaching, had five pupils. Pauline in bed today.

21 8A. Anita went to Town to short course. Charlie took her to HR. P got up and did what had to be done. Dad in bed all day. A fine day but cold. Cecil has had a relapse of mumps.

22 Beginning of Lent. A rough morning. Feeling rotten all forenoon. All ate a little supper. PJ not feeling quite so good.

23 Cold. In bed almost all day. Feeling very rotten. Got up before supper and back to bed again in evening. Dad up today. Snowed and hailed most of night.

24 Blowing a gale. Bad walking for Lorraine. Charlie here all this week. Got up before dinner and baked in afternoon. Feet quite proud to be able to do that. Not so cold to-night. Had a nice long letter from Aunt Maud.

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**Febuary-March 1939**

25 Lovely fine day but blowing very hard. Charlie went up for Mrs Earl Simpson and she did up a good big washing and some cleaning up for us. Charlie & Lorraine went to New Glasgow to rink.

26 40A. A nice day with chill wind. Thawing in afternoon and rained at night. Charlie went home this AM. A very quiet day at Webbs.

27 36A in morning and 18A at night and blowing hard. Ernest went to Town to-day. Lorraine couldn’t cross the road to mail box so we haven’t any mail to-day. Quite a thaw. Perley in PE Island Hospital.

28 12A this morning. A lovely day but wind came in chill in evening. Dad got home after dinner. CGIT here to-night also Charlie and David Johnston.

March 1 Blowing hard and pouring rain in morning but cleared up lovely and thawed like smoke. Dad & I went to Abe’s for a bag of potatoes. Dad up to see Earl this morning. John Stewart pretty sick. Getting Dads clothes ready for his trip. Lorraine has another head cold.

First flight of across Canada air mail service

2 Quite a cold wind. Charlie took Ernest to Hunter River and was here all night. Blowing very hard. No ice in sight in the Gulf. Over 20 buried in fire in Halifax.

Queen hotel burned in Halifax

3 8A this morning. Glad Ernest was at Hunter River, will have a lovely day for travelling. Charlie went up to Joe Stewarts for grain. Charlie took Lorraine to Stanley to rink. Pauline coughing too much to go.

Ernest away to visit Marion

4 A lovely day. Busy. The girls went for a walk in afternoon to get Lorraines papers signed and called at Milton Greens & Alfred Moores. Robbie Toomb got home at night. 150 anniversary of the 1st Congress in US.

President Roosevelt & others on the air

5 Quite mild all day. Rain and fog in afternoon. James R. Stewart died about 8 AM. Charlie took Lorraine to church. David Johnston here this evening. Fred Clark down this afternoon.

James Robert Stewart

6 Nice morning and we washed and put out about one half of clothes and the rest up stairs. Snow and rain and blowing a gale to-night. The men at Cemetery all day, digging through the old Presbyterian Church foundation and four feet of frost.

7 Blowing a gale and getting colder. Charlie took me to the funeral in afternoon. Reggie Simpson & Edward Lowther here in evening also CGIT girls.

8 4B and a terrific gale all last night and all day. Just kept busy stoking fires. Churned and baked. Still blowing and 2 above to-night.

[Handwriting changes]

9 Cold. Gertrude Lamont & Freddie here in afternoon.

10 Nice day. Nate phoned that Perley had passed away in the PEI Hospital. Terrible shock. Charlie took Mother to New Glasgow en route to O’Leary. Elmer Fyfe & Hilda Hiscott here in evening.

Perley McNeill

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**March 1939**

11 Cold. Usual Sat. work. Card from Dad. Listened to hockey game at night.

12 S. Grand day. Lorraine & PJ over to see Mrs Lowther in afternoon. Terrible icy. Baptist Church in evening, Mr Tilley preached.

Perleys funeral from United Church in O’Leary

13 Cloudy. Got washing done, also churning. Rather stormy at night.

14 One of the worst storms of the winter. Charlie took Lorraine to school. Only 7 there. No school or college in Charlottetown.

15 Lovely day. A lot of snow down. Institute at Jerrys at night. Very good crowd there considering the roads. Aunt Sadie had a stroke.

16 Blowing a gale and drifting. Not doing much all day

17 Grand day rather cold. Cyril brought our pup “Happy”. Mary McN over in PM.

18 Snow flurries all day. Charlie went to Hunter River for Dad. Got home at 12:45 AM.

19 Sunday. Nice day. Church in afternoon & Sing Song at Alfred Moore’s in evening. David Johnston here.

20 Lovely day. Washed in AM. Ham here in afternoon and for supper.

21 Tues. Snowing and raining. Ironed in AM. Dad went to Stanley in afternoon. CGIT girls here to postponed birthday party in evening. Grand time.

[MW handwriting again]

23 Dad in to see Ellice and Amanda. I stayed with Daisy last night and most of to-day. Did a little shopping at O’Leary. Tired at night, Cold.

24 Dad helped Ham remove the [?] and came to Hunter River for me. Pretty glad to be home again. Aunt Sadie pretty weak but better than she was. Cold wind and drifting.

25 8A. Very fine but cold all day. Just 2A to-night. Girls went to Jerrys to practice. No news. Stitched up a quilt.

26 A nice day, not so cold. The girls went up for Mother in the morning and Lorraine took her home at night. Bobbie Toombs here in afternoon. Dad Pauline & I went to Church at night.

27 Not a nice morning so we didn’t wash. Cleared up in afternoon. Letters from Marion and Anita. Nan had a 9B test last week which didn’t turn out so good.

28 Lovely morning, washed churned and baked and went down to Alec’s in evening. CGIT girls here. No news.

29 A lovely day but still quite cold. Fred had Gypsy hauling potatoes to Margate. Charlie down for a while this evening. Dad tramped to Head of Bay.

30 A nice day but chill wind. Thawing a little. Ernest went to Town, took Pauline to Station, she is going down to Keiths. I walked down for mail. Letters from Vern & Margaret. Cecil sick with flu.

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**March-April 1939**

31 Thawing to-day but colder this evening. Dad over to Hams this afternoon. Lewis is taking down the (Ham’s) barn. Ernest bought a table from him and he came here for his supper. Put a border on one of my quilts baked bread etc. Letter & snaps from Marion.

April 1 Fine day but rather chill wind and cold at night. Charlie took Gypsy again today with a load of potatoes for Fred to Margate. Lorraine and I gave the house a once over. Lorne and Mary were up this evening. Mother sick and three of the children. Good roads, plenty of snow.

2 S. A foggy morning and chill N East wind. Lorraine and Ernest went to Church. Lorraine stayed at George McCoubreys for dinner. Had a nice quiet day.

all sick with flu at Cecils

3 Not a nice morning so didn’t wash. At night got a phone call from Ch. Town from Everett Shiles[?] on his way home from London Eng and Spain. Some excited. Charlie here all night.

4 Ernest took Lorraine and Charlie to Hunter River and brought Everett home. How grand to see him, the first of our British Columbia cousins to visit PEI. If only Perley had lived to see him.

Mrs Alfred Fyfe died

5 Not a very nice day. Cold wind. Everett and I went to Bay View to see Mother. She is quite sick but a little better than she was. Wrote to Elaine to-night.

Situation in Europe very critical just now

6 Not a bad day. Froze in morning, foggy but cleared up in afternoon. Dad and I washed. Everett had a long walk in afternoon and had pancakes for supper. Fred Clarke down this evening. Talked a lot and tired to-night.

7 Got up at 4:45 and Ernest took Everett to Station and brought the girls and Charlie home. Poured rain all the forenoon and blowing a gale. Everyone tired to-night.

8 Cold west wind this morning. Both girls on the job to-day. Knitting. Ernest tramped up to Earls etc. and in to Tennis’s in afternoon. The two Edgars drove over the Golf Course, both drunk but knew better. Tennis is hauling Hams barn. Ham in Kensington. The inauguration program of the new CBA Broadcasting station for the Maritimes on the radio to-night.

9 S. Easter Sunday and a snow storm all day. Stayed in bed until noon. Wrote letters. Rather a dreary day.

Hugh B McKay

10 A nice sunny day and the snow disappeared in sunny places. Put a quilt in frames to-day. Lorraine went to Jerrys to see about program for concert. Letter from Aunt Maud wanting Anita for a year. Letter from Aunt Jen too.

11 Just one miserable day all day. Pauline & I quilting. Snowing and raining in afternoon. CGIT here to-night.

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**April 1939**

Frenchman from Rustico hauled a boat across New London Bay on April 17th

12 Another miserable day all day. Snowed and rained and north east wind. Inches of snow down. Practice here to-night for dialogue. Still quilting.

13 Snowing morning but cleared up very fine and temp up to 40A. Finished quilt. Got a letter from Aunt Sadie and a card from Nan. She is going with Aunt Maud for a year. The girls Lorraine & PJ at Ernest McNeills to supper.

14 A lovely morning and a perfect sleigh road. Dad and I went to Rustico in morning and to Ben Woolners for dinner. Thawing in afternoon. Five feet of snow in some places on the road. Letters from Mrs Gillings & Marion.

15 A miserable day. Temp 38 in forenoon and raining a little down to 20 by evening and snowed all the afternoon with a NE gale. The CGIT girls here this afternoon and had a fine time baking. Got up a very nice supper.

16 S. Cold and drifting. West wind. Ernest and girls went to church this afternoon. Fine and calm to-night.

17 Just a perfect day and PJ and Dad & I did a whale of a washing. Baked bread. And went to Institute at Mike Doyles at night. A perfect road.

18 Fine but cloudy in afternoon. Much warmer all day and no frost at night. Brook high. House cleaning up back stairs. Painted wood work. A fine mess. CGIT at Ernest Macneills. Charlie had Gypsy for the day.

19 Damp to-day and foggy. Ernest painting. Headache all day. Practice for dialogue here. Lightening to-night. Large French Liner burned this morning in La Harve.

Situation in Europe very tense

20 54A. A lovely day and the snow has gone like smoke. Ernest painting. PJ and I cleaned the dining room. Pauline has gone over to Mrs Lowthers to see the play that the Mayfield bunch are getting up. Rustico mail man had wagon.

21 52A. Another lovely day and the snow is disappearing and a lot of road is bare. Did some straightening up and baked ginger cookies and made doughnuts & biscuits. Charlie down this evening. Sunday school meeting at Church.

22 60A. Fine and warm. Blowing and drying. A wonderful change in a week and the Mayfield road will some be bare. Cleaned back porch.

Bobbie had a wagon

23 S. Fine and not cold. Quiet day. Girls went to shore in forenoon. Ice off of shore. Pauline went over to Mrs Lowthers in afternoon. The rest of family went to church at night.

24 Nice day. Did another big wash and Pauline cleaned the spare bed room. Not feeling very good. Practice here at night. Very bright northern lights and frost to-night.

25 Rather cold to-day. Ernest went to Rustico in afternoon. Bad road. Got wall paper for room over kitchen. CGIT girls here at night. Great preparations for the coming banquet. Pauline finished ironing.

26 Still cold. Ernest & I papered all day and are very tired to-night. Not much ice in sight.

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**April-May 1939**

27 East wind and freezing to-night. Finished papering the room and the wee hall. Looks nice. PJ washed curtains. Edgar Doiron baby died at 5 AM pneumonia.

baby boy 2 months old Edgar Tennis

28 Bitter cold wind all day and heavy frost this morning. Had Mrs Earl Simpson here all day and she and Pauline cleaned the two big rooms. First ball game to-night and Elton Woodside had his car through to Cavendish, the first this spring.

First car through

29 Very fine day. Wind cold, easterly. Everyone busy. Girls and Annie cleaned three bedrooms and little hall. Papered back stairway. Girls went to practice at Hall.

30 S. Oh what a cold wind and a snow storm from 3:30 PM. Ernest and girls went to church & Charlie and Margaurite Graham here for dinner.

May 1 Everything white and road blocked along here. Wind cold all day. Big wash and churned. Everyone tired out to-night. Girls went to practice at Hall. Little Bessie Moore very sick. Letters from Marion and Anita. Murray working on land.

2 Not quite so cold. Ironed and Pauline cleaned the two halls. Charlie in for a while in afternoon. CGIT meeting also Cemetery meeting at church.

3 Just a perfect day. Ernest went to Rustico in forenoon. Bad road. Pauline and I did a big washing of bed clothes. Robert Zeb here cleaning up and made a lovely smelling smoke on our clean clothes. Eaton order came and what we wanted most has to go back so altogether its been a rather aggravating day. Expected Mr Smith and he didn’t come and the bread isn’t baking good and etc so on.

A new baby girl No. 1 to Isobel & Errol Stetson

4 Cool east wind again. Ernest cleaned outside of windows upstairs and down. Big Conservative meeting at the Strand to-night. Broadcast over CFCY. Pouring rain since 4 PM.

5 Bitter cold, rain and snow and the girls called off the banquet and then decided in evening to have it after all. Mr AR Woods, Mr Henderson, Art Woods & Wife arrived this evening from Toronto. Got stuck down by Olafs.

6 A nice day, sunny and cold wind. Plenty of ice floating around. Charlie went up for Mother in afternoon. The Mother and Daughter banquet by the CGIT girls was a great success and enjoyed by 6 mothers, 1 grand-mother & Mrs Tilly and eight girls.

7 S. Raining in morning wind turned cold. N.E. Took Mother home in evening. She isn’t very strong after such a sick spell of flu. U. Church to-night.

8 Cloudy all day and rained hard at night. Not feeling very spry. Mr Smith & Mr McKay here to dinner and all the afternoon.

9 68A. Foggy in morning but cleared up lovely and a warm spring day. Washed. Dad went to Rustico and I went to see Mrs Albert and May. Ellice & Mrs Ling walked over.

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**May 1939**

King George VI & Queen Elizabeth on way to Canada

10 Very fine to-night but rained all last night and thunder showers this forenoon. Got the car out to-day and canned chickens. CGIT at Alfred Moores.

11 68A. A very fine day and warm. Mrs Bruce Graham has lost another baby. This is the sixth that they have lost. The Institute Concert in Hall. Good time, good program and quite a success financially.

12 Rather cold all day. Wind NW but fine and clear. The big tractor working in the lane on the road way. Everyone weary to-night.

13 A cold wind. Plenty of ice off Magdalenes. Our first trip to Charlottetown and a very tiresome day. Saw Deanna Durbin in The Three Sisters. Tired to-night.

14 Mother’s Day. Very fine but very cold wind. Wilbert and Martha Wright called and Norman McFarlane brought Keith and Margaret & kiddies up. United Church at night.

15 Fine day. Washed in morning and getting ready for Baptist Quarterly. Mr & Mrs Duncan here for supper and five others for the night.

16 Fine but wind feels like ice. Had thirteen for dinner, Dr Mason among them, and eight for tea. Dr. Mason spoke at night and I went to church probably for the last time for quite awhile. Took Isobel Tennis to Hospital.

17 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth landed at Quebec this morning and we heard the reception of the Royal guests over the radio. Mr & Mrs Duncan here until 3 PM and Mrs Fred here for afternoon. CGIT at Milton Greens.

18 Poured all last night and very hard this afternoon. Bad road to go to election. Mr Smith here for dinner. We had to get Leonard Cullen to tow us up the hill. The last report is Liberals 26 – Con. 4.

Provincial Election

19 Fine and cool tho’ wind south. Girls took car to garage and still she wont start to-night. Busy all day. Got front porch about finished, dining room floor painted and back stair. The big tractor at Dalvey. Pauline got herself a new coat and hat. Institute at Wyands to-night.

20 Fine day busy. Trouble starting car so took it to Town and then they took me to Carleton and I was there until the 28th. Pauline got four teeth out on the 21st and had to get them packed. Quite cool but very fine all the week. Heavy frost two nights. Was up to Fred McQuarries for an evening with Keith and to S. Side one forenoon with Wilbert and Martha. Anita Pauline and Dad came down for me and the road had been very bad. We had planned to go to Church in S. Side but it started to rain and fog clouds came up so we came home.

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**May-June 1939**

29 Cloudy and damp all day. Pauline went to Hunter River and had four more teeth out and feeling pretty rotten at night. Gordon Laird up in evening.

30 Finer to-day but showery around six o’clock. Heard the King speak from Victoria, BC. Washed. Mr Smith here to dinner. Went over the new driveway. Mr Woods took Happy over to Georges.

31 Fine but cool. Blew hard last night and a heavy sea on all day. Went to Hunter River for chickens for Mary Stewart and to the play in Mayfield at night, “The Road to Happiness”.

June 1 And as cold as Greenland. Everyone working with coats on. The new driveway ready for cars. We went to Kensington to a musical contest put on by Freetown & Long River. Anita went to Carleton.

2 Not too warm but a good day for walking. The new driveway open for cars. We made candy for play at Hall. “Three Days of Grace”. ‘Twas very good. Put on by Kensington players.

3 A lovely day and quite warm. We had Mrs Darnley down for day and we went to Town at night.

4 S. A fine day but blowing a gale. Louise 3 yrs old and the three or four Aunts were there to tea. Pauline and Lorraine went down for Anita. Reuels out for afternoon and to tea.

5 Fine and quite warm for a change. Washed. Mr Smith & McKay out this afternoon getting ready to finish up bathroom. Closed up the dam and had quite a pond but had to let it out this evening.

6 Such a day. Rained most of day and a real storm to-night. The plumbers Mr. Bevan & Co., Messers Smith, McKay & Sutherland here. Making curtains.

7 44A. Cold as Greenland all day and feels like frost to-night but fine. Mr Thompson, Robinson and Bill Thompson arrived in time for supper.

Mary Bernard & Garfield Legge married

8 Everyone stepping lively to-day. The two greens near the house were torn up and re-built. Anita, Mrs Lowther, Ruth Woods, Bill Thompson, & myself went to town. Got two pairs shoes and corsets for me.

9 Lovely day tho’ foggy in AM. Anita & I went up to Simpson Bells in afternoon. Five extra for dinner. Grading around the house. Fire at lane to-night. Lantern too near the gas. Very foggy at night.

10 A nice day and busy. Mr Thompson left in afternoon. The house was a terrible mess but got it cleaned up. Anita & I went down to Alex’s for a couple of hours.

11 S. Very fine, had Mother down for day and went to Bernards for a little visit in afternoon. CGIT service at night and Mrs Cavender spoke.

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**June 1939**

12 84 above most of day. Did a big washing and in afternoon just didn’t do anything. Went to creek at night. The tractor working around[?] house all day to day.

13 78. Fine all day. Very busy ironing. Vern & Bea and children came about 4 PM and Mr Smart and Gibsons were here before that. Some day.

14 A big day in PEI history. King George VI and Queen Elizabeth visited PEI for four hours. Rained most of day and made it very unpleasant but the look we got of their Majesties was worth the trip. The school children were there from all over the Island. Ruth Sheidow here to-night. Bad car accident at Halls hill.

15 Just a lovely day and everyone busy and tired at night. Vern & family went to Bay View in afternoon and we went to Hunter River. A party at Alec’s at night for Anita and a gift of $11.00.

16 Cloudy and rained quite a lot. Men all working grading around the house. Anita packing her trunk. Verns left for O’Leary this afternoon in rain.

17 Fine all day but quite cool. Everyone busy. Anita left with Mr Woods and Art & Ruth for Ontario. About all in its been a strenuous two days or more. Pauline and I took Herb Ross and some of his people to Mill Vale. Cold to-night.

18 Very fine but very cold all day. Quite a number around. Mr & Mrs J. Harry Williams and sons were here also JE Harris & wife, Miss Moore & Miss Haszard. Baptist Church at night. Dad & I went to shore.

19 A perfect day but cool. Did a huge washing. Mr Smith here in afternoon. Men still working on house grounds. Tired at night. Went to Rustico & bed.

20 Very fine day and warm. Blowing a gale at night and light showers. Ironing. Went down to Keiths in evening.

21 Quite warm and fine all day. A good rain needed badly. Men sodding along west of house. Everyone busy. Cards from Anita. Charlie has a new car.

22 48. Fine. Quite a number of tourists on the go. Not very busy to-day. Walked to top of hill with Dad to-night. Charlie took the girls to S. Side. Men worked until 9 PM.

23 44 to night. Been very cold all day. Mr Smith & Mr. Van Ness and Cecil Miller here to-day.

24 Fine day and not hot by any means. PJ, Waine Margaret Moore & Helen Green went to Ch. Town. I got a new dress and saw about tables etc. Tired at night.

25 Cloudy and damp. Didn’t rain much. Quite a few Island people around. Mr Woods got back with his family.

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**June-July 1939**

26 Cold and damp all day, 46 to-night. Serious for the crops. Painting pantry to-day. Two men here for dinner. Pauline & I went to H. River to-night. She got impression taken for her teeth.

The Brinton Family came to Cottage

27 Not so cold but not hot. Annie washed. Pauline painting & Annie & I papering. The four of us and Mrs Lowther went to town to a show, the Citadel.

School Meeting

28 Mothers birthday and Elaine had her down for the day. Mr Smart & Dr. Camsell and Mr Smith here for dinner. Papered the kitchen and everyone tired to-night.

very cold

29 A lovely warm day all day. Had Annie to give the house a once over. Very tired tonight. Pauline Lorraine & Annie went to H. River. The Brintons here this evening

30 Quite warm to-day and cloudy. The North land in S. Side this morning and we had a number of tourists. Lorraine had her picnic at the shore and the children gave her a nice address and $2.00.

July 1 Rained most of day. A Young Peoples picnic from Valleyfield landed here in afternoon in pouring rain. Charlie simonized the car. Dad cleaning out the wood house.

2 One of the busiest days this summer to day. A lot of cars in. We went to Brackley to see Gordons but they were away up West so we went on to Dalvey. Lovely warm day.

3 Colder and fog all day. Washed in morning. Mrs Tillie and Mrs Gardiner here in afternoon. The girls with Herb Ross. Robbie and Heber Jones went fishing, so we had trout for lunch.

4 A lovely warm day. The girls went to Town and Lorraine had her eyes tested and is getting new glasses. Weaner roast at the shore, CGIT girls and junior boys. Got the water running through the pipes to-night.

5 86. A very warm day. Lorraine brought Mother down and Pauline took Keith & family Annie Lowther and the Pearsons to Long River to Guernsey picnic. Mrs Timmins Mrs Harper and Adele over this evening. Reuels here. Myrons here and a lot of people around all afternoon. Thunder and rain to-night. Ina & Louise here to-night.

6 76. Very hot again to-day. Men took down wood house and Dad had ice moved to old orchard. I went over to Elaines for a little visit. Eric Bell down and went for a swim with the girls.

7 84. Very hot but wind east. Very busy. Henderson driving the men unmercifully. I spent afternoon at Elaines. Girls had two New York ladies for supper.

8 84. And the hottest day yet. Quite a number and Mother here this evening with the Brintons. The rest of family went to town. Tired out.

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**July 1939**

9 S. A lovely day and nice and cool. Quite a number around in afternoon and evening. Keith & Margaret Wilbert & Martha here for supper. Alvin called in around 10 PM and Lorne & Mary after church.

10 A lovely day and quite warm at noon. Had 8 in for lunch. Girls did a big washing. Very tired all day. Cool to-night. Isabelle and Marion here for the night and are planning an early morning dip, breakfast at shore etc. Nettie Crosby of Lawrence, Mass here today and we had quite a chat.

11 A lovely cool day. Quite busy. Mr Smith here in afternoon. Girls had five for supper and two men at noon. CGIT girls had their sunrise hike and sold ice-cream at the ball game to-night.

12 Fine and quiet. Lorraine and I went to Rustico this morning and we had a very busy afternoon. Annie Earl here painting chairs and tables. Over fifty registered. 3 here for sandwich lunch.

13 A glorious rain this morning and everything here looking beautiful. Not many in this afternoon. The girls put the enamel on the chairs. Elaine here this evening.

14 Fine morning, had Ina for the day and Pauline and I went to Ch. Town. I got some of Mauds books to sell. Had eleven for lunches. We took Mrs Timmins, Mrs Harper, Adele and Anne with us. Very tired at night and heavy rain. A party of six had their supper in our dining room.

Opening Green Gables Golf Links on July 19th

15 Rained a little all day. Quite a number in, no lunches. Mr Robert JC Stead & Mr Smith here for dinner. Had Ina again to-day. Elaine and Myron took Mother to town this afternoon.

16 S. Fine to-day and cool. Over a hundred registered. We went to South Rustico to church, took May & Alec. Heavy fog. Mr Hayden came to Cavendish.

17 A lovely day. Annie Earl & I papered the bath room. Plumbers came. The girls washed. Pauline hurt her thumb pretty bad. Charlie & Lucy Woolner in this evening. Girls went to town with Eric Bell.

18 A lovely day and a busy one. Plumbers put in new sink in Kitchen. Had ten extra for dinner. Pauline and I went to Town in a hurry. Got supplies for to-morrow.

19 A perfect day and the official opening of Golf Course. A big busy day. Mr Crerar & Mr Howe played the first game. The CBC broadcasting trailer here all night. Fed about 70 people. Everyone satisfied and tired and glad its over.

20 Bitter cold to-night. Very busy day. 21 in for supper and tea. Mr Thompson away again until Sept.

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**July-August 1939**

21 Still cold but better to-night. Poor hay weather and a light crop. Ina here to-day. Sent wire to McClelland and Stewart for forty more books. Sent letters to Marion & Aunt Jennie. Mrs Timmins, Harper, Adele & Miss Piers here this evening also Lorne and Mary.

22 Fine and warmer a very busy day and not maybe. The girls went to Town early in the morning. We went down to Carleton for Margaret & kiddies. Miss Piers sleeping here at night.

Lizzie Stewart Laird

23 The busiest day yet. The Girl Guides here in afternoon. Over 200 registered. Everyone very tired to-night. Girls gave around 40 lunches.

24 Quite warm all day. Everyone tired, Mr Smith here for dinner and sixteen others had eats here. I went to the funeral with Mr Tillie, at night we took Margaret and kiddies home.

25 Quite warm. Gave 27 lunches. Everyone busy.

26 90. Lorraine & I went to Town and got supplies. Very hot. Annie Earl here.

27 Not quite so hot to-day. Everyone busy. Mrs Hayden over for a few minutes. Girls had 21 for lunch. Tired, oh dear.

28 Lovely day. Went deep sea fishing with Mr Carse. Got about 200 in the boat. Elaine and Mrs AJ Robinson etc over this evening.

29 Not so busy. A warm day. Went to town at night and saw Goodbye Mr Chips.

30 Fine all day. Girls had 26 for lunch to-day. Everyone tired. Mother went over to Myrons.

31 Very hot all day and very busy. Fed 17. Ice cream festival at night and ball game. Money for Red Cross.

Aug 1 Quite warm but air clearer. Had a busy day. 22 Golfers and 26 for meals. Annie Earl here washing etc. Quite a squall at night and turned much colder.

2 Lovely day but quite cool. Had 31 for lunch and had to step lively. PJ & I went to town in AM. Girls.

3 Fine and warm. 21 playing golf. Quite busy and tired.

4 Took the Carses to Hunter River and had no one to meals. Very warm and sticky and rained in afternoon. Mr Smith up. In to see May for a few minutes.

5 Rained nearly all day and was badly needed. Not so many around but had 11 for meals. Very warm and muggy.

6 Very lovely after the rain and we had hundreds here. Very busy day and everyone weary.

7 Quite warm again. Girls busy, and nothing new. The Logans here in evening also the Youngs.

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**August-September 1939**

8 A hectic day. Fed 53 extra. PJ & Ina went to Town but got home in good time. Big Oddfellows convention in S. Side.

9 Cavendish tea. Had 27 to meals. Rained a little in afternoon. Mrs Robert Raynor died.

Sarah Ann Webb Raynor

10 Not feeling too good. Quite warm and everyone busy.

11 A perfect day, wind north and cooler. A lot around to-day and the girls had around 26 for afternoon tea and supper. Elaine over this evening.

17 Have been terribly busy everyday for the last week. Exhibition week 14th to 19th and big crowd here nearly every day. Girls had 30 for lunch meals to-day. Pauline & I went to Town to-day and I got me a new dress and hat. Very warm and dry everyday. A terrible murder in Town, Cora Chandler Large shot by her husband.

20 Over a hundred registered here to-day and quite a number had meals. Weary to-night.

24 War clouds threatening Europe. Weather very hot here all week. Got 65 more books for sale. Mr Luck here this week. Had it a little easier for the last two days.

27 Very fine and still quite hot. A very busy day 36 playing golf. 41 had lunch. Tired

28 A nice day and not so hot. About 21 for meals. Mr & Mrs Stuart and Bill arrived at noon. We drove to Carleton at night, took Mr Luck with us.

29 The Stuarts left this afternoon, went to Town and back and then to Dalvey. Eric Bell in to-night. Situation in Europe not quite so tense.

30 Terrific wind in afternoon and dust. Missionary meeting at church. Had about fifty nuns in this evening. Pauline & I went to church & Lorraine

31 Cleaned up the mess of dust and washed curtains. I came to bed in the morning and quite sick all day.

Sept 1 Girls had Annie for day.

2 Girls & Dad went to town and bought a couch. Mother down for over night. Rained a little.

3 Fine day, warm. Hitler determined to fight. So will England & France. Quite a number around but everyone very quiet and worried.

4 Labor Day and quite a number around. Very quiet and quite warm. Sat out doors all day. Ethel Stewart and Charlie here to supper. Mother went home to-night.

5 Very hot all day. Up to 80. Ruby Dennis Profit and friends were here. Feeling better in evening. McDuff Copeland and son Kenneth put in a program at the hall and stayed here all night. War going on in Europe. Hitler is having himself a fine time.

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**September 1939**

6 Bitter cold and blowing hard all day. Quite a rest after having so many around. Mr Smith up.

7 Rained in forenoon, showers. Lorraine PJ & I went to Carleton and took Keith to S. Side. Had Dr Claude check me over and pronounced me OK. A few tourists.

8 Quite a number of tourists and I sold 5 books. Had a quiet evening at home.

9 Lovely day but wind cool. Quite a few tourists off of the boat Fleuris. Mr Smith up.

10 A lovely day and the O’Leary Webbs came down. Maria Lizzie, May, Belle, and Elmer. Gordon & Lydie and friends of theirs here in evening.

11 Rained hard in forenoon. Didn’t wash. Tired.

12 A few tourists around. CGIT meeting here at night. The war goes on in Poland and will for some time to come.

13 A lovely day. Had planned to go to Town but didn’t.

14 Very fine and quite warm. PJ & Lorraine & I went to Town. Got eyes tested but didn’t do much else. Had supper at Enids. Didn’t sleep much.

15 Just a lovely summer day. Busy making plum and peach jam. Had the Woods family for dinner to-night. War raging in Poland.

Aunt Maggies body found on the 14th

16 80A. Lovely day, very warm. Dad & Charlie & I went to Borden and over to Tormentine to meet Maud and Marion and Murray. The girls took Margaret & Keith & kiddies to Borden. Everyone weary.

17 Lovely early but turned very cold. Reuels here for afternoon and supper. Girls went to Rustico to church. O’Leary Quartette down. Alvin came in about 11 PM. Keiths up.

18 Did quite a washing & ironing. Went down to Brackley at night. Took children but wont do it again.

19 The rest of family went to O’Leary. Pauline & I kept the children. Mrs James R and Clarence Ethel and Stirling down. They got 17 lbs lobsters at Campbellton.

20 Not feeling too well. Went to Keiths at night but too sick to eat. Irene Wyand here for supper. Marion stayed home. Children have cold.

21 Feeling better. Had a quiet day. Had Mother come down. Got the letter from Jennie telling about Maggie. A sad death surely.

22 Lovely day, went to town in after noon and Ben Woolner up at night. Lorraine all in with cold.

23 Busy day. Marion & Murray went up to Don’s to see Gertrude and Marion stayed to dinner. Murray went to Hunter River for the box of grapes. I made jam out of what I could salvage. Oh yes there is a war in Europe. Rained at night.

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**September-October 1939**

24 A nice day but cold. Quite a number around and Maud called for her mail. Rally service at night.

25 Lovely morning but clouded over and cold and rain to-night. CGIT here. Marion & Murray at Jerrys for supper.

26 Rained. Marion Murray & Elaine PJ & Lorraine went to Town in afternoon. Tea at Enids. Turned cold and frost. Hail & snow some places.

27 Heavy frost in morning. Marion & Murray went out fishing in afternoon. Brought home 29 mackerel. The older members of Group here in evening and Mrs Campbell & Jim, Hodge Montgomery & Aunt Maud here too.

28 A nice day and Murray Marion and kiddies and I went to Carleton before dinner and got home at 9 PM.

29 Fine. Getting ready for our trip to Halifax and getting Murray packed up for the trip to Norval.

30 A lovely morning and we went to Halifax, Marion and I. Murray Margaret Howitt & Theo Ling going to Montreal and Norval.

Oct 1 Rained and some fog but we had a lovely day, enjoyed every minute of it. Miss Piers, Miss Moore & Miss Haszard at Elaines to tea. To church twice.

May & Cyril Smith have another boy, no 5

2 Came home again, a lovely trip and all was well. The girls getting ready for the trip to N.S.

3 Ironing etc. the older CGIT girls here in honor of Marion’s visit. Everyone weary at night. Mr Smith and Mr Sinclair here to dinner.

4 Cloudy but no rain. The girls got away in good time. Lorraine, PJ, Annie Lowther, Marjorie Lowther & Mabel Simpson. Quiet day and Marion did some sewing and I rested. Girls came home on the 7th, had a wonderful trip and no trouble. Marion & I had quite a hectic time with Ian on one wet day but he isn’t a bad little chap at all. Oct 8th Alec & May took Maud & I to Malpeque to Mrs Percy McGougans to tea & had a very nice after-

10 noon and Maud stayed here until the morning of 16th. We had one afternoon in town and a day driving went to Cape Traverse to see Miss Doull and left Marion and children at Keith’s and went on to S. Side, Linkletter and St Eleanors. Saw Anna McN. McLure, Alf & Sophia Simpson, back to Keiths for an hour and home.

Rupert & Jenette Denis married

12 Had Lieut Gov. LePage & Mrs Lepage, Reuel & Enid out for the evening to see Maud.

13 Had Mr & Mrs Woods & Mr Henderson Hester & Laura for evening. Maud has been getting a lot of pictures of the place and loves every bit of It. She is feeling much better since she came. Marion is to see Mrs Johnston and Maud to see Amanda for the afternoon.

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**October-November 1939**

14 We had a grand stroll back through the trails, a perfect day. Weather has been grand all the week. Maud & I invited to Ern McNeill for supper and we had a very nice time. Ern brought us home. Premier Campbell & Mrs Campbell were here for a while in evening.

15 S. Cold windy day. Communion Service in United Church and Lorraine & Pauline joined the church. Mother down for day. House full of company all afternoon. Mr & Mrs Ponroy Murray, Emerson & Hilda, the Murray twins and son, Lorne & Mary and boys, Mr & Mrs Bell and Mrs Simms. Had a chicken dinner but no one very hungry for supper. Charlie in for dinner.

16 Got up pretty early and the girls took Maud and Marion and the kiddies to the boat. House very quiet and lonely to-day. Had a long letter from Aunt Jen. Went to bed with a sore back. Hurt it pushing the car this AM.

17 Cloudy and blowing hard and bitter cold. Girls had a huge washing and I couldn’t help them. CGIT at Manse. A real storm at night and hail and snow.

18 30A. The ground white and snow and hail squalls all day. The dahlias blooming away quite cheerfully but tonight will fix them. A bad storm on Atlantic between Newfoundland & Cape Breton. Freezing to-night. A few people have not finished digging potatoes.

Alvin & Jean Manderson married on the 20th

19 28A. Still cold and ground froze. Mr Smith here to dinner. Weather better. Not much doing. Car idle for days. Alvin Webb & Jean Manderson to be married in Sussex.

Capt Joe Boute Died

21 Nice day. We went to town in evening and I got me a nice new blanket. Not much news.

22 S. Girls went to Sunday school and B. Church in afternoon. Poured rain all afternoon and night.

23 Girls washed in AM. Started to rain and wind came round north and cold and blowing hard.

24 Mr. Henderson left this morning for Toronto. Cold morning but not raining. Went down to Keith’s in afternoon. Very cold night. Stayed down until Nov. 1st. Mr Woods took his family back to Toronto on the 1st. Mr Smith sent out a new Victory Range on Oct 28th and plumbers here two days. A lot of rainy days and wind. Keith and Margaret working at turnips. Spent one afternoon the 30th at Mrs Fred McQuarries. Pauline, Mrs Lowther and Dad came down for me. Feeling rather rotten.

Nov 2 Not feeling very spry. The granary has been moved to the old orchard. Have been doing quite a lot of knitting. We took Wes Coles to Springfield at night. Roads terribly rough and washed out.

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**November 1939**

3 In bed all day, plumbers here. Have to get a new pump and pipe for kitchen.

4 A nice day and feeling better, letters from Maud all well. We went to Town at night, saw “Stanley & Livingstone” Great picture.

5 A nice day and quiet. Had Mother down. Went to South Rustico to church.

6 Pouring rain this forenoon. Dad & Don Sutherland went to Clifton to see Marshall Constable. Roads bad. Charlie down this evening.

7 Finer to day but cloudy. The plumbers here and put in the new pump and stove but we haven’t the water running properly so no fire in the new stove to-night. Dad & I went down to Lornes for evening. CGIT here.

not cold

8 Finer to day and sun shining. Plumbers here at 9.40 AM and had to take tank out of attic and clean it up and put back up again. after they got it full the darn thing collapsed. A shower to-night for Mary McLean at Mrs Paynters. Marjorie Clark Smith and Byron here for afternoon and night and Marj went to Rustico with Lorraine.

Constable and MacKay started work on kitchen shelter at shore

9 A dark dreary day. Mr Smith here for dinner. The new range baked bread very nicely also cake. Dad and girls went to Creek to-night. Letter from Mrs Bonnell.

10 Not a bad day but much colder. Mr Smith & Sutherland here for dinner and marked off where the club house is to be. Girls went to Bible Study at Alf Moores. Letters from the girls to-day.

11 Grey day and poured rained hard around noon. Started for O’Leary at 1.30 PM and I stayed at Velda all night and Lorraine & Ernest & Charlie stayed at Lizzie at night. Armistice day. Colder and froze.

12 S. Froze hard this morning. Called on Daisy, Alvin, and Jean, Isobel & Errol. Went to Campbellton and to John Webb’s and home. Had a blow out near Summerside.

13 A lovely clear cold day blowing hard. Girls had a big wash. Dad & Lorraine went to Hunter River for a new tire. Not blowing so hard to-night. Lorraine & Pauline going over to Jerry’s. They found out that Mabel & Hughie McKinnon are to be married on the 29th.

14 26A. Cold and froze hard. Lorraine went over for Ellice so she was here for the day. Mr Smith & Sutherland here for dinner and Messers Paynter & Campbell Mrs Campbell here in afternoon. Marguerite Graham here making candy for Miss McLure recital.

15 Paynter & Campbell have started work on Club House cement. Miss McLure recital came off O.K. three hours long, cleared $28.55.

16 Lovely morning but clouded up before noon and was bleak and chill. Mr Smith & Sutherland here to dinner. Annual Institute meeting at Mrs Leigh Warrens.

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**November-December 1939**

17 A miserable day, cold and snow. Dave Shehan working at kitchen cupboard. A lot around and Paynter & Campbell worked all day.

18 A lovely day all day. Don Sutherland here to dinner & Mr Smith here in afternoon. The family went to Town to-night.

19 A perfect day all day but cool. Had a walk in morning. Baptist Church in afternoon and Ernest, PJ & I went to S. Rustico to Church.

20 22A. Rather a chill day. Lorraine suffering with toothache and went up to Dr. Barrett and had it out. Pauline washed etc & Olaf and wife, George Clark & wife called in evening.

21 Snow on ground a few flurries in forenoon. PJ & I went to Stanley for cabbage. CGIT at Milton Greens. Every one excited over two weddings coming on 29th and getting ready for showers.

22 Not a bad day the forenoon. Girls went to S. side in afternoon took Annie Moore & May Green. Snowed pretty thick and they had quite a time getting home, 3 hours from Keiths. We were pretty well worried before they got home. Charlie turned his car on its side on Pattersons hill.

23 In bed all day. Rained & snowed and blew a gale. No work here.

24 Finer to day and froze again. Dad putting outside windows. Pauline painted pipes & tank with aluminum paint. Blowing & cold shower at Chester Woolners for Mabel. The girls and Charlie went. About 200 there.

25 Blowing hard, no snow on ground and men putting in cement for club house foundation. Ernest getting some storm windows on and barn finished up. In bed the last two days or rather on couch to-day.

26 A nice day. Sunny and not very cold. Family went to church in morning and brought Hattie Clarke to dinner and for afternoon. Six of us went to town at night to meeting of Tuberculosus League.

27 Fine day and every one very busy getting ready for the shower for Mabel Simpson. Had around 170 people here. Cora Toombs helped the girls decorate.

28 The morning after the night before and a pretty dirty house to clean up. Mabel came over in the forenoon and packed up her gifts. We rested after we got dinner over.

29 Another perfect day and the two weddings, Mabel Simpson & Hugh McKinnon. Mabel Woolners and Stirling Stewart are being celebrated tonight at Jerrys and Chester Woolners. Pauline, Ernest and I went to town this morning.

2 weddings

30 A lovely fall day all day. Girls washed. I spent the afternoon with May. Girls had a fine time at the wedding last night.

Dec 1st Just another perfect day. Mr Smith & Mr Sutherland here for dinner. Mr Sheehan went home to-night. A dance at Stirling Stewart’s to-night. A house warming.

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**December 1939**

2 Very warm nice day. Girls went up for Mother. They went to Carleton and to Summerside in afternoon.

Nelson Orr

3 S. Raining to day and not much doing. Slept most of afternoon. Ernest 59 birthday. Roads bad, frost coming out. Mr Cavender did not get over to Baptist Church at night.

4 Bad road, men late getting here in morning. Roads very soft in places. Charlie took Gypsy to Nelson Orrs funeral.

5 Finer to-day and road firmer. Ernest went with Jack Stewart to Kensington & S. Side. Got 1 ½ tons hay at Bowness’s Kensington $14.00 a ton.

6 Fine day. Lorraine went to town with Mr Tilley for a present for Ben Grahams 50th anniversary. Mr Smith & Sutherland here this afternoon.

7 36A. Fine day and not cold. The road got pretty slippy this afternoon. PJ & I went up to Walter Weeks for apples. Charlie and Lorraine to choir practice at Bob McKenzies. A dance at Bruce Grahams to-night. The contractor putting in cement today.

8 A very mild day and rained quite hard. Quite like thirty years ago and a bad road. Keiths thirtieth birthday. The men didn’t come to work. Roads bad.

Emma Bell

9 22A. Finer but colder and blowing a gale most of day. The men working at cement. B.B. & Mrs Graham celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Ernest and Lorraine went. They gave them a very nice clock and smokers set.

10 S 28A. very nice morning, not blowing hard. Dad & I had a grand walk to the shore and over the course. Went to United Church at night, all walked.

11 Blowing and snowing a miserable day. Didn’t wash. Mr Shehan got here at noon. Roads will be bad. North East storm.

12 Mr Shehan working at cupboard. The contractors didn’t get back this week yet. Not so cold to-day and hail and rain at night.

13 Anita 28 to-day. A very good day but cloudy. Heber brought his suitcase this morning and will stay for a while. Girls making dresses for Ina & Louise and a dance at BB Grahams tonight.

14 Not a nice day. Rain and finally snow. Mr Shehan making a cover for tank in Attic. House a mess but whats the use trying to clean.

