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Sept 1-1916
to
Aug 16-1914

(1)

1916 Mack & Cecil worked at
Sept 1 fixing up machine also
Errol until now when he
went to Oak Lake for repairs
Cecil did some packing and
discing for the horse. Bob &
I worked at a wagon rack
all day for one made.
Cool all day and feels like
fall tonight. We are still
waiting on sere for machine
& another Captivity.
" 2 Sun show all day but
a cold east wind blowing
and it was not warm.
Bob & I worked at Rack all
day Cecil hauled out
manure. Errol & Mack worked
at separator. Lewis put on
uprights on fence forenoon and
went to Oak Lake after

(2)

1916 Rained last night
Sept 4 Sunday a good big shower
with lots of thunder & lightning
so no one can thresh this morn.
Cecil and I worked at Agr. Society
booths all day. Mack hauled
out manure. Bob took uprights
off fence. Labor day and no
school so Lewis put uprights
on fence. Errol worked at sep-
arator. A fine day and drying well
" 5 Cecil went to Oak Lake
forenoon for staff for repairs
I went to Griswold in even-
ing for Cecil's. Mack hauled
manure from south of Gray
got machine going after noon
got a load of oats threshed
tried the wheat but it is a
little tough. Bob & I fixed
racks

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1916 A fine day but dull,
Sept 6 at times and Sun did
not shine all day. Tried threshing
oats & barley in morn. but it was
too wet also tried wheat afternoon
it was not hard so we stopp'd
but some measure out a load
of grain home, fence fixed
motor out to be fixed.

" 7 A lovely hot day, grand
for threshing. We began in yard
at wheat but pump belt
brothered all day and we did
very poorly had to quit early
and phoned for A. Jack but
he can't come until tomorrow
morning. Wheat on Com pound
a poor sample it may be
No 5 but I am doubtful.
Ceil setting up stooks west
of house.

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1916 A lovely day wind S.E.
Sept 8 Threshed in yard all day
had to go to Oak Lake at noon
repairs for engine also broke
tightener on separator and
we had to get one from Mr
Carey's machine. Did not
finish the 40 acres near
W. R. R. yet.

" 9 A dull day very little
Sun shine and felt like rain
but none came wind east all
day. We threshed steady until
noon then Mr Carey came for
belt tightener we had of this
and I went to Oak Lake but ours
is not up from N. Pf. yet so
Ceryl & Ceil took two loads
wheat to Griswold & sold at
\$1.20 per bushel for No 5 wheat.
Jack hauled manure & Bob got
up fence posts.

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1916 A fine day but wind
Sept 11 blew pretty hard from
west all day. Cecil went
to J. M. Harlow's early and
got a wheel off his separator
and got the machine going
early. I took some machinery
and we went to reunion on the
8:15 o'clock train Ralph
and I got home motor car.

Threshed from west field
all day, wheat poor sample
but turning out poorly.

" 12 A lovely day very hot
at times. Finished threshing
all wheat west of house at
3.30 and moved to Reuben
I took load to Oak Lake
and sold at 1.20 but
brought home some gasoline coal
oil

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1916 Rained this morn. about 7.30
Sept 13 machine got going at Reuben
and threshed for an hour and
then had to stop. A heavy shower
fell for an hour and has stopped
threshing for some time. Brock
left today, Cecil took him out
to Oak Lake. I went to Reunion
in express in afternoon. Errol
Cecil & Bob set up wheat thens
east of house.

" 14 A cold wind from
N. W. all day and if it goes
down tonight it will freeze
hard. Errol & I went to
Reunion with two loads
wheat and nearly full on
road. Men getting up stacks
of wheat forenoon. Began to
fall plow today & Bob
did some cultivating on seven

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1916 Very hard frost this
Sept 15 Only the first real
frost we have had and
it has killed every thing.
The water trough was all
frozen up. Killed all at Ken-
nedys threeping. I made two
trips to Griswold with
wheat. Lewis started for
Oak Lake in car but broke
on road & Mr DeCubbin
took car into Storeys a
frank spring broke. Myja
had to go after hay in
express. A nice day but
Cool

" 16 Boys threeshed all day
at Mr Kennedys. Lewis & I got
out three loads wheat to Gris-
wold today. Very cold all day and
frost had last night and will
again tonight

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1916 A very fine day although
Sept 18 we had a small shower
of rain in the morn. Threeshed for
Mr Kennedys on Sec. 8 at three
o'clock and began in our wheat
east of house and made 198
bushels it is good wheat and
may grade but is not
tuffing out much per acre
Kennedys wheat a very poor
quality and small yield. I
went to Oak Lake forenoon,
took out hay plow to get fixed.
" 19 A very hot day with a
good breeze from S.W. Threeshed
in wheat east of house all
day made 476 bushels good
wheat but a great lot of
wild oats in it. I was clean
in it in elevator all day.