15 A lovely day tho colder. The men came to work this morning and we have five men extra to-night. Don Sutherland came this afternoon. Mr Paynter & Campbell here to-night. Heber & Mr Shehan.

16 16. Very fine day. Quite frosty in morning but temps went up to 30 by afternoon. Mr Sheehan finished work and went home. Don and Heber went to town and Dad and I drove to Rustico. Roads terrible. Snow piled high in places, other places bare.

17 S. Rained most of day and temp up to 40 in afternoon Heber & Don went to town in afternoon. Wrote letters, Charlie here in evening.

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**December 1939**

John Fielding, Alberton died

18 Men came in the morning with their car. Roads bad.

19 Schurmans truck down to-day from Summerside, bad road. Mr Smith brought Don and Heber out from town. Came from Rustico via the park road.

20 Taking cold and feeling rotten. Girls washed and clothes didn’t dry at all. Went to bed about four o’clock.

21 In bed all day. Fine and men working, not very cold.

22 Snow on ground this morning. Messers Campbell Paynter and Don went to Summerside. So we had an easy day. Feeling a little better. Girls at church in afternoon.

23 A nice day. Ernest got our Christmas tree. Made doughnuts in afternoon. Girls at Church two afternoons. Men quit work early. Got Nans & Mauds photo.

24 S. I knit most of day and finished a pair of gloves for Heber. CGIT girls put on a Christmas service. Mr Tilley spending Christmas with his family in Montreal.

25 12. A cold grey day, very chill wind. Charlie and Heber spent the day with us and we had a nice turkey for dinner with all the fixin’s and plum pudding. The girls had a few in this evening for games.

26 A miserable cold day and drifting. Ernest went to Rustico in afternoon. Girls had a wee Christmas tree at Milton Greens. Rough night.

27 10 above and cold tho not snowing or drifting to-day. Men thinking seriously of quitting work for a time.

Charlotte McNeill Thomas dead also Emma Bell died in Washington D.C.

28 10 above again this morning and 20 above to-night. Don and Mr Paynter here to-night. Mr P & Ernest went to Rustico with car over Park road. Got word to-day that Charlotte Thomas is dead.

Charlotte Thomas

29 16. A perfect day all day, not blowing hard, quite calm to-night. Don & Mr Paynter went to Kensington this afternoon so we are alone again with just Heber extra. Tired to-night. Girls and Heber at Alfreds this evening.

30th Not so fine to-day and a storm at night. Ernest went to Rustico in afternoon for meal. Williams brought a load of bricks from Summerside. Mrs Fred Clarke got home to day has been at Gertrudes for four weeks.

31 A very nice day. A little more snow fell in the night. Quite calm. Not feeling very good. Edward here to dinner and Marguerite in afternoon. Baptist Church at night.

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**January 1940**

1 Snowing this morning and quite a storm by noon. Blowing hard at night and drifting. Roads bad again. No mail. Edward and David here in evening. Wrote Enid & Otto.

2 10 above and a ground drift going all day. Girls washed. Dad went to Mayfield in afternoon and had supper with Amanda. CGIT called off tonight.

3 Quite cold all day. In bed until afternoon. Got a nice parcel of candied fruit from Ted & Anna. CGIT at Alfreds to-night.

4 12 morning 22 night. Drifting most of day. Felix here & Charlie. Annie and Alfred here this evening until after midnight.

5 20 in AM and 26 in afternoon. A very nice day. Ernest in woods. Girls and Heber went to New Glasgow rink.

6 18 above and a grey chill day. Wind came around north and blowing a gale to-night and drifting. Not any news.

7 S. Quite cold and blustery to-day. No one moved out. Only ten out to Church this afternoon. David here in evening.

8 Fine day but cloudy. Girls washed. Men in woods. No news.

9 Heber & Dad went to Hunter River. H. went to town or home. Dad got coal and groceries. CGIT here to-night. Felix & Charlie here to-day.

Dave Snowie

10 6A. A lovely winter day. Ernest & Charlie finished hauling the wood home. Dave Shehan finished cupboard and plastered around pipe in bathroom. Girls went to Missionary meeting at Ira McCoubreys.

11 16A. Very fine in forenoon, snowed a little in afternoon. Edgar Tennis here sawing wood. Eric Bell down this evening. Charlie here the last two nights.

12 26A. In bed all day. Bad head. Men finished sawing wood. A nice day and not very cold.

13 Another nice day. Temp 30 above. Dad & I went down to Alec’s in afternoon. Ernest went to Rustico. Girls have mat in frames and hooking.

14 S. Quite mild to-day. Baptist Church in afternoon. David here this evening.

15 Cloudy but fine and not cold. Went over to see Ellice in afternoon. Institute at George McCoubreys.

16 Rained hard, and hailed last night and silver thaw to-day. Didn’t wash. Mr Paynter came back to-night. Emily Clarke died in Summerside at Wilbur’s where she has lived for some years.

Emily Clark

17 6 below and blowing a gale. Bitter cold all day. Mr Paynter & Ed Campbell worked all day. CGIT at Manse.

18 8 below and colder in other parts of Maritimes. Dad & I went to funeral this afternoon and to night we went in to Johnston’s, Lorraine too.

19 10 above and a pretty nice day. Messers Campbell came and have part of frame of machine shed up.

20 2 above but a very nice day. Roads are good now. Went up to see Mabel and Stirling this afternoon. Girls went with David to New Glasgow Rink.

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**January-February 1940**

21 Cloudy and chill but not so frosty. Church in AM. Charlie went up for Mother. Sing Song at Lewis Toombs.

22 16. A lovely day. Girls washed and men here, have the rafters on Machine shed. Ernest and Charlie at ice.

23 4 above and blowing and drifting. Mother here and will not get home to-day. No ice hauling to-day.

24 A lovely day. Finished ice before dinner and Clarke took mother home. Not feeling very good.

25 Another lovely day. Temp got up to 30 above. Reg Simpson took the girls to Stanley rink. Snowing all evening but calm. Men went home after dinner.

26 Fine and about 3 inches of light snow over everything. Carpenters didn’t come back. Parliament met in Ottawa yesterday and dissolved after 4 hours. Elections around last of March. 26th in fact.

27 S. A lovely day but a bit cold. Ernest & I went into town on the noon train. Had dinner at Old Spain and stayed at Reuels all night. Went to a show. Weird Indian warfare stuff.

28 S. Had a terrible headache in morning and in afternoon went with Reuels to Government House to call. Had dinner at night at Old Spain, guest of Will Dennis. Mr & Mrs Bell and Mr & Mrs Luck in after church service. Snowing quite thick in evening. Baptist church at night.

29 Snowing a little and drifting. Came out on noon train and got home at 5 PM. A very heavy road. Lorraine has a nasty cold again. Alec Toombs got rather badly hurt while thrashing. Glad we got home.

30 A lovely day. Lorraine in bed this forenoon. Has quite a cough. PJ & I washed. Dad and I were to see Alec Toombs. Shower at Stanley for Hilda Hiscott & Elmer Fyfe. David took the girls. About 150 there and the girls got home at 3 AM on the

31st Zero this morning and calm. Heavy white frost. The carpenters and Don & Ray Bagnall here for dinner. CGIT at Miltons to-night.

Feb 1 Fine day and about 16 above at night. Not much extra doing these days. The carpenters here.

2 Chill wind to-day. Girls getting ready to go to town to-morrow. Lorraine went to Bible Class at Jerrys. Edward & Annie Lowther went to Carleton to-night.

3 4. Girls got away to town and Ernest brought home a load of coal. Pretty cold and a snow flurry at night and blowing a gale all night.

4 S. 4 above and sunny but cold. Ernest went to church in afternoon and Charlie was here to supper. Still blowing.

5 Zero. Quite a cold day but fine. Messers Campbell and Paynter arrived before dinner. Ernest went to Hunter River for Lorraine & Pauline. CGIT met here at night.

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**February 1940**

6 8 above but quite nippy. Moderated before noon. Girls washed. Charlie had Gypsy for afternoon and I went down to Lornes. In the evening Dad & I went to Clarence Stewarts. Carpenters went home.

7 Mild to-day and light snow, mist and fog. Girls went to Manse to practice for Valentine social. Elmer Fyfe & Hilda Hiscott married at Manse at 9 AM.

Elmer & Hilda married at Manse

8 A crust over everything today. Ernest cleaned off some patches for the Hungarian partridge to get a bit of grass. We have had seven pheasants to feed all winter. Got word over radio that third contingent of Canadian troops had arrived safely in England. Lord Tweedsmuir in a very critical condition following a fall in his dressing room.

9 Lord Tweedsmuir had to have an emergency operation and was removed to Hospital in Montreal to-day. A real winter day, a light snowfall this AM and then a gale. Sun shining most of afternoon but a thick drift. Colder to-night. A dance at Abe Hiscotts. They had the dance but no one went from around here.

10 A very chill day. Ernest went to Mayfield for butter etc. David took Lorraine to Stanley Rink at night. Lord Tweedsmuir resting easier.

11 S. Snow storm in morning and kept getting worse and turned to rain in afternoon. No Church service. Blowing a gale at night and thaw over. Ernest & I had to move our bedding down stairs. Too much noise.

Word came over radio that Lord Tweedsmuir had pass away shortly after 8 o’clock. Listened to Mr King and others after 11 PM.

12 20 above and blowing hard all day but fine Valentine social at the Manse to-night. Letter from Marion she is at Aunt Maud’s for a week. Ethel Swindlehurst is with her again. Very cold at midnight.

13 4 above and a gale blowing. Cecil is laid up with sore back. Not much news. Miltons are sick with colds. Still cold to-night. Girls washed.

14 Fine day and around 16 or 18. Wind N.E. at night. got washing out and dry and partly ironed. David J. here in evening. Lord Tweedsmuirs funeral broadcast.

15 PJ & I not feeling very spry. Cloudy day with N.E. wind. Lorne Stewarts have a baby girl. Charlie & Lorraine have gone to choir practice at Lorne McNeills. Bad storms in New England states.

16 Not feeling any too good. Head ache. Dad & I went down to shore and then to Rustico. Not a very cold day. N.E. wind and a little snow flying in the evening. All in at night.

17 34. In bed until supper time. Quite mild all day and thawed a little. Feeling better at night. Over 300 prisoners of war rescued from German ship in a Norway fjord. Great rejoicing in England and tearing of hair in Germany.

18 A lovely day all day. All went to Church. Annie & Charles here to dinner. Mrs Tillie here in the afternoon and Mr Tillie came for supper. Ina and Helen Green here in evening.

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**February-March 1940**

19 A perfect winter day. White frost in morning but went up to 30 but down to 14 at night. Girls washed. Institute (Cavendish) branch at Ernest McNeills & we all went.

20 Cloudy but fine until 6 PM when it started to snow from S.E. Ernest & I went to Hope River in afternoon. Called to see Charlotte Simpson and had supper at Simpson Bells. Pretty nasty coming home and stormed all night and blew a gale from N.E. and

21 N all day and plenty of drifts in places. No mail for the first time this winter. Not feeling very spry.

22 Head not very good all day. Charlie here in evening. Ernest breaking roads most of forenoon.

23 0. A lovely day, frost last night but calm. Just knitting a little and sewing a little and reading “Queer Judson.” Girls went to Stanley to rink.

24 A perfect day. Dad & Lorraine went to Rustico in the morning. Lorne & Mary McNeill here for evening. Maple Leafs beat Boston Bruins 3-1.

25 S. Snowed all day. Very quiet. No church. Ernest has cold.

26 Still storming and getting colder. A lot more snow down. Ernest not feeling very spry. Lorraine went for milk on snow shoes.

27 8A. Sunshining to-day but quite cold and drifting. No mail. Very bad roads, highways full and the trains had plenty of trouble getting through. David, Edward & Norman McFarlane here.

28 A very nice day. Bobbie got along. Plenty of shoveling on the roads. Had a tramp on the snow shoes. CGIT at Arties. Washed.

29 Another fine day. Walked over to Erns on the snow shoes. Charlie here to supper. Choir practice supposed to be here but no one came.

March 1. A nice day but cold to-night. Mary McNeill here for afternoon and to supper. Bible Class at Alfred Moores.

2 Bright but bitter cold all day. North wind. Charlie went up for Nannie. Letter from Nan. Cold night and blowing.

3 Still cold but fine. Girls and Ernest went to Church & Charlie came in to supper. Girls went to Sing Song at Lewis Toombs. A baby girl, no 1, born at Ernest Clarkes.

Jean Clarke & John Bulman

4 Grey cloudy day. Heard thunder this morning at 6 AM. Chill wind and mist and froze on in afternoon. CGIT at Milton Greens. Una 16 years old to-day.

5 Milder, temp got up to 44. Messers Paynter & Smith and Bagnall here for dinner. Charlie took Mother home after supper and went on to Stanley.

Girl at Blair Andrews

6 Very soft road and very thick snow storm at noon with big flakes turned to rain. Not feeling very well. Mrs Austin McNeill Stanley Bridge died this morning.

7 In bed all day. Dirty day. Snow & rain etc.

8 Finer all day. Up but not too spry. Lewis & Mrs Toombs, Cora & John here for the evening.

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**March 1940**

9 Snowed very thick and turned to rain at noon and just poured all the afternoon. Almost finished my quilt. Edward over in evening.

10 S. Still cloudy and mild and plenty of water in cellar. Girls went to B. church with David.

11 Washed but a cloudy day. Dad & I went to Rustico in afternoon and had tea at Alec’s. Letters from the girls and CGIT at night.

12 In bed almost all day with a bad head. Finland about giving up the fight and giving way to Russia.

13 Another grey day. Have hardly seen the sun since the 3rd of March. Pauline & Waine finished their 2nd mat. Ernest & Winnie and John here this evening.

14 Fine. Ernest took Lorraine to Hunter River and brought home a load of coal. Waine went to Carleton. Finished piecing my quilt and put it together. Mrs Honeywell Bulman died at Hunter River. Has been sick for a quite a time.

Ethel Wedlock Bulman

15 Fine and wind south east and blowing a gale at night. Ernest got a load of wood home. Nothing doing special.

16 Raining this morning. Ernest had planned to drive to Carleton but didn’t. Quite mild but freezing again to night.

17 Dad went to Carleton this morning and Pauline went to Church and to sing-song at Lewis Toombs to-night.

18 Fine. Washed and ironed and knit. Messers Branders & Coles came to dig dry well for club house. Institute at Mrs Wyands.

March 26. Federal election. King Gov. returned with the largest majority ever.

19 18 A and a lovely day. Ernest & Lorraine got home from Carleton at 1.15 PM. CGIT at Alfred Moores. Lorraine walked. Light snow at night.

20 Cloudy early but cleared up. Sadie & Winnielea in for a little while.

21 Very dirty, Ernest went to Cyriac for groceries. Dirty all day.

22 Fine cold in morning but went up to 36 in day. Dad and I went to Mayfield. I stayed at Charlie Wyands and Ernest went on to Allen Moffats. Mr Wyand in bad shape and so is Everett Laird.

Good Friday

23 A big snow storm and the men couldn’t work. In bed all day. Blowing a gale to-night and the roads will be bad.

24 The snow piled up in banks and still drifting. Not feeling very spry. No church, no news.

Easter

25 Still drifting some but fine. Roads not so bad as expected. CGIT here to-night. Long letter from Nan. Storm all across Canada and owing to spots on sun cable and telegraphic communication between Europe and America cut off.

26 Still blowing and drifting but Canada gave McKenzie King the largest support that any Canadian leader has ever had and Dr. Manion has been defeated. McKenzie King gave six days to the campaign and Manion six weeks of abuse and he got just what he deserved. Rather an exciting day for the Webb family. Marion Tennis Gallant has a baby boy, sixth child.

27 The day after and Dad & I celebrated by taking May with us to Bernards. Mrs Bernard has been very well this winter. the roads grand but a tremendous lot of snow in places and no bare ground showing up yet, even long the shore.

new boy at Clarence Gallants

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**March-April 1940**

28 A lovely day. Ernest went to Hunter River for coal, got home around 3.30. Knitting most of day. Lorraine went with Charlie to choir practice at Bobs and Dad and I set up and listened to Foster Hewitt broadcast the hockey game from Detroit between Red Wings & Maple Leafs. Leafs won 3-1. Free for all 12 man fight.

29 A lovely day. Charlie had Gypsy in forenoon and brought Mother down for the day. Alf Simpson arrived about 9.30 AM. Ernest cut up a quarter of meat for canning. Lorraine at Austins all day helping Mrs Lowther. Thawing in afternoon. Bible Class at Manse.

30 Still thawing and the snow settling very fast. Busy with Saturdays work and Dad and I went down to see Bob and Jennie in evening. Eric Bell down. Still thawing and raining.

31 Foggy and thawed a lot. Ernest & girls went to U. church in afternoon. Radio poor owing to sun spots. Edward, Mary & David here in evening. Thunder & Lightening at night and turned colder.

April 1 Dad took Mother home. Road not too good. Wind cold. Girls washed Stirling & Mabel and Mr & Mrs Woolner here for evening. CGIT here.

2 Fine day. Ernest went to Hunter River for Heber and I went over with Ellice. Road getting pretty soft by evening.

3 Mr Paynter here for dinner and Charles. Dad & I went up to Fenners in evening and got home at 1:20. The word came through of Mrs Albert Simpsons death at Darnley. She was known as Aunt Maggie Albert and was 89. She died at her daughter Ethels’.

Mrs Albert Simpson

4 Lorraine taking a cold. Cold wind and the ice drifting in again.

5 A miserable day all day. South east wind rain and snow. The funeral from Geddie Memorial Church and burial in Cavendish Cemetery. Not many came down and we didn’t get over.

6 Cold and blowing hard all day. Never got warm all day until night. Ernest and Lorraine went to Lewis Toombs for evening Pauline & Heber went over to Ern McNeills for evening. Pauline has finished Winnies sweater.

7 Still cold and blowing. Lorraine went to Church. Sing-song at Wyands.

8 A perfect day. Girls washed, Dad went to Rustico and I walked over to Ern McNeills. Mr Paynter & Campbell arrived before dinner and work started again.

9 Cloudy and rained quite a bit to-day. Hitler moving troops to Norway. Put a quilt in frames this morning.

10 Quilted all day. Lorraine went to Missionary Meeting at Ern McNeills. Ruby and Allison Profitt have twin boys. Fine day and part of frame of club house went up. Thawing every day but still freezing at night. Letter from girls.

Ruby Dennis Proffit baby

12 Fine all day and temp went up to 48. Lorraine went to Bible Class at Manse and Dad went to Rustico this morning.

Plenty of robins

13 Cloudy and blowing a gale. Rained hard at night. New York Rangers got the Stanley Cup in the final play off with Maple Leafs. Our radio went out. Lorraine got a phone call from Dorothy Toombs and is taking West Royalty School. Finished quilting the fan quilt. All in at night.

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**April-May 1940**

14 A lovely day and the snow is getting away. U. Church in AM. In bed until 5 PM.

15 Girls washed. A lovely day. Lorraine got word to go to West Royalty to-morrow. Busy day for men.

16 Another perfect day. Ernest took Lorraine to Hunter River. Road not very good, about half bare. Mr Tilley here for supper A debate in CGIT to-night.

17 Fine day but wind keeps cold and freezes every night. Feeling much better. Letter from Nan.

18 Heavy white frost this morning and raining to-night. Walked down for mail, driveway dry.

19 A white ground this morning with rain and fog. Men didn’t work. Mr Campbell went home after dinner. Shower for Gertie Gallant & Elmer Peters at Geo. Nick Gallants. Lowell here to-night for a little help on his debate.

20 Cold and foggy in morning and still a bitter cold wind at night. Debate at Manse. Charlie here in evening. Mr Paynter walked to head of Bay along sand hills. The snow not going at all the last two or three days. Heber went to Town to-day.

21 S. Cold gray day. Pauline went up to Baptist Church in afternoon. Blowing a gale and snowing at night.

NE storm

22 Still blowing and snowed most of day. Terrific gale all night. Radio went dead at night. Not any frost temp not at freezing Everett Laird died in Hospital and a Mrs Ralph Johnson who was Elva or Elda Bernard of French or Long River died.

Everett Laird

23 Still storming all day. Had the doctor for Alfred Moore this morning. Telephone out, Radio dead. Pauline thinks we might as well be at the north pole. Alfred has pneumonia.

24 Fine to-day and wind still cold. Heber arrived just before dinner. Walked from Hunter River. We washed and did part of ironing. Keith and Margaret & Louise came up from Carleton to Lowthers.

25 Funeral in afternoon. I walked over to Austins in forenoon. Keith & Margaret and Louise here all night.

26 Lovely day and Edward & Lewis Toombs took the Carleton bunch to the station. Not feeling very good. Ernest went down to Alfreds in evening.

27 Another nice day and the snow is getting away again tho’ the wind is cold. No ice in sight for days. Had to go to bed before dinner. Mr Smiths have another boy.

EA Smiths No. 2 boy

28 Clear and cold all day. Got up after dinner. PJ and Heber went to shore. Church at night and Charlie in after church. Mr Paynter & Campbell arrived about 8 PM. Walked from head of Bay.

29 A lovely day but didn’t wash. Not feeling very spry. Got up after dinner. Mr Smith came as far as Gordon Lairds and Ernest met him there and brought him up. Heber & Mr Campbell got a fine mess of trout.

30 The warmest day we have had this spring. Dad helped Pauline wash. Feeling better.

May 1 Had Annie (Mrs Earl Simpson) and started house cleaning. Did pantry and part of dining room. Cold east wind to-night. Opening of lobster season. Rather poor prospects as far as price goes. Lorraine got a telegram from Ottawa re Civil Service. Dorothy Toombs got telegram too. Everyone tired to-night.

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**May 1940**

2 Quite warm and rained a little in afternoon. Men got a nice catch of trout. Everyone busy & tired. Letter from Maud.

3 70A. Some warm day with strong south wind. Annie here and she and Pauline cleaned three rooms. Not feeling very spry.

4 Another very warm day and some rain. Annie here again and they cleaned the west (Rest Room) bath room and the room over the Kitchen.

5 A perfectly lovely morning but foggy in afternoon. Reuels brought Lorraine out to Ben Woolners and Ernest met her there. Charlie and David here this evening. Leigh Warrens little girl Joyce has pneumonia. Mrs Albert McNeill not very well.

first cars

6 Foggy all day. Annie here and washed and cleaned the back porch. Mr Smith and Heber came at noon Dad & I went down to see the sick Mrs Albert and May.

7 Quite damp all day and rained hard in afternoon. The carpenters wont be here any more to meals and we are not sorry tho’ they were nice men. Mr Smith and Mr Chappelle here about the wiring for electricity. CGIT at Manse to-night, Lorraine went. The plumbers were down from S. Side and will be here to-morrow. Elton Woodside here and fixed up our radio again.

8 A miserable day all day and a gale and rain. NW wind. Plumbers came but didn’t stay long. Lorraine getting her belongings packed up. Pretty hard to keep smiling with a lump of lead in your throat. Wretched cold at night. Cleaned my bed room and about all in at night.

9 Not such a bad day and we went to Town, took Mary McN along with us. Got Lorraines trunk and some curtain stuff for my bed room. Cemetery Hill not so good but with help we got there.

10 Nicer to-day and not quite so cold. More men here working at cement. Rolling and seeding the lawn. Ground wet and cold. Mr Smith Mr Twin[?] & Mr Cannon here to dinner also Abe Hiscott. Dorothy Toombs got her telegram to go to Ottawa.

11 A nice day and awfully busy. Girls went to Creek in afternoon and up for Mother. We went to town in evening and saw rather a poor picture “Fast and Furious.” The Prince Edward has been fixed up nice in the last winter. Crippled leg and sore all night.

12 Got a lovely locket from Lorraine & PJ and a box of chocolates from Anita. Went to church in morning and Reuel & Enid & Walter were here for afternoon and supper. Reuels have a new 1940 Chev.

Mothers day

13 A lovely northeast storm all day. A terrible downpour of rain all afternoon. In bed with sciatic and a hot water bottle. CGIT at Manse to-night. Lorraines girls gave her pen & pencil set and Community gave her $17.50.

14 Finer to-day. Men waited for plumbers who didn’t come. Heber and Dad started for Pownal and Clarence Gallant put a brush fire on top of hill so we had a fire scare that put me on my back.

15 Sciatic bad again. Fine day and not so cold to-night. Dad and Heber got away to Pownal to-night. Annie Lowther Charles McFarlane and Laura Johnston called about 11 PM. War news terrible. Dad & Heber got home at

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**May 1940**

16 2:20 AM. Had two flat tires. Twas a nice day. Very warm and rained at night.

17 Showers and thunder. I went to town with Mr Smith and bought paper for the house and oil cloth for two room. Stayed at Enids. The war raging in France and Belgium and everyone anxious. Rained at night.

Sadie Johnston Mclure, new Girl

Blanche Laird McLeary new boy

18 Got me a navy dress and went to Gov. House with Enid and Mrs Carruthers. Some excitement about the Syrian woman who was using the United Church as a cloak to sell her wares for double price.

19 S. Went to Baptist Church and heard Dr. Coburn and had a drive out to Mt Stewart and to the new airport and home at midnight with Heber.

20 A fine day but cold. Car agents around, plenty of them. Mrs Lowther has bought a car, Institute at Fenners to-night. Took Mrs Lowther.

21 Still cloudy and rained in afternoon and night. Pauline & Mrs Lowther and I went to town and I got my first permanent.

22 Still gray and cold. The electric light men here wiring the house and its a fine mess we are having. Mr Spence left a car with us this evening but we haven’t bought it.

23 Mr Warren here from S. Side with a Mercury and we bought it. Pauline and Mrs Lowther went to Carleton and brought the little girls up. They papered Margarets kitchen. Mr & Mrs Robinson arrived after dinner and were here to supper. So with Russel McNeill here papering and painting the Light men working and altogether ‘twas a busy day.

Dorothy McKendrick & Harold Home married and Ruth Raynor and Leslie Dignan married

24 A lovely day but not warm. Not many around fishing. Mr Warren came with the Mercury but Spence didn’t return our Chev so we took him to Town and then to S. Side. Dad put down oilcloth in bath-room.

25 A lovely day and much warmer. A busy place to-day. Got oil cloth down in Dads room and the square in the West sitting room. Ina & Louise over for the afternoon. Letter from the girls Aunt Mauds nerves terrible. Quiet evening everyone tried and glad to rest.

26 A perfect day and quite warm. We went down to Gordons and took them for a drive to Southport and called on Dr. Frank and on Aunt Emily at Brackley. Poor old soul has failed terribly. Church at night. Charlie here this evening also some tourists.

27 A lovely forenoon but turned cool and fog came up about 4 PM and we had a smart thunder shower. Had a big big wash. Mr McNeill papered the front room and it looks pretty good. Tired at night.

28 Lorraine 23 today and she got her telegram from Ottawa to report as soon as possible. Another busy day. Pauline went to S. Side with Edward & Mary Willie & Reggie to see “Gone with the Wind.”

29 Fine but quite cool. Mr Smart and Mr Smith here for dinner and until after 5 PM. CGIT girls had sausage roast at shore. Dad and I went down. Very weary to-night.

Dr. Norman MacNeill died in Sussex

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**May-June 1940**

30 Awake early and numb. The war situation has been terrible and then Lorraine left this morning for Ottawa in answer to telegram, received Tuesday. Dad cleaning and waxing the big rooms floors. In bed early.

31 78A. Very warm day and wonderful growth. Mr McNeill finished painting kitchen ceiling and papered the kitchen this afternoon. We went to Town in afternoon and Doris Wood came out with us. The house a mess when we got home but looks better now.

June 1st A lovely warm day all day. Mr Smart & Mr Smith here to dinner. Mr McNeill painting kitchen. Getting things straightened around again.

2 Misty in morning. Dad & PJ and I went to O’Leary to bring Aunt Sadie down but she was in bed and not able to come. Had dinner at Lizzies, supper at Mays and called at Veldas and George Webbs and Daisys. Made the trip home in 1 ½ hours.

3 A lovely day and the girls had a big washing and everyone busy as could be. Showers at night. Eric Bell down for a few minutes.

4 Quite warm and blowing hard. Mr McNeill finished painting and took his departure at night. Had our first tourists from Indiana. Mary & Pauline collecting for YMCA.

Louise 4 years old

5 A lovely day, not too hot. Doing some fixing up and every thing looks pretty nice. We went to S. Side after supper and to Keiths. Twas Keiths busy evening. Got home at 10:45.

6 A miserable day all day. Thunder from early morning and bright lightening and heavy showers. Heber went to town. The men quit work for day. Mr Smith out in afternoon.

Marion 33 today

7 Quite a lot of damage done in yesterdays storm. Barn and stock burned at Freetown, a house struck in S. Side and Baptist church in Bedeque and torrential rains in some sections. Finished binding a quilt today, went to Rustico and I went over to Erns for milk.

Wellington Houston

8 A lovely day. Cleaned up our strip of ground around the house and reset some plants. Dog tired to-night. Charlie here to-night. Heber and Doris went to Town.

9 S. Poured rain most of day and fog and cold north wind to-night. Daylight savings time from now on. No news. Wellington Houston buried to-day.

10 Italy has declared war against the Allies as President Roosevelt has put it, stabbed France in the back. Electrical Inspector here also Mr Smith to dinner. A perfectly lovely day and evening.

Italy has declared war

11 A lovely day all day but blowing some. Bad headache this morning and didn’t do much. Looks like rain to-night. Quite a number around to-day.

12 Cloudy most of day and to-night cold enough for frost. Pauline, Mary, Lorne McNeill and Annie Moore & I went to Town. PJ got her permanent. Dad planted our garden up at Stirling and we visited Mabel for awhile.

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**June 1940**

13 Rained and cold. Put out a few plants this AM and got wet and near froze. Letter from Lorraine. Nothing very cheerful to write about. War situation pretty terrible.

14 Fine all day but wind cool. Had 2 for lunch at noon. Went down to Alec’s for a little while after supper and on to Rustico and around Cape Road home.

15 Blowing a terrible gale all day and clouded up this evening. The rest of folks gone to Town. Tiresome day. Two men here for supper.

16 Fine to-day but very cool wind. Quite a number around 18 cars at one time. We went to church at N. Rustico at night.

17 Word over radio is that Frances land forces have ceased fighting but navy and air force still active. It’s a bad business and no one knows what the end will be.

18 Another gale and terrible strain on nerves world over. Had Rev & Mrs Legate from Norval Ontario here for lunch. Went down to Keith’s in evening. Got ice cream on the way.

19 Still blowing and showery. Set out some plants this afternoon. Tired to-night. Got Green Gable dishes to-day.

20 In bed nearly all day. Raining and fog. Murray McNeill and wife and Janet & her little girl came this evening. Charlie down.

21 Nicer to-day. A few around. Mr Smith, Mr Van Ness & Mr Somebodyelse here in afternoon. Not much doing.

22 52. A miserable cold day and rained hard at night. The rest of gang went to Town. Not much stir around except at Club House. Mr Smith, Van Ness and Madigan here in afternoon. Weary at night

23 S. Quite cold and showery. Quite a few around in afternoon but nothing doing in house. Church at night.

24 Lovely day but wind came around and its quite cold to-night tho’ very fine. Charlie simonized the car to-day. Mr Carrie & Dr Clark here to-night about Y’s Mens Picnic on July 1st. PJ & I did some running around.

25 Fine but foggy in the early morning and fog clouds hanging around most of day. Men cleaning up around club house. Mary, Hazel and May here arranging the eats for Y’s mens picnic.

26 Fine but cloudy and cold. Quite a number around and Kensington YP Picnic party. Went to Creek in evening. Not feeling very good.

27 Elaine Lairds birthday and I forgot to send her any thing. She is 2 to-day. A lovely warm day and quite a number around and the girls gave 9 afternoon teas and supper. The Brinton family arrived from Halifax and are getting settled.

Myrtle Elaine Laird

28 A lovely day. Mother 78 to-day. Glen Dennis, Ray McPhee, Bill McDermitt and Mr Stoddart arrived this afternoon and took Pauline and Doris to Town to-night. Les Campbell made an awful fool of himself this afternoon, drunk as a lord.

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**June-July 1940**

29 Cloudy most of day but didn’t rain. Pauline went to Tormentine to meet Anita and the Barneys River bunch crossed on the same boat. Ina here to-day. Margaret and the kiddies came up with Anita and Pauline.

30 S. A fine day and a busy one. Keith got up after dinner. Had twenty six to lunch. Rev AA McLeod preached to-night. Have talked a lot and are weary to-night.

July 1 A lovely day. Just a shower at noon to settle dust. Everyone busy. YPs Men’s Maritime Convention picnic at the shore and the Cavendish branch of the Institute made about $40.00 for Red Cross. Terribly tired at night.

2 Another lovely day. Girls washed. I was in bed until near noon. Nan & I went to Hunter River for my books. Got 125.

3 A nice day and quite busy. Girls have 15 lunches. Pauline & I went to Town in forenoon. Took Annie along. John Laird & wife from Moose Jaw arrived in Cavendish in afternoon. Nita & Doris & I went down to Alec’s in evening.

Elmer Wedlock & Serena Sweet married

4 Rained very hard nearly all day, A lovely warm rain. Louis Woolner started work here.

5 A lovely day after the rain. Quite a number around. Back sore. Elmer and Serena arrived in time for supper and we took them for a drive at night. Called on Gertrude and Mrs Campbell at Park Corner. Lovely warm night. Sold Gypsy to Chester Brinton.

6 A perfectly lovely day and quite a number around. The girls very busy. My back pretty sore but I helped some. Girls had to go to Town at night.

7 S. 82. Another lovely day and people around all day and the girls were quite busy. Back very sore. Mr Geo. Richards and family here most of day and Mr and Mrs Bell and Gordon were here too and a McKay crowd had a celebration too and Stella Hayden was here.

8 85 or 6 today but a little breeze going. Feeling better this evening. Nan went fishing with Lowthers party. They got three hundred mackerel as well as some cod. Mr Jackson Dodds of Montreal here in afternoon and Lt. Gov LePage with Capt Selkirk and party from a war ship in Ch. Town.

9 Very warm again to-day and clouded up and thunder in afternoon but no rain. Quite a few around. All sold out of my two lots of dishes. Couldn’t sleep at night. Letter from Aunt Jen saying Maynard[?] is in Truro.

10 A nice day. Nan & I went to S. Side in morning and I brought home $46 worth of dishes. Not so many around as we expected. Went down to Alec’s in evening took Hazel and May along. Got some lovely fresh strawberries.

11 A lovely shower this morning and a perfect day. A busy afternoon with over fifty for lunch. Camp fire at shore for the Smileys. Tired to-night.

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**July 1940**

12 A very fine day and everyone busy. Quite a number around. Went to Hunter River to-night to see the Wedlocks but they were not at home. The Smiley family in this evening.

13 A perfectly lovely day and we didn’t have any one for meals but got ready for a big day to-morrow. All went to town at night. Took Keith and Margaret with us. The Laird Houston and Lowther celebration at Austins in afternoon. Quite a gathering of the clan.

14 Another lovely day and such a crowd as we had around. Fed 68 and there wasn’t much left in the house. Anita went to Baptist Church at night and Pauline and Davis went to Stanley. The Smileys here in evening.

15 Fine and blowing. Had Annie here to wash and terribly busy until afternoon. Girls and Dad went to town to see Rebecca and WH Dennis, Tom Dennis and wife called after they left.

16 Pauline & I went to Town early and had a busy day. Institute at Chester Woolners but we didn’t get down, too tired.

17 Still hot and dry quite a number around and we had a big rush at noon. Sold a lot of dishes. Long River YP camp fire at the shore at night.

18 Very hot to-day, over 80. Everyone working at hay. Dad and Lewis went to Town in morning. Not so many around to-day. We went down to Keiths for half a case of chicken.

19 A nice day but turned cool. Had a few for lunch. Maynard Shiles and Mr Munn here to-night.

20 The men slept in this morning so everyone was very busy all the morning. Maynard Mr M. PJ & I went up to O’Leary to see Aunt Sadie. She is very miserable and I’m very doubt if she lives long. Mother came down at night and the rest of gang went to Town.

21 Rather cool all day. Had rained a little. Fed over Thirty. Boat in from Montreal and a crowd arrived for a while. Maynard & Mr Munn left for Borden around 6 PM.

22 Foggy early and damp until afternoon. Annie here washing. A lot of people around all day. Ellice & Annie over this evening.

23 Anita went to Summerside for Aunt Lizzie and the groceries. Janie Wedlock and family over in afternoon. Its been a busy hot week and everyone is tired. Great to have Lizzie with us. We went down to Keiths on evening of 25th and when we got home heard that little Maynard Simpson was lost so went right up. He got away and was not found until next morning about 5 AM in a hay field that had been cut near Ceds line. He was sound asleep when found. No sleep that night.

Maynard Simpson lost & found

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**July-August 1940**

28 Went to town last night and saw not a very good show. All in at night and a raging headache today. Terrible accident at St. Dunstans hill, several injured. A man accidentally shot his head off, and Maynard Simpsons experience made a full 48 hours of bad news.

29 A lovely day and quite a number around. Eric Simpson went to Halifax to Hospital. Annie Earl here washing. Only two tourists to meals. Quiet day surely. Had a letter from Vern.

30 Very warm early but cooler in afternoon. Girls very busy all afternoon. Lizzie and Pauline went over to Hunter River in the forenoon.

31 Very hot until about 5:30 then wind came around north and its quite cool to-night. Reuels were out this afternoon and had supper with Elaine. Milton & May up to-night.

Aug 1 Quite a gale all day and heavy sea on. Quite a number around in afternoon. We went to a show at night “All this and heaven too.” Took Lizzie with us and out to Gordons. Got a present of Disputed Passage from Lorraine for my birthday and a box of candy from Nan & PJ.

Aug 2 A perfect day and I went for berries this morning. Myron went back to Halifax to-day and Mother is down with Elaine. A very busy day around here to-day. Fifty nine registered.

3 Very warm day and very busy. Had 32 to meals. Doris went to town with Heber. Went to Creek to night instead of Town. Mr Timmins coming to Lowthers.

4 82. Very warm and very busy all day until dark. 104 registered. Rev Edwin Simpson here with Dr. Clark. The girls went down to Brackley for Aunt Lizzie. 47 here for lunch. Took Lizzie home on the 6th and have had a terribly busy week. Its been hot and dry. Cavendish Tea on the 7th and a baby girl arrived for Upton & Mrs Smith on Aug 8th.

New girl at Upton Smith

9 Very warm to-day, very tired after a busy day yesterday. About 24 golfers out and 37 for meals. Mima on the Island and here to-night. Grand rain. Mrs Cromarty and David leaving in the morning.

10 Hammond Toombs died suddenly at Kensington and the funeral was on the 12th from Kensington United Church. Lewis Woolner drove our car and Ernest & I went. Every day a busy day around here. A lot of tourists and everyone weary at night. Old Home Week Celebrations from 13th to 16th. Chester Woolner has pneumonia but is better I believe. Mary MacNeill has been quite sick with measles. Ruth Sheidow and Katherine Keith here on the 12th. We took the girls for a drive to French River. Blowing hard and quite

Hammond Toombs

Dorothy McKendrick baby boy

14 cool in evening. Busy as can be everyday. Had over 50 for lunch on 15th and around 30 on the 16th. Weather

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**August-September 1940**

16 much warmer. Got marmalade made and went to camp fire at shore. Mr & Mrs Dilts came to Lowthers on 15th. We need a good days rain.

17 Very warm windy and dry and too busy to write.

19 New boy at Ira McCoubreys. Grand rain on the 20th and registration of everyone over 16 yrs of age. Was in at Mayfield for three nights from 6 to 11 PM. Pretty tired.

24 Everyone away to Town to-night but me. Anita leaving in the morning for Aunt Mauds. Going with Mr & Mrs Bell. Cooler the last few days. Chester Woolner a little better.

25 Nan left again for Toronto with the Bells. Terrible nice for Marion to have her back again. It turned out to be a very disagreeable day with rain showers and a cold west wind. Quite a number around but few lunches. We went to church at South Rustico at night.

26 Finer but still cold. Quite a number around. Mr Smith here for dinner. Went to Creek at night and called at Mays. Miss Stanley here from Windsor, Ont. Heard from Aunt Lizzie last week. New boy at Dol McKendrick. Homes home on the 10th. Wilbert & Martha have a 9 ½ pound girl born Aug 30th, Marion Estelle. Mr & Mrs Gillings at Jerrys and we took Mrs G and Eleanor and Elaine down to Keiths Friday night (30th). Had a busy week until Friday and Saturday.

Wilbert & Martha

Sept 1 Very warm early. A lot of people around but we only fed 25. Tired to-night.

2 A nice day quite warm. Mrs Paterson here in afternoon for a little while. Only eight in for lunch to-day, not a busy day. Myron & Elaine over this evening. They are leaving to-morrow Ruth & John & Bobbie White here this evening too and Miss Bodie[?] and Mrs Bell. Lena McLures recital in Stanley Hall to-night. Terrible gale all night. The Boat Charlottetown had a hard time docking, the worst in twenty years. Not blowing so hard but very warm. Missionary

Labor Day

3 Rally at the Church with supper at the shore. Mr and Mrs Stirling here all night. Mr Carse died in his office.

Mr John Carse

4 Mrs Stirling & I had a walk over the Golf Course & Mr S and Dad. Pauline and Doris went to Town. Warm to-day and terribly dry. Mr Stirling here to-night. Got our new Boxer Bull pup. Jiggs? No, Pal I think.

5 A nice day but blowing hard and turned cold at night. Shutters and doors rattled and ‘twas a miserable night generally. Quite a number of tourist around and my books are almost gone. Got letter from Nan. Jen, Mima and Gertrude Corey.

Margaret Dennis & Clarence McLean married

6 Quite a sea storm and cloudy day but not any rain worth mentioning. Sent another order for books.

7 Fine in AM and Mr & Mrs Gillings over. Busy baking bread etc. Had the Gillings for supper and 11 others. Went to Town in pouring rain. Wretched storm all night long. Not much sleep.

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**September 1940**

Air raids pretty bad over London.

8 Blowing a gale and raining nearly all day. Mr & Mrs Clarence McLean arrived before dinner. Nee Margaret Dennis. Very nice looking couple. Heavy sea storm. Car from Sydney in. No church.

9 Went with Charlie to Hunter River with Mr & Mrs Gillings and in the afternoon Pauline & I took Alec & May to Carleton and Summerside & back to Carleton for lunch. Quite a crowd here all the afternoon.

10 Lovely morning. Girls washed and had 4 for lunch. Mr & Mrs Card of Dorchester & Dr & Mrs Doull of Halifax. Rained little at night. Mary McLeans baby, stillborn.

Mary McLean Edwards

11 We are invited to dinner at the Highlands at Georgetown by the Bonnells. Mr & Mrs Stirling & Doris were there too so we had a very pleasant day. A tragedy at Montague school grounds where little Margaret Duncan was killed by a trench mortar falling on her head. Institute here at night. Mrs Wyand & Mrs Jerry not here.

Little Margaret Duncan killed

12 Dark damp day and raining hard to-night. Busy making sarsarparella wine, jelly, plum jam & peach jam. Ina & Louise here so plenty doing.

13 Rained most of day. Stayed in bed until 3 PM. Cleared up to-night. No news.

14 A perfect summer day. Got up before dinner and stayed out doors. A letter from Mrs Carse telling of Mr Carses’ death on Sept 3rd. Quite a number around in afternoon. Girls went to town with Heber.

15 S. A lovely day but wind east and cool. A lot of people around this afternoon and 32 played Golf to-day. Enid and Reuel out. Rally Service at Church to-night. Mother down for the day. Doris went home last night.

16 Washed and it rained. Got stuff ready for pickles and India relish. Terrific storm to-night and roof blew

17 off of Ira McCoubrey’s barn and likely a good many others. Terribly loss of shipping etc all along Atlantic cost and its still raining and blowing. Dad & Heber getting water samples of the ponds and Heber took the girls and Mary & Winnifred Haslem to S. Side to a show at night. Wash out on line. Wind shifted to

18 west and its still raining. Been wet in Ontario too. Didn’t rain much this morning and we got the clothes dry and ironed. Feeling better. Made mustard pickles and cut up stuff for chow. Terrible air raids over London all night and day.

19 A lovely day. Dad & I went up to Head of Bay. He had to put up signs re shooting and I took my knitting. Mrs Albert up this afternoon. Art Simpson brought word that Aunt Sadie was dying so we went to O’Leary that night and so that’s the way we spent our 35th wedding anniversary and now its Oct 10th and I’ve been on my back for three days and poor Aunt Sadie is still living.

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**September-October 1940**

25 Stirling Stewarts have a baby girl and Mrs James R took a stroke a half hour before the baby arrived and died on the 28th. They took her home on Friday but she never regained consciousness after the stroke. The harvest

Mrs James R Stewart

Oct 10 is in now and people are working at potatoes. Mr Smith up to-day

11 Lovely weather all this week. Pauline went to Town in afternoon and got wedding presents in Community plate for Annie Lowther.

12 A lovely day. Pauline busy and I helped a little. We brought Mr Macdonald from Hunter River at night. He’s quite a wreck, poor old man. Back still pretty sore.

13 S. Quite a number around to-day, eight Golfers. Pauline took Mr Macdonald up to see Dr. Fleming to-night. He’s a fine bundle of nerves. Pauline went to church at night. A Mr Macdonald of Petitcodiac preached. Charlie here for supper.

14 A perfect day but wind cold. Reuels & Spencers out playing Golf. Mr Macdonald better to-night. CGIT at Miltons. Pauline washed and ironed.

15 Getting ready for Annie Lowthers shower. Cora and Mary and Una here helping. About 60[?] more here at night. Keiths got up and Ina and Louise carried in the baskets. Back not very good. Took Mr Macdonald down to Alecs. Rain at night.

16 The day after. Pauline & Ernest took Mr Macdonald to town to see a Dr. Ina here for the day. Nice day.

Institute at Ben Woolners at night

17 24A. Dr. Keeping here for dinner. Quite a frost in AM. Pauline at Mrs Lowthers in afternoon and we went to Park Corner to Jim Campbell for the evening.

18 Rained quite a lot to-day and bitter cold and blowing. Mr Macdonald went down to Lornes & Ern McNeills. Not feeling very good all day. Maynard came in evening just for one night as there isn’t a Sunday boat.

19 A much nicer day and the big wedding came off without a hitch. Maynard took me over for a few minutes in morning and I didn’t go to wedding. Everyone tired at night.

Annie Lowther & Charles McFarlane

20 S. A nice day but cold. PJ brought Mother down. Not feeling very spry. Charlie in for a while. Alec & May up.

21 A lovely morning and Pauline took Mr Macdonald to Hunter River and did a big washing. Got clothes dry just as it started to snow. The ground white at night and blew a terrific gale all night. Not much sleep as the shutters rattled so.

22 Still blowing but not much frost. Ernest taking off screens and shutters. Pauline has tooth ache. Mother seems quite happy

23 Not so cold to-day and the snow melting. Paper reports 5 inches of snow on Island and the snow plow was sent out from Town to clear the highway of drifts.

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**October-November 1940**

U.S. Presidential election Nov 5th

24 A nice day, not so cold and cleared up sunny in afternoon. Didn’t do much extra. We went do to Keiths in evening. Brought home a chicken.

25 Another nice day and no frost. People trying hard to get spuds out. A lot have been damaged by frost. Ernest has a bad cold. Card from Velda yesterday says Aunt Sadie better and sitting up again.

Elva Hill & W McDonald married.

26 Rained. We had planned to go to Town but didn’t.

27 A miserable day. Charles & Annie here to dinner and I went to Carleton with them. Snow flurries and a bad road by night in many places.

28 Margaret washed most of day and I mended. They were working at turnips and garden stuff every fine day and Keith got some ploughing done.

30 A shower for Anne & Charles at McFarlane on

Nov 1st and Edward Mrs Lowther, Mary Dad & Charlie came down and I came home.

Olaf Stevenson baby girl no.2 Nov 1st

2 Lovely day and Pauline & I went to town in afternoon and Dad went in with Heber at night. Bought a mattress and table for room.

3 S. Showery but not cold. Reuel Enid Pauline & Walter out to supper. Roads pretty bad at night.

4 A cloudy showery day and we didn’t wash. PJ went over to Ern’s in afternoon. Head ache for days. Not many men working to-day.

5 A lovely day. Pauline washed. I was in bed all day. Heber went into town in afternoon. Mr Smith here. Ernest working at outside windows. Got some of them on. Quite a closely contested Presidential Election in the United States to-day. The largest vote ever taken in the States and Roosevelt is elected with a tremendous majority over Wendle Wilkie.

President Roosevelt gets third term election

6 A nice day and I finished the ironing. Rained in the evening so we didn’t go anywhere. Upton Smith was drowned when his car went through the rail of Dunk River Bridge into between 20 & 30 ft of water.

Upton Smith

7 A nice warm day. Everyone shocked over last nights drowning accident. Election Day in the 2nd district of Queens and the liberal candidates won with a good safe majority Messers Alec Matheson & Geo Kitson. Raining again to-night.

8 A nice day and not cold. Made apple jelly and did a lot of odd jobs around the place. PJ and I went to Rustico at night and then went to Ern McNeills to CGIT play practice.

9 Another lovely day here tho’ it rained in Town in afternoon. A very large funeral at Stanley, 58 cars came down here. We couldn’t get into church so stayed in car. Went to town at night to see Boom Town.

Neville Chamberlain

10 A nice day. Went to church in the morning and to Brackley, Town & Milton in afternoon. Roads rough but pretty good. Damp at night & snow in places.

11 Cloudy this morning but Pauline washed and went to Town after dinner for Mrs Olaf Stevenson and her baby girl. Made soap. CGIT here to-night and a practice of their play.

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**November 1940**

12 Threatened rain but held off until night. The men came in morning and went home. Ernest & Pauline went to Carleton and took Keith and Margaret to S. Side and brought home some oats for ‘Mischief’ this winter. Ironed and made soap in afternoon. Got new mattress.

Charlie down in evening

13 Rained quite a bit today. Got mattress placed and one made for couch out of old one. Got some straightening around done upstairs. Smelts for dinner. Institute at Wyands. CGIT practice at Alfred Moore. Have our new library table for living room.

14 Heber’s birthday and what a terrible rainy day. Poured all day and most of last night. Had a nice duck dinner and birthday cake for supper.

15 Still raining most of day. Not very cold to-night, wind SW. Sewing and not much else doing.

16 Still raining. CGIT girls here in afternoon. Just pouring. Finished Louise’s dress. Heber went to Town at night.

17 Keith up for the day, were here to dinner. Charlie in in evening. Charles & Annie in for a little while.

18 Much finer but colder. Washed in morning. PJ and Ernest went to Rustico in afternoon & PJ to Lewis Toombs at night to CGIT. David Johnston here for evening.

19 A nice fresh day, blowing from west and dried up roads. We ironed and after dinner I walked up to Stirling Stewarts and had a very nice afternoon. Home in evening.

20 A nice day warmer than yesterday and we made our fruit cakes; 5 small ones in coffee cans and 1 large. Got lobster and mackerel from Mr Peters for Marion. Rained hard to-night but cleared up again.

21 Nice day, a pet in fact. Not cold. Got hay from Millman of Kensington. Went to Rustico in afternoon and I stayed at Mays and Ernest came down in evening.

22 Red sunrise and rained before 9 AM, but we went to Town. Took May and Margaret & Ethel Moore. Poured all day. Mother in Town. Rather bad road coming home. Pauline got her suit cases.

23 Fine to-day and froze this morning. Temp around 28 tonight. Men working. Pauline at Hall all afternoon to practice for their concert. Heber went to town to night.

24 S. A nice day but wind chill like snow. Nickey and I had a grand walk to the shore. Reuel and Enid brought Mother out from Town. United Church to-night. Snowing.

25 A miserable day, blowing and snowing most of the day. CGIT concert at night for Red Cross. Not many there but they made around $12.00. Heber got out about 10 AM temp 24 at night. Cecil Stetson brought road machine as far as Rustico.

26 24A Blowing a gale but fine. Dad walked to Head of Bay and Heber went to Rustico for the Road machine.

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**November-December 1940**

27 29A. A nice morning but cloudy all day. Washed in morning. Calm and the clothes didn’t dry. Pauline took Mother up after dinner and got stuck in Cecils lane. She & Dad went to Hunter River afterwards. Charlie here in afternoon and we cut up citron for jam. Heber left for Town in a thick snow storm. Big dance at Eastern Hay & Feed building.

Snowing thick to-night

28 Calm all day and 4 ½ inches of snow fell last night. Heber got home from Town but imagine a good many are getting stuck to-night. It’s blowing hard and temp down to 28 in Town. In bed until 3 PM.

29 14A. A cold west wind all day and a bad road. Sleighing the only way of travelling. Got word from Keith that Margaret is in the hospital, miscarriage I guess. We didn’t know there was anything doing. They took her to hospital yesterday morning and she is very sick. Edward over in evening.

30 Snowing all day to-day. Dad went over to Austins to get news and the word came that they had some hope of her as she seemed a little brighter this morning. Busy with Saturdays work and knitting.

Dec 1 A stormy day all day or until about 2:30 PM. Milder but blowing hard to-night. Got word that Margaret is better. Ellice is going to S. Side in the morning. A quiet weary day.

Aunt Sadie died age 75.

2 14A. A cold morning and blowing. Got word from O’Leary of Aunt Sadie’s death. Ellice went to S. Side. Dad and Heber went to Rustico with the tractor. Bitter cold. Expecting Messers Smith and Smart out from Dalvey.

3 Snowing hard all day. Got word from Keith that the Drs had no hope of saving Margaret’s life and Dad went to Summerside on evening train. Bad road, so much snow down and cold. Everyone worried. Ernest 60 to-day.

4 4 above this morning and fine. Edward brought word that Margaret a little better this morning but not out of danger. Her condition still critical to-night. Getting colder all day. Temp dropped to 10B at 8 PM and up to 10 above by 11:30. Mrs Jim Bulman died this evening.

Mrs. Jim Bulman

5 20A. this morning and 32A to-night. Blowing and drifting until afternoon. Got a letter from Ernest and Margaret not any better. David Johnston in to-night. Ernest staying at Prestons.

**[Change in handwriting: Ernest.]**

6 Margaret passed away this evening.

7 Myrtle went to Keiths this afternoon. Reggie drove her to Hunter River got to Keiths 12:45 midnight. Tired.

8 Mild. Men shoveled road down to Keiths for funeral. Cars couldn’t get to the house but met us at the pavement. Raining hard. Very large funeral Church more than full.

9 I came home this AM walked from H. River to Glasgow. Took sick with flu.

10 In bed all day. Pauline and Charlie washed. Cold wind. Heber took tractor to town yesterday, not home yet.

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**December 1940**

10 Got up afternoon feeling rotten. Heber got back at noon and went to Gillis Pond with Dodge truck. Road bad Charlie went with him.

11 Pauline in bed today. Heber and Charlie went to town with truck by way of Cape. Got home about 6 o’clock. Heber not feeling very well. Got lot of books.

12 Heber sick with flu. Charlie too. Pauline some better, so am I. Mable Simpson quite sick with measles.

13 Heber quite sick. Rest of us getting around again.

14 Mr Wright died. Arthur got home a few hours late. Alder Wright at noon to-day age 64.

Mr Wright died

15 Sunday very quiet. Edward in for a few minutes. Heber not very spry.

16 Mr Smith out. Had an accident with car. Heber and I towed him to Hunter River. Came back in snow storm. Stuck twice. All in.

17 Milder. Not up to much.

18 Just another day.

19 Went to Emerald, met Keith there with horse. Got home 3:15. Cold day. 6 above.

20 Mild. Ralph Cole took the big truck to town. Heber went with Dodge got home 10:30 PM.

21 Mild. Went to Rustico afternoon. Good road. Turning colder. Heber started for town with car got stuck in snow by Iras hay stack. Left the car there, walked home. David here in evening.

22 Heber started for town again. Rear end went out of his car in Alex’ brook. Towed him home with Dodge truck than he and Charlie went to town. Quiet day fine.

23 Fine but drifting some. Heber got home 4 PM. Charlie stayed in. Got 2 chicken from Alfreds. Pauline trimming tree.

24 Nothing much doing. Cold north west wind 10 above zero. Christmas eve. Grand music. Lorne McNeill has flu and jaundice.

**[Change in handwriting: Pauline?]**

25 Christmas. Nice sunny day. Heber here until 10 AM then went to town for dinner. Mother in Carleton so Dad and I had a quiet day. Santa very good to us all.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting.]**

In Carleton Charles and Anne helped Keith and I to pass Christmas. The children were happy and that was the main thing. Keith went to pieces after Anne & Charles left.

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**December 1940-January 1941**

26 Felt alright in morning but something happened and Keith had to get Dr and Dad and I was in bed for several days. Got home on Dec 31st and still feeling anything but OK on Jan 1st 1941. Quite mild weather since Christmas. Poured rain on Dec 30th. Good car road on pavement.

Jan 1 1941 A nice mild day. Temp 28 all day to-night 26A. Mrs Lowther here all afternoon and evening. Heber went to Town to supper.

2 Heber came out this AM. Snowed a little but it helped the road rather than hurt it. Feeling only fair. Ernest went to see Lorne. He is still very sick.

3 A lovely fine day and not cold. Ernest went up for Mother and Mrs Fred Clarke, Mrs Lewis Toombs and Alec & May were here. About all in at night.

4 Blowing and cloudy all day. Ernest down to see Lorne this afternoon and he is feeling much better. Pauline made pumpkin pies. Pauline had letters from England.

5 Snowed some last night and still dirty this AM.

6 A miserable day not fit to wash. Blowing. CGIT at Greens. Annie & Charles here to supper.

7 Still blowing but fine. Pauline and Ernest washed. Pauline & Heber went over to Lowthers in evening.

8 Cold wind and cloudy and snow flurries. Nothing special doing.

9 4 above this morning but a lovely day all day. Dad took me for a drive to Lornes. Lorne is better and was able to go to barn to-day. Roads rough, pitches and snow banks, ice and bare ground. Letter from Keith, he is still alone. Eric Bell here in evening.

10 Quite chill this morning but lovely night to-night. Grace Crosby here for week and Dad went to Rustico and I think Mrs Lowther has gone to Carleton.

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**January 1941**

11 In bed all day. Not so good. Chill North East wind. Not much frost. Dad took Mother home in forenoon. Got bag of flour.

12 Snowing most of last night and all day. Charlie came up from Lornes this afternoon and had supper with us. Wrote to Uncle Firth. Herb Wyand here in evening. Evidently he is rushing the school [?].

13 Stormy day all day and getting colder and blowing a gale. Bobbie came but whether he would get back to Hunter River or not we don’t know. Sore finger.

14 4B here this morning and 6B in Ch. Town. Blowing a gale to-night and bitter cold. Some parts in States report 116 mile gale. Boat 9 hours late. No mail.

15 9 Below and still blowing a gale all day. Ernest and Heber working all day at the frozen pipes. Thank goodness they didn’t burst. Got the place packed with sawdust. Edward here for supper. No mail.

16 2B this morning and 10A to-night. Has been a fine day washed and busy all day long. Ernest shoveling snow.

17 Not so cold this morning and up to 24A to-night and a snow storm. N. East. Got ironing done. Pauline getting her clothes ready for her trip.

18 28A and calm. Snowing a little nearly all day. Ernest in to Mayfield in afternoon. Mrs Johnston & Mary Muttart and David here in evening. CGIT at Jerrys. Anita came to Keiths.

19 Snowing most of to-day, about 6 inches new snow down. Temp went up to 30A but 28 tonight. Pauline & Heber invited to Ern McNeills to tea. Alf Moore sick.

20 28A Still snowing and blowing from North. Not very cold. Ernest took Pauline to Hunter River and Edward took Mary McNeill. Anita came from Carleton to Hunter River. What a day. Colder at night but stopped snowing. Roads terrible.

21 Not feeling very good. Ernest and Anita got home around 4 PM. Pauline and Mary left for Ottawa. Stopping in Montreal for a couple of days. The paper to-day reports 90 inches of snow fall this season. Mabel Simpson McKinnon has a son.

22 A nice day and we washed and talked all day. Charlie here this evening.

23 Snowed to-day and milder but cold again this evening.

24 Finished ironing. Not much doing. Roads bad.

25 Quite frosty but not blowing very hard. Dad & Nan went driving in afternoon and had supper at Alec’s. Ern & Winnie and John here in evening about 10A.

14A and a bleak east wind all day. Blowing. Anita over at Mrs Lowthers. Not feeling very good.

26 Decided to stay in bed to-day. Still blowing and cold. Charlie came for Nan, took her to church.

27 4B Bitter cold. 7B in Town, the coldest this winter so they say. Anita didn’t go to Carleton as planned. Dad got Sadie Hiscott for a month. David and Grace Crosby here for evening and part of night.

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**January-February 1941**

28 Finer but 4 Below but went up to 12A this evening. Heber took Anita to Hunter River. He was going out to Town. Washed but clothes didn’t dry.

29 Snowed almost all day. Temp 30 A to-night and the train isn’t expected to get to Town before midnight. Roads bad again. Snow half way up the sitting room window.

30 Snowing in morning but fine in afternoon. Dad went over to Erns on snow shoes. Roads very bad. No mail.

31 Bobbie got around at 3:30 and Heber got home around 7 PM. Roads very bad. Temp up to 30 but down again to 20A. Got half case of oranges. Man murdered in Ch Ttown last night. Peter Trainer.

Feb 1st A nice day, as white as it could possibly be. Ernest & I had tea with Ellice and Edward. Letters from Lorraine, Marion & PJ.

2 A lovely day. The rest of them went to church. Sadie away this afternoon. Quiet and restful.

3 Cloudy most of day and cold wind. Didn’t wash cleared up in evening.

4 Still cloudy and to-night its blowing a gale and colder. Washed and got clothes partly dried. Canned a quarter of beef that we got from Milton. No news.

5 Still blowing and drifting. Dad went to Freds no mail for milk, took him an hour to get there. No mail.

Wilbur MacFarlane of S. Side died, age 24 years.

6 Lovely day temp 14A in AM, cold wind but no drift. Sewing and not doing much extra. Started fixing Hebers sweater. Frosty to-night but calm.

7 A nice day, sunny and not cold. We went down to Alec’s in afternoon and Ernest went to Creek. May seems terribly blue.

8 Pouring rain this morning but cleared up in afternoon. Temp got up to 42A for a short time to-day. Ernest drove, Sadie home this afternoon. Letters from Anita and Lorraine. David out this evening.

saw a robin in the lawn

9 40 above and blowing hard and turned colder at night. Charlie here to supper.

10 4 Below and cold but fine. Ernest has a bad cold. Sadie got back to-night. Made a big batch of marmalade and finished my navy dress. Temp 10A to-night.

11 Did a big washing. Heber went to town. Fighting off a cold. Got clothes dried for first time in weeks. Got a letter from Pauline with important announcement.

12 A very fine day and we finished ironing and did some baking. Valentine social at Jerrys at night. Went to bed, sick.

13 In bed all day. Ernest had Earl Simpson at ice. Feeling pretty rotten with cold.

14 Got up in afternoon. Finished ice. No news.

15 Feeling some better. Cloudy day and almost rain. Ernest took Sadie home and got some groceries at the Creek. Made a choc cake. No news.

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**February-March 1941**

21st. Sir Frederick Banting killed in plane crash in Newfoundland

16 Drifting all day. No one went to church from here. Sadie got home in evening.

17 Bitter cold and blowing, didn’t was, snowed before night.

18 Still cold and snowed. Washed but clothes didn’t dry.

19 Got some ironing done, not feeling very spry. Sadie has cold too.

20 Still storming has been since Saturday. Snow banks everywhere. There was a little sunshine this afternoon.

21 Still grey but cleared up in afternoon. Everyone bit fed up with bad roads and weather. Feeling rotten.

22 House cleaned the Kitchen and part of pantry. Sadie went home this afternoon. Letters from Anita and Lorraine.

23 A nice day. Mabel & Stirling came down in afternoon and Keith and the children arrived soon after. Keith is in for trouble with his Mother-in-law. Poor Kid.

24 Keith and kiddies went home in afternoon. Herb Wyand and the Minister Mr Shaw called. About all in at night.

25 Ernest and Heber went to Hunter River, Heber went to town. Ernest got a load of coal. Was sewing aprons. Lorne and Mary here for evening.

26 First day of Lent. Washed and in afternoon went down to Ira MacCoubreys for afternoon.

27 Badly crippled with sore back. Got up but couldn’t do anything. Sadie ironing.

28 Fine day but cold. Worlds Day of prayer. Sadie went and to Bible Class in evening. Feeling a little better.

March 1st. Fine day until night, snowed. Ernest went to H. River for another load of coal and a bag of flour.

Sunday 2 Just a perfect day. Ernest & Sadie went to church. In morning. Heber got home in afternoon.

3 Washed in AM and baked in afternoon. Letter from Anita. Alfreds & Miltons here to-night.

4 Another grey day and snowed all day but fine to-night. Ironing done. Heber working at his car this month.

5 Fine and cold. Went over to Ern McNeills at night.

6 Very fine. Plenty of planes flying around, training planes. Binding a couple of quilts.

7 Fine. In bed all day, sore back and headache. Feeling rotten. Zero at bed time.

8 In bed until afternoon. Ernest took Sadie home after supper. Very bleak cold wind, east at night and snowed before morning.

Sunday 9 As dirty a day as one could wish for. Feeling a little better to-night. Its rain or hail or something all day and blowing a gale to-night.

10 Still blowing a gale and drifting. Sadie came at noon. Bobbie got around with mail at 4 PM. Roads very bad. Mary MacNeill came home from Ottawa.

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**March 1941**

11 8A. Washed in morning. Fine day. Went to Lewis Toombs in evening and landed at an Institute meeting.

12 Very bleak cold wind all day. Ernest went to H. River for a load of coal. Terrible road, heavy and pitches. Finished ironing.

13 10A this morning and a very cold wind, all day. Heber has about finished his car. Knitting gloves for Dad. Very cold again to-night.

14 A fine day but quite frosty at night. Went in to Johnstons for the evening. Knitting. Sadie doing the turns.

15 Sadie did the Saturdays work. I made a Sultana cake in the afternoon and we took Sadie home after supper and went to Ben Woolners for the evening. President Roosevelt speech the biggest thing that has happened this year.

16 A nice day. Ernest went up for Mother and after dinner he went down to Alec’s to see how they are. Neither of them feeling very well.

17 St. Patricks and the best wash day we have had for some time. CGIT social at Lewis Toombs and Avonlea Institute at Allen Wyands.

18 Zero. Very cold all day and drifting. Party at Fred Clarkes at night. Heber and Sadie went. A big crowd there. George beat up Sadie.

19 0. Another very cold day and zero again to-night. Knitting etc. & Pauline came to Keiths last night and will likely be home to-morrow. Heber went down to Alfreds to-day. He is making a cupboard for Annie for her pantry.

20 Fine day. Ernest went to Carleton for Pauline.

21 Blowing snowing and drifting. Ernest and Pauline got home a little after 5 PM. Had a heavy road and dirty drive. Pretty good to have Pauline home again.

22 Talked a good deal. Still snowing and blowing. Ernest took Sadie home in afternoon. I stayed up until 12 PM listening to a hockey game. Maple Leafs 5 B. Bruins 3

23 S. Fine all day but cold NW wind. Ernest took Mother home after dinner. Charlie came down from Church. Sing-song at Lewis Toombs to-night.

24 Fine day but the best wash day for a long time. We three went to Lornes in evening. Heard Wendle Wilkie speak from Toronto.

25 Milder to-day and got up to 40A to-day. Ironing almost done. Letter from Lorraine. Ernest out on the Canadian War Services campaign. Didn’t get along very well.

26 Fine and southerly wind. Thawing all day but freezing to-night. Sewing all day. Heber up this evening.

27 Fine and thawing a little. Temp up to 40 and went down again to freezing at night. Heber up in evening.

28 A perfectly lovely day. Ernest shoveling snow. David Johnston here this evening.

29 Stormed all day, snow sleet and snow. Wires down everywhere. Pauline & I went up to Freds in afternoon and help Hester quilt. Hockey game M Leafs 3, Bruins 1

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**March-April 1941**

30 S. Fine all day, very hard on eyes. Mr Tillie in bed. No church service. Charlie here in evening.

31 Fine in AM but turned out a gale & cloudy in afternoon. CGIT at Ern McNeills. Dad & I went down to see May.

April 1 Fair and cold. Mountains of snow every where. Ironing done. Sewing. The Navy doing great work cleaning up Italian ships.

2 A lovely day but wind east and cold. Thawing in AM. May (Mrs Alec McNeill) went to Hospital.

3 A lovely morning, froze. Had a walk on the crust the first walk since November. Ernest & I went to Bob McKenzies in the evening. Charlie Craswell & Stewart Parkman have pneumonia.

4 Fine to-day but beastly cold wind, east all day. Went up to Fenners with Ernest for eggs in forenoon. Ernest & Heber working at pump. Heber & PJ went down to Alfreds this evening.

5 Nice day. Just another day. Cold at night.

6 S. Cold but fine. Baptist Church in afternoon. Charlie here after church.

7 Cloudy and cold NE wind all day. Ernest & Heber went to Town. Mary Macneill over in afternoon and Una came up in evening. No CGIT.

8 Still cold wind. The men got home around 9 PM. May operated on this morning. Enid not very spry.

Got 5 lbs potatoes from MacNamaras.

9 A very nice day. Thawing a little. Washed & baked. No news. Dad went down to Alec’s in afternoon & Charlie here for tea.

10 In bed with headache in forenoon. Girls here at night to CGIT. Mrs Lewis & Cora drove out.

11 Lovely day. Seven girls here in afternoon quilting CGIT quilt. Busy day. Not feeling very good.

Good Friday

12 Another lovely day and four girls came back and finished quilting their autograph quilt. Temp up to 40 and not much frost to-night.

13 50A. Lovely morning but clouded up. Plenty of radio reception to-day. Wind south and warmer to-day.

Easter Sunday

14 Cloudy in AM. No frost last night. Poured rain all the afternoon but cleared up before supper. Roads not very good.

15 Cloudy but thawed like everything. No ice in sight in the Gulf. Dad out shoveling drains and splitting some wood.

16 A perfect day. West wind. Summerside Airport officially opened and a lot of planes flying to-day. Washed and I did part of ironing.

17 Temp got up to 54 to-day. Just another day.

18 Fog and rain and colder to-night but fine.

19 A nice day. Ernest went to Rustico in AM for butter from Mrs Guy Rollings. price 34c. No news. Got German measles at Cecils.

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**April-May 1941**

20 S. Rained in morning but cleared up and temp up 62 above in afternoon. The snow going fast. Heber away and it was a quiet day without any fussing.

21 67 this afternoon. A wonderful day for April. Washed & baked etc. Finished the top of childrens quilt.

22 Colder to-day. Ernest walked to Rustico around park road. Put in dahlia quilt for Ina & Louise. Not feeling too spry to-night. Robbie Toombs here for dinner.

23 Fine and not so cold. Quilting all day. Heber got a nice mess of trout to-night.

24 Cloudy in forenoon, cold SE wind rained in afternoon. Blowing hard. Quilting.

25 Snowing this morning but cleared up by noon. Finished the quilt for Ina & Louise. Tennis brought a mess of smelts.

26 A lovely day after quite a white frost. Ernest cleaning up the lawn, burning brush etc. Took Heber to Rustico at four PM. Looks like rain to-night. E took the outside windows off the down stairs windows. Mont Wyands have a son.

Mont & Eugene have a son

27 S. A miserable cold day. PJ & Dad went to church. Poured rain all afternoon. Back very sore at night.

28 In bed to-day. Rained very hard in forenoon. Dad went part way to Gordon Lairds to meet Mr Smith and Heber. Mr Smith got his car that far. Cleared up in afternoon.

29 Fine but blowing hard in morning. PJ & Dad washed. I got down stairs in afternoon. Snowed in evening.

30 Fine. Ground white this morning but didn’t last long. Cold wind all day.

May 1st Fine day but cold wind. Pauline put a quilt in frames and we worked at it. The tractor and plough came up from Dalvey and Heber ploughed the Cemetery Hill. Five feet of snow in places on it and hard digging.

2 Dad & Heber went to Rustico in forenoon and trying to get a car road to Town. Dad talking to Alec and May not very good at all. Still cold.

3 Fine. Finished quilt to-night. Ernest took Mischief down to Keith. Had a horse of Tennis’s to bring him back. Heber went to town.

Got first herring

4 S. A nice day but wind still cool. Pauline went to church in afternoon and Dad got home around 6 PM. Two cars got as far as corner.

5 Cloudy and snowed and rained. Got clothes out in afternoon after it cleared up. Wind North East and north and cold. Good catch of lobsters at Rustico. Put the clock ahead 1 hour to-night.

6 A lovely day. Pauline cleaned dining room and I finished the ironing. Had a lovely chicken dinner. Ernest & Heber went to Rustico and brought home 15 lbs of live lobsters so we had a big supper.

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**May 1941**

7 Heber had some extra men to day and will be adding more right along. I cleaned the back porch and Pauline painted the dining room floor. Tired at night. PJ & Heber got a nice mess of trout.

8 74. Got the car out and cleaned up this evening. Pauline cleaned the spare room and S. East room and I got dinner and finished the childrens dahlia quilt. Dad putting a few seeds in garden plot.

9 60. Cloudy in morning. Planned to go to Town but started to rain hard and just pouring to-night and temp down to 40. Pretty glad we didn’t go away.

10 Not a very fine day. Mr Smith here to dinner and Pauline, Annie, Alfred & Mary Lorna & I went to Town. Poured rain on way home. May got out of hospital to-day and is at Mrs Beers. Tired at night.

John Doiron

Jack Minick

11 Still raining but we went to Carleton before dinner. Heber came with us. I stayed down for the week and Anita came home to help Pauline paper. They got a whale of a lot of work done and I had a busy week. Keith got his seed turnips and mangles out. 15000 turnips. Rained and rained every second day and a thunder storm on the 13th. Killed a lot of goslings just ready to hatch. Ernest helped the girls paint and paper. Paulines room looks lovely and the pantry and bath room and west room. Just Annes room to day now. Anita had a letter from Stuart Macdonald and Maud is very poorly.

19 I got home to-night. PJ and Nan came down in afternoon. Keith went to Bedeque with us to see the monument. Some bad places on the road. Poured rain again last night. Got 5 & 10 post cards to sell.

20 Cloudy this morning but cleared up fine and a cold wind all day. Some girls in taking subscriptions for National Magazine. Feels like frost to-night.

21 A very nice day. Washed some blankets I brought up from Keiths. Messers Smith & Long here in afternoon. Heber & Pauline went to Dalvey.

22 Fine day. Pauline cleaned the two rooms and I didn’t do much. Chester Woolner sick. We took Dad down to Mike Doyles and took Mrs Fred along with us. Called at Chesters and brought Mabel W. Stewart and baby home.

23 Fine and very warm this morning but cooler to-night. PJ & I went to Town and brought May home to-night. Nearly two months since she went away.

24 Rained hard in morning and a rather a mean day for the holiday. Not many tourists yet. Busy and tired.

25 Wretched cold and had rained all night. Went to church, the first time in six months or more. Cleared up in afternoon but rained again at night.

26 A lovely day. We had Annie Earl Simpson and did a big big washing and Annie papered the front porch. We got word that Arthur Ramsey is sick in the PE Island Hospital and that Lizzie is in bed. We went to Town at night and Ernest saw Arthur. He has spinal meningitis. We stopped at Gordons on our way home.

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**May-June 1941**

The German ship Bismarck sunk.

27 Another fine day. Annie & Pauline papered Anne’s room and I ironed. Mr Smith here to dinner and supper. We stayed up late to hear President Roosevelt speak. Lem Wyand here in evening.

28 Fine day. Pauline cleaning upstairs, painting floors etc. Not feeling so good in afternoon. Cold at night.

Frost in AM

29 39A. Raining in morning and turned bitter cold. Heber took Lem and Ernest to Town to a Victory Loan meeting and Banquet etc. A terrible North East gale and rain. Cleared up around 4:30 PM but temp down to 39 at night.

30 Still bitter cold and blowing a gale. Bad storm for the fishermen. Pauline cleaned the Kitchen. Heber getting his monthly report made out and Mr Smith here in afternoon. PJ & I went down in evening to see May.

31 A lovely fine day and perfect sunset. We got our first catch of gaspereau. PJ went to Hunter River for Gordon & Lydia. Mother down. We talked until midnight.

June 1st The worst tragedy Cavendish has know. Two Montreal RCAF boys and Harvard training plane crashed at the beach and burst into flames. I saw it from Old Orchard and we had a hard time getting central and S. Side. About all in at night. Gave supper to five and waited up until the rest of family got home from O’Leary. They took Keiths along with them. Aunt Lizzie has had two strokes and is very poorly.

2 Pauline took Gordons to the train this morning and we both rested after dinner. Lovely warm day.

3 Lovely morning but turned bitter cold. In bed until 5 PM. Pauline had a busy day and is tired tonight. She washed baked bread and ironed. Mr Smith here for dinner and supper.

Mrs Ben Graham had a stroke

4 Pauline went to Town for Arthur Ramsey but he had gone to O’Leary the night before. She brought Doris out. Mr Smith here for dinner. Jim Alec Stewart died in Falconwood 74 years old. Mabel McKinnon and her baby over in the evening. Gardiner McKinnon.

James Alex Stewart

5 Weather keeps very cold. Fire in room, a lot of tourists around. Doris & I cleaned the little hall and my room and the big chest. Went to Rustico to-night. Mrs Ben Graham died to-night. Club house furniture came today.

Mrs Ben B Graham

6 Fine day but cold east wind. Finished cleaning the upstairs. Funeral in church this afternoon of Jim Alex Stewart and Ernest heard that Mrs Woolner is dead. Also heard that Oliver LePage had gone to Montreal this morning after an X ray in Ch. Town yesterday. Mr Smith up but not for a meal. The furniture for Club House came yesterday. Looks very nice. Tired at night. Had letter from Marion. Its her birthday.

Mrs Dick Woolner

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**June-July 1941**

Jim Alex funeral

7 Busy day getting ready for Sunday. Dad cleaning and washing Club House floor. Cloudy and looks like rain. Girls went to Town with Heber.

Mrs BB Graham Funeral

8 Cloudy and cold. Put on fire in room. Had five for lunch. CGIT service at church. Reuels out. Back sore and all in at night.

Mrs Dick Woolner funeral

9 Another cold day. Not many around. The girls didn’t wash. In bed most of day.

10 Poured rain nearly all day, didn’t get up at all. Cold too.

11 40. Rained until noon and blowing a gale. The girls washed and put clothes out before supper. We went down to Keiths took ice for ice cream. A nice drive but cold.

12 Finished ironing and feeling much better.

13 Went to town about our Victory Loan Bond or for the money rather at the Provincial Offices. Had lunch at Victoria Park and PJ got her permanent and Dad went out to Airport. Took May in to see Dr Seaman and Mrs Fred in from Hunter River. Called at Gordons.

14 Tired, went to Hunter River in morning. Doris & PJ went to Town with Heber at night and Doris stayed in.

New bus service from Ch town to Cavendish this summer

15 S. Showery in morning but a lovely afternoon and we had 40 playing Golf in afternoon. Tired at night.

Record golf crowd

16 Headache early but got better and kept busy all day. Doris didn’t get back yet. Very heavy rain this morning.

17 A lovely day and PJ & I went to town to the Victory Loan parade. PEI has gone over the top and the program with the presenting the torch was very beautiful. Doris came out with us. Went down to Keiths on the 20th and took them to S. Side. Saw Dr Claude. Stayed until July 1st. Helped Anita all I could. Pauline went to Moncton to meet Ernie Driver and came for me. Mrs Wells is with Keith again. Elaines came on the 30th.

July 2 84. A very warm day and fine at last. Quite a number around. Not feeling very spry.

3 Cooler again to-day and fine. Doris Anita & Ernie in swimming. Went to Rustico afterwards.

4 A lovely day, not too hot. Ernie & PJ had the day off and went to Dalvey. We had 17 for meals of different kinds. The rest of family went to Carleton for ice cream and the evening. Mrs Ben Woolner and Evelyn here for afternoon and until 9 PM. Elaine, Marion, and Beth over in evening.

5 Saturday and a very busy day. Mr Thompson came along about 5 PM and a party with him and it kept the girls very late getting away to Town. Washed dishes until 10 PM. Mr Macdonald came on the afternoon train and my books came from McClelland & Stewart (autographed). Velda & party down.

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**July 1941**

6 A busy day 52 had lunch and the Stanley Thompson party and Mr Smart here to dinner. The family went to Church.

7 Very warm and blowing. Doris did a big washing. Baked bread and don’t know how many we had for meals. Went down to see May. Not very good. Ed Costello here on four days leave.

8 A busy day, Ted had several wettings and we had Joe Booth and Larry Brierley for their 48 hour leave and a busy day. Camp fire and clam bake at the shore.

9 Rained. All the boys got soaked playing Golf. Busy but lots of fun. Anita Pauline & Doris Una Ernie Ted Joe and Larry went to S. Side at night.

10 Finer to-day and we had about 28 in the tearoom. Pauline & Ernie away and Ted went back to Debert. Elaine & Family Miss Moore Mrs Windsor and three others in in evening. Gordon Party at Abbies New Glasgow.

11 Alone at last. Ernie went this morning. I went with Pauline to Borden. Sick all last night and Anita sick to-day. Quite a number around. Mr MacDonald went to town to-night.

Mrs Jerry Clark buried at St Peters on the 15th.

Canada Simpson died on July 17th

12 Orange Tea at Kensington and did it ever rain. Quite a few around. Rest of family went to Town but I stayed home. Letter from Lorraine & card saying she had been moved to the cypher room.

13 S. and did it ever rain. Will Dyment and Velda brought Jean down. A terrible rain all day. Sing song at Jerry’s to-night.

14 A lovely day and a tremendous wash. A good many around in afternoon. We went to S. Side to see Dr Claude. Took Elaine along with us.

15 Went to Town and got a dress and had for the wedding. Stayed all day and the girls had fifty seven in for eats. Tired at night.

16 A lovely day and they had 37 here for eats. Emmet Quinn died at the shore this afternoon. They were having a family picnic.

Emmet Quinn

17 Fine day and busy and very busy on the

18th Getting things ready for the wedding.

19 Cloudy and poured rain before the wedding. Pauline LePage and Gilbert Henry were married at Government House and Dad, Elaine, Pauline and I were were there along with over sixty others. Had a very busy afternoon. Una & Doris went to Town with Heber. Dear girl. Don Stephens here all night.

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**July-August 1941**

20 Very fine all day and we fed 88. The biggest day yet and everyone tired but quite happy.

21 Had Annie to wash and every body pretty tired and busy. I stayed in Club House quite a bit. Ice cream social at night and didn’t make much, We fed the boys band from West Kent afterward.

22 Pretty tired but busy all day. Fed 49. Anita went to Town in morning. Premier Campbell phoned asking us to give supper to Col. Ralston and party. The last straw. All in.

23 Feeling better to-night. Fed 51 to-day. Gertrude Robertson Ethel Kennedy and Miss Glenn arrived. Everyone to bed reasonably early.

24 Fine and hot, but every body on deck. PJ & I went to Rustico in AM and we all went to Carleton to night and took Elaine. Fed 66 in afternoon. Mrs Norman MacNeill here at noon.

25 Very hot in morning and thundered nearly all day. Quite a few around. Have averaged 47 in the last 10 days. Got Mrs Joe Doucette to wash dishes.

26 Very cold all day and temp 60 in afternoon. Not many around. Girls went to Town at night. Dad and I at home. Mr & Mrs Fred Webb Mr & Mrs Baker and Myrtle Moffat and Emma Tait in the kitchen in evening. Made marmalade.

27 Still cold and blowing hard. Rev Edwin Simpson preached in United Church. Went over to see Mother in evening. Fed 26. A lot around.

28 Finer to day but still cold. Temp 50 to-night and such a roar on the sea. Mrs Rainsford Keith of Havelock and Virginia were here this afternoon and until the bus came at 9 PM.

29 Not so cold to-day. Zilda here all day and washed. Fed 42. Dad went to Town in afternoon. Two girls from Ottawa here to-night. Terrible smoke from fires in Que.

30 Quite a number at shore today but not so many around here as last week. A lot playing golf.

31 Just got word of a luncheon party coming to-morrow, quite a number in. Days warmer.

Aug 1st A nice day and the luncheon a success. Had Leiut Gov. LePage, Premier Campbell, JE Gardiner Mr Meyers from S. Africa, etc. Went to S. Side at night. Dead tired.

2 58 today. Started day feeling pretty rotten but pepped up a bit. Miserable cold day. We went to town to a show at night, Western Union. Girls gave me an electric iron. Ken Brookmen, Les, Lorne

3 and Maurice here for weekend. Sunday was cold and dreary. People miserable. Boys went back to Town at night. Miss Wayling and Miss Brown here until the 4th and left in the rain. More rainfall than there has been in 41 years, in the last three months.

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**August 1941**

4 Still raining but we got a washing done and partly dry. Picked raspberries in afternoon.

5 A little finer but business dull. Anita went to Town this AM. Quite a number around.

6 Cleared up and fine all day tho’ cool. A large crowd at tea and fed 60 here. Very busy. Myrons over this evening. Over fifty playing Golf.

7 Went to Town with Myron and Elaine and did the shopping for the girls. Quite busy in afternoon. Tired at night. Quite warm. Miss Flower here.

8 Still warm. Not feeling very good. Fed 68. Tired to-night. Took Miss Flower with us to Rustico.

9 Fine but cloudy and muggy. Not many around for meals. Girls went to Town at night. Dad & I stayed home.

10 A terrible storm and Dads trousers are mostly in Ch. Town. 6R Air Force here. Don Ken Dick Lem, Les and Maurice and the Allens here in the evening.

11 A nice day, blowing hard. Quite a crowd around and everyone tired at night. Tuesday the 12th a very busy day and all in when we went to Keiths. Miss Flower went with us. Keith caught one fox.

Keiths Lady Pork, don’t know price 40.00

By 2 cases meat @ $6.00 12.00

15 lbs beans @ 5 75

2 cans chicken 70

2 bus. potatoes @ 50 1.00

Nov 1st 1939 2 bags potatoes@ 75 1.50

2 bags turnips 20c 40

The wettest summer since 1900. Only two fine Sundays in July and not one to date in August

13 Fine all day but still very cold. Old Home Week. Fed 32. Pauline and Miss Flower went to Town. All in to-night.

14 Another fine day but wind cold. Worked in flowers around house in forenoon. Blue berries good and Marion Brinton keeps us supplied. The Bakers over this evening. Girls went to Town with Heber.