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1916 Rained a little last
Sept 20 night and this morn, so
we could not thresh. Extended
starting at noon but it was
so windy we could not.
Errol went to Grinnell
with a load of wheat
Ceil is plowing and Bob
is fixing place for pig
kragie & I went to Osiden in
Car it was too windy to be
pleasant

" 21 Another very windy and
cold day. I threshed until ten
o'clock and then stopped
afternoon Errol & I went to
Oak Lake for 4 1/4 tons coal
home and brought home a
plow that Mrs. Jettie
fixed at Grinnell. Very cold.

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1916 A cool dull day Sun
Sept 22 Shone very little and air
cool, very like rain at times
but none fell. Finished all
our wheat today at four o'
clock then moved to evening and
started at oats. We have 2324
bushels of wheat in all a
good crop. Considering the year.

" 23 I threshed oats on Sun
all day made 785 bushels they
are hard to handle and not
turning out to the straw.
Very foggy and wet in morn, as
had a rain, but warm
and fine after tea o'clock

" 24 Rained last night and we
could not thresh. Ceil & Wilfred
plowed west of house all day. Errol
crushed forrow & took load wheat
to Grinnell after. I got gasoline at Oak
Lake forrow & wheat to Grinnell after

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1916 Rained hard last
Sept 26 night and dull & dark
all day very cool & wind north
don't know when we can
thresh now. Cecil took
Wilfred home this morn. Two
plows going all day west
of house. I went to Oak
Lake after noon and met
Jennie home she has been
at Cedar Point. Bob got some
potatoes dug and Errol
got some Chushing done.
" 27 Cool all day and wind
north. Errol & Cecil plowed
west of house. Bob & I
got out potatoes. A good
drying day as sun shone
and it was windy.

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1916 A fine day, Errol went
Sept 28 to Oak Lake forenoon
in Car. I took load & went to
Oak Lake Gussmold. Cecil
plowed. After noon we threshed
oats on Severn.
" 29 A fine day, trying to thresh
but machine did not work
well and forenoon only did
fifty bushels, I had to go
to Oak Lake and get detour
area ground down at A Jacks,
after noon they did better
afternoon. A good sun and
breeze all day.
" 30 Threshed until two o'clock
then had to stop for wind. Got
plow going, and took two loads
wheat to Gussmold. Bob got out
some potatoes. R Armstrong and
family here for tea tonight
at miserable windy day.

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1916 Yesterday Sunday was a
Oct 2 very dull cloudy day
and looked like snow all
day Richard & family left
here for home at six P.M.
and it was a good job as
it began to spit snow about
8.30 and this morn. when
we got up there was two
inches of snow all over the
ground it all went away
before night but it was a
dull ugly day. Wilfred Smith
went home at noon, Cecil
elevated & cleaned wheat also
crushed a load for W.C.,
and some for ourselves
Gerald went to G. Samples yes-
terday got back tonight. Cecil
Grace & Muriel went to W.C.'s to
see Aunt Jennie tonight.

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1916 Blew hard from N.W., all
Oct 3 night and rained before
we got up. Enrol & Cecil went
out to plow at eight o'clock
but it began to rain at eight
nine thirty and they had to
come in. Rained hard and steady
until three in afternoon very
cold and a lot of rain fell
water every place. Maggie and
I went to Oak Lake in top buggy
to see Sister Jennie off, she has
been in the west since month of
August. Stacks and shears
will not thresh now for
some time

Oct 4 A dull cold day and sun
did not shine all day and
very little drying done. Cecil & I
plowed until noon and after
noon Cecil broke in pasture. I
took Enrol to Oak Lake and

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1916 He took train for Chicago
I went to Grismold from
Oak Lake and brot. home some
flour. Our mare badge did
trouble of inflammation

Oct 5 Both spent all forenoon
digging a hole for hedge Cecil
& A plow plowed in pasture
breaking it up. no school so
twins went to Oak Lake
forenoon with plow points.
I worked at potatoes all
day. Boys all went to W. R. R.
and helped him get cow-
out of well

6 A lovely warm day
and a good breeze from
west. Birds in pasture all
day with two teams, turned
all the oat sheaves in pen
I went to Oak Lake afternoon
and took out three empty

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havelo & shipped some
sheep. We all went to hear
Benough tonight.