15 Fine and warm. Miss Flower in Town with the Allens. Rained at night, Got my books from McClellands.

16 Poured rain all day. Anita, Miss Flower and I went to Town. The Air Force here to-night.

17th Pouring rain this morning, another Nor East storm. The family went to church in morning and I went to Baptist church at night to hear Myron then we drove down to see the Logans at Lornes.

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June 20th cheque $4.00

July 15/1937 By cash from Dr Bonnell for cow 40.00

July 16 Cheque 78.00

From Harold Toombs 20.00

Dr. Bonnell 5.00

~~Mr Paterson for Cottage 50.00~~

April 14th received cheque 50.10 April 15 to Edgar D[?] Cheque 6.00

May 12th received cheque 50.00 April 16 Ernest Buote 4.00

June 17 received cheque 75.00 April 18 Peters &Gallant 20.00

In May Anita 10.00

Jan 28/39 received cheque 78.00 April 24 Peters&Gallant 10.00

Feb 12/1939 Received cheque 75.00 May 3 Peters&Gallant 10.00

May 16 Eatons 5.49

May 25 Cudmores 10.00

June 7 5.00

June 7 Mellish 2.50

June 7 Myrtle 10.00

June 7 Ern Clark 6.00

1937

May 19 ~~Lem Wyand, one cow, price 50.00~~ Paid

May 19 To Alec McNeill, one cow, price 42.00. Paid

green feed, 15.00

May 18th To Allan Wyand, one cow, price 45.00. Paid

May 18th To Alec McNeill 2 loads straw @ 50C = 1.00 Paid

To W. A. Graham 5 pigs. Paid

June 8 ~~Harold Toombs, 1 cow, paid $10.00 (owes 30.00)~~

June 12 Waldo Gardner Laddie paid $40.00 still owes 35.00. Paid

Alf Moore 20 bus/potatoes at 25 $5.00

Mangles 15 $1.95 PAID

\_\_\_\_ fork $1.50

July 1st Geo McCoubrey Cottage $140.00 PAID

Farmers 5.00

Rev W.A. Patterson cottage $125.00

By cash 50.00 + 25.00

Dec 16 By cash, George McCoubrey 100.00

Allen Wyand

To lumber 3531 ft at 1.12 39.54

By cash $20.00 $8.00

To Gordon we \_\_\_ 1 cow @ 37.00

By cash 12.00 Balance due, $25.00

Austin Laird 5.00, 5.00 Balance due, 15.00

To field of hay 7.00

To 108 stook Barley at 45C = 48.60 $55.60

To 10 lbs timothy seed 100 = 1.00

By turnips

May 6th By cash $40.00 Bal. 15.60

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May 11 3 gal gas 93c Sept 23 1937. Sent $2.00 to McCalls for 3 yrs subscription

15 3 gal gas 1.00

18 3 gal gas 1.00 15 oil

22 4 gal gas 1.25

23 3 gal gas 1.00 David

24 3 gal gas 1.00 Oil 40A

27 3 gal gas 93C

30 3 gal gas 1.00 March 10/1938. Bred Cow

N Alec McNeills account

1939 Jan 25 Got 15 bushels of turnips @10C 1.50

Feb 7 1 bag potatoes @ 47 C per bus 75

Mar 1st 1 bag potato @ 47 C 75

Let 10 square it up

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August 1941 – January 1954

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**August 1941**

Paid 4 yr subscription to Farmer’s Magazine April 23 1945

Paid 3 yrs subscription to Family Herald Dec 1947

Aug 1941

18 A perfectly lovely day after the terrible rains of Saturday & Sunday. Washed in morning and a lot of people around all afternoon. Mr Gillings Mr Hayden and Myrons in this evening.

19 Another perfect day and a big big wash. Marion and Harold Meech arrived in the afternoon and are here all night.

20 A nice day and Mr & Mrs Bert Woods and Ken arrived about 7 PM. Everyone very tired to-night.

21 Another nice day but cool to-night. A lot around to-day. Miss Flower left this AM.

22 23 Just busy days and fine. The Woods family went to the Paterson Cottage and we are by ourselves. The girls went to Town at night. All very tired.

24 S. The first fine Sunday since July 20th. A lot of people around in afternoon and the Air Force boys were out. Everyone ready to drop at night.

25 Another fine day tho threatening rain in afternoon. Had a bridal party for lunch. MacDonalds from Glenfinnan. Said good bye to the Brintons for another year. Eric Bell in this evening.

26 Rained all the forenoon and not so many around. We went to Town at night the guests of the Air Force at Old Spain and a show at Prince Edward.

27 Everyone a bit weary and the girls had 60 in for meals. YS Mens picnic at the shore. Terrible gale all night and so cold.

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**August-September 1941**

28 Temp 50 this morning and blowing hard all night. Had 27 in for eats. Joe & Kate Peters here to-night getting papers signed. Ernest and Doris not feeling very well.

29 The sick feeling better. Anita & I went to Town and had a busy afternoon when we came home. Don Maurice and Les came out for a long weekend. Had a campfire at night at shore.

30 Mighty busy day all day. Quite a number around. Doris went to Town at night with Heber. Two new boys came out with Dickman-Wilkes Dick Hovers and Gordon Hatherly. Rained hard at night. The girls and Maurice & Les went to S. Side.

Maria Hart died

31 S. A lovely fine Sunday and a lot of people over. Air Force everywhere. Went to Church at night.

Sept 1 Washed sheets in morning. Blowing and looked like rain but got most of things fairly dry. Labor Day. Not many around. Lorraine came at night, train and boat very late.

Waine came home

Sept 2 all night and in bed all day Tuesday. Got word that Maria had died on Aug 30th.

3rd Still blowing but fine after yesterdays storm. Up to-day but feeling a bit rotten. Girls trying to get clothes dry and ironed.

4 Lovely day. Mrs Woods over in afternoon. Quite a number around. Chior practice to-night.

5 Cloudy but didn’t rain. Mrs Woods stayed with me and the girls went to Town and had a picnic supper with Maurice Les and Len. Quite a few around. Charlotte Simpson very low.

6 Everyone busy. Five boys came in afternoon and had a cornboil at night after playing crokinole for a couple of hours, then walked around the block.

7 A lovely morning and a lot of people around and 32 had lunch. A thunder shower in the afternoon. All in at night.

Charlotte Simpson

8 Misty this AM and did not wash. Anita cutting out a coat for Ina. Dad and Heber went to Town. Quiet day. Funeral in afternoon.

9 Zilda here and she and Waine washed. The rest of us went to Town. Got a new black hat and my hair set. Had supper at Enids. Went to Missionary Conference meeting at Church at night. Mrs Simpson Bell and Eric here.

10 A lovely day and a party of eight had lunch here. They were playing Golf and Paul Murray was pretty well corned[?]. Was down to see May at night. Rained at night.

11 Lovely morning. Mother down and we had a drive to shore. Thunder shower in afternoon. Mary Stewart and Anita playing Golf on practice tee.

12 Kept Mother down another day. Girls went to Carleton for the day and got home in pouring rain. Brought Ina and Louise home with them.

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**September-October 1941**

13 Cold to-day but fine. Don and Maurice came out and the girls had a birthday cake for Maurice. They took them in to Town at night.

14 S. A fine day. Went down for Keith in morning. Quite a number of people around. Rally Service at Church at night. Raining by 10 PM.

15 Pouring rain all day. Roads bad. In bed until 3:30. Dad & Pauline took Keith and kiddies home.

16 Girls went to Town. Mrs Woods came over after dinner and they all stayed to supper. Charlie & David here to-night.

17 to 26. Lorraine went back on the 20th and Anita went to Carleton. The house was quiet for that day, our 36 Wedding Anniversary. Girls gave us an electric toaster. Have had wonderful fine weather and grain is ripening. Went down to Keiths on 25th and into S. Side first. Had Maurice and Les and Gordon out to supper one evening and Gordon Hatherly, Dick Hovers and Tony Dickman-Wilkes here, the first two for a week. They are nice boys. Canned 2 ½ cases mackerel. Storm coming wind cold to-night.

28 Storm didn’t come. Had lovely day. Had Reuel and Enid and Frank Sutton out to-day here for dinner. Ernest PJ & I went to Hunter River to see Everett Wedlock.

29 Blowing a gale early but calmed down some, cold to-night. Getting my things ready for the trip to Norval. Hope it warms up a bit.

**[Change of handwriting: Ernest]**

Oct 1st Myrtle left this AM with the Woods for Ont. Fine and a bit warmer. Big wash. Lydia here. Fine rest of week.

Sunday 5 Went to O’Leary took Anita and Keiths family. Found Arthur and Ken some better but Lizzie very much failed in mind and body. Started to rain before we left Campbellton pouring when we got to Keiths. Pauline and I stayed all night.

6 Got home next AM in time to get Heber and our own breakfast. Still raining.

7 Light rain, washed but didn’t put clothes out. Went to Town in afternoon with Heber in Dodge Truck brought home 15.00 coal $9.00 per ton. I got myself a nice top coat $20.00. Lorraines present.

8 Put clothes out. Dried in jig time. Pauline ironing most of day. Supt here, he and Heber went shooting got one duck.

Chas Wyand died

9 Fine. Went to Cemetery about grave. Nothing new.

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**October 1941**

10 Fine but cold. Cloudy. Pauline and I went to funeral at Wyands.

11 Heavy rain from SE during night wind shifted to west blowing hard from north this evening. Temp 36. Still raining.

12 Sunday. Fine. Good drying day. 20 played Golf. A number of others in. Una & Helen here this evening.

13 Thanksgiving day. Rained AM. Didn’t wash tho it cleared later. A few cars in. Walked to Bay and back. Looks like rain again to-night. No Mail.

14 Fine AM washed. Afternoon clouding and raining at night. Working enlarging ice bin. Pauline in to see Cora about YPM. Letter from Myrtle.

15 Fine all day .Farmers getting their long delayed harvest in. Lowell Wyand and Norma Craswell married. Supt Smith here.

Wyand wedding

16 Another fine day. I have busy all day cleaning up around sheds etc. Cloudy tonight.

17 Fine. Heber & I went to Hope River for pump drill. YPU organized here tonight. Rev Murray here.

18 Fine again. Went on patrol in afternoon. Pauline and I went to Carleton. Got Keith and Anita took them to S. Side in evening, they bought a Radio, got home at 12:45. Doris came out with Heber.

19 Cold north wind with showers and snow flurries. Morris & Les arrived from Debert flew over to Town. Taxi out here. Pauline took them back to Town. Their plane left at 3 o’clock. No Golf today.

20 Fine all day. Washed AM. Men took in Golf flags and all equipment. No more play this year. Mr Smith up. Lowell & wife expected home.

21 Another fine day. Pauline and I went to Town with Heber. I went to see Dr. Lantz but didn’t get an appointment until Monday 27. Went to a play “Andie Hardy begins to live.” Good.

22 Still fine, just like summer. Great for late harvest and potatoes. Went to Bay to put up notices re trespassing on Park.

23 Fine AM clouding and rain PM. Walked to Bay. Hundreds of ducks and geese in pond and Bay. Heber went to Town with our car. Letter from Myrtle. Nothing new.

24 Cloudy. Cold. Wind west. Men draining pipe line, lower nine. YPS at Greens very few out. Mr Ainsworth and men out.

25 Fine. Clear taking off screens and cleaning windows. Supt and his father here. Heber and Pauline went to Town. Mr Sherwin English air man here for weekend.

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**October-November 1941**

26 Sunday. Ground white. Thick snow flurries clearing at noon snow all gone at night. Colder. Heber took airman to Town. Pauline and I went to United Church to hear Rev John Stirling. Good crowd out.

27 Fine. Washed, went to Town to see Dr. Lantz, after examination he sent me to Hospital for X-ray for sinus trouble. Nose very uncomfortable tonight. Pauline and Heber up to Hall to play “Dora Deene”.

28 Fine Am rain after noon quite heavy at night. Men working at moving culvert at entrance drive.

29 Fine. Colder. Pauline and I went to Keiths in afternoon picking chickens. Things not going too well down there. Everyone very tired or something. Dance at Clarence Stewarts for Charlie.

30 Froze hard last night fine today. Water system all drained. Changed radio aerial. Mr Smith and his father here. Pauline away to YPS at Lewis Toombs. Heber away to Town. Note from Belle, Lizzie getting weaker all the time.

31 Rain AM. No work done. Clearing noon. Cold wind. Heber and Pauline went to Town with truck. Also Milton Green, brought out some coal roll of barb wire caseing for well etc. etc. Mrs Russell McNeill taken to Falconwood got much worse lately. Reception for Lowell and Bride. Heber & Pauline went.

Nov 1 Fine. Wire men putting power line to pump house. Men laid off except Ralph and Austin. I was taking off shutters and getting storm windows on. Nothing new to report. Charlie here for the night.

2 Rain and wind south east. Very quiet day. Charlie here for dinner left for Town 2 o’clock. Leaving for Montreal Tuesday 4th.

3 Fine. Washed. Men finished power line to pump house. Mr Smith here for dinner. Fenner Stewart plowing by moon light, 8:30 PM.

4 Just a grand day warm as summer finished storm windows etc. men hauling lumber.

5 Another splendid day. Walked to head of Bay, hundreds of ducks and geese in pond. Got 9 bushels potatoes from Ern McNeill. Pauline and I went to Rustico. Called at Alex’s on way home.

6 Light frost and fog AM clearing later. Howard Houston here getting ready to connect power for light. Staying all night. Pauline and Heber away to YPS at Manse. Maybe a dance at Blair Andrews.

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**November 1941**

7 Raining. Wind east. We have the lights on in the house tonight for which we are very thankful. Elton Woodside here with new radio on trial.

8 Fine. Light system complet except cable to store house which will come later. Maurice Bird came from Debert about 4 PM he and Pauline and I went to Keiths took them to Summerside in evening. Talking to Willie McKendrick by phone. Lizzie passed away this evening.

Lizzie

9 Cloudy and mild. Everett Wedlock Janie and Irean[?] here this AM. Maurice left 1:45 by taxi to fly back to Debert but called later to say plane was not going. Pauline sick bad teeth and touch of flu.

10 Mild. Partly cloudy. Pauline sick all day. Some better this evening. Mr Smith here to dinner. Bought new radio, $35.00 and old out fit. Raining tonight.

11 Pauline and I left for O’Leary, went by Hunter River picked up Gordon and Janie Wedlock. Called at Keiths, Pauline stayed and Anita came with us to O’Leary. A very large funeral and a very nice service conducted by Rev Mr Davis, burial at Knutsford. Got home 8 PM. Gordon stayed here.

Aunt Alice 82

12 Pauline took Gordon to Hunter River. Sent wire to Marion. Cora Toombs came to keep house for us. Heber went to Town, bought coal. Snow flurries but mild.

13 Pauline left for Toronto leaving the car with Anita road bad. Freezing tonight. I walked to Bay Heber met me. YPS here tonight. 10 here.

14 Froze hard. Tem 22, milder at noon. Putting in wood. Mr Smith here took Dodge Truck to Dalvay. Men hauling straw from Bay View to cover Greens. Raining this evening.

15 Fine. Maritime Electric men here putting up telephone line on light posts. Took down old line in afternoon. Heber went to Town in evening and Cora went home. I’m alone.

Ralph McNeill married

16 Sunday. Very mild, light rain AM. Still alone all day and night. Great life if you like it.

John McLure died

17 Blowing a gale, temp 26. Some snow flurries AM.

18 Fine and cold. Froze hard. Temp 24. Washed and got clothes nice and dry. Walked to the Bay in afternoon. Heber met me there. A lot of geese flying, not so many ducks in sight. Letter from Myrtle.

19 Cloudy, milder clearing at night. Splitting wood part of day. Men had a bit of a blaze in work shop but no damage done. Mighty bad scare. Lewis and Mrs Toombs and John here for a short time. Heber went to Town. Invitation to Keiths. Duck supper. Couldn’t go. Sorry.

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**November 1941**

20 Very fine. Temp 60. Splitting wood til noon than jobbing. Cora and Heber away to YPS at Manse.

21 Rained early, clearing at noon, very mild. Supt Smith and Charlie Murray brought the Dodge Truck back. All by my lonesome again. Cora down at Moores to Senior[?] Practice. Heber somewhere else.

22 Fine. Froze. Temp 24. Splitting wood AM. Men covering 14 green straw & brush. Putting in wood afternoon. Heber and I also Miss Callaghan went to Town.

23 Sunday fine. Keith & Anita and children came 11 AM. Children stayed and Keith & Anita went home 5:30. Reuel and Enid out, had been to Bay View to see Nannie who is not very well.

24 Frost all out. Roads very bad. Fine day though. Washed and Cora has ironing most done. Freezing hard and blowing a gale. Piling wood in cellar in afternoon.

25 Fine. Temp 22 road rough. Jack Connley came about 10:30 stayed to dinner. Mr Smith later taking inventory of equipment. Connley here to tea. Norman Morris out. Air man from Summerside here. Heber down to Lorne McNeills to a party of some kind.

26 Fine. Mild. Temp 32. Men hauling straw from Walter Weeks’s. Willie Johnson & I hauling pressed hay from Kensington, 22 cwt $13.50 per ton. Frost about all out.

Hon Ernest LaPointe died. Minister of Justice

27 Froze hard. Temp 30. Blowing wind west. Put down square in big dining room. AM walked to Bay and back. About 100 geese but no ducks in Clarks pond. Heber, Ralph and Austin working on Hebers car over time. Cora away to YPS at Ira McCoubreys.

28 Split wood & piled wood in cellar.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting.]**

As for me, I came home after nearly two months at Marions. Had two lovely day with Lorraine in Ottawa and had lunch at noon with Mrs Gillings. Mrs Timmins came to Montreal with me yesterday. Anita and Keith met me at Borden Station and we got home at 10 PM.

Mr & Mrs Charles McFarlane a son

29 Snowing all day and about 4 inches of fluff down. Busy all day trying to get squared around. Heber went to Town to-night. Park work stopped for this year.

30 Fine day but snow had drifted around some. Heber took me up for Mother. Got stuck in Cecils Lane but got Mother home OK.

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**December 1941**

Everett Wedlock died suddenly Dec 4th

Dec 1st 4 above and blowing hard and a bitter cold day all day. Heber got his car shoveled out of snow bank at Milton Greens. I did his washing. Mother in bed all day.

2 A nice day, not so cold. Mr Smith here for dinner. Heber went to Town in afternoon and may get work there. Busy fixing up Hebers clothes in case he goes away.

3 Ernests birthday. We washed in forenoon. A lovely day E. went to head of Bay. Wrote Aunt Jen & Nan to night. A dance at Ira McCoubreys for Ralph McNeill & wife.

4 Heber took Austin Graham, Ralph Coles & Willie Johnston to Hunter River in the morning. Mother not feeling very good today. In fact she is failing fast I think. Letter from Lorraine.

Perfect day

5 Quite mild, is 38 above today and radio reports mild weather all over Eastern States. Sweeping and made some potted meat. Had oyster stew for supper.

6 40. Fine day. Busy. Ernest splitting wood. Mother not feeling very well. Heber came home from Town at night.

7 Rained hard all day and to-night its snowing and as dirty as can be. Japan planes bombed Honolulu and Manilla and declared war on U.S. England, Canada, and British possessions have declared war on Japan.

8 Storming. United States declared war on Japan and we didn’t do much but listen to the radio.

9 Fine and a lovely day. Washed in morning. Ernest went to New Glasgow for groceries. My back not so good.

10 Pretty crippled. The Repulse and Prince of Wales, Royal Navys largest ships sunk by Japan with a great loss of life. Colder to-day. Made ginger cookies and did the ironing. Went to bed with a mighty sore back.

11 15A. Snow in the night and practically all day. No mail. Quite cold but moderated in evening and temp went up to 28 at 10 PM but dropped again before morning.

No mail

12 Finer to-day and Bobbie got along. Ernest out shoveling this morning. Sent a box of cookies to Lorraine. Mother has been a little brighter to-day. She sleeps a lot. Knitting until my shoulders ache. War news a bit brighter.

13 A lovely day and I got quite a lot done. Washed curtains and part of wood work. Dad got kitchen floor waxed. Quite frosty to-night and we have extra fires on.

14 Snowed and rained all day. Not cold but a dark day and night. Got several letters written.

15 30A. A dark day and a darker night. Baked bread and washed and ironed. Mother not feeling very good.

16 Fine day. Ernest & I went to Rustico in afternoon. Bitter chill wind and I was nearly froze when I got home.

17 Not so cold, temp got up to 36 but turned colder at night and blew a gale. Mother not very good at all.

18 Fine to-day. Cold to-night. Trying to get Pats sweater finished. Mother not gaining any. A letter from Otto to-day.

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**December 1941-January 1942**

19 Heber got out from Town and was here to dinner. A lovely mild day. Heber got as far as Charlie McKenzies old place.

20 Dad went to Emerald for Mischief. Keith met him there and exchanged our Christmas gifts. Keith & Anita gave us a lovely lamp. Snowed some all day but got much worse at night and blew a gale.

21 A big snow storm all day and church services in Town are cancelled. A grand day to rest. Mother in bed all day.

29 Just busy last week and both of us very lonely but we wouldn’t admit it. Christmas was a mild rainy day. Mother seemed so weak. We did not decorate. The Christmas cactus was beautiful. Got all my gifts away by the 26th. Ernest went to Town the 24th and Heber didn’t come out. The weather was kept very mild but cloudy all the week. Annie & Alfred Moore and Hester & Fred Clarke were our only visitors. The chick-a-dees are eating out of my hand to-day. Thought Mother would get up but she doesn’t feel able and looks bad.

The fall of Hong Kong and Winston Churchills arrival in the United States have been the big events as well as Germans retreating all along Russian front.

31 Have had wonderful weather for over a week. Winston Churchill arrived in Ottawa on the 30th. Mother keeps about the same. David Johnston Mary and Lorne McNeill and Eric Bell were visitors this week.

Jan 12th three air planes crashed, 2 Ansons at Southport seven men killed and one plane near S. Side 1 killed

Jan 1st A lovely day Eric Bell here this evening. Had a few lovely mild days. Anita & Ernest went to church on the 4th. Mr Tillie just got back from Montreal on the 3rd and evidently hadn’t taken time to prepare a sermon or prayer. It may be remembered for years to come that Mr Tillie forgot to pray at the service. Mary and Will Graham and Sarah, Marjorie Ced and Annie Earl were visitors on the 5th & 6th.

7 Pretty cold but Ernest got Annie Earl to come and stay with me and he went to Summerside in afternoon. Temp dropped to 10 below and 12B.

8 Got up early and got three fires on and kept busy feeding them all day. ‘Twas 22B in S. Side. Ernest got home at 6:45 PM. Dr Claude found him much better.

9 Fine and moderated considerable. Mother not too good these days. Started to snow at night and

10 snowed all day. Temp about 30A but turned colder and blowing at night. 5 or 6 inches of snow fell just like down. Cecil & Leona came to see Mother.

11 8B. And blowing but sunny. Imagine the roads are bad. Annie, Ethel & Jennie Moore and Mr Shaw called this afternoon. Mother has been a little better to-day.

12 Fine to-day. Washed. May Green & Dora McCoubrey called this afternoon to see Mother. Mother has been brighter to-day.

13 Fine in morning but kept getting colder all day. Mother not so good to-day. Drifting and got down to zero.

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**January-February 1942**

14 4 below this morning and 30A to-night. Has snowed some and drifted all day. Made doughnuts. Mr Tillie called.

15 4A to-night, a miserable cold day, drifting and snow squalls. Finished cleaning the pantry. Ernest went to Mayfield for tea. Mother not very good all day.

16 0. Zero to-night and blowing a gale from N. West. Keeping fires on late. Anna in to see Mother this afternoon. Letter from Pauline.

17 8B and bitter cold all day until evening went up to 15A. Winston Churchill arrived in England this AM. Mother stronger again this afternoon.

18 S. Fine day. Ernest went to church in morning. Ernest got Annie down for afternoon and we went down to see May and Mrs Albert. Ben Graham has had a stroke.

19 Didn’t feel extra good. Fine day and milder at night.

20 Poured rain all day. Colder to-night.

21 Fine day and we washed. Mother very weak all day. No news. Willie Robinson quite sick.

22 10A this morning. A lovely day, not blowing hard. Same old thing. Ironed. Dad went to Rustico.

23 Not so cold to-day. Snowed some this afternoon and the planes were going in circles. Got a letter from Len Whitaker saying Maurice Bird is missing.

24 Mild to-day with snow flurries in the afternoon. No one here all the week and Mother gets pretty lonesome.

25 S. A fine day but very cold and drifting. 8A in the morning and got down to 6A at night.

26 4A this morning. Not blowing and a nice winter day. Mother not so good to-day. Washed in AM. Not much doing this winter.

27 Cold grey day all day. Ironed. Letters from Nan & Marion & Mr Sherwin.

28 A lovely day all day but a chill wind to-night. Winnie over this afternoon. Mother only fair to-day.

31st Anita came home from Keiths, pretty cold day.

Feb 1st Cold day blowing a gale, south east wind. No one went to church from here.

2 A nice day. Dad went to Emerald for Larry Brierley but he wasn’t there.

3 Snowing some and cold. Dad started for Hunter River but turned back. I came down stairs head first and on my back. Might have broken my neck. Pretty sore. Dad & Anita washed but didn’t put all the clothes out.

4 Dad & Earl working at ice. Almost zero weather for several days.

5 Fine and cold. Mother not very well all week.

6 Finished ice 27 loads of grand ice.

7 Not so cold to-day. Dad went to store and into Johnstons to-night for a hair cut. Crocheted edgings for pillow cases.

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**February 1942**

8 S. Terribly icy this morning and thawed in afternoon. Fred and Hester called in for an hour or more.

9 I was in bed all day to-day, my side pretty sore.

10 Dad & Nan washed. Still in bed but able to get up. Lewis & Mrs Toombs here in evening.

11 Anita ironed. I got up to meals. Mother not very good. Cloudy. Mrs Tilley got home.

12 Cloudy and plenty cold all week. Temp kept around 10 and 12 above. Anita went to the social at the Manse.

13 Another bad day for Mother. She isn’t suffering just weak and tired. Chester Woolner not well at all. War news bad. Singapore is doomed.

14 Snow flurries of fluff. Letters from the girls.

15 Another grey day until afternoon. Dad & Anita went to church. Laurie Bulman here around 6 o’clock and Chester Woolner died at 7 o’clock at Stirling Stewarts.

Chester Woolner

16 Snow flurries this morning but cleared up and turned out a nice day. Mother very poorly all day to-day. 2nd Victory Loan started to-day.

17 Snowed all day. Washed in morning. Turned cold at night and started to blow.

18 8 above but fine. Ernest went to funeral. Mother very miserable these days. Ice conditions bad in the strait. Boat 17 hours crossing one trip.

19 Lovely fine day but cold. Temp down to almost zero every night. Sick at Marion’s. Ian has pneumonia.

Had Dr. Stevenson

20 Calm and heavy white frost. Womens World Day of prayer. Irene Simpson came to see Mother and she & Marjorie were here to supper.

21 A nice day. Anna & Clemmie in for a little while in afternoon.

22 S. A very nice day. Annie Moore & three girls up in afternoon and Lorne & Mary at night. Side sore.

23 Snowed a little all day. Dad & Nan washed and put most of clothes out and they dried very well.

24 A lovely winter day, not cold. Had a drive in afternoon, called at Mr Johnstons and to see Mrs Charlie Wyand. Mrs Darnley Clarke spent the afternoon here and Ern & Alma called for her in evening so Mother has had a lot of company lately.

25 Very heavy white frost and fog in the morning. Ernest went to Town. Snowing and blowing to-night. Mother about the same, sleeps a lot.

26 Drifting and blowing a gale from the south east. Ernest got home in afternoon, very bad road all the way from Hunter River. A lot of snow down.

27 Still drifting some and more snow down. Letters from girls. Marion & Ian better. Temp around 30 above.

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**February-March 1942**

28 A nice day but a ground drift going in forenoon. Made pies and help with regular Saturday work. Dad & I went up to Freds in evening.

March 1st A lovely calm spring day. Mother not so well. Church at night. Dora Buntain called. Perfect night.

2 A lovely day and Anita & Dad got the washing done. Nan getting ready to go to Toronto.

Tuesday March 3rd we went down to Alec’s in afternoon. A chill wind and and it poured rain all night.

total eclipse of moon

4 Ernest took Anita to Hunter River, road getting soft but it didn’t rain much. Snow has settled and a lot of bare ground showing.

5 Froze some but a lovely day, and thawed in the day. Quite a crowd left on excursion.

6 Fine but blew a gale at night and snowed some.

7 A March gale all day. Mother pretty miserable. Cecil and the girls came down in evening.

8 S. Lovely day but cool wind. Good walking on the crust. A long lonely day.

9 Cloudy this AM and we didn’t wash. Ernest had Ralph Coles pump out the cellar. Blowing and raining to-night.

10 A lovely morning, washed, a snow squall came up and Ernest took clothes in but put them out after dinner. Got most of ironing done in evening.

11 Not feeling so good and not much doing.

12 & 13 Nice days, not very cold. Mother keeps about the same. Gordon Fife down this evening. Joe Stewart brought Ethel & Dorothy down to see Mother.

14 Paulines 22nd birthday. A lovely day. Bob and Jennie McKenzie came up. Mother very weak all morning. Very like spring weather. Letter from Maurice Birds’ girlfriend.

15 Dense fog this morning but sun shine scattered it. Ernest went to church.

16 Cloudy in morning but cleared up lovely. Not feeling very good. Didn’t wash.

17 Nice day. Washed. Not very spry. Flowers came for Mother from Stirling Institute.

18 Another lovely spring day. Ironed.

22nd S. A snow storm, cold south east wind. Very quiet.

21 A nice morning and snow melting. PJ & I washed. Dad went to Stanley for pills for Mother. Got ironing done too and had a drive up to Fenners after supper.

22 Dad and Pauline went to Town this morning and Mary Stewart came to stay with me. Cecil & Leona came down.

23 A lovely morning, Pauline & I washed. Dad went to Stanley for pills for Mother. Started to rain in afternoon. Got ironing done.

24 Ernest and Pauline went to Town. Stayed at Reuels. Mary Stewart stayed with me all night. Cecil & Leona down after supper.

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**March-April 1942**

25 Snowed and melted all day. E & PJ got home around 7 PM. Mr Tilley over to see Mother. She had a bad reaching spell after he left. Pauline got her trunk. Tired at night.

26 Grey days and cold wind. Ice in the Gulf as far as we can see. Pauline went to Miltons to supper and to Lowthers to Y Peoples to a debate.

27 Another grey day. Just another day, knitting crocheting. Mr Smith up in afternoon.

28 Washed most of Kitchen woodwork and the floor in Mothers room. Nice day. Letter from Waine.

29 A perfectly lovely day. Mother a bit off in her head. Lorne and Mary called. Dad & PJ went to church at night.

30 A nice day. Dad & Pauline washed. Mother very sick all day. Pauline put her Little Dutch Girl quilt in frames.

31 In bed in the morning with terrible head ache but able to quilt in afternoon and listened to the hockey game.

April 1st Dad brought Annie Earl down in afternoon and it snowed very thick, wind S. East and chill wind.

2 Annie here and helped quilt in the morning and cleaned the room in afternoon.

3 Tennis and wife here in afternoon. A nice day. Young Peoples at Erns. Mrs Fred came down in afternoon and got started fixing up Paulines dress & coat. Lewis & Mrs Toombs, Cora & John out in evening.

4 Hester came down about 10 AM and finished up Pauline’s sewing. Not feeling good all day.

~~5~~ A nice day. Heber came out to-night. Dad met him at Rustico. Pavement has been open for a week.

5 Easter. A nice day. Mother weak in the morning. Mr Shaw called in afternoon. Pauline went to Town with Heber. Road getting pretty bad. Stirling and Mabel down this evening.

6 Foggy in the morning and we didn’t wash. Annie here. Not feeling very good.

7 Washed this morning. Mother not very good, just weak. Cold wind to-day but roads bad, snow getting away.

8 Annie house cleaning. Ironed curtains and knitting.

9 Garnet Profit hanged himself this morning. Annie house cleaning. Mother very weak all day.

Garnet Profit

10 Ernest heard about Garnet Profit. Had a walk this morning. Annie housecleaning. Mother had a good day. Annie Alfred up this evening.

11 Bitter cold east wind all day and the ground is white to-night but it raining and snowing to-night. Annie finished up front stairs and did Kitchen floor to-day.

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**April 1942**

18th Maple Leafs beat Detroit R. Wings in Stanley Cup playoffs. The first in ten years.

12 S. A dirty day. Dad went to Rustico for Pauline but the pavement is blocked again and she didn’t get out.

13 Not a nice day. Pauline got as far as Hunter River last night and hitch hiked the rest of way to-day. Has her lower teeth out. Cecil & Leona down to see Mother.

14 Did a fair sized washing. Dad walked to Gordon Lairds and had a day visiting.

15 Heavy rain in afternoon, turned to snow at night. Ironed and sewing or knitting. War news not too good.

16 Mrs Darnley Clarke 90 yrs old to-day. Its snowing and blowing. Just a miserable day. Cold night, Northern Lights. Maple Leafs playing in playoff in Detroit.

19 S. A miserable dreary day. 18th Maple Leafs won Stanley Cup.

20 Foggy, didn’t wash. 21st washed, put a quilt in frame, dahlia pattern. Snowed at night and the clothes a mess. Austin Graham started work on the 20th.

21 Quilting to 24, when we finished it.

24 Temp up to 75 to-day, probably 70 would be more correct. Still warm at night. Dad gone to Johnstons for a hair cut. Roads drying and snow going tho’ the ice is in quite close as far as you can see. Took off all the outside windows.

Aunt Maud, L.M Montgomery MacDonald died in Toronto this afternoon.

25 72A. Not feeling very good and the news of Mauds death came as a shock. A wire from Stuart help us and Ernest had a busy day as well as Pauline & myself. Mother too was very busy all day making all the funeral plans. Anna over in evening. Ernest phoned Mr Stirling, Keith, Mrs Campbell & Ch Town from Art Simpsons.

26 Turned colder last evening, ice in again, just drift ice and wind North blowing hard and the roads drying fast.

27 Annie came and washed and we ironed and were busy practically all day until 8 PM. Dad & Pauline went to Carleton for the car. Austin took them down in truck. Road very good.

28 Annie here and everyone busy getting house in order. Mother not so good. Ernest & Pauline went to Hunter River to meet train and Maud was brought home. Mr Macdonald, Chester and Stuart and Dr Baird here for supper. Dr Baird went to Jerrys at night. Mr Macdonald in a terrible state. Enid came out in afternoon and stayed with us all night. Weather cool but fine. Mrs Campbell and Jim here.

29 Blowing hard but fine. Ham landed along for dinner. Mother very sleepy. A very large funeral at church, with Guard of Honor (RCMP). Mr Stirling officiated, Dr Baird, Mr Tillie & Somebody (Mr Skinner) also assisted. Terribly tired. Mr Mac went to Kinross with Aunt Cristie.

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**April-May 1942**

30 I went to Hunter River with Pauline, Stuart & Chester left for Toronto. All of us about all in to-day and did very little.

May 1st Pauline washed up the bedding that had been used and I did the ironing in the evening.

2 Dad & Pauline went to Springfield with Mischief and Pauline brought him back in the car by way of Kensington.

3 S. A lovely day after an early morning shower. Heber out and quite a number in. Mrs Keith Rogers and Mr Gaskill and Mr & Mrs Smith and children. Fred and Hester down this evening.

4 76. Washed again this morning and I ironed. Ernest & Pauline went to S. Side. Took Hester along. Very warm.

5 Thunder in night. Mother very poorly all day to-day. Mr Smith, Mr McCallum, and Heber arrived about 11 o’clock. Letter from Anita. She is at 210 Riverside.

6 My first trip to Town this year. Took Fred Clark Annie Moore and Bessie. Got a gorgeous calceolaria at Taits. Got the paper for hall and kitchen etc. Dads hand went bad, numb.

7 Helped in the garden nearly all day and planted peas onions, summer savory sage chard. Went to Summerside to see Claude and to a show Married Bachelor. Rained.

8 Bitter cold all day and rained. Mr Smith came along to dinner and Mr Tillie came in evening. Feeling very mean but Dad is some better and not so worried. Have been on PE Island 46 years.

9 Still cloudy but not so cold. Busy as could be all day. Dad and Heber & Mr McCallum went to the harbor for lobsters and we cooked 20 lbs.

10 S. A nice day but wind cold. Not many around. Dad & I walked to shore in evening. David here.

11 A lovely day but cold wind. Washed and PJ has almost finished the ironing. Enid & Pauline out to-night to see Mother. We went to Creek and to see Mr & Mrs Ben Woolner.

12 A lovely day and ~~we Dad & I went to Town~~ I cant remember that we did very much but cook meals for men. Wind cool.

13 A nice day and Dad & I went to Town with Mr McCallum and we got a square for the west bedroom and brought out Hebers washing machine. Mrs Richard Moore died at Adas Glasgow Road.

Mrs Moore

14 Annie came and she & PJ started papering the hall downstairs. Had RAAF.

15 Run out of Hall paper and phone for more and they started my room and got quite a bit done. We went down to Keiths after supper and had a very nice evening and nice drive. Funeral in afternoon. Mr Smith here to dinner. Annie stayed all night.

16 Finish papering my room and cleaned Mothers and got a lot of straightening done. Ernest got his potatoes planted and land drilled up for a garden. Everyone very weary to-night. Heber got the washing machine set up and we will try it out Monday.

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**May 1942**

17 74A. Fine day. Quite a number around, mostly air force. Cecil came to-night after three weeks. Quite warm. Mother restless all day.

18 Cloudy but didn’t rain and turned out to be a lovely day. Got Hebers electric washing machine working and did a big wash. Annie started washing Kitchen ceiling and I ironed. PJ went to Town with Heber to get impression taken for new clippers. Lorraine went from Ottawa to Rimouski.

19 A very dry day. Annie & Pauline papering kitchen and I helped a little at washing woodwork. Everyone dead tired. Dump trunk came up.

20 Another fine day but it looks and blows like rain to-night. Finished papering and Pauline painting floors. Went in to Mayfield to Macdonalds store. Mr Shaw & Mr Tillie here this evening.

21 Rained a little this morning and cooler and fog to-night. Pauline finished painting in kitchen and dining room floors. I cleaned kitchen cupboard and papered inside. Tired to-night. Mother in a little better humor to-day.

22 A lovely day. Pauline went to Town with Milton and stayed in. Busy all day and all in at night. Letter from Lorraine from Rimouski.

23 Rained some to-day. Very warm all day. PJ Tom Pasmore and Heber came out from Town at night.

24 S. Rained some to-day and some thunder to-night. In bed most of forenoon. Cora here for a while. Church at night. Four or five cars in.

25 Lovely morning and we washed. Got very foggy in the afternoon and cold at night. Everyone weary.

26 Still foggy until noon but not so cold. Pauline finished ironing and I made pillow cases and started hemming sheets. Went down to see May around 5 PM and Pauline took us down to see Mrs Bernard. She is very poorly.

27 Rained hard last night and to-day cold and northeast wind. Not doing much. Made a couple of sheets.

28 Poured rain all last night and this forenoon. Head aching. Went for a walk with Dad to the shore. Fine this evening but feels like frost.

29 A lovely day. Convocation Day at PWC. Pauline took Annie & Alfred and Anna & Clemmie to Town. Mr Smith here for dinner. Mr Tillie has gone to St. John to Hospital for treatment. Letters from Anita & Waine.

30 A lovely day but cool at night. Not very busy. Letter from Marion. Heavy air raid over Germany. 1250 planes.

31 Very cold wind but very fine all day. Reuels out in afternoon and to supper. Fred & Hester down in evening. Heber came out this morning.

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**June 1942**

June 1st Blowing a gale and I nearly froze hanging out clothes. Did part of ironing. PJ went over to Erns in the evening.

2nd Frost last night but we hadn’t anything freezable up except a few beans. PJ went to Town this AM and didn’t come home to-night.

3 A lovely day. Mr Smith here to dinner. Pauline got home just after dinner with her new china clippers. Went to the shore this afternoon. Not feeling very good.

Doris Stirling & Allen (Bud) Jenkins married.

4 Nothing strange or startling happened. Mrs Bernard not so well. They had the doctor. She is suffering with pain in leg.

Louise is six to-day

5 Mrs Bernard died about 10:30 this morning. A nice day but weather has been much cooler than in May and its dry again too. Pauline and I went up to see the Doc Fleming and got tablets for Mother.

Mrs Oliver Bernard

6 Busy all day. Waxed floor in Mothers room and scrubbed etc &. PJ took May and I down to Mr Bernard to-night. Very foggy all day.

7 A nice day all day. Mother pretty weak in forenoon. Funeral in afternoon. Art Henry and Kate Leavitt in after funeral. Roy Toombs’s up in evening. Cecil Leona and the boys down this evening. Heber out to-day.

Mary McNeill & Edward Lowther married June 13th

8 A perfect day. Washed in AM. First fresh mackerel. Pauline over at Erns this afternoon. Mrs Stirling and Doris here this afternoon. Wim Wilson RCAF came in this evening and is staying all night.

9 A lovely day all day but very dry. PJ at Erns. I finished the ironing and didn’t do much. Just terribly dragy these days.

10 Quite warm this morning but cooler to-night. Wim went with Bobby this morning and Joe Clayton was here to supper and Rev Ewan arrived after supper. Dad & I alone for dinner to-day.

11 Pretty warm to-day. PJ went to Ern in the forenoon and we went to S. Side in afternoon, took Fred & Hester along. Went out to Keiths and back to S. Side. Dr Claude wants Ernest to go into the Hospital for a few days.

12 88. A desperate hot day, 88 here and 94 in Hope River. Terribly dry and rain is needed very much. Mother felt the heat pretty bad. Ernest pretty mean to-day. Eric Bell here this evening. Ella Houston died in Hospital.

Mrs Frank Houston

13 Very hot again to-day but cooler and a thunder storm with not much rain to-night. Edward Lowther married. Pauline there most of day. Ernest not feeling very good. Mrs Ben Woolner here this afternoon. Keith sick and not able to come to the wedding.

Mary McNeill

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**June 1942**

Winston Churchill arrived in Washington June 18th

14 Blowing hard all day and cold. Mrs Frank Houstons funeral in the afternoon, very large. Reuels were out and were up to Bay View. Alfred and Annie and Mr Shaw here in evening. Heber out. Pauline fed 14 people.

15 A nice day but cold. Washed and ironed and had a head ache all day long. Funeral of Frank Stewart of Bruce Stewart & Co. this afternoon so Heber had a holiday, maybe.

16 Fine. Finished ironing. Pauline took Dad to Summerside and he went into the Hospital. Una & Helen went with her.

17 Fine but cool. A couple of airmen in. Nothing special doing. Pauline finished cleaning club house and cleaned car.

18 A miserable cold day, weeding some in garden and it started to rain after dinner. Bitter cold to-night and blowing hard and showery.

19 A lovely day after the rain and warmer than its been for days. Mr Smith here for dinner. Working in garden tired to-night.

20 Pauline went to S. Side for Ernest, took Annie Moore and Mary and Hester. Ernest feeling better but must rest for two more weeks. Pretty good to have him home anyway. Pauline busy, she went to Town with Anita and came out with Heber. Muriel Carney has a new boy, no 5[?] of her family.

21 A fine day and quite a number around, 38 registered. Pretty tired at night, very warm in afternoon. Grace Crosby gave an address in church at night.

22 Grand day, did a big washing and had a sleep in afternoon. PJ and I had drive in evening.

23 Fine morning and I washed four blankets and got them dry before the rain that came about four o’clock. Just a nice shower and thunder.

24 A lovely day after the rain. Quite warm. In bed part of forenoon with headache. PJ and I went to Rustico to-night. Mr Smith here to dinner.

25 Had quite a thunder storm this evening after a warm day.

26 A lovely day and the rain helped a lot. The garden looks good. Ernest feeling much better. Tired at night. Mr Smith here to-day for dinner. Una and Pauline canning fowl.

Mr Albert up and Mrs Tilley and Lewis Toombs in this evening.

27 A perfect day. Got my books from Hunter River. Quite a number around. Telegram from Nan that Punch would arrive to-night but he didn’t. Mr & Mrs Baker here this evening.

28 S. A lovely day, quite warm. Not many to meals, but ready for them. Reuels out. Reuel had been to see Marion last Wed. Awfully tired to-day all day. Dr Claude here this evening and his family. Heber out and we had ice cream to-night.

Mothers 80th birthday

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**June-July 1942**

June 29 Fine day, washed in morning and cleaned cellar in afternoon. Anita came on late train and it was after midnight when they got home. Punch came in the morning and is getting acquainted.

30 Tired this AM. Blowing a gale and so very dry. Ironed and talked and slept and had a drive up to the mill with Dad & Pauline. Punch sleeping with me to-night.

July 1st What a tiresome day all day with wind and dust. Lorraine and Harold arrived at night. Went to Hunter River with the girls. Train very late.

2 Nothing doing to-day, only two or three cars around. Girls went to Town in afternoon, took Harold to York.

3 Cloudy and rained in afternoon and at night. We went to Carleton after supper. Mr Smith here to dinner. A grand rain at night that was needed very much.

4 A lovely morning, got half of garden in field hoed and the weeds out of house garden. Feeling terribly tired and back not so good. Heber and Harold came out at night for week end.

5 A lovely day and a good many around. Reuel and Enid brought Pauline and Doris Northmore out to stay a week with us.

6 The girls had a terrific big wash and did part of ironing. Pretty hot all day, had supper out doors.

7 In bed all day. Grand after the big thunder storm that came up about 4 AM. Pauline went to Town with Miltons and Anita & PJ went to S. Side for Larry Brierley. Mrs Lester Dignan here this evening.

8 A perfect day for the double wedding that is taking place at New Glasgow to-night. Margaret Stevenson and Foster Sellars and Inez Stevenson and Dan McLeod. Heber came out and the girls had a camp fire at the shore. Larry Brierly here.

Double wedding

9 Larry & Nan went deep sea fishing and got over fifty mackerel. We went to S. Side in evening. A perfectly lovely day. My back still very sore.

10 Another perfect day. A grand rain this morning. No one to register to-day. The war pretty bad right now. Milton Green got a fish hook in his finger. Rueben Macdonald, Editor of the Patriot died.

Ruben Macdonald

11 Perfect morning but clouded up by noon. Not many around. Girls went back for raspberries after supper. Got a bag of flour and some greens in the morning. Heber came out at night.

12 Lovely morning, but turned cooler before noon. Reuels out and Janie Wedlock with them. The girls Pauline & Doris Northmore went back with them. Quite a number around and the girls had nine in for lunch. Dr Claude down and found Dad better than he had been for a year.

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**July 1942**

13 Cloudy in morning but cleared up and quite hot. Had a huge washing and I got some ironing done after supper. Girls picking raspberries, cherries, and goose berries. Sold four books to-day.

Mr George Simpson

14 Blowing a gale all day and quite a squally cloud came up at night but not a drop of rain. Girls got a nice lot of berries.

15 Clear and hot early, wind came around north and cleared the air. Anita & I went to the funeral in Kensington. Three ladies staying here all night and the boarders from Geo. McCoubreys here this evening, also RCAMCs Wright and Lindsey here for evening.

16 Pauline Mrs Baker Myrtle Moffat Miss Macdonald & Mrs Donahue to Town and brought Raymond Wright and Pat Lindsay back with her to stay until Sat. morning and did they ever have a fine time. Bad fires in Nova Scotia.

17 A lovely day, terribly dry and hot. Busy, a few around. Mr Smith & Mrs Smith up for berries.

18 One of the driest and hottest days and every thing just snapping dry and heavy smoke at night. The girls took the boys to Hunter River in the morning. Anita went to Hunter River for some boarders for Lornes.

19 A grand day after a grand rain that was terribly needed. Raining again to-night. Alvin & Jean Webb. Mrs Campbell and Mrs Smith of Margate down this evening and stayed until 10:30. Had a sing.

20 Must have rained some in night. Blowing a gale and a terrible job getting clothes hung on line. Got most of ironing done. Anita got a nice pan of raspberries. 11 in to-day for meals. Started to rain and poured

21 all night and some heavy thunder. Rained all the forenoon. Anita took four of Jerrys boarders to Town. Not feeling very good but better to-night. Len Warren and Job[?] here this evening.

22 A perfectly lovely day all day. Pauline and I went to Town, took some of Jerrys boarders. I had dinner at Enids. Had car in garage nearly all day. Girls had 18 in for lunches and Mr Smith here to dinner.

23 Raining to-night been cloudy all day. Not much doing to-day. Anita & I went picking berries and to-night went down to Alec’s and Roy Toombs.

24 A perfectly lovely day again. Anita went to Brackley with a party from Jerrys. Rev & Mrs AA McLeod here this evening. Girls got blue berries to-night.

25 Another perfectly lovely day, quite warm. Marion leaving Toronto this morning for Rimouski and home. Irene Simpson here to see Mother. Mr Allen, Mr & Mrs Mathews and the Misses Clogesy[?] here to supper and as usual on Saturday night Heber came out.

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**July-August 1942**

26 S. A perfectly lovely day and more people around than we have had this year. Reuels here to supper and the girls had 28 for lunch. All in at night.

Rev Dr. Ferguson died of a heart attack while bathing at Cavendish beach this afternoon. He and his wife had been here about a week. They were staying at one of Mrs Wyands cabins. He was pastor of St. Andrews Church (Pres) and was a friend of Lord Tweedsmuir.

Rev Dr. Ferguson

27 Mrs Ferguson and the Mathews left for Ottawa this morning and Marion and Elaine came to-night. Very hot to-day. We were all at Keiths this evening.

The Brintons arrived from Woodstock

28 A lovely day but clouded up after dinner and rained a little to-night. Not feeling very good to day just tired out. Elaines all over this afternoon and Mother put on a very good show? Maybe. Hester and Gertrude here to-night. Anita went to town took Anna, Miss Moore & Miss Haszard in and took Mr Allen to Rustico to-night.

29 A grand rain last night but the sun shining this afternoon. Marion and I walked to the shore after supper. Girls had 19 in for eats. Mr Cromarty here this evening. Mrs Gillings and Miss Moore and Robbie Toombs here this AM and Elaine and Isobel and Jean here this evening.

30 2 AM and no sleep yet. A lovely day and the girls had 20 for lunch at noon. Quite a number in this evening.

31 Fine again and quite warm. Marion and Elaine went over to the Brinton Cottage in the afternoon and they spent part of afternoon at the shore and came home with a rosy sunburn. Quite a number around at in the evening and the Brintons over.

Aug 1 Cloudy and raining this afternoon. Clair Hope and Otto Groskorth came in after dinner. We went to Town at night, the first Saturday night this summer. Dad & I went to a show and the girls went to the Prince Edward. Elaine stayed with Mother.

2 S. Quite a number around. Mrs Clarke and Mrs Crocket brought Keith up so we had some stir around to-day. Tired to-night. Missionary Society put on a pageant.

3 A lovely day, threatened rain in forenoon but cleared up lovely and got clothes dried. Mima over this evening and Elaine. Quite a number around to-day.

4 A lovely day but rain showers in afternoon and quite a number of Golfers around. Mother in not very sweet humor and my nerves pretty much on edge. We took Mima up. Marion over to French River to see Gertrude and Anita and I went on to see Mrs Campbell and Jim. Midnight when we got home.

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**August 1942**

5 Mima here to dinner. Using new potatoes for over a week and canned 12 cans of beans. Have a grand garden this year.

6 Mrs Gillings and Miss Haszard here this AM. We took Mima to Rustico in afternoon. Marion to Bens and to-night Marion and Elaine have gone to Keiths. Ina & Louise went home too but forgot their luggage.

7 Cool to-day but fine tho’ cloudy at times. Not many around. Bill Corney came in before dinner and went back to S. Side to-night. Quite a number around to-night.

8 A perfectly lovely day all day, not a cloud and warm. Keith and Marion missed the train at Albany so had to make the trip again in the afternoon. Girls picked Marion up at Marjorie in Hunter River and took them to Town also Helen and Una. Quite a number around until dark.

9 A very fine day, quite warm. My nerves a wreck. Myron preached in Baptist Church at night and the girls went. A lot of people around.

10 Rained in the morning, in fact most of day and we were just plain lazy or tired. Marion had supper at Jerrys and we went to Brackley to see Gordon and Lydia. Had a very nice evening. Elaine stayed with Mother.

11 Washed a terrific wash and fed quite a lot of people. Had Mr & Mrs Gillings over to supper and for the evening and the Brinton family and Mr & Mrs Ben Woolner and Evylen & Miriam and Eleanor Brown for a sing song. Quite a heavy thunder storm at Hunter River and on the south side.

12 Busy and more people around on account of Old Home Week. Marion went to Town with Anita. They took Mr & Mrs Baker & Mrs Geddes into Town and got home around 3 PM. Lorne & Mary and the children up. Marion got word from Murray that he had taken Pat up to Orillia to the school or Hospital there.

13 Marion and Elaine & Mr & Mrs Gillings started away this morning. Weather pretty warm and muggy. A lot of people around and we were busy until dark. Mr Tillie got home.

14 88. Another hot day and 48 registered. A lot of people over from Nova Scotia & N. Brunswick. Very warm Oliver Bernards sale to-day and a shower for Doris Warren at Leigh Warrens to-night. Mr Smith came along about 10:30 with some things that have been needed.

15 Still very warm and showery in forenoon. Everyone busy. Anita Dad Miss Moore Miss Haszard and I went to S. Side in evening. Head not so good. Could sleep and sleep.

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**August 1942**

16 Blowing this AM and very warm. Quite a number around to-day and the girls gave 32 lunches. Ben Graham died this afternoon, had been a great care since January. 55 registered today.

BB Graham

17 Still blowing a gale and very warm. Quite a big wash and such a job getting it dry. Every one weary at night. Pauline Elaine & Dad & I went to Rustico in evening. Jennie Gables McKenzie and Miss Bateman Mr Anderson around at night.

18 Funeral in afternoon. Pauline took a load to Town from Jerrys. Anita & Dad took Grants car to the funeral. Company to-day. Mr Anderson went to Tyne Valley and Jennie and Hannah Batemen went to shore in afternoon and up to Freds and Erns at night.

19 Mr Andersons car broke down on Andersons Bridge and he has plenty of worries. Had planned to go back this afternoon. We all & Elaine went to Town to see show “This above all.” Had Annie stay with Mother. John Leo McGuigan was shoved off a load of grain as it was going in the door and fell on the cement floor. Died four hours afterward in hospital.

John Leo McGuigan

20 A nice day but quite warm. Ernest cut our summer savory and pulled the onions, a grand crop of both. Everyone work at harvest. A great deal of grain cut. Good crop.

Commando Raid on Dieppe

20 Anita took Miss Bateman to train and Mr Anderson went along too and had to go to Town for a clutch lining for his car. Got fixed up and he and Jennie got away right after supper. A crowd of airmen and Letta & Laurie here this evening. Also Eleanor Brown and Laura Johnston and the Brinton family.

21 Letter from Marion, she arrived home safe and sound and will have a chance to live now. Rev Major MacIntosh and Mabel here to day and Elaine and Marion & Beth here this evening. The Smith family up this afternoon.

Oliver LePage

22 84. Blowing hard again to-day and very warm. Cleaned Mothers room and waxed the floor. Girls busy and everyone much too warm for comfort. Miss Grant of Vancouver here this evening.

23 S. 85. Still another very warm dry day. Quite a crown around this afternoon. The girls had 45 for meals and 67 registered. Miss Grant spoke in Baptist Church at night. A representative of WCTU.

24 Cooler this morning and cloudy but cleared up in afternoon. Washed in morning and Ernest and I dug our cobbler potatoes. Would have over seven bushel and we have used them for a month. Had people in until 9 PM.

25 Up early and took Myron to Hunter River and Mr and Mrs Hawkes to Ch Town with us. Got my permanent at long last and all my books paid for. Had a nice day poking around the stores. Elaine came and stayed with Mother and Pauline. Twenty five here for meals. Cold to-night.

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**August-September 1942**

Feels like frost

26 Warm dry and very fine. Had 33 for meals to-day. Two parties from Summerside and one from Town. Pretty tired at night. Almost frost at night.

27 Another perfect day all day and warmer this evening. Had ten in for eats so not too busy. People getting away now and twill soon be very quiet.

28 Lovely early but clouded over and to-night its raining just a little. Not anyone for eats to-day. Graham Rogers here this evening, decidedly lit up. Thank goodness he didn’t stay. Went in to Lewis Toombs with Pauline to-night. Mrs Stirling & Doris, Mrs Wright & Sidney and Lillian Stirling here this afternoon.

29 Rather busy most of day. Norman Morris came along at noon and spent the afternoon with us. Went to Town with rest of family. Quite cold until evening. Blowing hard, wind east.

30 A lovely day and everyone very tired this morning but the girls fed 45 this afternoon. Elaine and family over. Her last Sunday here. Mother pretty peppy to-day. Tremendous haul of Irish Moss.

31 Girls washed, everyone tired. Not so many around and Pauline took Dad & I down to Keiths in evening.

Keith had finished his harvest and thrashing to-day. Aug 31st. Four farmers working to-gether.

Sept 1 86. A terribly hot day. We had Mr & Mrs Baker over for supper with the family. Myron came home from Wolfville and the family all over.

3 87. Desperate hot and so dry. The ground is very hard and dry. Just all in to-night. The Brintons over to say good-bye. The Bakers too. Elva & Art married at Manse.

Elva Bernard & Art Henry married

3 Cooler this morning and precious little sleep. Desperately weary. Picked the beans that are dry and the wind came around N. West and blew hard and such a dust. Calmed down some and quite cold to-night. Went to Rustico with the girls.

4 Perfectly lovely day. Girls went down in morning for moss and picked over twelve bags. Quite busy as Mother wasn’t very well all day. Tired at night.

5 Another fine day and tho’ cloudy and dark to-night does not look much like rain. Mother has had several reaching spells to-day. Busy all day. Got 12 lbs of beans shelled and cleaned. Girls went to Town to-night. Claire Hope coming out from Town with Anita.

6 Cold wind to-day. Quite a number of Nova Scotia people over and around to-day. Edwin Simpson preached in Rustico Cavendish and Stanley. Anita Dad Pauline & Heber went to Stanley to-night. Cecil down and informed me that he was coming down for Mother the last of week. Willie Toombs here to ask the girls down to a shower for Elva Bernard.

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**September 1942**

Labor Day

7 Was a blowy cold day. Quite a number around and we fed 26 and closed the tea room for this year. We went to the shower at Willie Toombs for Elva and Art Henry. Had a nice evening but was too tired.

8 Girls did a big washing. Mr Smith here for dinner. Not feeling very good. Have not been sleeping. Girls got more moss. A perfectly lovely day.

9 Another fine day. Have had a lot of headache. Ernest digging his Green Mountain potatoes. Annie Alfred here this evening. Making damson & apple jam.

10 A nice day. Finished the potatoes. Earl fixing gutter of house. Rained all afternoon and keeping it up to-night.

11 Rainy this morning. Anita and Pauline went to Town and Nan got 4 or 5 teeth out. I walked to the top of the hill for the first time in over two years.

12 A lovely day and everyone busy. Started knitting a little red quilt for a 2 yr old boy. Cecil came for Mother in the evening and got her home. A big relief to me.

13 Stayed in bed until around 2 PM. Rained all the morning. Quite a number around this afternoon. Dad Anita & I went to United Church in Kensington and called in at Mable Simpsons.

14 A perfectly lovely day. Anita went to Town with Heber and got the rest of her teeth out. Pauline & I met her at Hunter River. Washed etc. Mr Smith here to dinner.

15 A perfect day and I spent it at the shore. We went down to see Mrs Chester Woolner to-night. She is at Lucys, in bed.

16 Terribly tired all day, guess had too much sun yesterday. Still very warm. We went to Hunter River at night to see the pictures of PEI put on by the travel Bureau and Percy Turner in and advertizing War Saving Campaign.

Gordon Fyfe & Gillespie Married

17 78. Very warm. Made jelly. Not much good all day. Mr Smith, Mrs Smith & Mrs Stewart here most of day and the Tilley family over. Charlie Murray here for dinner. We all had supper on the lawn.

18 82. Very warm to-day and no one doing more than they can help. Not many around. Girls went with Eric Bell last night to Gordons charivari.

19 A lovely day very warm and blowing some. Anita Pauline, May Green and I went to Town. Pauline took civil service exams. Had dinner at Enids. Heber came out at night, has been sick all week with the flu and is still feeling punk.

20 Nice morning but clouded over and wind came around in afternoon, quite cold. Quite a number around. We had four airmen from Toronto (S.Side) and gave them a lunch and two officers from Ch Town (English) had tea. We went to Carleton for supper. Picked up a spike at Calbecks corner. Had lobster supper and a lovely iced cake. Pouring rain all the evening and all night.

37th wedding anniversary

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**September-October 1942**

21 Cold north easter and rained all day. Heber in bed all day feeling pretty rotten. Felt like sewing and made a blouse for one of the girls. Tired of the wind, went to bed early. Rained all night but calmed down.

22 Rained all day and at 10:30 its still coming straight down. After the long spell of dry weather it means a lot to the country. Heber better to-day.

23 Heber went to Town this forenoon but certainly didn’t look very good. Cleared up in afternoon and we went to Simpson Bells for the evening. Road pretty muddy 6 inches of rain fell in three days. Anita & I picked moss at Mays[?].

24 A grand day, not cold. Washed and the girls went to Alec’s to finish the moss. Busy all day and tired to-night.

25 In bed until 2 or 3 o’clock. Not feeling very spry and didn’t do much but bring the callas into the house and Nans cactus.

26 Another gorgeous day, not cold. Girls went to Town and Grant was here for dinner. Norman Morris and Carl Anderson arrived about 4 PM and we all went to Stanley after supper and visited with Premier and Mrs Campbell.

27 Nice day but blowing hard. The girls drove Norman and Carl to Hunter River then came back to church. Had about 15 cars in to-day but everyone got away early.

28 Washed but didn’t get clothes out. Blowing hard and rained. Mr Stirling had a stroke on the 1st or 2nd.

29 Lovely morning and we went to Town, early as Enid and Reuel returned from Hospital with E Pauline. Her baby boy was born that night at 9:30 to everyones relief. Had a lovely week in Town. Went to a quilt cutting out at Mrs Townsends and to the Orchid, to Janies and to the Hospital, to Mrs Spencers and Mrs Irene Simpsons. Anita PJ and Dad came in for me at night and its nice to be home again.

Gilbert Robert Henry

Oct 4 A nice day. Not many around. No frost here yet. Dahlias blooming lovely. Dad has most of geraniums in, plenty anyway. Heber worked to-day but came out this evening.

5 Washed. Anita & Mary Stewart went to Town. Got ironing done too. Rained in evening.

6 Raining some in forenoon. We went to S. Side and to Keiths. Called at Mr Stirlings and on our way home went to Art Henrys. Got stuck in the mud and had to be pushed out. Poured rain in some places but not much in Cavendish. Made grape & apply jelly.

7 A perfectly lovely day all day. Mr Smith up this afternoon. Everyone busy.

8 A lovely day. Had a terrific headache this morning but got up around noon. Went to Town to see the picture “Mrs Miniver.” A grand show. We took Mrs Earl Simpson in with us to see her father

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**October 1942**

9 Another lovely day, quite warm. Anita had to go back to Town to-day about her teeth and Louise & I went with her. Charlie here to-night and Eric Bell, Pauline LePage Henry and Bobbie got home from the Hospital.

10 Another perfectly lovely day all day but cooler. The flies terrible. Everyone busy. The girls sent their trunks to Hunter River. Mr McCallum took them. Heber came out to-night. Frost at night.

11 Still a lovely day and our dahlias not frozen. Charlie here all night and for breakfast and dinner. Anita & I went up to see Mother. She was sitting up all the afternoon. Talk about flies. Went to church at night.

12 No sleep last night. The girls left this morning for Rimouski and Toronto. Heber took them to Hunter River. Una went with them. They would stop at Rimouski on the way. Louise is still here and great company. Jim Campbell & Ruth Elaine Montgomery married.

13 Did a big washing to-day. Have the place fairly ship shape. Some frost last night and the dahlias down in the garden look dark to-day. Charlie went Rustico way with Mr McCallum.

14 Another perfectly lovely day. Expected extra men for dinner but they didn’t come. Tried to sew some but too tired. Got part of ironing done. A 14 hr day to-day.

15 A lovely day, not cold. Ironed, baked and sewing and tired at night.

16 Another almost cloudless day. 8 Liberator planes went over NE. Eight went over last week. Got cards from the girls at Rimouski. Mr Smith here to supper. No news. Charlie got back to-night.

17 Fine day. Charlie went away after breakfast. Mr McCallum here. Just regular Saturday work. Letter from Lorraine. Colder to-night. Had 3 RCAEWD girls.

18 Blowing hard and colder. Had room fire on. About seven cars in this afternoon. Rally Service in Baptist Church at night.

19 Rained all last night and nearly all day to-day and cold. Mr Smith came in about 7 PM with a duck for us. Washed the wood work in. Kitchen this morning and made a big batch of cookies this afternoon and cranberry jam. Letter from the girls.

20 Getting ready for the chicken supper at night. Showery all day but cleared up fine and cold at night. Womens Institute put on a supper. Made over $70.00.

21 Have a wretched cold and feeling rather rotten. Didn’t do much. Mr McCallum not here.

22 Got a letter from Pauline. Hope they get along OK. Charlie came back in afternoon and left after supper with his suit case. War news a little better and the Germans have not yet taken Stalingrad. Got dahlia bulbs in cellar.

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**October-November 1942**

Mary McNeill (Mrs Herb Stewart) died in Falconwood

23 A perfect day. Temp around 68 & 70 and everything so green and beautiful. The men sawing wood. Had engine trouble. Mr McCallum here.

Mary McN Stewart

24th Cloudy and showery in morning. Sun came out in afternoon. Men finished sawing. Busy with Saturday work and made drop cookies.

25 Cloudy and rainy in afternoon. Three RAFs out on Golf Course and got wet. Gave them tea & cookies. Heber came out this afternoon, went back early. Rev M Murray preached here to-day.

26 Rained nearly all day. Didn’t wash.

27 Went to Town. It rained very hard last night and helped the road some. Cleared up this evening. Went to Town for money for the 3rd Victory Loan. Got a letter from Marion. Bought me a new black dress. Charlie came back this evening and Lewis & Mrs Toombs were out.

Marys Funeral in Elmsday Church

28 Washed and baked and ironed. A lovely day but frost every night. Tired to-night.

29 Another lovely October day. Dad went to sale in Hope River of crop and stock of late John Leo McGuigan. Dad bought a ton and half of hay. Got two grand mackerel to-day.

30 Fine day but blowing hard. Sewing all day. Tired at night. Mosie[?] mowing the lawn with power mower.

31 Another fine day with south wind. Cleaning up around house. Sewing.

Nov 1 Temp to-night 66. A perfectly lovely morning. Tired all day. Coughed a lot last night. Heber came out this afternoon and took us to Clifton Church to-night. Mr Woodside was the speaker and he had an Air Force choir.

2 Not a bad day. Had rained in night but cleared up and a lovely evening. We got Jack to take us to Brackley. Took May and Alec along. Called to see Aunt Emily but no one home at Gordons. Grant here to-day for dinner.

3rd Fine but cloudy. Rained very hard all evening and night. Mosie working at the drain from cellar. Quiet night. Sewing.

4 A regular Nor’easter and raining some. Turned colder. Heard Spencer Tracey from Toronto on the Third Victory Loan.

5 A lovely fine day and not very cold. Had two RCAF boys come in just as I had finished washing the dinner dishes. Gave them dinner. Almost finished another dress. War news better. Wm Robinson died in Hospital.

Wm Robinson

6 Another nice day and colder but cloudy. Cleared up at night, Ernest taking a cold to-night. Finished another dress and pair of mittens. Listened to Radio until midnight.

7 Fine and cold to-day. Expected Keith up today but he didn’t make it. American troops are landing in Africa to-night in French Africa.

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**November 1942**

8 S. A lovely morning but turned chill and grey in afternoon. Two or three cars around but no one in. Wrote to Edwin Simpson. Mrs Rollings died this morning after a long illness. Wm Robinson funeral this afternoon from North Rustico church to South Rustico Anglican Church.

Mrs Aquilla Rollings

9 A nice day. Washed. Tired at night. Dad went to Town and got a load of coal and a mattress.

10 Colder to-day but fine. Dad shingled a strip on West Side of house. Mr McCallum and Connolly here to dinner. Mrs Rollings funeral this afternoon.

11 Mild and raining some. Armistice programs on radio and from Ottawa. Ernest clearing up around and working at shutters and windows.

12 A nice day. Two English Air Lads came along about 1:30 and I fed them. Homesick nice English lads. We went to Rustico in the evening. Ernest made calls on 3 Air Detection Observers and we spent the evening at Ben Woolners while Jack went to his training class.

13 Not so hot. Keith came up with Mischief and we took him home at night by way of French & Long River. Poured rain.

14 Busy all day cleaning Kitchen & pantry etc & so on. Went to Town at night and didn’t do much. Snowing on the way home. Took Milton George C. & Lorne McNeill.

15 S. 22A. Cold this morning and blowing hard from North. Reuel and Enid came out before dinner and went to Bay View in afternoon. Calmer to-night and cold.

16 A lovely day. Washed. Busy trying to get pajamas made for Ina and Louise. Margaurite Graham and Oliver Coles married on the 18th. Mr McCallum up once and Mr Smith. Mosie stopped work here on Thursday. Austin Graham still working. A shower at Jerry Simpsons the 19th. Didn’t go but we gave Helen a plate. Some nice days but cold the last of week.

20 Got the pyjamas and 1 pr sockies away to day. Mending all day and made apple sauce and cooked crab apples. Very dark all day.

21 Quite a cool wind to-day. The planes out. Did Fridays & Saturdays work. Got our little stove up up stairs. Dad waxed the kitchen floor.

Helen & Robert married

22 A nice day. Dad went to Church in the morning and Jack took us to Brackley and to Town to church. Heard a grand service all through. Car lights got tired and went to sleep but we got home OK. Clarence Reids building burned at night.

23 A fine day but cold wind. Washed and wrote Anita. Reception and dance at Ed Grahams to-night. War news grand.

24 Headache but got up at 10 and we went to Town after dinner. Got car lights fixed and got a hamper of apples. Saw a show at night, “The Remarkable Andrew”.

25 Another fine day after very heavy white frost and red sun rise. Ironed. Grant McCallum up in afternoon.

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**November-December 1942**

26 Fine day, sewing. Ernest up to Bay in afternoon.

27 Another fine day and not cold. Finished hauling in our wood. Grant here to dinner. Girls getting along fine. Anita got a bonus on her second weeks work.

28 Poured rain most of night, tuned colder and quite a snow storm with wind south east north east and northwest. 18 above to-night and blowing a gale.

29 S. Still blowing but fine. Electric current went off yesterday so we had no lights radio or telephone. Its been a long day.

30 Fine day. Austin & Dad went to Creek with truck by way of Park and around the cape road. Dad & I were down to Alecs at night with a sleigh.

Dec 1st Austin took truck to Town via Kensington. Men working on telephone line. Its badly smashed and a lot of posts down.

2 Austin took mower blades to Town and brought the truck out again. Messers Smith and Connolly have their office in the Tourist Bureau building. Knitting mostly. Terrible rain and gale.

3 Dad got a box of chocolates from Ina & Louise, $18.00 from Lorraine and a card from Anita & Pauline. Nice day but wind cold.

4 Another nice day with cold S. West wind. Got the new out side window on pantry. Mrs Darnley not so good. Still no radio or lights and the telephone out again too. Planning to go to S. Side to-morrow.

5 A nice day but a cold wind. Jack took us to S. Side and to Carleton where we had a grand goose supper. Got home around 8 PM to find the lights on in the dining room after a whole week without them and the radio.

6 S. Another nice day and not cold. Heber came out at noon and took Dad to church to-night. A quiet day but good to have the radio.

7 Fine day. Washed. Dad putting plugs in pipes below the road. Did ironing this afternoon.

8 A nice cold day, blowing. Ernest put out the clothes and I got the washing and ironing done. A bit weary at night. Keiths birthday. Good clear walking and a good car road.

Keiths Birthday 33

9 12A. Another nice day. Washed curtains. Dad and I spent the evening at the Manse. Very heavy white frost when we came home and calm and cold.

10th Fine day again. Nothing special doing. Clear sunny day.

11 Dark and a fine snow falling from noon. Jack took us to Town. We took Mary & Anna. The road good except Pattersons Hill and Browns.

12 Still cloudy and little spits of snow but not cold. Trying to get things done for Christmas.

13 Anitas birthday, 31 to-day. A lovely fine day. Ernest and I walked to the shore and came back over the pond. Wrote a lot of letters and cards.

14 Colder and blowing busy knitting. Wind chill.

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**December 1942**

15 Still quite cold. 10A or probably lower than that in the night. Getting Christmas parcels ready for the three girls in Norval. Up until nearly midnight every night.

16 Cloudy this morning and snowing quite thick this afternoon. Mr Smith came at 11:15 AM and what a mess we were in getting ground spruce ready for the Norval box. He brought us a few oysters.

17 Cold, bitter. 10B and zero at night. Kept three fires on. Not feeling so good, headache.

18 Zero this morning and our bathroom pipes frozen but got them thawed out and kept three fires on all day. Got more cards mailed.

19 Another terrific cold day. Kept busy trying to keep house warm. Fine Sunday 19th but drifting and very cold 6B. Washed Monday 21st but didn’t put many clothes out. Tuesday 22 still colder to 6B but moderated at night. Roads have been bad.

Butter rationed

24 Snowed some last night and helped the roads some. Dad went to Wm Grahams with Mothers Christmas basket. Got all our Xmas mail away at last.

24 A nice day, not so cold as we have had. Cards & parcels came. We have a small tree up and decorated. The Christmas music lovely.

25 A lovely day and we opened our gifts from the family. Ernest got three new books and some nice gifts that he needed. I got a book from Marion & Murray. Sugar bowl & 1 lb sugar from Anita and a pair of gloves from the girls. Lorraine gave me a slip and perfume and snap Album. Keith a picture “Mother” and stockings. Stationary from Enid and Readers Digest from Elaine. After a nice chicken dinner we had a sleigh ride, called at Miltons Lornes and Alecs.

26 Colder to day and not so nice, drifting and snowing some. Just about all in to-day. Made some hot dish mats and some holders. Annie & Alfred Moore in for awhile to-night.

27 16A. Another chill cold day. Sunday.

28 Chill wind. Temp around 24A. We went up to see Mrs Darnley after supper.

29 Still another grey day with bitter chill east wind. Ernest went to McDonalds store. Mrs Lewis Toombs fell from a ladder and hurt herself pretty badly.

30 Moderated in evening and was raining and freezing. David Johnson here in evening. Ernest collecting for cemetery.

31 Rained some and thawed a little. Not feeling very spry. In bed until noon.

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**January 1943**

January 1943

1 The first day for a week that we have had any sun shine. Colder to-day and blowing hard. Didn’t do much. War news better than at this time last year.

2 Dad went to Mayfield to get a horse shod but nothing doing. A dozen or more ahead of him. Very cold, around zero. Fine the 3rd but busy keeping three fires on.

4 Washed but it clouded over. Clothes didn’t dry but Ernest brought them in and we dried them in the front room.

5 Ironed. Fine but around zero and cold out side.

6 Zero this morning and blowing a gale from West. Mrs Darnley not very good to-day. Jean Clarke has a bran new son at 7:30 PM. Dad went to Rustico this afternoon. Bitter cold wind.

A boy Jean Clarke Bulman

7 Still blowing and cold. Claude Graham here for dinner, he is working at ice. No news but good war news.

zero weather

8 Fine. Ernest working at the ice. Claude here to dinner.

9 Fine. Finished ice. Got kitchen scrubbed and waxed.

10 S. A perfect day. In bed on the couch most of day, headache. Nothing special doing all week. Ernest hauling wood and lumber out that Oliver and Claude are cutting.

15 Snowed this afternoon and the boys had to quit. The girls have moved and are boarding with Mrs Duggan at Oak Park Ave. Nobody here. Just the same old grind day after day.

16 Not so cold to-day. Went with Ernest up to Freds for milk at night. A lot of new snow down and snowing at night.

17 S. Ernest went to church, twas drifting and cold. Just another Sunday at home.

18 A nice day and I did a big wash all by myself. Ernest hauling wood all day. Tired at night. Very calm and we left the clothes out all night.

19 Still cloudy. Ironed after I got the clothes dried. Very chill and heavy hail and rain around 10 PM. Turned very cold before morning and blowing a gale.

20 8A in the morning and 2B by dinner time. Got a wire from Lorraine and she is coming home. Kept getting colder and blowing harder and drifting and snow flurries. Lorraine didn’t got home on

21st Thursday and no word from her. A terrific day and terrible storms in Quebec and the trains were all held up. The coldest day in many years. A number of stoves burst from frozen water pipes. Mrs Millar Orr was badly cut by flying metal. Frank Houstons stove burst.

22 12B. Dad all ready to go to Hunter River at 11 Am but on ‘phoning there was no news of Waine but she came that night and had no trouble crossing. Made it in one hour. She stayed at Cyrils and Dad went for her

23 Saturday forenoon and she got home at 1 PM so we are quite happy with one of our family home for a while.

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**January-February 1943**

24 A nice day. Lorraine went to church at Jerrys. Mrs Darnley Clarke died around 9 PM. She has been very low for several days.

Mrs Darnley Clarke

25 Very chill this morning but turned milder and rained and have quite heavy thunder and sharp lightening. Waine went down to Greens and called at Mr Tilleys in afternoon.

26 Milder. Temp got up to 30A. Waine went over to Manse in evening and Ernest & I went up to Ern Clarkes and then over to Fenners for a couple of hours.

27 Mrs Danley Clarkes funeral to-day. Just 10A this morning and getting colder to-night 6A. Not blowing very hard.

28 Dad and Oliver & Claude finished in the woods today. A chill cold north east wind and its just 10A to-night. Robbie Toombs here. He has signed up for Air Force.

29th Around zero and that was cold. Hazel Simpson here in afternoon.

30 Did Saturdays work and Lorraine went over to Jerrys to supper. Keith and girls came this afternoon, about 5 o’clock. Got to bed around midnight.

31 S. Fine day but chill cold wind. Went over to church in afternoon. Had grand ice cream for supper and lunch. Keith & Waine made some calls in the evening.

Feb 1st Keith and girls went home this morning. Not very cold and it started to snow quite thick around 3 PM. Dad took Lorraine to Rustico, left her at Roys while he went to the store. Called to see Helen Simpson Woolner too.

2 Washed. Pretty cold had a big washing, calm and they didn’t dry very good. George & Sadie and Winnielea and David Johnston here this evening.

3 A perfectly lovely day tho’ quite frosty. Waine & I went up to Fenners to help Mary with a quilt. Mr & Mrs Tilley and Eric Bell here. A bit tired to night and my side pretty sore.

4 A lovely red sunrise. Ernest went to Town. Snowed this afternoon pretty thick for a while. Mr Tilley trying to start a young peoples Group again. David came for Lorraine.

**[Change in handwriting: Lorraine.]**

5 Mild. Mother fell on cellar steps and broke ankle. Anna, Mabel Stewart, George & Reg came to my assistance. Phoned Dad. He came home in evening. Some day.

6 Fine & mild. Dad went to meet Dr. Stevenson. Mother’s ankle pretty sore. Mrs Fred here in afternoon and for supper. Ern, Winnie & John over in evening.

7 Sunday. Raining and altogether miserable. George McC. and Stirling here in aft. David out in evening. Mrs Charlie Wyand died in morning.

Mrs Charlie Wyand

8 Colder. Fred & Jack came to help get Mother ready for Town and went to Hunter River. Good road and she didn’t mind the trip. Mary Stewart stayed here all night. Snowed in afternoon. Beautiful fluffy flakes.

9 Fairly cold wind. Went to Mrs Wyand’s funeral with Fenner and Laura. Dad got home about 7:20 rather tired.

10th Strong north wind. 26. David wanted to go visiting but I had too much cold to turn out. Lem Austin and Andrew Stevenson here about Mrs Wyand’s will.

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**February 1943**

11 Temp 43. YPS at Manse and election of officers. Herb Wyand president. Worst freshet at Bay View mills for ten years. Dam at Blair Andrews went out.

12 Colder. Fields all bare. Went to Jerry’s to Bible Class. Dolph Fleming’s 25th wedding anniversary. Eric Bell down in evening.

13 Perfect day. Carrie McCabe and I went to town with Herb & David. Mother in great cheer but ankle awfully sore at times. Mrs Danny Nesbitt in same room with her. Saw Ellen Stevenson & Jean Caseley both with new daughters. Wild road – terribly icy. Had supper at Johnston’s and went to a farewell party for Cora Toombs in evening. She is going to Moncton. Gave her a pen & pencil set. Tired? Well, rather.

14 Snowed a bit in the night – mild. United Church service in morning. Mr Stirling died. Telephone out of order. David & I spent the evening at Edward’s.

Rev John Stirling

15 Cold. Men digging the grave. Earl Simpson here for dinner and young Harold for the afternoon. Hard digging on the hill and cold. Mrs Tilley Left for Moncton & Montreal.

16 Coldest day so far. 14 below here. 26 below in some places. Pipes caught but not serious. Three fires going most of the day. 40 below in Ottawa.

17 Still cold but clear. Mr Stirling’s funeral in aft. Rev Wilson, Paterson, Miller, McQuarrie, Fraser, Wilfred McLeod took part in service. Dad a pall bearer. I had to play. Big crowd. Alma Clark quite sick with mumps.

18 Fine. 4 above. Did a huge wash and got it dry. David took me to YP at Wyand’s in evening. Twenty eight there. Good time, and a neat upset coming home.

19 Fine. Beautiful moonlight night. David took me to a WI Social at Ernie Bulman’s at night. Huge crowd. Mother just fair – suffering a lot. Mr Smith & Grant McCallum here with Dalvay truck – came up through Brackley, Rustico and park.

20th Chill south wind. Dad went to town. Mother fairly cheerful but still no cast on.

21st Mild – the gulf looked like summer – fields all bare. Service in Baptist Church in afternoon. David out in evening.

22 Fine. 40 above. Spent afternoon at Freds. Dad went to Rustico. Hard to get meat – none at Rustico. Went to Alec’s in evening. Roads getting bare.

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**February-March 1943**

23 40 above. Nothing much doing.

24 Temperature as high as 56 – raining in evening. Started to make a skirt for Ina.

25 Only 10 above – quite a drop. YP at Manse. Eric Simpson had car down. Mayfield road nearly all bare. Good bunch of boys at meeting. Mr Tilley has bad roads.

26 10 above. Fine. Spent afternoon at Ern McNeill’s. Bobbie Smith had wagon today.

**[Back to Myrtle’s handwriting.]**

March 3rd I got out of hospital and went to Enids. Got the cast on yesterday. Ernest came in for me

5 on Friday and it was mighty good to get home. Even if it did storm from New Glasgow home it wasn’t cold and wind was in our backs. Was pretty tired but managed to get upstairs to my own bed. Mary McN Lowther spent the afternoon with Lorraine.

6 Stayed in bed. Twas quite a cold day and plenty of snow around. Alfred and Annie up in evening.

7 Rained and thawed and a terrific push of water down the hollow. Got down stairs to-day. No church.

8 Lorraine getting her trunk packed. David out in evening. Mrs Profit here for a month.

9 Zero. Dad took Lorraine to Hunter River. She was going to Keiths for the night. Roads rough but icy. Mrs Darney Nesbett died. She was in the same semi-private room with me and very sick when I left the Hospital.

Had heavy snow storms in Ontario over weekend.

Mrs Nesbett

10 Nice day. Crocheting a centrepiece. Mrs Profit doing the work and Sue up and down. 11th fine wind south.

12 Raining. Temp 46. Roads getting bare. Bobby has had a wagon the last two days. Ice in some places on roads.

13 Thawing a little. Finished my Star Dream centrepiece. Maple Leafs defeated Detroit Red Wings 3 to 1 in Toronto.

14 Pauline 23 to-day. A lovely spring like morning but its cloudy now and snowing a little. Temp 32. Ernest went to church this morning.

15 A very nice day and Mrs Profit and Dad got the wash out by 11 AM. Dad went to New Glasgow with the car battery. Took sleigh but wagons are running around here.

16 Not thawing to-day. Cold east wind. Eric Bell down this evening. Made ginger cookies in afternoon.

Aunt Charlotte

17 St. Patricks and snowing a little this AM but turned to pouring rain and this afternoon. Not feeling quite as spry to-day. Letter from Lorraine.

18 Snowed and rained and froze. Just a dirty day.

19 A lovely day snow almost gone and froze. Lewis and Ethel Toombs out this evening and Hazel over.

20 Snow flurries to-day and ground white again and the spruces beautiful. Everything shining. Floor waxed etc.

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**March-April 1943**

Mumps in school.

21 1st day of spring. A lovely day. Mr Churchill broadcast this afternoon. Hester and Lorne and Mary here for tea. Not feeling extra good. Didn’t thaw to-day.

22 A lovely morning. Have been on the couch all day and my ankle is not quite so fat. Finished a pair of gloves for Dad.

23 30A. Fine. Tommy Hiscott around with salt mackerel and hake. No news. A lot of planes moving. Blowing hard.

24 No planes to-day. Fire at Airport. Fine day.

25 Cloudy to-day and temp up to 36A. Ernest went to New Glasgow this afternoon for groceries. Milton and May up this evening. Una has measles in Toronto.

26 Got the phone fixed. Temp 46A. Robt Woolner had a truck up to Jas O’s and got stuck at end of our west driveway on the road. Good to have telephone working again. Trouble on our own line, wires to close to Electric wires.

27 Rained last night and snow about all gone. Ice gone again. Not feeling very good at all. Got word from Dr Seaman that the cast can come off any time.

28 A nice day but quite cold. Ernest went to church. Annie Moore came over afterwards and stayed to supper. Felt rotten all day.

29 20 above this morning but fine and the wash out in good time. Feeling better. Mr Smith came along before dinner and I got ready for Town and got the old cast off and spent the night at Enids.

Letter from Aunt Jen telling of Aunt Charlottes death in Hospital in New Westminster on March 16th

30 Heavy white frost this AM. Mr Smith brought me home before dinner. Good car road on pavement and quite rough from here to Rustico but no very bad place except at Dolph Flemings hill.

31 Another fine day. Foot not feeling very good, cold and sore. Ernest went to Rustico for feed for the horse. Etc.

April 1 Fine day but cold. Quite a lot of North & East wind. A lot of ice in the Gulf. Mr Tilley in this evening. A grey day all day and cold. Hail in afternoon. Ernest went up to Joe Stewarts.

2 Another cloudy day, thawing a little. Ernest went to Lewis Toombs in evening. Roads drying in places.

3 Ground white this evening but it wont likely stay long. Foggy to-night. Letters from Marion & PJ.

4 S. Froze last night and wind cold all day but thawed in sun. Froze again at night. Laura Fenner Heber & Austin & V. White here in evening.

Heber got out in car

5 Lovely morning. Dad & Mrs Profitt got wash out before 10 AM. I ironed some to-day and made pancakes.

6 Mrs Profitt went to Georges this afternoon after cleaning up her room and the rest of house. Dad & I alone.

7 Getting along fairly well. Freezing. Weather and roads miserable. Una Green came home from Toronto.

Mr Smith Boy no. 3

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**April-May 1943**

May 1st Doras baby boy born and died the 5th

8 Cold bleak wind. Oliver Coles here splitting wood Not feeling very good. Una came up in evening.

9 Got the kitchen and pantry curtains down and soaking. Dad went to Rustico for meat and groceries. Cold as Greenland to-night. No news. War news fairly good.

10 NE wind and snowing and mist all day. Dad did the Saturday work. No one travelling.

11 S. Colder to-day and snowing and drifting all day. Dad didn’t go to church.

Miserable weather all through April. Not much doing and not any news but war news and that has been more favourable. Roads very bad, a lot of frost in ground and some bad holes on roads. Culverts washed up etc. Got the car out and went down to Alecs April 26th. May very thin. We went to Town on 27th and got our car license 2975 and my ankle strapped up again. Took Fred

28 with us. Tired to-day, April 28 and its snowing hailing and raining. The road fairly good yesterday. Dora McCoubrey has been in Town since Feb 23rd waiting for No. 2.

May 1st Pauline came home to-night. We were to Keiths on Thursday April 29th. Dad drove down with Mischief and Jack took the car & me. Had a nice visit with them, took Laura down to Bert Cadmores. A submarine reported in the Strait on 31st. Weather rather mean and cold the first week of May. Went to Town on the 6th saw the show Random Harvest. Tired the 7th in bed the 8th. Heber got out to church Sunday. We went down to Bens in evening and called on Mrs Albert. Pauline house cleaning this week. Went to S. Side Monday the 10th and out to Keiths, took Anna along with us. Ernest saw Claude and passed pretty good this time

11 Pauline cleaning upstairs. 12th rained hard all the afternoon and probably night, a cold rain.

13 Foggy to-day but cleared up this evening. PJ has a cold. Ernest and cemetery committee working all afternoon laying out plots in new section. Pauline housecleaning up stairs. Weather changeable. Has to work alone. Grant & Ernest working on pipe line. Pretty badly broken up.

15th Fourth Victory Loan went over the top. Heber came out. Good catches of cod, herring, and lobsters to-day.

17 Rained but we washed and got most of clothes dry in afternoon. Report of Submarines in Straits.

18 Heavy fog here in morning. PJ & I went to Town in afternoon. Mr Smith came out with 100 pine trees and 40 elms. Planted sweet peas.

19 Nice day. Ernest digging some in garden. Planted lettuce, parsley & radish seed.

20 Fine to-day but cool wind. Pauline painted the kitchen ceiling.

21 Annie Simpson here helping Pauline paper the room over the kitchen. Not feeling very good.

(Got a shoe on my left foot, the first time since Feb 5th)

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**May-June 1943**

22 Cold east wind to-night. Several people in. Dad & PJ went to Town to-night. Letter from Marion. Very wet in Ont.

23 S. A lovely day all day. Three cars in this afternoon. Heber out to supper, brought two English lads with him. Tim & Ian went to Church.

24 11A. A lovely day. Power off until 10 AM but got a good wash out before dinner. Getting ready to paint and paper the kitchen. Went to Rustico in evening.

25 Pauline painting. Mr Smith & Clive Stewart came before dinner and Clive is boarding here for a while.

26 Still at kitchen. Papered and painted. A nice day. Dad planted the potatoes and has the drills made for the garden stuff.

27 Pouring rain to-day. Grant not up.

28 Fog all day, and cold. Terribly wet and late spring in Ontario.

29 Rained part of day. We went to Town after supper. Took Mrs Fred & Clive with us. Saw “Amazing Mrs Holiday”.

30 Rained and snowed all day. Quite a snow storm in afternoon. Temp 33. Heber out. Rained hard all night.

31st Still pouring rain this morning but stopped around noon but has not cleared up

June The first week of June very wet and cold. We went down to Keiths on the 1st rained next day. Chester Macdonald married on June 2nd and coming to the Island for his honeymoon. Married Ida Burrill. Pauline finished house cleaning on the 4th and Mr & Mrs Ralph Hughes spent the weekend here. A honeymoon couple from St. John. Sent Lorraine 3 pks potatoes on the 5th. Heber and Vernon Harding & Jean Nicholson came out Sunday night. Gaspereau in but we didn’t get any.

7th Washed, a lovely day. We took Mable Stewart & Margaret Moore into Town with us. Pauline got her suit.

8 As busy as we could be and terribly tired to-night. A big ironing and Pauline helping Dad in garden and setting out plants that we got in Town.

9 Pauline & Ernest went over to Park Corner for Chester and Ida. We took them to Rustico and to see May and Alec. May very poorly and Alec has a sick horse. Put a quilt in frames.

10 Alec’s horse better. We took Chester & Ida to Town and to Park Corner. Went to see Mrs Mutch. Tired at night.

11 Quilting. It’s a big job. Lovely weather.

12 13 Pauline went to Town and they went to Pictou on the Northumberland Ferry and missed their return boat and had to stay in New Glasgow over night. It rained hard here and we had seven RCAF five of them WDRCAF here in afternoon. The Air ways Bus brought about 50 down from S. Side.

14 Cloudy in the morning and I didn’t wash. PJ got home after dinner. Quilting and tired at night. Allen Millar came to work to-day.

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**June-July 1943**

Frost this AM. Rained in afternoon

15 48. Fine & we washed. PJ and I at the quilting. Heard that Herb Wyand and Ruth Buntain are to be married on the 26th and Vivian Howatt and Willie Toombs engagement announcement was in the paper. Hear that is to take place on the 28th.

16 Still at quilt, the quilt this afternoon. Group at night. Bitter cold.

17 Finished quilting and Pauline got her dress cut out. All in at night and I went to bed after supper.

18 Clive got thrown off of Toro this morning and was badly shook up and hurt on legs and knees. Might have been killed. Mrs Fred here sewing, fixing Paulines skirts and finished her dress.

19 Clive able to be around. Busy all day and ankle pretty sore. Went down to shore in evening. Heber came out.

20 Fine in morning but rained in afternoon. Went down to see May. She is feeling some better, think she had stomach flu. Mr Tilley preached his last sermon in Cavendish.

21 Foggy and cold but cleared up. PJ & Hazel McCoubrey Clive, Ethel and Jennie Moore & myself went to Town. Got the last bandage off my ankle. Its pretty tender. Play in Cavendish at night, the North Wiltshire people put on.

22 Warmer, we washed. Heavy thunder storm at night. Dr. Trueman & wife and three other ladies here in afternoon. Miss McCabe over in evening.

Tremendous apple bloom and cherry trees everywhere.

23 to 26 Lovely weather. 24th spent the afternoon at Gordon Lairds shore while Dad & Allen Millar were fixing fence. Warmer and everything growing. Our potatoes & beans up good. Little showers almost every night. Had a couple of RCAF girls come in this evening. Terribly tired. We took them to Hunter River in evening

Herb Wyand & Ruth Buntain married

27 A perfect day. Reuels out and I went up with them to see Mother. She looks pretty bad, is about where she was when she came down here in Dec ‘41. After supper we took some ice down to Keiths and they made ice-cream. Clive, Heber, Pauline Dad & me. Poured rain on way home.

28 Rained almost all day. Put clothes on line just before supper. Pauline & Dad went to Hunter River for Anita. Pretty good to have her home.

29 Talking a lot. Went to Town after dinner. Saw Mrs Bonnell Mrs Stirling and Doris. Willie Toombs and Vivian Howatt married at 1 PM. Mr Tilley married them on his way to New Brunswick where he is taking a new pastorate at Harcourt. Cold.

Willie & Vivian

30 Still cloudy and showery today. Reception at the shore for Herbert and Ruth. Ahem[?].

July 1st A dark cold day. A few fishing but no big catches.

2 A perfectly lovely day but cool at night.

3 The rest of family went to Town this evening. I was too tired to go. Heber got out Sunday evening the 4th. About 20 cars around to-day, a nice day.

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**July 1943**

5 Washed and ironed to-day. Went over to Erns in evening.

6 Shower here to-night, about 85 here. She got some very nice presents and $18.

7 A lovely day all day. Allen & Clive and Anita and PJ went fishing. Got a nice mess of trout. A few cars around.

8 Think it rained quite a lot. Mary Lorne up this evening, also Alec.

9 Pauline & I went to Town to get our hair fixed. Una up helping Anita. We brought Mrs Beers out to Alec’s and Mr Delaney to Lornes. Pretty busy until quite late. A very bad thunder storm in the night. Didn’t sleep much.

10 Fine then clouded over then cleared up lovely and Pauline and Heber were married at 1 PM on the lawn. Both looked very nice. Enid and Reuel came out early. They helped a whole lot with final fixin’s and everything went very well. The Webb family from Carleton got up in good time. Rev DK Ross married them. Ina and Louise stayed up.

11 S. Quiet day for a Sunday in July. Our family small and we were very glad to rest.

12 Had a terrific wash and Mr Smith Charlie Murray and a Mr Barwise to dinner extra. Clive and Allen got back to dinner too. Went over to Hunter River and to Rustico at night.

13 Desperately hot all day. Got up to 88 and hard to do much. Mosquitoes terrific.

14 Not quite so hot to-day. Finished ironing. Pauline and Heber got home around 6:30 so we prepared for a charivari. All the neighbours in and well rigged up too. Mosquitoes just terribly thick.

15 Pauline and Heber got away this morning with quite a car load of stuff. Feeling very tired to-day. Went down to see May this evening. She looks very bad.

16 A lovely day. Aunt May, Willie McKendrick and Bell came in about 4 PM. Rev Eric Coffin inducted into this congregation this evening. Not a very large audience.

18 Went to church in evening. No one registered to-day. Rained all afternoon. Just doing usual things. Not many around.

25 More around to-day than any day this year. Enid & Reuel out in afternoon. Army put on a stunt. Rather flat. Went to Church in Rustico at night to church. Thyra Clark Bingham here for a couple of days.

26 Washed in AM. Anita went to Dalvey in afternoon. Took Thyra along with her and brought Mr Salter and two others along with her from Hunter River.

27 Just as busy as could be all day and didn’t get much ironing done.

28 Rained but cleared up in evening.

29 Anita took the car to Duvars garage and took the three ladies along too.

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**August 1943**

10th August Churchill, wife & daughter arrived in Quebec City

30 Fine and 31st rained

Aug 13 Have had a lot of wet cool weather. A lot of hay out yet. Been hard for farmers to get work done. Went to visit Mrs Stirling in Kensington Sat night the 7th. Rained hard that night but was fine on the 8th but cold, a good many around. Nan & I went to see Dorothy Toombs. The 9th Dorothy and Erma came up to pick raspberries, Anita had to go to H River with people staying at Lornes. 10th we went to Summerside and Claude found Ernest fairly good. The grain crops look immense. Old Home Week from 10th to 13th inclusive. Nan went in for the evening on the 12th. Quite a number of Maritime people around this week. The races and show not much to blow about. The city crowded and people found it hard to get accommodation. Wasn’t much need of an Old Home Week when war conditions are what they are. Europe is getting a terrific blasting these days.

14 Rained all day, poured in afternoon and a sharp thunderstorm at night. Anita went to Town with Allen and didn’t get home until Monday 16th at 2 PM.

15th Sunday and we had 110 register. The busiest day this summer. The Brinton family over after church.

16 Busy in morning in fact all day. Went to Carleton in evening. Keith had decided to make a change and we may have the children for the winter.

17 Washed in morning and canned beans in afternoon tired at night.

18 A lovely day and quite a number around. Ironed, had a good many interruptions. Misses Moore and Haszard around in evening. Pauline out with Reuels.

19 A perfect day and the place looks beautiful to-night. Spent the afternoon with Elaine. Saw a strange plane this afternoon [drawing of airplane] with one engine under right wing.

20 Another perfect day. Not much happened, sold the last of my books. Quite a number of people around.

21 Still another fine day. A good many around here would finish hay. We went to Town at night, took Elaine with us.

22 S. A very fine Sunday and quite a number in and out in afternoon. Heber & PJ, Cyril and Annie, & Janette here too. Myron preached in Baptist Church at night. A grand sermon. Wide awake to-night.

23 A very nice day. Did a big washing and Anita went after berries. Didn’t feel very good in afternoon and evening.

24 Bad headache all day. Got up but had to go to bed again. Rained at night. Anita took Myron to Hunter River, Convention in Wolfville this week.

25 Up to-day but back sore. Lovely day. Edwin Simpson came along in afternoon, very tired, stayed all night. Reuels brought Walter out.

26 Colder to-day. Back still sore. Harold Vessey and his Mother and Uncle Ben Mallet were here to supper. Cold to-night.

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**August-September-October 1943**

September a lovely month. Had two bad storms but for the most part wonderful harvest weather. Keith sold out on the 9th all but farm and got the mortgage from Mrs Lowther and is finished with her for all time we hope. Ina & Louise came up Sept 9th. Keith and

22 Anita left for Toronto this morning so we are alone again. Had a lovely trip up West on 18th & 19th/

25 Has been raining for two days and nights. Most of grain is cut and some farmers have finished harvest. Potatoes are a very poor crop, many fields will not be worth digging. Ours are poor this year and small. Had planned to go to Town to-night but roads are too bad.

26 Rained all day. Mr Coffin still on holidays.

27 Fine. Washed and Jack took us to Town in afternoon. Had supper at Paulines. Got home around 11 PM. Brought Mrs Beers out to Alec’s. Pretty fine weather until

Oct 1 Oct 1st rained at night. Not much doing. Had a big big wash and ironing. Finished up two little cotton dresses for girls. Rained.

2 Rained in morning and again at night. Very warm all day. Went to New Glasgow at night took Annie & Alfred Moore on their 20th anniversary.

3 Miserable morning. Annie Lowther called to take the girls to Sunday School. Jack took us to Town to Baptist Church at night.

4 Fine but cool. Washed in AM and Mr & Mrs Coffin took us to Summerside and we left our car at Howes to be overhauled and painted. Rained on the way home.

5 A terrible day all day of wind and rain and most of night. Terrible wet for potato digging.

6 Fine this morning and I picked a gorgeous bouquet of yellow and white dahlias. A good breeze blowing to-night will help dry up grain that is out.

9 A lovely morning and the small girls out most of day. Mr Smith called in afternoon and went up to Moore place for apples. A shift of wind and turned very cold. Heber and Pauline came out late and it was snowing and raining.

10 S. Thanksgiving Day. We had a chicken for dinner and all went to Church at night. Austin and Vivian came out with Heber and Pauline and are to be married the first week of November. Feels like a hard frost to-night.

17 S. Lovely weather all last week, warm as August some days and fine all week until last night when it rained through the night and blew hard all day to day. Ina, Louise, & I had a touch of stomach flu. We canned 40 mackerel one evening. They were getting great catches of them at Rustico all week. Grant only here three days last week. Alf Simpson called one afternoon and Lorne & Mary and boys here one evening. Feeling better to-day. Our car still in S. Side. Wrote to Hazel, Lorraine and Keith.

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**October-November 1943**

18 A good wash day and we got clothes dry and it rained at night and all day Tuesday. Ironed. Rev Mel.

19 Aitkens son was buried in Town to-day.

20 Showery but not cold. Mr Smith and Grant here to dinner. 5th Victory Loan under way. Raining hard at night.

21 Fog nearly all day and some rain. Mr & Mrs Coffin took us to S. Side for our car. Got it painted and it looks swell if it did cost us $43.50 for paint and repairs. Got home at 5:45.

22 Mr Bishop died at his fathers home in Kentville, NS. Had almost a week of rain and miserable weather with plenty of rain and wind. Letters from all the family. Mr Coffin took us to Town on 26th and we went to show “This is my Land.” Good.

Rev HS Bishop

30 Mr Coffin took me to Hunter River this morning about the bond in the 5th Victory Loan. Got a box of cookies. Cleaned the house in afternoon and made a cake. Girls good and very busy. Hockey games started at Maple Leaf Gardens to-night. Maria Matheson has had a stroke. Dad has a good many outside windows on.

November

1 and 2 Fine.

3 Rained all day and until Friday night. Austin Graham and Vivian White married at Murray River. Heber & Pauline took Alfred & Annie down. Didn’t do much but knit and do the house work. Did some cleaning on Friday & Saturday.

Austin Graham & Vivian White

6 Pauline and Heber came out Saturday night and went back

7 after Church Sunday night. Heber working at his car all day. Maria Matheson died this morning at Axsworthy.

8th Did a pretty big washing and ironing. Ernest & Grant got some fresh cod & smelts at Rustico this afternoon.

9 Ironed some in morning. Went with Mr Coffin to the funeral at Crooked Creek and its well named. Mr Coffin had the service.

10 A perfect day all day. Finished ironing. Grant not here. Cut out a blouse for Ina. Freezing to-night.

11 A fine day for Armistice Day.

12 Rained hard all day.

13 Fine in morning but pouring rain again by 3 PM and all night. Mr Coffin here for dinner & supper.

14 Rained in morning but cleared up in afternoon. Pauline came out from Town with us on the

27th Very heavy rain and bad road. Jack took us to Town, Mr Coffin went with us.

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**November-December 1943**

12 Dec Mabel Simpson has baby girl.

Nov 29 Washed in AM and PJ took Mrs Coffin and me to S. Side in afternoon. Had a nice afternoon.

30 Came up quite a wicked storm around 4 PM and a great many people were caught out in it and had to leave their cars on the highway. Heber got as far as Hunter River and turned back and reached Town OK.

Dec 1 Roads bad, were not broken and go every way. Pauline went back to Town on the

3rd Heber met her at Rustico. They have the pavement opened up. Cold for a few days. Dad got a horse from Bruce Graham and takes the girls to school in the morning.

8 Milder and nothing strange or startling doing. Keith’s birthday.

9 Threatened and did rain to-day. Sewing.

13 Rev Ewen Macdonald died Hospital in Toronto. Cold weather and snow flurries.

Rev E MacDonald

14 Got telegram from Chester. Chester and Stuart arrived Friday night at Hunter River with their Fathers body. Jim Andrews brought the body over Sat morning the 18th. Had Annie Earl for two days. Funeral here Saturday afternoon the

18th Desperately cold all week. Mr Coffin helped Dad out in the trips to Hunter River. Rev RM Buntain of Clifton was the officiating clergyman, Mr Coffin assisting. Jim Campbell came. Very cold weather all the next week and roads bad. We went to Rustico.

22nd on Wed. Very cold and drifting. Called at Roy Toombs to see Dorothy. Dad went to Hunter

23 River for skis for girls and froze his nose. Lewis Toombs went to Hunter River that night for Cora and the train was very late and they didn’t get home until 4 AM Friday. School concert Thursday night and the girls were quite excited and did very well.

24 The highway not open to Rustico so Pauline and Heber could not get out and we asked Mr & Mrs Coffin over for Christmas day.

25 Was a nice day and everyone quite happy. Pretty nice to have Mr & Mrs Coffin for the day.

26 A nice day but we were home all day. Tired all day.

27 Didn’t wash but it was fine in morning. The Green girls and Mr & Mrs Coffin went to Town. 8B. Snowed and blew hard at night and bitter cold. Oliver Bernard died at Elvas home in Kensington. He has been in bed for some time, had a second stroke. Funeral the 31st.

30 We were invited to Manse to dinner and we went to see Mrs McCoubrey. She has been in bed about two months. Still quite cold and around zero.

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**December 1943-January 1944**

31 Mrs Woolner died this morning. The weather not so cold for which thanks be. Mr Bernards funeral form the United Church in afternoon. Stayed up until 1944.

Mrs Chester Woolner

1944 January 1st Not very cold. Ernest took the girls into Edwards in afternoon but they didn’t stay long. Stirling went for Ernest to help with the grave.

2 Was fine but a cold wind. Ernest took Mrs Coffin down to the funeral in afternoon, twas at the house. We all went to Church here at night. A lovely night frosty but calm.

3 A lovely but cold. I didn’t wash but was busy. Lois Simpson has measles.

4 Washed and Ernest left clothes out or some of them. Very heavy white frost these nights. School started again.

5 Fine and warmer. Annie Lowther and son David here after school to see the girls.

6 A nice day, good coasting. Una came up for afternoon. Washed my hair. Annual United Church meeting (Cavendish Section).

7 Don’t seem to be getting much done these fine days. Letters from all the family this week.

8 Busy all day. Eric & Alvin came up to coast and stayed the evening. Ina and Louise just about reached the limits. Lorne & Mary here until 11 PM. Tired? Oh no.

9 Quite a cold day and the girls didn’t stay out long. Got four letters written. Kate Fleming died this AM.

Kate Fleming

10 Not a very fine day but we washed and hung the clothes out in Club House. Ernest went to Creek in afternoon, road very heavy.

11 Well we didn’t get clothes dried very soon, damp weather with heavy white frosts at night. I was sewing some. Ernest in bed on 12th. Mr Coffin in bed three or four days. We had Gordon Gillis looking after the horse. They have measles at Cecils.

16 A nice day. Guess I spent it writing letters. Men working at ice on Pond.

17 A lovely day. We had very fine weather all week and quite mild. Temp from 24 to 34. Ernest working at the back porch all week just grand to be getting it sheathed. Letters from Keith telling us that he is to be married on Feb 3rd. We feel quite happy about it. Didn’t say anything to the girls until Sat 22nd.

22 A nice day. We went up to Stirlings in the evening.

23 Colder but very fine. Girls went up to Fred’s for milk in the morning and with Dad to shore.

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**February 1944**

24 Ernest did about all he could to back porch. I made another apron. News good.

January was a very fine month with sunshine almost everyday. Family write every week. Keith has had plenty of worry but will come out alright. He is to be married to Ethel Swindlehurst on Feb 3rd.

Feb 1 Was a nice day, we washed and I did some cleaning upstairs. Glad I did for it was snowing and

2 6B much colder and drifting to-day. Mr Coffin went to Town yesterday so Mrs C. is about.

3 Keith and Ethel Swindlehurst to be married to-day at Balinafad and going to Ottawa for a couple of days. Pretty cold here but not blowing quite so hard. Knitting gloves for Dad.

Keith & Ethel

4 A lovely day and Mr Coffin got home. The crockinole party was at Ern McNeills at night.

5 Another fine day. The girls went up to Freds in afternoon and Dad went to Rustico for groceries. The Maple Leafs beat the Detroit Red Wings in 3 to 1 game.

6 Raining and temp up to 42A. Young Peoples Service at Church to-night. Pretty cold all this week. Ernest went to Town

10 to-day to see Pauline and get something we needed. He got home on Saturday morning in quite a

12 snow storm which got much worse by noon. Was glad he got home anyway. In on Sunday I wasn’t

13 feeling very well. Roads bad and Mr Coffin did not get to New Glasgow and their wasn’t any

Concert in Hall on 16th Stanley Bridge crowd put it on

14 Church service here. Monday was fine and I got up but should have stayed in bed and

17 had to until the 17th got up around 4 o’clock

18 Getting around, another bad snow storm and getting much colder to-night. Washed and Ernest put clothes in the Club House.

19 2B and around zero all day and blowing and drifting. Hester at French River, Gertrude quite sick for some time.

20 Zero. Fine to-day but still cold. Men breaking roads this morning. Got a few letters written to-day. Feb a pretty cold month and we had a lot of snow and cold. Was crippled with sore back. Our first rain on Feb 28 and fog for three days.

March 1st calm in morning but turned cold at night and has continued bitter cold all week with north wind and zero weather. Mrs Coffin in Town for a week.

4th Still bitter cold

5 S. Fine. Mr Coffin here for dinner and supper and Una here for supper and Eric Bell for the rest of day.

6 Fine. Dad went to Bells for oats. Pretty tired to-day.

7 Washed and ironed. Started to snow in afternoon and blew a gale snow hail and rain. Mrs Coffin got home. Una in Town.

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**March-April-May 1944**

March 27th a baby boy to Marion & Clarence Gallant number 8

March 10 The snow settled some but more came and last night temp down to near zero. Cold this morning.

13 Mrs Bryenton died this morning and was buried on the 15th. Plenty of snow. Lorraine stopped work on the 15th and left Ottawa on the 20th. Spent a night with Eleanor Brown and came to Charlottetown for three days with Pauline. Got home on a pretty bad

25th on Saturday. Pretty good to have. A little bit of all in myself but with Waine home a week I feel better.

Mrs Bryenton

31 Rained and froze all day and the ice stayed in

Apr 1st until this afternoon. Roads a mess. The main roads not broken and so much bare ground.

2 Ministers had bad sleighing. The snow ploughs have been working on the highway. Got a parcel of

3 crochet thread from Anita. Washed and ironed so have nothing to do for a week. Lovely fine day

4 but wind keeps cold. The roads broken yesterday. Lorraine walked over to Winnies this morning. Well we have had a variety of April weather with some showers, silver thaws, & snow and now

14 on the 14th cold high west wind. Plenty of snow still on hills and some places on the roads. Other places bare. Mr Smith up for the first time since the Dec 21st. He brought the car to Rustico and walked the rest of way. Lorraine and girls in to see Mary Lowther this afternoon.

18th David Cameron MacDonald born

Roma McKay Bryenton has a baby girl on May 4th

April cold and sunny. The snow went off of fields and very little frost in ground but the hills held the snow and we had a long spell of bad roads. Went into Town with Mr Smith on the 28th, stayed with Pauline and went to Baptist Church on Sunday AM the 30th. Reuel and Enid had supper with Pauline & Heber that day.

May 1st A lovely day but I was in bed all day with sore back. Got up about 4 PM. Louise has chicken-pox.

2 Dad & Jack came in for me. Feeling pretty sore but came home. Twas a nice day.

3 Lorraine house cleaning and this evening walked in to see how Edward Lowther is. Reported that he has pneumonia.

4 A perfectly lovely day. Temp up to 76A. Lorraine cleaned my room and the one above Kitchen and bathroom. Everyone tired. Grant here to-day for first time.

5 Another lovely warm day but wind cool to-night and everyone is hoping for a warm rain. Cleaning the kitchen and the water pressure put a hole in our tank. What a day and what a mess. Clarence and Elwood Stewart here this evening.

6 Rained a little last night but colder to-day. Grant took our tank to Hunter River and got it welded. What a day and what a mess but the kitchen looks nice to-night. We are all tired.

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**May-June 1944**

7 A lovely bright sunny day. Headache in the morning but got up in time to get dinner. Lorraine took me up to see Mother and to see Mrs Albert. A few cars drove around.

8 Blowing hard and cloudy in the morning. Did a big big washing and some ironing. We went to Rustico after supper and had a little visit with Dorothy.

9 Lorraine finished ironing and we went to S. Side in the afternoon. Had a nice little visit with Mrs Stirling and got home before dark. Doctor found Dads condition the same as last year.

10 A cloudy day but no rain, much colder. Charlie MacFarlane called to tell of the arrival of their first little girl (Margaret Elizabeth). We were sewing to-day, too cold for house cleaning.

11 Still cold and a little rain this morning, grass growing but a warm rain is needed. Bound a quilt for Dorothy Toombs. Prime Minister King spoke to the Lords and Commons and it was broadcast throughout the world. Made taffy to-night.

12 Ina taking chicken pox. She was in school and came home feeling not so good. Dad and Lorraine went up for clams. Lorraine cleaned the front room.

Eric Bell and Margaret Howatt married at the Manse this evening around 7 o’clock.

13 Lovely morning and we washed quilts. Cleared up in afternoon and turned cold. Went to Rustico to-night.

Three Anson planes have not returned from flight on Saturday night. On 18th, two had been located, seven men dead but two safe.

14 Another lovely day. Reuels brought Pauline out and took Lorraine back with them for her visit at the Vesseys in York. I went to church in Stanley with Mr & Mrs Coffin.

15 Did quite a sizeable wash and feel a bit tired to-night. Stitched 13 diapers too.

16 Busy all day. Went to Hunter River for Mary Lornes chickens. Mrs Coffin took our car over. Ironed at night.

warm

17 Washed blankets and all the little things I had stitched for Pauline and curtains. Tired at night, ankle very sore. Warm at night.

18 Pouring rain this morning and shift of wind, rain turned to hail and snow. Mr & Mrs Coffin took me to Town, we took Hazel along too and brought Waine out. Fine in afternoon but bitter cold at night.

19 Fine to-day. Lorraine cleaning the S. East room and her own. Pretty busy from this time on until I started my trip to Ontario with the two girls,

May 30 & June Ina and Louise on the 30th. Went to Pickering for a week. Rome was captured on June 4th and the invasion started on June 6th. A terrific thunderstorm that morning in Pickering. Murray and Marion and family came for me on the 7th and I stayed with them for two weeks then we had a day in Toronto and I went out to Pickering for my trunk and got home. Anita with me on the 23rd. Anitas trunk was shipped out on someone else’s ticket so she has to live in her suit case.

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**June-July-August 1944**

27 A lovely day. Girls washed. I did a little bit of every thing. Lorraine made 3 pints of wild strawberry jam. We went to Rustico for fish, got an 8 lb fish for 40c went in to Alfreds on the way home and fixed Annie up for the night. Rubbed her and bathed her.

Elaine Lairds Birthday

July 9 Have been in with Pauline, she was very miserable but we took her to Hospital last night and her baby boy was born this morning around 10 AM. Heber brought me home at night and I stayed a week. Very hot day and very busy one out here. Went back to Town on the 16th and came home on the 26th. Little Terry a darling and Pauline is gaining strength everyday and getting in the sun.

William Terrance Jones

Aug 9 Lorraine and Harold Vessey married. We had a nice wedding in the church at 6 PM. A perfect day all day. All the invited guests here except Heber and he went to Kentville this week to an Odd Fellow convention and couldn’t get back in time. Terry a darling and loved by all. Lorraine & Harold going to Keiths and Marions and Niagara. We have had a very little rain lately and fields are getting very dry and hard.

Golf tournament Wedding

10 Mr & Mrs Milchetski from Poland came up with Grant. Went with the Brintons up to see Mother. She is failing, eats very little.

Heber got back this afternoon and came out for Pauline & Terry. Made ice-cream.

11 A little rain this morning, put some of plants (geraniums) out. We canned 17 tins of beans and want to do as many more to-morrow.

From 11 until the 19th we had very hot dry weather. The grain ripened in a week and Will Graham had grain cut and thrashed before the 20th.

20th had a big crowd around. Heber & Pauline came out. Terry just six weeks old and he is growing lovely. Myron preached in Baptist Church all night and in New Glasgow in the morning.

21 Too tired to wash. Our boarders left after dinner.

22 Rained some this morning but we did a big washing. Got away after six o’clock. Took Elaine and Eleanor with us and went to Dalvey.

23 A lot around to-day. Quite a bunch of men out from Town playing Golf. Some of them quite lit up. Eleanor and Bill Johnston in this evening. They had been down to Roy Toombs. Dorothy is to be married on Sept 6th.

25 Over to Elaines to-night for ice-cream and evening and Anna came to say that Mother was worse. We went up and Elaine stayed all night. I came home but didn’t sleep. Went up around 9 o’clock Saturday morning and Myron took Elaine home for some rest.

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**August-September 1944**

26 She came back at 3:10 and Mother only lasted a few minutes after that. It was pretty terrible. We did what we could and came home around 10 PM.

Mother

27 A lovely day. Enid & Reuel came out after dinner and brought Pauline & Terry. Terribly tired to-night. Enid stayed out. Myron preached in Tryon and Ernest went with him. Got home around midnight.

28 We went with Reuel & Enid to the funeral in the church. Mother looked very nice at least 15 years younger. Myron went to Town with Reuel on his way to Convention at Wolfville.

29 Poured rain and stormed. The Wood Island ferry turned back and Myron had to go by plane to New Glasgow, NS and by bus to Hfx. We went to Town in afternoon took Marion & Beth.

30 & 31 Did a big washing and busy getting ready for Col Dodge & wife.

Sept 1 Col Dodge arrived, very quiet nice people. Dorothy Toombs shower. We were tired but went anyway. They left on the 11th. Think maybe they were bride and groom. Don Gratto came on the 4th Labor Day. It was a hectic day. Pauline, Heber & Terry were out, Ruth & John & Bobby. Myron got back from Wolfville and left for Woodstock on the 6th.

6th Dorothy Toombs & Robert Crawford married

5 Don Gratto here all week. Reuel from Sat night until Wed night. We took him to Town and saw the show “The White Cliffs of Dover”. Very busy all week, a good many around. Getting very tired. Brought Miss Constance Seeley out from Town, she is staying at Georges. Hazel has had a good summer. So has Anna and Mary Lorne. Lovely weather and the Golf Course looks beautiful.

11 Not a tourist car in to-day.

12 A perfect day, a few cars in. Mrs Profitt over in afternoon.

14 A cloudy day but didn’t rain, had rained in night. We went to S. Side in afternoon. Made up one basket of plums. Gales and plenty of damage

15 done alone United States Atlantic Coast. The wind struck here around four PM but no damage done except that our apples are all on the ground. The storm went out to sea.

16 A lovely day but cool to-night. Anita got a telegram from Miss Gould offering her $50 a month at Knox College. Also got a card saying Willie May & Belle were coming down to-morrow. We are planning a trip to NB with Heber and Pauline. Howard Hurst here to-night.

17 May & Belle and Willie got down and Heber & PJ came along after dinner. We got away on our trip at about 2:30. Didn’t have long to wait at the boat and got to Moncton and settled in a not too warm cabin by dark. Called Mrs Rain Keith on ‘phone and we had dinner there on Monday

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**September-October 1944**

18 and spent a few hours looking around. Saw Gertrude Corey Perry and Soph McKnight. Saw the place after being away forty-two years. We went to St. John that night and stayed in the “Balmoral” Cabins and did a little shopping in

19 St. John and had dinner in Sussex and did a little more shopping in Moncton and got home around 10 o’clock tired and happy after a wonderful trip (and went to York in the evening)

20 Big washing and busy day and on Thursday

39 Anniversary

21st Anita spent in Town and on Friday

22 finished her packing. Always a hard day for all of us.

23 Mr Coffin took Nan to Station and I had a busy day with 3 extra men for dinner. Mr Smith and Jack Connolly and Mr Matheson the auditor. About all in.

24 Had a quiet day. A few people around. Went to church at night with Mr Coffin to New Glasgow.

25 Went to Town with Grant, he took our car to garage for repair. Had dinner with Enid and supper with Pauline. Terry is a darling.

26 Washed. Mr Smith up in afternoon.

27 Dad went to Town with Grant to see BW LePage etc. Away most of day.

28 Pouring rain and Ernest fell when bring in the ice, slipped on the slope by Club House and tore the ligament of his left arm. Mr Coffin took him to S. Side to see Dr Claude. Just poured rain all day. Grant away all day.

29 Still raining and no one working here to-day. Ernest not suffering any. Sewing on my two piece flowered dress.

30 Cold to-day but fine.

1 Oct A rather cold day. Pauline & family and Elmer & Jean out to supper. I had a grand walk right to the back of the Golf Course & in West Lane & trail.

2 A miserable day and getting worse at night, wind north and blowing a gale all night. Finished my 2-piece dress.

3 Wind kept up all day but no rain to-day. Washed.

4 Finer but wind cold. 4 playing Golf. Got my geraniums in and apples cut up for jelly.

5 Went to Rustico with Eric & Marion, made jelly and did my ironing and made grape jam.

6 Expect Claude Dennis and his wife and friends for dinner but they came about 9 PM and we had fine chat until midnight. Rained that night.

Eva Simpson McKenzie

7 Fine day and quite warm in afternoon. Folks got away around eleven o’clock. Feel tired but got some cleaning done. Ernest arm is still quite sore.

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**October 1944**

Oct 6th Eva Simpson (Mrs Walter McKenzie of Springfield died after an operation

8 A miserable wet cold day. Mr Coffin had Communion Service at New Glasgow. We had Jack Stewart take our car and I went to the funeral. We couldn’t get near the house. Must have been between four and five hundred cars there. Poured this evening so we didn’t get to church.

9 Another rainy day and I didn’t wash. Thanksgiving and no men here at all.

10 Still wet. Cleaned the kitchen some, scrubbed and waxed floor.

11 Mrs Artie Clark died in PEI Hospital. Misty and cloudy all day, air very damp. Washed this morning clothes didn’t dry. Tired at night.

Lowell Wyands girl

12 Dense fog this morning and everything dripping. Dad and Grant went to S. Side for parts for spring of car. Finished ironing. Cleared up nice before dinner. Institute at Manse to-night.

13 A nice day and the men working. Just doing odds and ends. Went to Bible Society meeting which wasn’t.

14 Raining this morning and most of day. We went to Town to-night and boy did it rain. Terry a darling, is growing and so happy.

15 Sunday. Lazy to-day. Had a good sleep this morning. Wind colder to-day but its showery. Mushrooms for supper.

16 Not a bad day but I didn’t wash. Not much doing.

17 A nice day, not very cold. Got a lot of little odd jobs done.

18 A lovely day all day. Not feeling very spry.

19 Lovely morning but wind came around bitter cold in afternoon with showers.

20 A nice day. Men have been working at drains for tile at the Club House. Mr Smith here to dinner. Grant took me to Hunter River this afternoon. Got new ration Book No. 5.

21 Fine in morning but pouring rain and blowing a gale at night. Went to New Glasgow with Mr & Mrs Coffin at night and left my bread on top of warming oven.

22 S. Heber & Pauline & Terry came out before dinner. Showery part of day

23 Washed this morning, busy all day. First fine Monday in four weeks. Men putting tile around Club House.

24 Another fine day. Got the ironing done.

25 Fine and mild. Dahlias and geraniums still blooming away out doors.

26 Quite mild out to-day. A time for Lem Wyand and Ella to-night, a long walk for us so we didn’t go. Rained before 10 PM and lights were on and off and on.

27 Too wet for Fenners to pick potatoes so we went to Town after dinner. Mr Smith came and brought our supply of honey 45 lbs. We had a nice afternoon in Town and saw the Show “Going my Way.” Supper at Paulines of course.

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**October-November 1944**

28 Cloudy this morning and pouring by 4 PM. Dad dug some of the dahlias and a bushel of parsnips. I haven’t done very much. Has rained every Saturday night for last four weeks.

29 S. A terrible gale and rain. A plane crashed at Mount Pleasant. Two boys killed. Mr & Mrs Coffin in after church at night. Tide over the bridges between here and Stanley. Froze at night.

30 28A. Ground froze this morning and wind cold.

31 26A. A nice enough day but wind cold. Cleaning windows in the forenoon and spent the afternoon in Kensington with Mrs Stirling. Very cool in evening.

Nov 1st A lovely day. Ernest got more windows on and the last of dahlias dug. Annie Moore up for afternoon. Shelling beans.

2 Another lovely day and Mr & Mrs Coffin took us to Town in afternoon. We went to show in evening Four Jills in a Jeep. Amusing and we had a laugh.

3 Washed and ironed and tired at night. Another perfect day.

4 Bad headache in morning and kept it up most of day. Scrubbed and waxed kitchen floor.

George Henry

5 Another rainy Sunday and turned into a real storm at night. Mr Coffin took us over to the Manse to supper and church.

5 Blowing a gale, raining and snowing. Men in Cemetery digging grave. George Henry died in the Infirmary on Saturday. Funeral this afternoon.

6 No men here to-day and it’s a wild day with some snow in the rain. Willie Toombs have a son, their first.

7 Still stormy. Election Day in the United States and Roosevelt is returned to White House for fourth time. Victory Loan over the top in PEI.

8 A worse day than yesterday, blowing from North and showery all day. Shelled beans in the afternoon. Sick all night.

9 Don’t remember much about to-day. Slept all day. Dad set bread.

10 Got up to kneed up the bread and stayed on couch most of day. Ernest went to Town, took Jack, Hester & Mary. Went to play put on by Trinity YPS. “Anne Of Green Gables.” Rained.

11 Raining most of day and to-night. Quite mild.

12 S. Rained most of day and very quiet here.

13 Still damp and didn’t wash but feeling better.

14 Fine to-day and washed. Not cold but very damp and clothes out all night. Una up this afternoon.

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**November-December 1944**

15 Nice day. Went to Town after dinner with Mrs Coffin and stayed with Pauline all night. Pauline trying to get things packed up to move.

16 Did a little shopping in afternoon. Got home about 9 PM.

17 The men getting things cleaned up around and more wood home. Shower in afternoon.

18 Looks as tho’ we might have a fine weekend. Will Graham went to Hospital this afternoon.

19 S. Fine until evening when there was snow flurries. Dad & I walked to church in the morning and Jack took us to Town at night to Baptist Church. Nasty coming home.

20 Dad & Stanley went to Town for coal and lumber to finish the back porch. I went down to Lorne McNeills in afternoon.

21 Went to S. Side in afternoon. Fine day. Dr Claude very busy but took our blood pressure. Mine 156. Dad lower than it has been. Stanley the only one working here and he helped Dad get the wood in and hay in the barn.

23 Howard Hurst & Fred Hussey P/O came in the evening for a four days stay for Howard, two for Fred. Weather not very good on the

24 & 25 but the boys played golf on the 25th in the rain and wind. Jack & Mary down this evening & Jack & Dad took Fred to Hunter River at 10 PM.

26 A nice day but no church near. Heber PJ & Terry arrived in time for supper. George & Sadie down and Eric and Marion came in after Church at Stanley.

27 A nice day but I didn’t wash. Eric & Marion took Howard to Hunter River at 10 PM to catch the bus.

28 Rained most of day. Tired and didn’t wash

29 until to-day. Left the clothes out all night and

30 ironed to-day. Dad & Jack, Laura, Alma & Fred went to S. Side. Alf Simpsons sale was on at St. Eleanors but was called off as it was pouring rain and blowing a gale. Dad got home at dark but the storm cleared up before 10 o’clock and the moon was shining. Bad storm in Quebec and through the States.

Dec 1 Nice day, quite mild and clouded up around 4 PM and snow flurries & sunshine.

2 Fine, Dad and I went to Town after supper. Twas quite frosty. Called on Pauline for a little while on the way home.

3 A nice fine day and Dads nephew and four others playing golf and had their lunch in the kitchen. Church at night.

4 Another nice day. Dad walked up to the Bay. Mr Coffin went shooting and I was knitting.

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**December 1944**

5 A perfect day. I went to Town with Mr & Mrs Coffin did some shopping and had dinner with Enid and kept Terry in the afternoon while PJ got her permanent. Got a high chair for Terry.

6 Cloudy and calm all day. Knitting and crocheting for Christmas gifts.

7 Another dark cloudy day with north wind and some rain and snow flurries. Grass still green around here. Very little frost since the 2nd. Jack Stewart ploughing over here with tractor.

8 A fine day and no frost. The roads a little wet in places but Eric & Marion took us to S. Side. Dr Claude told me what was wrong with me. A lovely evening. Ern and Winnie came over.

Mrs Ernest Houston

9 Didn’t do much Saturdays work but knit and crocheted on some Christmas things. Rained in after-noon.

10 A lovely cloudless morning. Temp 34. Heber and PJ and Terry came along about 3 PM. Mighty good to have them. Snowed a little but fine when they left for home. Mrs McCoubrey sick again.

11 A lovely day, not cold. Washed. Jack took us to Rustico and we called at Geo McCoubreys on way home.

12 Temp 40. Terrible snow storms in southern Ontario but we just had a rain here in the afternoon. Toronto snowed under completely. Bert Pearl the only one of the Happy Gang on the job.

Ian Laird. Marions & Murrays little boy died this morning after a nights illness. Pneumonia & heart condition

13 A lovely morning and a wonderful day all day. Temp 36 in afternoon and it was lower at night. A very light sprinkle of snow. Roads not bad at all.

14 Another nice day all day. Blowing harder at night and cold. Fenners working at his barn. Plenty of trouble in Greece these days.

15 Just a perfect morning and in fact a mighty nice day. Dad went to shore this morning. Tired, me. We had fine weather, with very little snow until 24th then about five inches fell. Went to church on 17th. Good clean walking.

19th Went to Town with Mr & Mrs Coffin, snowing a little but didn’t amount to much. The word came in the mail that Ian had died on the 12th. A terrible shock to us as there just wasn’t any particulars.

20 Mr Coffin had a letter from Marion. Ian was just sick for a few hours. Poor Marion & Murray.

24 Its been hard to keep going these days and our hearts are very sad. Marions letter came Friday and another from Murray yesterday with a cheque for our tickets to Toronto. But how can we leave here.

25 Cloudy but fine. Freds asked us up to dinner but we just couldn’t go. Had a chicken for dinner and had a quiet day. Mr & Mrs Coffin went to Town this AM.

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**December 1944-January 1945**

26 Quite cold to-day. Mr & Mrs Coffin got home in evening and came over. We had letters from Anita & Waine & Harold.

28 Snowing and blowing but we washed and Dad hung the clothes in the Club House. Turned very cold at night and blew a gale. Temp down to zero.

29 Zero. Roads bad, have drifted and are very heavy.

30 Not a bad day. Mr Coffins have a Navy lad from the West for the weekend. Gordon Fyfes have a boy.

31 S. A fine day but roads heavy. Got a few letters written in evening. Its been a long hard year for many many people the world over.

January 1945

Austin & Vivian Graham have a bran new girl. Jan 2nd

Pauline LePage Henry has another boy. No. 2. Jan 2nd

1 Temp 30 this morning and it snowed and then turned to rain. A quiet day here.

2 40. What a thaw, hardly any snow left, ice on the driveway. Had letter from all the family except PJ. Dad has gone to Rustico for groceries. Bad sleigh road.

3rd A perfectly lovely day and we went to Town with Mr & Mrs Coffin in the afternoon. A perfect road and we got home about midnight, came out in 55 min. Had a nice visit with Pauline & Terry and called on Enid & Reuel and went to a show. Brought home a hamper of apples.

4 Another lovely day and we got Jack to take us to S. Side. Mrs Coffin came along too. Willie McKendrick is in S. Side Hospital and that was why we went up. A grand road, almost no snow and not cold.

5 38. Everything afloat this morning, must have rained hard in the night. Froze a little this afternoon. Temp down to 28A this evening. Sewing to-day.

6 Colder to-day 4A this morning colder to-night. Did some cleaning up. Rev Major MacIntosh died

Rev Major MacIntosh

7 A lovely morning, not blowing but around zero. Heber & Pauline & Terry arrived at 12:10 for dinner and twas mighty good to have ‘em. Storm warning this evening.

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**January 1945**

8 24A. Snowing this morning and turned soft and stopped drift. Got up to 30A but is not as warm to-night.

9 28A. Cloudy and some snow fell. Washed in AM. Mr & Mrs Coffin in this evening.

10 Fine day. Cold. Rev Major MacIntosh buried in Cavendish cemetery.

11 Around zero 4 B.

12 Chill 10 above in afternoon. Dad went Rustico to Harry McKenzies for his leather jacket that she ruined. He has quite a bad cough. Storming to-night. No school, children have colds.

13 Road heavy, quite a lot of snow down, temp around 30A.

14 Chill wind, east and NE. Temp 24A but cold. We didn’t get out to church, didn’t know it was this morning and both have colds.

15th to 21st Cloudy practically all the week. Felt rotten on Monday and in bed until Saturday afternoon. Had rain and snow and rain, roads rather bad. Quite a bit of wind. Temp up to 44 Monday and varied to as low as 5 above on the 21st. Ernest chief cook and bottle washer. Jean Jones in Hospital and a Ceaserian operation,

19th gave them a 4lb baby girl, their first. Jean has been so miserable all summer. Up on the

Baby died

21st and able to get the meals and write some letters.

22 A lovely morning and I should have washed but didn’t feel able for it. Ernest went to Rustico. Got word from Pauline that Jeans baby only lived a few hours.

23 Snowing very thick, great big flakes, must have been seven or eight inches fell to-day. Very calm.

24 A fine day but getting colder. Roads very heavy. Hester down this afternoon.

25 A grey day and quite cold all day. Its 6 above zero to-night. Has snowed some to-day.

26 4B. A very wintry day, drifting and bitter cold all day. Dad went up for milk around 4 o’clock. Wrote to Pat Lindsay and Stuart Macdonald.

No mail

27 24 above this morning and up to 30 in afternoon. A very pleasant surprise after the cold snap yesterday. Cleaned half the Kitchen.

28 S. A lovely day but roads pretty heavy. Mr & Mrs Coffin here to supper. Church to-night. Bad road to New Glasgow. Temp still 30 above.

Eva Pursey Clarke

29 A lovely day temp up to 34 above but colder this evening with wind east and snowing at night.

30 28A. Cloudy and snowing. No sign of a track anywhere this morning. Bad road for Mr Coffin to go to the funeral. Colder to-night.

31 A miserable cold wintry day with snow drifting all day. Knitting and keeping fires on.

14A to 18A

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**February 1945**

February 1st What a day, not very cold, 16 above this morning and went up to 28 but wind came around north in afternoon and its about 24 to-night. Snowing all day, fine to-night.

no mail

2 A miserable day, snowing and drifting. Temp around 24 above. Mrs Coffin came over in afternoon to wash. They were both here to supper. Got out on snow-shoes.

3 Just like yesterday with north wind and snow flurries and drifting. Rather dreary weather. Have letters from all the girls to-day. Keith is thinking of making a change. Sorry for him to leave Pickering, it was such a lovely place.

4 S. A fairly nice day, cleared up in afternoon. George & Sadie in for a little while in afternoon. 4 above zero.

5 Not so cold this morning. Washed and the clothes still out. Happy operated on to-day. Mr Coffin went to Town.

6 A lovely fine sunny frosty day and clothes dried beautifully and most of them ironed. Mrs Coffin over in afternoon.

7 Another fine day but wind north west and a ground drift going. Ernest went to Rustico in afternoon and took me to Ernest McNeills for the afternoon. Still coughing.

8 A nice winter day. Mr & Mrs Coffin over in afternoon. I made doughnuts. Keiths letter came saying that they will be seeing us next week. He is leaving Pickering and starting work at Georgetown March 1st.

Keith & Ethel came on 15th

9 A north east snow storm all day and no one moving anywhere and no mail

10 A finer day and not very cold. Letters from Anita and Pauline. Cleaning up the house some.

11 S. Snowing and raining and cleared up in afternoon. Ernest went to church in the morning.

12 A lovely day all day. Dad and Mr Coffin went to Hunter River to meet Keith & Ethel but they had gone to Carleton first.

13 Another lovely day, frosty at night.

14 A nice day but wind very chill. Margaret Moore came over after school and Mr & Mrs Coffin in for a few minutes. Feeling rotten all day.

15 Dad went to Hunter River for Keith & Ethel. Roads very rough & pitches rather terrible. Both of them sick. Too much lobster and ice cream in Carleton. Pretty good to have them.

16 Both feeling pretty miserable. Weather fine but frosty at night. Sunday K & E felt able to go visiting and had dinner at Jerrys and went snow shoeing in the afternoon. Monday they went to Wyands, Lewis Toombs, David Johnstons and Edwards. The rest of week they stayed home, tramped around on snow shoes and rested all they could. Mary Stewart and Miss Parker here one afternoon, Mary

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**February-March 1945**

20 Lorne up this evening and Eric and Margaret

21 Bell came down Wed night. Temp down to zero.

23 Thursday and Friday it poured rain and the snow settled a lot and road bad.

24 Ernest and Gordon took Keith & Ethel to Hunter River. They were going to Town to see Pauline and plan to leave Tuesday morning the 27th. Colder this evening and snowing a little. Mr Coffin in bed with flu (Keith & Ethel went to Moncton by plane on their way back)

25 S. Not feeling very good for several days.

March Dad got his ice in the first few days of March, good ice too. Earl helped him. Fine days but cool at night. Roads light but rough.

6 Poured rain all afternoon. Not doing more than I have to.

7 Colder this morning, wind north. A nice day.

9 Frosty at night but fine day. Ernest went to Town this morning. Una came up in afternoon. A lovely day but wind chill at night. Box of nuts from Nan.

10 Another nice day but looks and feels like snow. Dad got home around seven. Pauline and Terry fine.

11 S. A lovely day. Had bad headache in the morning but felt better before night. Ernest went to church in AM. Rev Neil Herman preached in Baptist Church in afternoon. Alf Simpson here in evening. Got Nan written to.

Mr Coffin saw 6 robins on March 18th

12 12A. A frosty morning and chill wind all day. Ice in the Gulf solid. War news good these days for us but not so good for Hitler. Ernest went up to the Hall to help them fix up for a concert on the 15th.

13 A nice day. Dad and I went to Lewis in the afternoon.

14 Another nice day and we went to Rustico and to Ben Woolners and called at Roy Toombs on way home.

15 Temp up to 44 above and thawing. The Institute Concert at night and a very good one. They took in $154.00. Had a very good sale of pies.

16 Washed this morning. Wind NE but fine. Mrs Coffin washed this afternoon and they were here to supper.

17 In bed practically all day, bad headache. Got up around 4 PM.

18 Fine day almost cloudless sky. Thawing quite a lot every day. Had supper at Manse. Pitches bad.

19 Another lovely day. Feeling rather rotten, taking another cold. The Institute putting on their concert in New Glasgow to-night. Letters from Waine & Ethel.

20 Cloudy day and a light snow fall in afternoon but not cold. Ernest working at porch. Finished Terrys little yellow & white suit. Two spring sparrows here.

21 Heard robins over in the woods this morning. Ernest and I went up to Simpson Bells. Roads not good but could be worse. Mr & Mrs Bell have aged terribly. Froze at night and

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**March-April 1945**

22 kept froze all day to-day with a very chill east wind, started to snow some in afternoon then turned to hail and rain and silver thaw. Ewen McKenzie died aged 91. He has been at James L. LePages for some years, has been very weak all winter. Mrs McKenzie still going strong.

Ewen J McKenzie

23 Pouring rain to-night. Harry McKenzie here at dinner time. They dug the grave this afternoon very little frost in ground. Road going to be very bad. They have the road opened to Rustico. Mr & Mrs Coffin must have gone to Town this afternoon with their sailor boy. Dad painting the back porch.

24 Blowing hard and snowing and drifting most of day and night. Roads bad.

25 A lovely day overhead and very beautiful but hard on the eyes. Ice gone out again. Funeral in afternoon. Mr Coffin here to supper. Thawing some.

26 44A. Mild to-day, thawed quite a lot. Ernest went to Rustico in the morning for groceries. We went down to Lornes in evening. The Germans seem to be on the run but where?

27 Wind chill, north east. Ice coming in again. Not doing much.

30th Mrs Maggie Moffat Archibald died age 91

29th Mrs Lavinia Woolner McLeod Stanley died age 84

28 Thawed some. Ernest made a new bench for the wash room. Germans running as fast as they can and all the armies after them.

29 55A. Thawing like smoke to-day brook very high. The students getting home from College, the roads bad. Painting in washroom. Very spring like with robins singing. Black birds here too.

30 Another fine day. Good news from Europe. Thawing fast.

Good Friday

31 Just a perfect day. Finished the washroom all but the floor. Baked and washed and did part of ironing. Mr Coffin had Mrs McLeods funeral this afternoon. A bad road. The last of the George Woolner family.

April 1 Easter Sunday. And poured rain most of day but cleared up in evening and Ernest went to church. Mrs Archibald (Margaret Moffat) was buried in New Glasgow. The last of that Moffat family. Lovely Easter music to-day.

2 Mr & Mrs Coffin went to Town, took the students back to Town. Took their car from Rustico and came back

3 this evening. It snow practically all day to-day but cleared up in the evening. Colder to-night.

4 Colder to-day but a lot of the new snow disappeared. Dad and I went up to Freds this evening. Hester looks tired. She has a sore leg, hurt it two months ago.

5 Colder. Mrs Sutherland died. Dad went to Rustico for flour and butter and paint. Painted back porch floor. Froze hard all day

Mrs Capt. Dan Sutherland

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**April 1945**

6 Still cold. Cleared some stuff out of attic and burned.

7 Not feeling very spry. Letters from three girls.

8 Mr Coffin had another funeral and his two church services. Dad went to Church in AM. Una up in afternoon. Thawing.

9 Lovely morning but fog came in from East around 4 o’clock and turned colder.

10 44 this morning and over 60 this afternoon. We cleaned the dining room. Letter from Elaine.

11 A lovely day. Very warm up to 70 around noon. Dad cleaned his room. I didn’t do much.

12 Another fine day. President Franklin D. Roosevelt died this afternoon at Warm Springs, Georgia of cerebral hemorrhage. A shock to the States and the Allied World. Vice Pres Truman sworn in as President at 7:09 EWT. He gave his life for his country and his friends.

13 Very warm and fine. Temp up to 70 above. All programs cancelled on radio and soft music played all day and on Saturday the 14th too. The funeral

14 service was in the East room of the White House. A simple beautiful service that was not broadcast but a couple of radio reporters gave a very vivid word picture of proceedings. The burial was at his home by the Hudson in Hyde Park, New York State on Sunday morning.

Russians in Berlin

15th S. Turned colder this evening and froze hard before morning and snowed quite thick in afternoon. The Jones family came out before dinner and left for home around 7 PM. Terry is a darling and has grown so.

16 Didn’t do much, sewing some. Got letter from Murray saying Marion has sprained her wrist pretty bad.

17 Did a little cleaning up stairs, my bureau drawers. Some burning too. Rained to-day but cold. Sundays snow didn’t last long, twas about all gone last night.

18 Warmer to-day. Don’t remember what we were doing.

19 Started to clean my room but went to Town with Anna and Reggie. Twas a nice day but wind cold in evening. Had dinner at Paulines and saw Enid for a while.

20 Cleaned my room and painted woodwork and

21 cleaned Dads room over kitchen. Tired at night.

22 S. 36. What a day all day. Raining and snowing and cold. Had hope Pauline etc. would get out to-day but they didn’t. Church to-night. Something has gone wrong with our water system.

23 A bad day all day, high wind and cold with snow flurries.

24 Same as yesterday only no rain. Can’t do much. General meeting of Cemetery at night. Calmed down.

25 Another miserable day with north wind.

26 Got airmail from Anita saying that Marion is very sick in Toronto General Hospital. She’s been sick since the 4th of April but they didn’t tell us. Washed this morning and Mr & Mrs Coffin took us to Town to see Pauline. Got another air-mail letter from Nan saying Marion is a little better. Both of us wrecks.

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**April-May 1945**

Marion has been sick since April 4th

27 Not feeling very good and Ernest taking a cold.

28 Dad in bed this morning but he got up around 4 PM. Made pies but not doing more than I can help. Pouring rain all day and bitter cold to-night. A rumor started that Germany had quit fighting but there is no truth in it, not yet.

29 Sunday. A miserable day all day, blowing and cold.

30 Fine. Mr Smith and Grant here to dinner. Busy. Heber & PJ & WT Ralph Stewart and Marie[?] out looking over a sight for Tea Room. Rather a strenuous day.

May 1st House cleaning for next three days. Washed

4 curtains, got them ironed and up. Marion still in Gen Hospital Toronto but is improving. Fighting

5 has practically ceased in Western Germany. Hitler reported to have died on May 2nd but no one is sure of that. Ced Simpson here to-night for 8th Victory Loan. Dad drove Mr Coffins mare from Cyril Toronto. Town on the 3rd.

6 S. Fog all day. Mr Coffin in bed, think they had Dr Stevenson this afternoon. Jones & Stewart out for the afternoon.

7 Word came through to-day that the war in Germany is over. It is not official but it has been announced that Victory will be celebrated to-morrow.

Baby girl, Meta[?] Karolyn, arrived at Stirling Stewart.

8 The war in Germany is over and has been celebrated all across Canada. Halifax had a real riot and millions of dollars worth of damage done in the city by a drunken mob of hysterical people. Mr & Mrs Ben Woolner here in the afternoon. I put out a wash in the morning, and Howard Hurst arrived around 5:15 PM. Pretty near all in to-night. My feet terribly sore.

9 A lovely day after a shower of rain. Just busy all day and terribly crippled. Russia celebrating her Victory and end of war to-day. For Britain and Canada there is still the war in the Pacific to finish with the Americans.

10 A nice day. Had four extra men to dinner and went to Town with Eric and Marion. Una went along too.

11 Finished my ironing. Miserable day.

12 Grant here to-day. No news. Couldn’t cut grass, ground too wet.

13 Thanksgiving Services in all the churches across Canada. Jack took us to Rustico to church in morning. Heber, Pauline & Terry out, Annie & Alfred up in afternoon and David and Lillian Johnston here in evening.

14 A miserable day all day. Cold and wet. Letters from Waine and Marion. George & Sadie here in evening.

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**May-June 1945**

Very wet and cold all across Canada

15 The men working part time but ground too soft for cutting grass. Grant up.

16 Very foggy most of day. Men couldn’t do much.

17 Fine and we did a big washing. Mr & Mrs Coffin took us to Rustico for groceries. One man got 5000 pounds of cod fish to-day. Its been very bad weather for the fishermen but lobsters and cod are plenty when they can get out. Grant up.

18 Rained all day. Mr Coffin has our car which is in the garage. Blowing a gale at night and all

19 day and colder. Anita in Moncton waiting for plane. Glad she stayed there.

20 Bitter cold to-day but not raining and thats something to be thankful for. Anita and Verna Niddery arrived out in afternoon from Town. Pauline & Heber & 7W[?] brought them out.

21 Had a very nice week and quite warm, the girls had one day at shore and Verna was down several times and got a good sunburning by Friday.

24 We had one afternoon in Town and a drive one evening. Via Clifton, French River, Long River, Kensington & Hunter River where we left Lowells friend with Thelma. Had a man papering & painting.

Heber fell in the mill pond while fishing

27 S. The Young People put on a service in the Church. Not many tourists. Didn’t do much.

31 Verna Niddery went back via Nova Scotia & CPR.

June

The weather not so good, plenty of cold north east. Wind and storms. Plenty of lobsters and cod when the fishermen can get out. They have had some wonderful catches.

10 Heber & Ralph found a trap off Cawnpore with 19 good lobsters in it. They were pretty good if we did boil them on Sunday. Monday

11 washed and Anita ironed and she & Dad painted the kitchen and we went to Mayfield to vote for McKenzie King. Austin Laird refused Nan a vote but McKenzie King is in anyway. We went to Town

12 Tuesday morning and we got the car fixed and my feet strapped again. Took Hazel and Ethel Moore with us. Got yarn for Red Cross knitting. Didn’t do much extra but finished up the house cleaning on the 16th and Mr Samuel Allen from New York came in the afternoon. Had a very hot day Thursday 14th up to 84 and up to 80 on the 15th. The men kept very busy on the Golf Course, the grass is growing very fast.

17 Quite a number around this afternoon. Mrs Stirling and Doris Mr & Mrs Horace Wright and Dr. and Mrs. Dan Harvey and Alf Simpson and Ethel & Wallace McNutt etc went to church this morning. Looks like rain to-night.

18 Looked like rain and we didn’t wash. Cleared up in afternoon but the whole week was rather damp and miserable. We went (22nd) to Town Friday to see A Song to Remember. 21 Hunter River put on a play “Lena Rivers” took in $72 or $78 at the door. 23 I finished up with my foot treatments.

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**June-July 1945**

June 23 42A. The Baptist Association met in Charlottetown this weekend. Pauline & Co and Ralph & Marie came out for the evening and brought me home. Had ice-cream.

24 S. A perfect morning and not so cold. Washed this morning and most of ironing is finished up.

25 Mr Smith up. Anita and Mr Allen have gone over to Cemetery to cut grass on Aunt Mauds grave. Earl is slipping up on his job. Looks like rain to-night.

26 A miserable damp cold day. Dad & Anita and some of the men working at the linoleum in the Club House. Its been quite a struggle. The Bakers came 25th.

27 Finished the linoleum and liner[?] to-day. Very few moving around. Enids operation was Monday the 25th. No news. George McCoubrey has cut our Cottage in two and built another one. All trains being used to get our soldiers and Airmen home so travelling from Toronto to PEI is almost out of the question.

30 Donna Marilyn Vessey arrived in Ottawa and alls well with Mother and baby. Pauline and Terry came to stay a couple of days.

July 1 Had 52 playing Golf to-day. A lovely day.

2 Another lovely day and holiday. Got the wire from Harold this afternoon telling of the arrival of the 7 pound baby girl. Pauline and Anita got a few wild strawberries. Heber and the Stewarts out.

3 Washed and got clothes in before the rain. Eric White and another Airman here for the night. We went to Rustico and watched the sun set on our way home.

4 A perfect day. Anita took car to S. Side and Una came up with me for the day. We all went to Rustico to see the play “Peg.” Twas good. Not much happened the rest of week. Anita keeps the table in straw-berries. Letters from Lorraine telling us that alls well and Donna is very lovely.

8 S. Pauline & Heber & Terry & Jean & Elmer came along in the afternoon, Twas a lovely day and a lot of people around. The Vessey & Malletts up from York. Eric and Marion had sandwiches & tea with us on the lawn.

9 Terry 1 year old to-day and he has flu. We had expected them out to-morrow. Washed in morning. Anita went to Park Corner of Chester Ida & David Macdonald. Pretty tired to-night.

10 A lovely day. Little David a darling wee lad. Quite a number around. Rained in the night.

11 Another lovely day. Anita took Macdonald family to Hunter River. They are going to visit the Macdonald families. A terrific gale this afternoon and in fact every day. Not very pleasant at the shore these days. Everyone tired when night comes.

14 Busy day. We took Sadie Clark and her father to Town in the evening. Mrs MacNeill very sick.

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**July-August-September 1945**

15 Got to church this morning. Bus started running from Ch. Town to S. Side via Dalvey and Rustico. Had a message from Rev CW Jackson of Passadena. He is going to the Island Thursday. A lot of people around to-day. Showery and blowing a gale.

Well, he didn’t come to the Island after all. We had a busy July. 896 registered and have very fine weather with plenty of heat. More playing on the Golf Course. Eleanor Brown and Sylvia Goudreau came on the 27th July.

Aug 24th It is now nearing the last of the tourist season. Have had a terribly dry season and the fairways are brown. No grass to cut for two weeks. A PEI Tournament her on the 22nd. 70 playing. Mr Allen left on Aug 18th for Nova Scotia.

25 Raining this morning and looks as tho’ it would.

September. Harvest early this year and every day fine and dry and warm. Mr and Mrs Gillings at Lornes and have been up here several times. We went to New Brunswick on the 7th and got home at 11:30 PM on the 10th. Had a wonderful trip and spent one day in Canaan. Saw quite a number of people I knew. Been very busy this week. We got peaches, grapes, plums and tomatoes. Anita went to Town on the 14th and

16th brought Pauline out with her to-day. Terry is a darling. Quite a number around to-day. Turned suddenly much colder. So glad we got our beans picked when we did.

Sept 15 to David & Lillian Johnson a boy, 7 lbs 11 oz

Sept 24 Cyril Jones a baby girl, 2nd

18 Anita went back to Toronto. Washed and ironed some. A perfect day all day.

19 Poured rain all day, just a downpour.

20 Our fortieth anniversary. We took the Bus to S. Side and looked around the stores. Got home around 5 PM and Ralph Burdette took us to Town to a show “I’ll be Seeing You.” A very nice day all round.

23 A fine day after rain and hail yesterday. Over fifty registered. The Jones Family out.

24 Another lovely day but didn’t wash. Heber took the wringer to Town and it may be a week before I get it.

25 Went to Town with Mr & Mrs Coffin in afternoon. Had to walk out to Paulines after walking around Town and pretty tired when I got home

26 Rained some to-day but the men worked. Letter from Anita. She has had her room fixed up nice for her at Knox and was very comfortable.

27 A lovely day but a little cooler. Cranberry picking opened in N. Park to-day. Dad got about three quarts. Transplanted some geraniums and took a few slips. Chicken supper in New Glasgow to-night.

28 A lovely day, quite warm. Not very busy. Mrs Albert came up in the afternoon and we had Ralph Burdette take us to Rustico in evening.

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**September-October 1945**

29 Cloudy this AM and misty before dinner. Pouring rain by 2 PM. Letters from Nan and Marion. Not feeling very spry.

30 A cold windy day. Reuel and Enid came out for the day, their first trip out this summer. We went to Stanley to church with Mr Coffin.

Oct 1 A nice day but I couldn’t wash. We got Ralph to take us to Town at night. Wanted our wringer that Heber had taken in. Went to a show.

2 Rained and I didn’t wash after all.

3 Fine in the morning and I did a big washing. Pauline left Terry here and went to the sale at Mt Pleasant with Heber. They got home at 7:30 and Terry was a darling good little boy. Went to the 25 Anniversary supper in the Womens Institute in the Hall at night. 90 sat down at one time. Mary Stewart put on the supper.

4 Ironed and busy all day and tired at night. Two Air-men here to dinner around 1:30 PM.

5 Went on the Bus to Kensington for the day. Had dinner with Elva Henry and supper with Mrs Hammond Toombs and Mabel.

6 Busy all day and tired at night

7 S. Mr Coffin came over for us and we went to church to a World Communion Thanksgiving Service. When we got home, Pauline had dinner ready for us. A lovely day and a lot of people here.

17th Russel McNeill papered the Kitchen

8 Rained all day and rather dreary.

9 Fine and Grant here for dinner. Not much happened this week.

10 Mr Stirling Ian & Mary, Doris and Allen here in afternoon for a while. So good that Ian got home safe and sound. Aunt Emily MacNeill died in PE Island Hospital. She had been there for a long time.

Aunt Emily MacNeil

11 Some very nice days and people getting potatoes out. The ground pretty damp.

12 Grant taken to the Hospital in ambulance this morning. He is very sick. Mr Smith up for dinner.

13 Dull day and rained in afternoon and night. Ralph drove us to Town. Got a blanket for Una who is to be married next week. Terry pretty sweet to-night. Letters from girls and a cake from Anita & bulbs for Dad.

14 S. A miserable day and only two cars in. Mr Coffin preached in Wiltshire & Hunter River.

15 Fine in forenoon but showery. Washed.

16 Rained part of day. Not cold. Shower at Miltons for Una. Ralph took us down. A very nice evening and Una received very nice gifts.

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**October-November 1945**

Una Green & Eric Simpson married

Bad storm with gales in English Channel between 21st- 26th

18 A lovely day and looks as tho’ the weather had cleared for a time. Una and Eric were married at 12 o’clock noon at the manse and they went to Moncton for a honeymoon. Weather kept

21 fine until Sunday and we had a few Golfers on the course. The Jones family came out before dinner. We had a drive up through Granville & Millvale in the afternoon. Quite a number registered.

22 A fine day and Jack Stewart got some of his potatoes dug. Theres a lot of potatoes to dig yet but if weather holds good the most will be out this week.

25 Ernest & Ralph went to Pleasant Valley for Mr McDoull to build the main flue on the house. It rained by noon and what a mess. I had to clean.

26 Rained hard all day and they took Mr McDoull home. Rained the rest of week and on

28 Sunday it snowed and hailed. Have had high wind too. Mrs Lowther is sick, Anne has been there but they have Irene Simpson now, I believe.

29 Didn’t wash. Ernest and Stanley went for Mr McDouell to finish the flues. Ralph took him home at night for us but we all went along. Got a pound of shortening at Rustico.

frost

30 Washed a big washing in the morning and we went to Town at night to see The Valley of Decision with Greer Garson leading roll. Mr Smith here this evening.

Nov 10 Mr Abbie died suddenly in Charlottetown. Funeral at New Glasgow on the 12th.

31st Ironed, rather tired all day.

Nov 1st Fine. Cemetery Committee meeting here at night.

2 Fenners finished their potatoes but they still have grain out. Rain almost every night, ground wet.

3 A nice day, not cold. A nice long letter from Nan and some good snaps.

4 Rained most of day. Dad went to church in the morning. The Jones Family came out for the day. We had a nice chicken. 15th anniversary of Stanley Bridge United Church and they had a special service but it was a very nasty night.

5 Rained practically all day and blowing harder to-night and colder. They had snow in Toronto to-day.

6 Snow 2 inches in Moncton to-day but we had a terrific rain last night. Cleared off at noon to-day and cooler to-night. Made a pair of overalls for Terry. Not feeling very good.

7,8,9 & 10 Not cold but some rain and some fog. The men hauling sand and gravel. Dad got his hay on the 8th from Hugh Campbell, Grahams Rd. Felt rather rotten all week. Had a bilious attack on the 9th and in bed 10th. 11th the first peace time celebrations of Armistice for seven years. Had an Airman Bill Cooper and two girls for dinner too and Velda and Lorne arrived around 4 PM. Bill stayed all night.

12 A lovely day and after Bill left by bus we put the boiler on and washed in the afternoon.

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**November-December 1945**

13 Got clothes in early and finished ironing. Rained at night, I think.

14 A perfect day quite mild. Mr Smith, his father, and two brothers came along at noon from a shooting trip and ate their lunch in the Kitchen. Alec Horne has bought an acre or more of land from Ernest Clarke and they were here getting their papers signed. Erma Tait[?] and Mrs Campion called too.

15 Turned colder and blowing hard and snow flurries all day and at night.

16 20A. Ground white. We got Jack Stewart to take us to Town. Radiator froze and we were late getting in. Went to a show “Our Vines Have Tender Grapes.” Good.

17 18A but very fine all day and moderated some in afternoon.

18 Raining this morning and frost on the window. Heber & Co came out to dinner and supper. Went back about 7 PM. Ernest has gone to church this evening.

19 Mr Smith came up to-day and told Dad that his job ended on Dec 2nd, also that he had 18 days holidays coming.

Dec 9 Haven’t felt much like writing in Diary. Dad & I had a little three day visit with Pauline from Nov 29 to Dec 3rd. Not bad weather. Willie and Vivian Toombs have another little boy born on the 7th. Rained to-day and the frost out and a very bad road. Mrs Thomas Hiscott Sr died on the 7th and was buried from the church in Stanley in Cavendish Cemetery on a lovely day all day and freezing a little to-night.

10 Another nice day but pouring rain to-night. Mr Smith up at noon to tell us that we won’t get any more cheques from Ottawa. So it means find another home somewhere.

14 Got Paulines letter and started packing this afternoon and with the help of good neighbours got packed and away by the 18th. The Community gave us a very nice evening at George McCoubreys on the 17th and we went back to the old home for our last night there both very tired. Marion and Eric brought us to Town on the 18th, a very cold day but we brought the Christmas Cactus, the Cycleum and Aunt Mauds fern. Both very tired

25 Christmas at Paulines

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**February-October 1946**

February 1946

Otto Simpson died in Lynn in March

14 Ernest Lloyd Webb born at Brampton

Feb 23 Have not felt much like writing in my diary. The winter has been very fine, very little snow and good car roads all winter and lately good sleigh roads. Pauline hasn’t been feeling very well this last month. Glad I can help her some. Have had a few afternoons out and get to church every Sunday. So glad that Keith and Ethel have a little boy. Mary McLean Edwards had a little girl on Feb 15th. Herb Wyands had a boy Feb 3rd. Art Woolners had a little girl around the 9th of Feb I think.

March 17 We are still having wonderful sunny weather. Have had very little snow all winter and its about all gone now. Drove out to Mt. Stewart this afternoon pavement dry as summer. Ernest went up West on the 8th and came home the 15th tired out

April 7 Heber started for Montreal with Howard Douglas. It stormed for three days but they kept ahead of the storm. More snow on North Shore than at anytime this winter. April 5 Aunt Mary died in Rossland.

Aunt Mary

16 A baby girl arrived for Pauline and Gil Henry.

17 Spent the day with Enid.

19 We went to Baptist Church at night. Baptism.

21 Easter Sunday. Started snowing last night and kept it up most of Sunday. High wind and telegraph and telephone communication badly disrupted all over Maritimes. No radio all day and no one able to go to church. Heber & PJ in bed and Terry feeling pretty rotten with cold

May 15th Left for Ontario. Spent almost three weeks with Lorraine and got to Norval on June 6th. Stayed with Marion for awhile and went to Keiths little market garden on June 22nd and were there until September. We had a grand trip to Niagara in September. Keith and Dad rebuilt his Greenhouse. I didn’t do very much. Marion and Murray adopted little Peter around Nov 22. His birthday was Nov 9.

Oct 4 Rodney Ian Jones was born.

Nov 9th Peter E. Laird was born.

Oct 12th Gary Coffin born to Rev Eric & Mrs Coffin.

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**May 1947**

May 1947 The Old Parsonage

1 Rained and rained and froze onto everything. A lot of telephone lines smashed between Hunter River and Wellington. We are in Ch. Town at PJs.

8 Came to Cavendish and our new home in the old Parsonage. Heber brought us in the truck, the pavement very rough in places and from Rustico up was pretty bad. stove up & working burning oil. Very cold at night and blowing hard.

9 Just as busy as could be trying to find things and a place to put them. The down stairs in good repair. The neighbours came in to help and brought us eggs. Tired enough at night to go to bed at dark. Mr Coffin in a few minutes this morning

10 Cleaned the kitchen, got floor scrubbed, etc. Still hunting for things and finding what I’m not looking for.

11 A nice day but not too warm. Pauline & family got out in afternoon and went for mayflowers. They are very small.

Mother’s day

12 Dad working outside, got three little apple trees planted, 2 MacIntosh and 1 delicious. The mail brought a lovely scarf from Waine and a card. Got oil cloth on our floor in room. Have to get new for dining room. Russell MacNeill in this evening.

13 Tearing off paper in halls so Mr MacNeill can do some papering for us. Burned grass on lawn and tried to burn out the old stump.

14 28 and a north east gale. White caps as far as we can see. Another busy day. Russel MacNeill papered the west wall of the hall and did the two ceilings. We have most of the paper off the hall. Una in this evening. A letter from Waine.

15 30. Cold but not blowing so hard. Dad worked at Hall but I didn’t do much. Went to Hunter River with Mr Coffin and had supper there. Little Gary is a lovely baby. They are building another Cottage or dining room.

Willie Toombs have a daughter

16 A nice day and warmer. Went with Mrs Coffin to Town and didn’t have a very nice day. Tried to get oil cloth for dining room but couldn’t and left two rolls of paper somewhere. All in at night. Had lobsters at Paulines for supper.

17 A lovely day. Got scrubbing done and Kitchen floor waxed. Fred ploughed and harrowed the east side of our bit of land. Raked the dyke on the west side baked bread. Had lovely fresh cod fish for dinner and lobster for supper. Eric and Winnie here this evening.

18 A lovely morning and we went to Church. Not many out but it was good to see our friends again Mary & Lorne came up in the afternoon, and Hester arrived home and came over. Lewis & Ethel Toombs were here in the evening and Lucy McLure and Helen Simpson Woolner so we had quite a day of company. Dad got some Mayflowers.

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**May 1947**

19 Sent a box of Mayflowers to Anita and wrote to both girls. Did quite a big washing and washed the wood work in upstairs hall and scrubbed the floor. Dad and I walk away down the old Simpson farm until we could see the Horne Cottage. Had a little spell at the church organ.

20 A lovely warm day. Dad got more gardening done. Found some black currant bushes and set out more rhubarb. Painted on upstairs hall all afternoon. Tired? Rained in afternoon.

21 Cold wind this morning and white caps. Ironed and baked bread and painting again till after 7 PM. Dad went up to Ralph Coles for some Honeysuckle and roses, etc.

22 Got the small bushes set out and we papered in afternoon and finished the hall up stairs. It looks pretty good. Have a lot of painting to do.

23 Just about finished papering hall down stairs today and got some painting done too and Dad cut sets. Winnielea here to supper. We had pancakes. Sadie helped us this afternoon. Just a bit weary to-night.

24 A nice day but blowing and roads dusty. Got the place fairly tidy for the weekend. Finished the paper and painting in the hall. Baked rolls and busy all day and tired out at night. Fred & Dad planted potatoes.

25 A lovely day, the LePages and Jones family and Mr and Mrs Coffin all here at one time. Stirling & Janet over in the forenoon and Stirling was in after church at night. Cold to-night, east wind.

26 A very heavy rain from east & southeast in the forenoon but cleared up and quite warm after dinner. Dad moved a cupboard out of pantry and put it on west side of Kitchen, quite a job. We got a wonderful snow ball bush from James O’s this evening and some rhubarb.

27 72 to-day and a grand day for working outside. Dad planted three birch trees and dug up a strip for dahlias and we got 32 bulbs planted. Got some beans in too and another row of peas and tomato plants re-set. Got letters from Anita & Marion. Anita was operated on 24th.

28 A nice day, mostly cloudy. Washed in forenoon and baked this afternoon. Dad having quite a struggle with the lawn to-day. It’s very hard to cut.

29 A nice day. Ernest finished cutting lawn. I went for a drive with Mr Coffin as far as Margate and Ernest was working at the big stump on the lawn. Planted nasturtiums this morning. Hester & Annie in this evening. Laura Fenner in this AM, brought a bottle of cream and 1 dozen eggs.

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**May-August 1947**

30 Cleaning the north bed room and painting the woodwork. Papered the closet. Fred & Hester in this evening.

31 Fine and busy all day. Painting and scrubbing and tired by supper time. Sadie took me over to French River to Browns store. Got quite a supply of wall paper and half a gallon of molasses.

June 1 Ernest & I to shore this morning. The beach is nicer than it has been for years but it was blowing hard and we didn’t stay long. A gale all day and some rain this evening.

2nd A nice day. Heber brought four men out & Terry. The men are putting the water system in the new Hotel. Getting room front bed room ready to paper.

3 Poured rain most of night and all day. Got our room papered.

4 Washed and moved furniture into front room. Too tired at night to think.

5 Blowing a gale all day. Mabel brought a lady over in the evening. She is attending the Federated Institute Convention in Halifax and is from Simcoe, Ont. A great lover of LM Montgomery books. Dad helping at the Hall.

6 Another cloudy day with quite a lot of rain but not blowing as hard. Getting another room ready to paper. Washed the pink muresco off of the ceiling. Tired?

7 A lovely morning early but thick fog came in over the sea and hung low until afternoon. Airing bedding. Dad planted three little spruce trees on the lawn. Stirling planted a little winter birch. Heber out for the men. Women and men cleaning up the Hall, getting ready for the Anne of Green Gables play.

Nov 15 A lot of things have happened since June 7th. Nan came home around the middle of June. We papered seven rooms. Clarence Stewart was here for ten days shingled the south side kitchen roof and put in windows. Cut door from hall into the room over kitchen and put insultation and Gyproc plaster. Ernest has the floor down now, is ready for the finish but is helping Fred grade potatoes. Our east cellar wall fell in in May and we just got it fixed up this week. Lorraine & Harold & Donna came home the last week in July for Verna’s wedding. We had a lovely summer, very warm and pretty dry in July. Grain ripened very early. Potato crops very good. We were eating our new potatoes in July. Four young men were drowned one Sunday afternoon at Cavendish Beach. That was in August. The Brintons had a very short holiday this year. Marion did not come but was working in Woodstock.

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**August-December 1947**

Beth went to Acadia this year with Marion. Mr & Mrs Coffin went to New Annan NS the first week in July and Mr & Mrs Gough from O’Leary came to Cavendish.

Oct 5 Reggie Macneill died of cancer. Lorraine and Donna stayed with us until Aug 29th. Anita went to Ottawa Aug 11th. October was a lovely bright sunny month and quite dry. Potato crops good and weather wonderful for digging. Dad helped his neighbours. We seem to escape the very bad storms that struck the US and Atlantic coast. Got into Town for a day on the 10th and Mr & Mrs Gough. Pauline and family get out every two weeks but she wont be able for many more trips when the roads get bad.

Nov 11 Ralph Stewarts have a son, Frank Milton.

Dec 4 Pauline went to Hospital and Wallace Douglas came out for us and we went to Town in a hurry. Ernest came out on the 11th to vote at the Provincial Election. The Liberal Government has a good majority again. I came home in the Panel truck on the 19th.

Larry David Jones

24th Wonderful car road up to the 24th. It snowed and drifted that day but cleared up on the

25th We had Fred & Hester here for dinner. Roads bad. Anna fell and broke her left leg this evening. Snow on her shoes and she fell.

27 A lot of snow falling and New York getting a record snow fall for three days. Nova Scotia has had about 3 ft of snow and PEI two feet in the last week of Dec. Some terrible tragedys and fires. A mother and two children burned to death on Christmas in Elmsdale (Mrs Kenneth Mathews).

31 Men out breaking roads but Bobby didn’t get around. He has missed several days. The snow has all Island roads blocked. Have not had any zero weather to date. Little Peter & Ernie Webb had measles at Christmas. Ethel was sick too. There was quite an epidemic of measles in Norval.

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**January-February 1948**

January 1948

Jan 1 A cloudy day and chill. Bad storms in Manitoba and Middle States. We had dinner at Freds.

2 Friday. A lovely day like March. I washed a few things in the forenoon. Bobby came with mail. The second we have had this week. Roads better to-day and men went to New Glasgow with their cream. Letters from Nan, Waine, & Pauline.

9 We have had wonderful weather for the last week. Very calm and grey overhead but no more snow and temperature from 22 to 32 above. It’s snowing to-night and a storm is coming. Ernest was helping Jack Stewart for a couple of days. Elmer Clark is home for a two week holiday.

10 Fine but a chill wind. Snowing at night. Colder. No mail.

11 S. 10. Snowing and blowing all day and quite cold.

12 3 above and clear skies this morning. The house very comfortable last night. Quiet day. A mixture of weather this week, snow, mild, and in Nova Scotia 36 hours of rain around

13 & 14. A critical water shortage in both NB and Nova Scotia. Very dense fog here on the 14th and snowed at night. Busy knitting, not much else to do.

15 Decidedly colder and went to 3B at night, not

16 wind and we are quite comfortable. A lot of snow on the level now and more coming. Letter from Marion to-day. I was out on the snowshoes this afternoon. Temp 18 above to-night.

17 34 above and dead calm. Fog very thick most of day. Finished a pair of gloves for Stirling

18 S. Still mild but ice and mist and turned cold at night. A very bad storm in parts of NB and quite a bad storm here. Annie & Alfred here to supper.

~~19~~ 2A. Blowing a gale and drifting. All roads more or less blocked on the Island. No mail. Cleared off around noon and bright sunshine in afternoon. We have had very cold weather the last two weeks of January and some days quite stormy. Several times 8B and 5B. Not too much sunshine. 24 inches of ice on pond.

No mail

Jan 30 Mahatama Gandhi was assassinated to-day. Little Paul Jones weighed 10lbs at 6 weeks old.

Feb 1st A nice day and not so cold. Hester, George & Winnielea here this forenoon and Stirling until 10:40 to-night. Working on a jig-saw puzzle that Pauline sent out. Jennie & Clarkes engagement announced in the Guardian last week.

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**February 1948**

6 Its been bitter cold all this week, every night below zero. It was 28 Below at Hunter River on the 4th, 15B here. Very cold all across the continent and many fires and people burned. A number of children burned in different places. Fred and Stirling and Elwood hauling ice yesterday and to-day. Dad helping. Clear and cold. I am knitting a sweater for Ernest.

7 A nice day with very cold wind but sunny. The men finished hauling ice and Ernest got it packed. Sadie, Winnielea & George went to Hunter River.

8 S. Fine in forenoon but a real blizzard came up in the evening and a lot of people were caught out in it. Its been stormy almost every Sunday since Christmas. All this week was zero and below every night until Friday. Washed Wed 11th and got my ironing done next morning. Footed a pair of socks for Ernest.

Friday 13th A nice day but cold wind. Had my first sleigh ride in three years. Went with Mabel to the Manse to the Womens World day of Prayer. A very nice meeting and what a spread at afternoon tea. Very dark to-night and a change in weather coming.

14 Blew a gale all night, snowed & hailed and rained this morning and most of day. Temp went up to 48 above and to-night is still around 40A. Got letters from Marion & Nan & PJ and a card from Elaine. The snow banks have melted and settled a lot this afternoon. Turned cold at night and

15 S. the coldest day of the Winter so far. 8B in Ch. Town and blowing a gale from the West all day. Kept warm in the room but the Kitchen was cold.

16 A very cold morning but moderated a little in the afternoon. Anna got home from the Hospital by ‘plane this afternoon. Made a perfect landing on the pond. Dad & I walked over to Stirlings in evening. Snow very rough and does not carry.

17 A nice day most of day, not cold. Misty in afternoon. Temp around 36 part of time. Sadie over in evening.

18 Gorgeous morning early and a howling blizzard by four o’clock.

21 Rev & Mrs Eric Coffin have a bran new baby boy. No. 2.

29th The weather has kept cold all this month. Nothing special doing. Just knitting and we have kept pretty well. Was down to Manse with Mabel to see Mrs Gough who has had a touch of pneumonia. Dad was down to see Anna. Quite cold to-day and promise of still cold for some days ahead.

Little Arthur Smith, Ernest Smith’s youngest son, was killed while coasting, by a truck in Nipigon, Ont where they have been since September.

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**March 1948**

March 1st Not very lamb like but sunny and blowing and very cold. Took a nasty twist in my side and not feeling very good by night. Ernest hasn’t been too well lately either.

2 A nice day but still zero weather every night. A lot of snow in the woods and not easy for farmers to get their wood out. Hester over for a while this afternoon. Feeling better than yesterday.

3 We were supposed to have a storm but nothing serious happened, only the wind was east or N. east and very chill. 12 inches of snow fell in some parts of Nova Scotia.

4 A nice day but zero at night. Got drum of oil from New Glasgow. Every evening cold.

5 A bitter cold day, the coldest of the winter in Ch. Town. Just tried to keep warm and did. Blowing hard all day.

6 Not a bad day after it moderated. Got a letter from Pauline and parcel with jig-saw puzzle and pound of bacon and is that bacon good. Eric & Una took me with them to see Anna. Shes improving but nerves in bad shape. Had a nice evening.

7 S. A nice day and not so cold. Stirling all over in the forenoon and Hester run in for a while in afternoon. Pretty quiet day.

8 A snow storm and very cold and more snow promised for to-morrow. Halifax has had 102 inches of snow this winter, a 45 yr record.

9 Very cold all this week until the 13th. The 12th and 13th the coldest March day on record and temp was 17B on the morning of 13th. Got my washing done on Wed. Nothing special happening and the World in general in an uproar. Russia has turned Checoslvacia into a Communist State and the situation is very serious.

14th Was a nice day and not so cold. Pauline 28 to-day. Very quiet day at home while our neighbours went visiting. Ernest not feeling very well some days.

15 Hazy[?] and blowing a gale, not so cold. Fred & Ernest went to French River about windows and a door for the porch. Everything very white.

16 The first spring like day this year. Temp around 40 above and thawed a lot and the fields showing bare. Blew hard at night and didn’t freeze.

17 Cloudy this forenoon but cleared off in afternoon. Ernest took some books down to Anna to read. Turning much colder tonight but calm and a perfect sunset and evening.

The rest of March was cold right to the end. A very white winter until April. Easter was on March 26th. I got down to the church with Stirlings. The WMS put on an Easter Pageant. Finished up Dads sweater and a few other things. Seem to have been knitting all winter and not much to show for it.

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**April-October 1948**

April 19 April has been a month of snow, cold, rain, sunshine and cloudy weather. Fine and warm one day the next snowstorm. A lot of snow between Stirlings gate and Cemetery corner. Snowed on the 15th, five inches and some of that is still on. Lorraine & Donna have had quite a siege of sickness. The Magrichuk baby died in her carriage while sleeping on April 3rd. Fred has his new kitchen frame up, Dad has been helping some. Mrs F. has been at Gertrudes, May’s and in S. Side and now is in Town. So little to write about. We do the same thing day in day out. Have some nice tomato plants started in cans. Keith sent me a lot of seeds.

April 3rd Diana Magrichuk died

Sandra Gail April 1st

19 Margaret (Moore) Skinner has a baby girl. Herbie Moore quite sick was taken to Hospital April 20th and operated on for appendicitis. Very sick boy and several of the young men went to Town to give blood but Jimmie Clark was the only one taken and Herbie was reported a little better.

22 Wind NE and cold. Frost at night.

23 Nice morning seems warmer.

26 Had one of the worst storms of the winter and roads blocked in many places. George & Sadie went to Town to Fun Parade.

Enid & Reuel had a trip to Vancouver and Montana. Were to Marions on their way

April 20 Herbie Moore taken to Hospital for appendicitis and has been a very sick boy.

May 2 The Jones family got out to-day, terrible road but they made it. All kinds of snow on Cemetery hill but it has been shoveled in the centre. Larry is a dear little fellow and Rodney and Terry have grown inches. Terry stayed out with us for a week and we had a fine time. They came out again on the 9th and Pauline got some Mayflowers.

Clarence Stewart here putting in window frames and door in porch.

10 Started housecleaning, did the spare room.

11 Washed and we set out a lot of little spruces on the dyke and did some general cleaning up. Hester came home, has been away two months. Fred working in all kinds of weather at his kitchen.

15 Finished the upstairs cleaning on 15th and we had a bad rain and snow storm and wind very cold. Ground white this evening, huge flakes of white fluff came down as fast as it could. Heavy sea storm.

16 S. Clear and cold. Dad & I went for Mayflowers in afternoon. Quiet day.

October 29 Had rather a busy summer. Put in a large garden. Had a good hot bed. Grubs cut plants and put in more. Painted and papered kitchen. Put in over five hundred strawberry plants. Lorraine & Donna came July 25th and Marion Elaine & Peter came around the 18th of Aug.

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**October-November 1948**

Dorothy McK. Horne had twin girls around Sept 1st 1948. Thats 8 children under 8 yrs old.

Willie, May, & Belle were here one Sunday and Alvin, and Jean and Isobel & Errol Stetson & Calvin, Mr & Mrs Brown & Winnifred. Anne Lowther & family, Vern Macneill, Bea and Genevieve & Corinne Daisy and Velda were here in Aug. Marion & Beth Brinton didn’t come with the family to the Cottage but ‘twas wonderful to have Elaine & Myron for almost three weeks. Aunt Jen and Maynard came the last of August and were here a week. Ernest and I were both quite sick in August and Marion got a few days extension to her ticket. Pauline and family got out Sundays. Our well went bad and we had to have a new well bored and have water in the house and the electricity. Ernest not very well since his sick spell in August. Wonderful crops but wet in haying and harvest and made it hard for farmers to get work done. A great many potatoes rotten but some have good crops. The price very uncertain. We had Mr & Mrs Patterson to see us and Mr Swan. Mr Gough had a trip to Vancouver. Anita was cooking at a United Church Camp at Sparrow Lake and at Lake Scugog. Sadie Clark has been at Hunter River since before haying. Had an operation in July and isn’t home yet and this is October 29th. Our garden was very good and we have plenty of vegetables for the winter. Will have almost 100 lbs of beans and have bushels of carrots.

Sept 1st Marion Brinton & Joseph Knowles were married.

Sept 15 Clemmie Simpson and Louis Campbell married. Anna has been very miserable and is in bed with arthritis of the spine and may have to stay there for some time. Zelda Clark is there. Oh yes, Edwin Simpson was on the Island too and landed here one cold day when we were picking beans. Artie Clarke & wife were here to see Ernest after they came back from Vancouver. Mrs Lowther has been in the Hospital since August.

Nov 1 Very nice weather. Wind was cold and frost at night.

2 Presidential Election in the United States and Harry Trueman holds his job in spite of all the previous forgone predictions that Dewey would sweep the country. He didn’t. A nice day and we put on three outside windows.

3 Another nice day and I walked up to Grants and we put on three more windows in afternoon.

4 Not cold and farmers have had a grand week at there turnips and what a grand crop they are.

5 Fine day. Had George Cye here making storm door and fixed up shelves for the porch. Ernest feeling very miserable all day. Sadie Clarke got home Thursday. Maybe she will stay now.

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**November-December 1948**

6 Another fine day but damp. Mrs Ben Woolner dropped in this afternoon and Ben came in for a little while too. Not very idle all day. Expect the Jones family and Gordon and Lydia to-morrow.

7 The Jones family came around 3 PM but did not pick up Gordons. A warm day, was 66 in the after noon. Raining.

8 A nice day, blowing. Washed.

9 Another fine day, and got my baking & ironing done. Pretty fine all week. Spent quite a lot of time chasing Stirlings pigs.

11 Thursday poured rain all the morning on PE Island. It was Remembrance Day across Canada. We got the Broadcast from Ch. Town and Ottawa.

13 May and Willie came about 1:30 and stayed until about 5 o’clock. Twas raining when they left and rained for some time.

14 Blew a terrific gale about 5 AM and rained very hard. A pretty quiet Sunday.

15 A nice day and I washed but not a very drying day.

16 A very cold wind from the north. Baked and ironed. A lovely box of Crysanthemums came from Keiths. I took some down to Anna. Shes improving some.

18 Fred went to Summerside. Has had a sore side. May Clark Smith over. Not doing very much. Knit a pair of gloves for Ernest. Letters from all the family. Clarence Stewart brought us four loads of split wood this week. Jimmy Clark trimming up the other side of the road where they had to cut the trees for the Electric light line. Terrible accident in Long River, Mrs Alton Bell instantly killed when the wheels of her husbands truck went over her head. The door of truck opened going around a turn, she tried to reach it and fell.

20 Snowed all day and rained at night and was altogether miserable. The poor little petunias covered with snow and still blooming.

21 S. The Jones family didn’t get out. The road is very bad and we were glad they didn’t attempt the trip. Hester was over in the evening. George brought us a trout and four smelts for supper. Were they ever good.

22 Finer to-day. Stirling got part of the banking done. The rest of the month was very mild and every one busy getting work done.

December Had a pudding for Dad on the 3rd and Hester George, Fred & Winnielea came over with a birthday cake for him.

4 Larry 1 year old to-day and had a birthday cake too and I had some of it on Monday when I went to Town with Una & Eric. A telegram came to Jerrys saying that Mima had died on

Dec 5th from a heart attack and only lived about 10 minutes or so. She was worn out. Mrs Clapp has been in bed for two years and made a slave of Mima.

Mima

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**December 1948-January 1949**

6 Fred & Jack sawed her wood and that’s the day. We went to Town. Roads bad, have been freezing at night and thawing out in the day, and kept like that until the

9th then the weather is a little colder and roads dried up.

10th Snowed and blowing hard all day and night. Ernest isn’t very good to-day, very dizzy. Busy for I expected to have two extra over the weekend but they didn’t come.

11 Roads bad and Bobby brought a sleigh. The men had to go up to Bay View to help Mr Davidson through with the hearse. Clara Howes came and Mr Battersea. Not a very large funeral but wonderful considering the roads. Practically all the relatives there. Not blowing so hard to-night

15 Serena Wedlock fell through a hole in the floor landing on the bottom of a furnace they were having installed in the house. She was terribly hurt, was taken to Alberton then to S. Side Hospital. She died on the 23rd.

Serena Wedlock

25 We had a very quiet Christmas all by our lonesome. Una and Eric came over in the evening. Fred & Hester went to French River. Sadie & George to Hunter River. Mabel & Stirling & Kids went to Clarences. Twas a beautiful morning with snow to be Christmasy. Mrs John Webb died on the 29. Anita went to Ottawa for her holidays after Christmas.

1949

Jan 1st We had Fred & Hester here for New Years duck dinner. The snow left between Christmas and New Year and we still have had very little snow.

9 S. The Jones family got out in the truck on Jan 9th.

16 On the 16th I played the organ in the Baptist Church. Mary & Lorne were up.

17 Grant McCallum came to see us to-day and took me up to Grant McLeods store. A perfect road and not very cold.

18 Just another fine day. Freds have Russel MacNeill and Geo. Cy working.

January was a rather wonderful month. Temp above normal most of time but a few nights below zero,

30 A bitter cold day around 4A and blowing a gale all day.

31 A lovely day, thawing and sunny, snow flurry at night and turned colder. Good roads and

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**February-March 1949**

Feb 1 Beacher Court is sawing ice on the pond and of course the men are all hauling. Cars & trucks and sleighs on roads.

2 2B. A bright sunny morning. Very cold. The men finished the ice. It’s grand and clear, all ice. Dad not feeling very good these days.

6 A lovely day and Pauline & Heber and small boys got out before dinner and left for home after 4 PM.

7 Another lovely day and I did a good big washing and some cleaning up in Kitchen. Cold again at night. Ernest pretty good to-day.

8 Ironed and wrote to Marion & Lorraine. Not cold to-day. More like March weather.

9 Blowing hard, wind south, S. West and it thawed quite a lot. Will spoil what has been a perfectly good sleigh and car road. Letters from Anita and Aunt Jen & Waine.

19 Its been very changeable weather all winter, two or three days cold and then mild again. There was a parlor social at the Manse last night. Mrs Goff broke a small bone in her wrist on Thursday. Gertrude Lamont has been at Freds most of week. Dad has been some better this week. Anita is going to take a new job as cook at Willard Hall.

Lottie Brown

16th Arch Wedlock died in Churchville Ont

Feb 27 Fulton Brown died suddenly at Kensington

19 Lottie Brown died in Prince County Hospital this morning.

21 The roads not very good and the snow plough came down from Kensington and plough it to the cemetery for the funeral at Stanley Church. A very large funeral Fred said.

22 Tuesday 22 I went up to Grants with Reggie and walked home, called at Unas for eggs. Had almost 20 pounds to carry.

26 We had more snow and a big storm on Saturday.

27 Started to blow at night and stormed all day Sunday and no church services but the radio was good and Fred and Stirling were in for a while in afternoon.

Fulton Brown

28 Snowed most of day. Walking bad to Freds but I got milk. Shovelled snow. Ed Graham operated on for goiter.

March 1st Stormed again all day and piled up in drifts. Roads blocked all over Island and still snowing all day and wind 35 miles an hour.

2 Not very cold but no one travelling at this end of Cavendish. Ira & Dora had to take their little boy Allen to Town. Alfred, George, and John McNeill went along with them. They operated for appendicitis this afternoon.

3 Men were breaking roads. Fulton Browns funeral postphoned until Thursday. Quite warm at south of house and I caught a boiler of soft water. Mike Doyle suffering terribly.

4th A perfectly lovely day and I put out quite a washing. Fred went to Town this morning

5 Ironed this morning and scrubbed this afternoon and all in to-night.

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**March 1949**

7 S. Thawed all day and roads got very bad. Rested. We didn’t have anyone in to-day and both rested.

8 Baked bread, snowed to-night. Not doing much extra.

9 Silver thaw and terribly icy. Not safe for Dad to go out. Fred brought us a nice piece of pork yesterday so we are alright for meat for a while.

~~10~~ Milder to-day but freezing again. Still a slippery crust on the snow. Grant McLeod and several others got the shore road opened to Rustico and he hauled potatoes to Hunter River to-day and yesterday.Mike Doyle very sick, cancer. They have a nurse.

11 Raining and freezing in the morning, no power or telephone and a terrible coat of ice on wires and trees. Softened some by afternoon.

12 Power came on around 7 PM. Blowing a gale and snowing this afternoon but not very cold. Telephone men working too. 78 new telephone poles down between Winsloe and Fredricton. Allen McCoubrey quite sick.

13 Fine. Felt very tired all day. Baptist Church in afternoon. Radio only fair to-day.

14 Pauline 29 to-day. Got a letter from her. Not feeling very spry, day fine, not cold.

15 A nice day and I put out a pretty big washing. Went over to Unas for eggs in afternoon. Got thread from Nan for Paulines placemats.

16 One howling blizzard in the morning, eased up a little by noon and calmed down by night. Charlottetown plugged solid and no mail anywhere and stores closed. Dad not very well after supper, his hand, left, and left foot went bad. Fred came over for a while and he slept fairly good after he got to sleep.

17 Fine but was a snow at night and roads very bad. Mike Doyle very sick, in fact very low.

18 Dad staying in bed, his hand and foot still bad.

19 Busy but don’t seem to do much. Did a little baking and sweeping up the house. Tired at night.

Mike Doyle died

20 Dads hand is some better and the foot no worse. Annie & Alfred Moore here in afternoon. I phoned to Pauline in afternoon. They were badly snowed in.

21 Lovely morning but very cold, the coldest this month. Soon clouded over and wind SE and snowing this evening. Been one hectic day with company popping in every now and then. Fred, Ernest Clark, Stirling, Fred again and Stirling Campbell collecting for Red Cross. Ernest better to-day than he has been.

24 Snow plough went through and theres mountains of snow on both sides of road and trucks are moving potatoes to Town in Hunter River.

25 Jean Clark Bulman has a baby girl in PEI Hospital. Eric Bell came to see us. Dad still in bed.

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**March-April 1949**

April 4th Atlantic Charter signed in Washington to-day

March 26 Thawing every day now and feeling more spring like.

27 S. Una came in before supper and Hazel after a nice day but roads bad and not many out to church.

28 Cloudy and rained so I’ve a nice lot of rainwater.

29 A lovely wash day and I had a large wash to do. Pretty tired at night.

30 Another lovely day. Mr & Mrs Gough here in afternoon and it was another big day for me. Finished my ironing and baked bread.

31 A grey day again with lots of snow floating around. Winston Churchill spoke in Boston Square Gardens, Boston. At 11:59 PM Newfoundland joined the Dominion of of Canada as a province. PJ & Heber have been out every month this winter.

Pauline, Terry and Heber came out

April 1 Cloudy again to-day.

2 Baking and not doing much extra. Thawing every day. Lewis Toombs came in to see Dad.

3 Sunday. A very nice day. George & Mabel in this forenoon and Hester in the afternoon. Dad got dressed and had dinner with me. Not feeling very good.

4 Cloudy and damp atmosphere. The Atlantic Charter signed by 12 nations to-day.

5 Still cloudy, should have washed but waiting for rain waiter. Went over to Unas for eggs. Waine sent six balls crochet thread.

6 A lovely morning but clouded over. Got a good sized washing out and dry. Dad dressed after dinner and is planning to have supper in the kitchen and did.

Allie Graham and Amy Toombs married March 25

7 Got ironing done in forenoon. Dad didn’t stay up so long to-day. We had supper in the room. A celebration at Ed Grahams for the bride & groom Allie Graham & Amy Toombs. The folks gave them around fifty dollars. Roads pretty bad. John Toombs went to hospital, pleuresy, very sick.

8 A nice day and seemed pretty busy all day. The snow is almost gone but the ground is very wet. Left plants in sunporch.

9 Another nice day. Finish cleaning a kitchen cupboard, baked bread & cookies. Dad sitting in kitchen this afternoon. Very tired at night and he couldn’t get to sleep.

10 Dad stayed in bed to-day. Anna & Jerry, Ced & Marjorie, Alfred & Annie & Hester & Alma were here to see him. Twas a cold wind and the roads still bad.

11 Still cold and frost at night. A damp East-Nor-east wind and feels like ice but none in sight. Took the boughs and straw off peonies and tulip. The iris are coming up. The ground very wet.

12 A lovely morning but a heavy white frost, looks like rain to-night and not so cold. Baked to-day and cleaned another cupboard. Herman Hill called to see Dad. John Toombs is in the Hospital with pleurisy, is better but has been very sick. Dad up this afternoon and had supper in the dining room.

13 A nice warm day. Ernest sat in the sunporch for awhile. A letter from Nan saying she is coming home next weeks. It seems too good to be true.

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**April 1949-November 1950**

Lloyd MacNeill to Hospital. Fred went to Town with Bonnell LePage

14 Very foggy all the morning but cleared away some in afternoon. Got the upstairs swept and felt better than I did yesterday. Ethel Moore very sick in Hospital.

15 A lovely morning but cold wind to-night and fog. Heber and family got out this afternoon. Got pretty badly stuck in Ern McNeills field. Grand to hear Rodney talking. Weary to-night. Took straw off of strawberries this morning

16 Scrubbed and waxed the kitchen, went over to Unas for eggs. Not very good walking.

17 ES. A cold grey day for Easter finery. A special Easter program at United Church at night. Lovely music over radio. Anita leaving Toronto for home.

18 A nice day and I got a big washing done and the porch scrubbed. Tired at night.

19 Baked bread & cake and did a big ironing. Nan phoned from Paulines, its pouring rain and she is coming out in the morning.

20 Nan & Heber had a pretty bad road but got out before dinner. Dad pretty good today and happy to have Nan home.

Dec 14 Ellice, Mrs Harry Lowther

Nov 28 Allen Wyand

Dec 23 Senator John Sinclair

1950

Feb 17 Lou Warren Ottawa died

Feb 18 Dot McK. Howe has baby boy. Ninth child

March 22 Arthur Simpson, Clifford’s father died suddenly

April 18 Ed Graham age 57

May 1st Mrs Albert MacNeill

May 17 Ernest Cecil Webb at 1.30 AM age 69 yrs, 5 ½ m

July 22 McKenzie King in his 75th year

April 5 1950 Dr. Jeremiah S. Clark, 78 yrs died in Regina

1950 Reggie Simpson and Cora Toombs married on Oct 8th and Ethel Moore and Hector Scott on November 9th

Sept 24 1950 At Ottawa, Annie Maurene born this morning

March 19th Glenn Allen Webb born at Peel Memorial Hospital. Two bran new grand children inside of six months

[Newspaper clipping below]

Funeral at Cavendish -- The funeral of the late Ernest C. Webb was held from Cavendish United Church yesterday afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. George Goff. During the service Mr. George Clark sang as a solo “Beautiful Isle of Somewhere,” and the choir sang “Sometime We’ll Understand.” Pallbearers were Stirling Stewart, Fred Clark, David Johnstone, Grant MacCallum, George MacCoubrey, Reginald Simpson. Internment was in Cavendish Cemetery. May 18th 1950

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**September 1950-May 1951**

24 September 1950 A baby girl to Lorraine and Harold in Ottawa

March 19 1951 a baby boy, Glenn Allen to Keith & Ethel

1951

Premier Jones won another election on April 26th

May 1st Heber brought me out to Cavendish after seven months of wondering. Went with Reuel and Enid on Oct 6th 1950 as far as Montreal and by bus to Ottawa. The trip through the States, dinner with Elaine & Myron in Moncton on the 6th and arriving in Ottawa on Thanksgiving day. Lorraines baby not very big and plenty fussy at night for some time. Stayed with them until Dec 30th. They moved into their new home in City View on November 14th. On Dec 30th, I went to Toronto and four of the Webb family had dinner at Marions and I went back to Toronto for a week with Anita at Willard Hall then spent the next three months between the three places. Was three weeks of March at Keiths when baby Glen arrived. One week on the staff at Willard Hall Hester has been in bed all winter, seems

May 4 a little better the last two weeks. Gertrude has had to go on a diet, has been very miserable. Sadie has been in Hospital again, lost her baby. Very little snow on the Island this last winter and every appearance of an early spring. Fred has nursed Hester all winter. Went down to Jerrys for eggs and brought the radio home and some plants. Marjorie Clark Smith was home to-day. My gladiola bulbs are at the station Hunter River.

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**May 1951**

May 5 Was a finer day. Got some baking done and got the bulbs. They look pretty good to me.

6 S. Sunny nice day. The Jones Family arrived and we had a nice drive down to shore. The new Community Centre looks pretty good. Saw the Coffins. Hester keeps about the same, wants to try to walk.

7 Its been a busy day and I’m all in to-night. Set out three little cedar trees and two black currants and 38 gladiola bulbs and sat with Hester and burned rubbish and grass and came in at 8 PM a wreck. R. Letter from Nan.

8 Lovely early but clouded over and was showery. Fred put manure in the hot bed and I finished it up and to-morrow will get the sweet peas planted. Mr and Mrs Gough here this afternoon, brought the fern home and I had afternoon tea for them. In 1947, Dad & I came here to the old Parsonage, just four years ago to-day.

9 Washed in morning. Had a few trips over to Freds. Hester pretty good but cannot stand or do much with her hands. Worked in the garden and set out some hollyhocks etc. Very tired at night. Wrote Marion. Gorgeous sunset. Warmer to-night.

10 Fine early but a good deal of cloud all day and cold winds to-night. Ironed this morning and planted hot bed in afternoon and set out two white Austrian pines and planted horse chestnuts and walnuts. Mrs Coffin brought up the pines. Letter from Nan.

11 Wind keeps cold. Digging out weeds but didn’t plant anything to-day. Over to Freds three trips. Takes time.

12 A lovely rainy day, and the roads very gooey. A letter from Marion. Sewing and baking in afternoon. Annie at Freds so it was a little easier for me. Set out a lot of callimbine plants in evening.

13 S. Still misty this morning. Mothers day but guess I won’t get to church this morning.

Mother’s Day

16 Cleaning front room. Pauline asked Mr McLeod to call and see if I would go to Town. I did. It helped put in some hard days of memories of a year ago.

19 Came home and had to get in Den window. Left my purse with key in Town. Rodney came out with me and we have been having a wonderful time. The dear little chap has been quite happy and hasn’t had a cry yet.

22 Been very hot and dry. Some thunder this evening but no rain here. Fred disked the garden to-day and I got the outside window off.

in the 70s

23 75. Finished up the outside windows and nailed down the black tape on the dining room floor. Poured rain at night and turned much colder.

24 45. A miserable cold day for the holiday. Heber & PJ and Terry & Larry and Rodney went home with them. Very cold to-night somewhere around to-night. Hester wasn’t so well yesterday and Marjorie was over all day.

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**May-July 1951**

25 Still cold and damp. Cleaned the dining room. Miss the small boy. Tired.

26 Scrubbed and waxed the kitchen floor. Made up a pair of curtains for front room. Went down to Jerrys for eggs and went with Reggie & Cora to the store, Herbs. Hester not too good to-day.

27 S. Not feeling very well and on couch most of day. Hester had a lot of company.

28 Got a little of back lawn cut. The grass has got ahead of me and is very heavy cutting.

29 Cleaned the spare bed room and hall up stairs. Poured rain all day and blowing a gale from S. East. Power went off about 8 PM but was on at 9:40.

30 Still cloudy and wind cold. Letter from Anita.

June 1 Washed and cut grass with shears.

2 John McNeill came up in evening to cut lawn. Lovely day but turned cold at night.

George McKinnon

3 A lovely day but wind cold. Had my noon meal out doors. Went to church in afternoon. Mr Byre[?] Jones the minister for awhile anyway. Very few there. The Jones family out and they cut the lawn for me.

Hugh & Mabel MacKinnon’s little boy 9 months old died in Hospital in Halifax

3 Raked the grass and cut the lawn again this morning. Started to rain in afternoon and kept

4 at it all night.

5 Marion Britton Knowles has a new baby girl.

11 Busy in garden all this week. Got almost every thing planted, tired at night. Ethel Simpson died.

14 Mary & Edward have a boy this time. Weather has been fine all week but keeps cool. Icebergs in St. of Bellisle.

15 Rained some and cloudy. Ethel Simpsons funeral to-day, quite a number there. We had quite a lot of rain in June and twas quite cool.

July 1 Anita came home. I was in Town to meet her. We went to Trinity Church that night and heard Dr. Bonnell. Came out the next day and had a pretty good two weeks. Went

8 to O’leary and Campbellton to-day. Took our eats with us and had a nice trip. Nan had a day fishing with the Smileys and we all had a Camp fire at shore on 11th and Pauline and boys stayed out until Friday night the 13th. We took Nan to Town by Brackley saw Grant and went to Ruth & Johns for the evening. Anita left on the 11:20 plane for Moncton and I had my permanent at the Kent. We came home Sunday.

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**July-September 1951**

16 Ced Simpson has been quite sick and was taken to S. Side Hospital. His condition quite serious from the first and he died at around 2 PM. Had been unconscious most of time. Was up there that night, the family all home.

July 27 Cedric Simpson

29 A very large funeral this afternoon. I went up with Reggie and Reuel and Enid and Clarence brought me home. The Jones family arrived soon after and Annie & Louis Muttart. Went to church to-night. Rev Keith Richardson from Toledo, Ohio was the preacher. Mr Underwood sang. Tired at night.

Aug 26 Ina and Louise arrived, they have been with their Aunt Anne in Fernwood for a week. Barbara Cromar was with them. They stayed here until Wed the 29th. Pauline came out for us and the four of us went in to Ch. Town. The girls left on the Bus at 12:30 PM on the 31st. I came out with Mr Coffin

Sept 1st and had supper with them. Mrs Alec Toombs died this morning. She has been so ill for a long time. It’s a blessing that she is at rest.

Hester had drive to New Glasgow on 1st for long weekend. Elmer home for long weekend

Elmer is home for the Labor Day Holiday and they took her to New Glasgow for a drive. Dear only knows where she will want to go to-morrow. Letters in mail box for me from Elaine Brinton and Marion. Got a very nice present from Prof Patterson and Frances Chaplan, a pitcher and one from Mr Coffin that I love too.

2 S. Made up my plum jam in the morning and went to the funeral of Mrs Toombs in the afternoon. A large funeral. I went home with Winnie and Ernest McNeill and John brought me up after supper. Tired but wrote to Nan.

3 Cloudy and I didn’t wash. Has rained a little since noon and quite dark to-night. Got the back lawn cut and under the big trees. Think the east elm has had some lightning. The leaves are all dead. There was a bad storm last week. Crocheting on my table cloth. Terrible harvest weather and for the potatoes.

4 Fine and I did a big washing. Went back to the hill for blue berries. Flossie Linkletter and Claude and Harold Dennis were here for about two hours. Mr Dennis is Uncle Harrys son and the whole family moved to Port Arthur around forty years ago. Harold is a Minister in Norwood, Manitoba. He wants to spend some time in Cavendish.

Mr Luther Coffin died suddenly in Montague

5 Was a fine day until supper time, then it rained.

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**September-October 1951**

6 Cloudy but didn’t rain. Freds cutting. I cut the front lawn and it was as heavy work as it has been all summer except the first time in May. Stayed part of afternoon with Hester. Mrs Ben Woolner came up with Miriam & her friend and they had a game of tennis. Gave them a cup of tea etc. Very dark at night.

7 Thunder around 4 AM and heavy rain around 6 AM. Misty part of day. Baked bread and ginger cookies.

9 A nice day and the Jones family got out and we had a nice hour or more at the shore, no church at night.

10 A fine day and Harold Dennis came in the afternoon. We had fine weather all the week and Harold had a chance to study the Anne Country to his hearts content. He preached a good deal to me and rather got me down. On Monday the 17th we went to Town with Mr & Mrs Coffin and Harold got his birth certificate and on Tuesday the 18th went to Arlington with Mr. WP MacLeod. I came home with Marion that afternoon. Wonderful harvest weather all this week. Freds got the last of theirs thrashed out on the 22nd.

Honeywell Bulman

23 Blew a gale in the morning and rained hard in the afternoon. The Jones family arrived and stirred things up a bit. I finished the crochet edge on my remnant table cover last night and started a doiley for PJ to-night.

24 A lovely fine day. Cut up some more cuc’s etc for a last batch of pickles. Stayed with Hester while Fred was away to Honeywells funeral. A short letter from Nan to-day.

Anne Vessey 1 year old today

25 A nice day and I did a good days work and cut the front lawn & parts of back. Made pickles to-day. Mrs Adam Brown died. Had been in bed four years. Rained.

26 A miserable cold day and blowing a gale. Plenty of snow in the prairie provinces & Manitoba. Showers and hail here in afternoon. Cleaning the Kitchen cupboard.

27 No frost here but a cold night. Flowers still blooming. Back sore and was much worse on the 28th.

28 not doing much the next two days.

30 Spent most of day on couch. Went to Town with John McNeill and Jennie Moore. Pretty sore.

Oct 1 Pauline washed and went for flowers for their decorations at Heartz Hall for their WA afternoon tea.

2 Was the tea and quite a success. Boys very good.

3 Mr Coffin brought me out in afternoon. Quite cool in the house but a pretty nice fall day.

4 Rodney 5 years old to-day. I made plum jam and baked bread. Pretty near all in to-night.

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**October-December 1951**

5 Foggy and quite warm in forenoon. Turned cooler in afternoon. Got the enamel paint on the inside of china cupboard. Started a doiley for Clara Tirres[?].

Oct 22 Have had a sore back for quite a while. Went in to Pauline’s on the 14th Oct. Got new glasses. My back not good for over two weeks but I got my garden stuff almost all in on the 22nd but was

23 terribly crippled up on 23rd and had to call Mabel.

24 Was taken to Hospital in Ambulance in a hurry. Pauline came out but I couldn’t move so she called Ch. Town and Heber. Was there until the 6th of

November Went to Pauline. Saw the Princess & Duke of Edinburg on Nov 9th. Quite a day.

16 Pauline brought me home on the 16th. Feeling better than I have for a long time. The weather has been very warm all this week. Rained

17th last night and some to-day but not cold.

19th Had snow and colder. Cora up. Brought eggs.

20th Snow flurries all day and quite cold. Mrs Ira Carr died in PE Island Hospital. Am feeling a little better every day.

Jean Millar Carr

21 Lovely day. Not doing much.

22 Another nice day. A letter from Nan with a suggestion that I might get a part time job at Willard Hall.

23 A letter from Marion today. She has flu and feeling pretty rotten. Showery all day. Dug a 6 qt basket of parsnips in the afternoon. Ground very wet.

24 Very mild this morning and still raining. Very dark.

25 Quite cold to-day and roads very rough. The Jones family got out in the afternoon for an hour. Cold at night. I slept on couch in the den.

26 Stirling & Robert Woolner banked the house and put on the windows, etc. Started to snow in afternoon and blowing a gale at night.

27 A terrible gale all day with some snow at times. Wind up to 65 miles an hour in gusts. Just a terrible day for people at the Harbour at Rustico and all the fishing harbours on the Atlantic Coast. Five families had to be moved out of their homes at Rustico Harbour. A lot of vessels in trouble at sea.

28 Still cold but not blowing quite so hard. Temp got down to 14 above at night.

29 A nice day with sunshine. Not cold all day. Crocheting. Finished a cart wheel doilie and starting another.

30 Can’t remember – just another day.

Dec 1 Cleaned up the sun porch and the place generally. Thawed outside and there’s plenty of mud but frost at night.

2 A cloudy dreary damp day, some snow flurries and very chill. Anna was in for a little while before church. Looked as tho’ we might have a real storm but it calmed down and cleared up.

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**December 1951-February 1952**

Got oil tank filled

3 A lovely day. Baked bread. Mr Mellish filled the oil tank in the cellar. $44.10 for fuel for the winter. Letter from Nan to-day.

4 Another lovely sunny day.

Haven’t written here for a long time. December was fine and we had some lovely days the first and second week. Since then we have had winter with a vengeance. In one week we had three bad storms

29th The week before Christmas was quite stormy but the 25th was a lovely day. A lot of light snow came down the 24th but the Jones family got out for the afternoon. I had dinner at Georges. It has snowed some for days and more coming to-night. Lewis Toombs was very sick last night. He has measles. I think he is better to-night. I didn’t get over to Freds to-day. Started but couldn’t make it through the snow. Nan had a pretty good Christmas in bed and went with Percy to a Hall for dinner and to a show. It was her turn to stay at Willard Hall on Christmas day. Aunt Jen sent their pictures at $10.00. Have been feeling better since I have the boards under the mattress.

1952

Jan 10 Its a fine day after stormy weather from the 7th to 9th. No mail the 8th. Its a real old fashioned winter. Not much to write about. Mabel in Town this week. Janet & Kay had tonsels out on 8th.

Feb 6th, King George VI died

14th Friday and Mabel and girls got home. She has a bad cold. 13th rained very hard and the snow has settled some. Power off all day.

Mary & Cyril have a baby girl

17 Got my washing done but not much else. They have six boys & two girls now.

20 Expected Pauline out to-day but its snowing and a bleak cold wind. Got a parcel from Anita yesterday.

Feb 2 Ethel and Hector Scott have a baby boy.

Feb 6th King George VI died in his sleep early this morning.

Feb 7th Alfred Simpson age 77 yrs died in S. Side. He had been to Boston for treatment and seemed better. Had a long wait at Bordon and he got much worse but got home and died the next day.

Feb 8 Princess Elizabeth proclaimed Queen of England and the Dominions.

Feb 16 & 17 Fine days, the first for a week. Started to snow in evening of 17th and developed into the longest storm for years in the New England States and Maritimes. Lasted until morning of 21st. Cloudy to-day and north east wind. Not very cold. All roads blocked solid. Travel through the fields. No mail since the 16th.

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**March-December 1952**

March 16th Bob MacKenzie died in his sleep early this morning. Would have been 88 in May. Its been a long stormy winter with bad roads for months. Road along here has been blocked for weeks. All roads through fields. I went with Stirlings to Bobs funeral. Eric Simpson taken to Hospital on 18th. Sixty or more men shoveled the road from Gillis pond to Creek. He has pneumonia in both lungs, is very sick. Its a winter wonderland this morning, about two inches of new snow and not a breath of wind. Can see water in the Gulf.

June 4th Walter Lamont & Margaret Campbell married. Baby boy arrived around Sept 12th

April 3 Still travelling through fields, this road is blocked and no sign of plough. The Gulf full of ice, a lot of north wind.

June 8th Work has been going on out this road for three weeks, widened out, trees cut down. Very wet spring and not near all the grain sowed yet have most of my garden in. Have had very little sunshine this spring.

July 3 Keiths have a baby girl, Anita Gwen.

Anita came home June 30th and stayed until july 28th. We had a grand time. Got the shingles on south end of house and a new roof on east side. Very dry summer but splendid for tourists.

July 28 Keiths started for Cavendish with the baby not four weeks old. Mrs Cromar came with them. They stayed eleven days. Pauline & Heber left to Toronto on Aug 16th and I had Larry until Sept 1st. He was such a dear little fellow.

1952 Eric Simpson (Earls son) and Miss Cook married Sept 17th or 18th

Sept 18 Elmer Smith & June Bernard married in United Church Hunter River.

Oct 10th Harvey Macneills car struck Mr John Mobb in Brookfield and he was instantly killed. Mr Mobb was on wrong side of road. Harvey has been cleared of any blame. His father & mother in the States at the time. Helen Greens shower that night.

13 Milton Green threw a wrench in the back of his car and it struck the hammer of his loaded gun and the charge went through the door of car and through porch screen door and tore into wall just above Mays head. Several shots lodged in her body, one in back of neck near spine, one in hip, and others in her neck. She almost died of shock and Milton too. They took her to Hospital but she came home next day. Helen Green & Vernon Hill

15 were married in the church. Helen is teaching in Hunter River this year.

Dec 4 Went into Town to spend winter with Pauline & Heber. Went into Hospital Jan 11 and got out the Jan 23rd. Enjoyed the winter and maybe helped Pauline some. Came out April 8th to Mrs Fred Clarkes funeral. A good road but much cooler here than in town. Quite foggy.

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**April-August 1953**

April 1953

20 Got word this morning that Arthur Ramsey and Ivan Andrews were drowned in Marshalls pond yesterday. Rain and cloudy and a

21 little sunshine thrown in. Jerry Tennis and wife here this afternoon with fresh herring.

first herring

22 It rained some and cloudy. Ironed.

23 Went to Town with Mr & Mrs Gough to Arthur Ramsays funeral. A lovely day. Big brush fire in Hope River in afternoon/

24 A chill wind and rain most of day. Very tired after yesterday. A lot of dark days and showers until May.

May 3rd A lovely day and I had my dinner outdoors. The Jones family & Gordon Full here for afternoon. They got Mayflowers. Church at night.

4 Got up early and washed and in afternoon got some of the banking & tar paper away. Pretty tired at night, did half of the ironing.

5 Another lovely day but wind cool from the East. A lot of ice in Bellisle Strait and ice bergs off Labrador. Got more of the banking moved and a little patch ready for lettuce and onions. Worked around the tulips. Ground hard. People are working on the land.

10 Have had a few lovely days. This is Mother’s Day and it’s quite warm. Have been out with the sun all the afternoon. Jennie Moore Macneill has just brought me a very nice Coronation plate that Pauline gave her to bring to me.

May 18 Mrs Tennis died, age 76

Got lettuce and onions planted on the 8th. The land getting quite dry and hard. Have the front lawn pretty well cleaned up and rubbish burned. Raspberry canes cleaned out. Still plenty to do.

22 Got peas, chard and carrots planted. The week had been damp and cold and I got four rooms cleaned and some seeds planted. The air has been very cold and we had a terrific north wind and heavy rain for three days. The worst for the lobster fishermen in the Maritimes for forty years. No fish man this week. It has been much too cold for growth this last week.

planted potatoes 24

May 30 Mrs Harriet Dickenson and Rev Mr Richardson married in Ch. Town by Mr Dunbar.

31 The Jones family out & Roy MacLellan. Cold and damp.

July 3rd Baby Brenda Pauline arrived safe. Anita got home June 24th Had the boys out while Pauline in Hospital. Had a good month with Nan. She went back

July 30th and Lorraine and family are coming to Island to-night.

Eight grand children, Pauline & family and Lorraine and family, Ina & Louise here for my birthday. Anne and Charles and their three children and Norma Murray from Norval.

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**August 1953-February 1954**

Aug 2 Quite a surprise for my seventieth birthday. Lorraine and Anne stayed a few days then went to Town and to York for a week. I went to town the 10th and got my hair done and went to Moncton with Reuel and Enid to Beths wedding. It was a lovely day and I enjoyed the trip very much. Ina Louise and Norma left for home on the 14th. Think they had quite a nice holiday. The Vesseys came out from Town on the 13th. Bud and Eleanor brought us and we had supper on the lawn and a sing-song at night. On the 16th Roy Toombs & took the Vessey family to Tryon for the rest of day and I went to O’Leary with Myron Brinton and had a grand day with Velda and Jean. Went to Knutsford Church. The Vessey family left on the 21st for Ottawa and arrived at 5:30 PM next day. Think they enjoyed their holiday. House lonely for I’ve

Aug 28 had someone here since the middle of June.

Sept 6 Fire burned to the ground Murrays three barns. Terrible heat wave in Toronto ended Sept 4th. They had 13 days of it, the worst in 25 years.

Baby girl Shirley & Chesley Clark 3rd child, Dec 29 ‘53

9 Baby girl Jennie & John MacNeill, first

22 Baby boy Marion & Joe Knowles, 2nd child

Feb 2 We have had quite a cold and stormy January.

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