Oct 7. A very cold day
a strong wind from N cloudy
& dull I dug potatoes forenoon
and took load wheat to Gris-
mold after. Cecil and one of
the twins plowed all day fin-
ished breaking up pasture.
Bob worked at potatoes.
Aunie Falconer came last
night and is visiting here

8 A heavy white frost
and foggy until ten, began
threshing oats in evening. but had
to stop until noon as they were
too wet. I took load wheat to
Grismold got a lot of oats
threshed afternoon. Aunie Falcon-
er went to Justice today.
L. H. Falconer

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1916 A fine day very hot
Oct 10 at times. West wind was
Calm from South all day.
Threshing oats on Seven and
finished them at 4:30 and
we have 3400 bushels.
Machine went to Mrs Kennedy's
Section four and began at
oats there for King
" 11 Machine threshing on
Sec 4 for Mrs Kennedy all
day and got along well. I
went to Oak Lake forenoon
and brought home two
travels of asolice. Afternoon
Walter & I went and got
some top. Steep from Mrs
Boothman that weigh 9460
pounds, we put them on
oat stubble on Seven

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1916 A fine day very pleasant
Oct 12 Machine saw at Mrs
Kennedy's Sec 4 all day
Schorell forenoon they took
a load of wheat to Susanold
sold at \$1.43. After I came
back I carried & I went to
Oak Lake in Car. Myself
at Mrs J. Cairns town after-
noon at Red Cross meeting
" 13 A lovely day. I plowed
all day. Machine worked on
four for Deuben and finished
all this threshing. I went
to Oak Lake afternoon.
" 14 A lovely warm day some-
times very hot. Threshed barley
all day & I stayed in granary
and cleaned it, it is turning out
very poorly nearly half the field
done and only 675 bushels

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1916 A cold dull day Sun
Oct 16 did not shine all day
and wind was westerly. Rained
last night, we began threshing
early in morn. but did very little
forenoon as it was too wet
and in afternoon water pump
would not work and we did
very little all day. I went to
Old Lake in car in evening for
repairs then when I came home
Wilfred & Ceil went out again
for more repairs.

" 17 Snowing hard when we
got up this morn. and kept
at it all day a big storm
from east over a foot of snow
fell it is soft and wet
under foot. Ceil Wilfred
did chores and sat in house
until noon then boys crushed
Bob sick today

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1916 A dull day snow went
Oct 18 away a very little and
tonight as we go to bed it is
very dark and trying to snow
Some more, it is just a
question if this snow goes
away. Ceil took Wilfred
horse forenoon and went on
from there to Oak Lake. Snow
about a foot deep all over
I chored around all day
Bob still sick and did nothing
today

" At Bob Ceil & I got in all the
potatoes today, some of them were
frozen and I guess more than are
in cellar will develop rot later.
A dull day and snow did not
show a particle, dark & dull and
very frosty tonight

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1916 Another dull dark day
Oct 20 and sun did not shine
all day very little thawing done
but towards night snow got
softer and went a little but
a rain wind from west & north
all day. Cecil crushed & put
some windows in stable,
and after noon I went to
Mr Shaw's funeral at
Lake. Bob chored around get-
ting stables ready for winter
" 21 A cold day and dull
Sun did not shine at any
time today, snow went some
and roads fearful muddy. Cecil
took out 71 bushels wheat
to Griswold today that fin-
ishes all our No 3. I started to
Oak Lake with cow afternoon
but cow broke and cow came
home

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1916 Sun show all day
Oct 23 and wind was south
but get it was cold and
Sun did not show much
Cecil took a year old heifer
out to Mr. Rothmick in
afternoon & bob. have a little
coal for Bob. I chored around
& cubed a little
" 24 A dull day Sun did not
shine and it rained for two hours
between ten & twelve. Cecil took
Came out to Oak Lake forenoon and
another one in afternoon, had two
teams on wagon with Lamonds cart
behind. Roads fearful with mud
I went to Director meeting after-
noon and took Mr. R. out. Cecil
gone out tonight with G. Smith
to hear Percy Hayes.

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1916 A fine warm day
Oct 25 and snow has gone
a lot today. Cecil took out
hides to Mr. Bathwick this
morn. and after noon he plowed
I cleaned some barley ^{forenoon},
elevated wheat & crushed
in afternoon Bob & I killed
two pigs & I crushed some more
this evening

" 26 A nice forenoon but
after noon we had some heavy
showers of rain. Cecil was plowing
east of house all day with ~~eight~~
horses draw one gang and both
the other one. Bob & I dug po-
tatoes all day & got in about
thirty bushels, ground very
wet and makes miserable
working

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1916 Froze pretty hard this
Oct 27 morn. but Cecil went out
and plowed until noon. Bob
& I hoed potatoes but had a
job to break frozen ground.
Began to snow at ten o'
clock and kept it up until
three in afternoon and about
two inches of soft snow fell.
Cecil crushed some afternoon
Bob & I picked over potatoes
in cellar. I have went to Oak
Lake early & took train for
Widen came home after noon.

" 28 A soft day and snow
melted some but not all gone
yet. I picked potatoes in cellar
forenoon and after went to Oak
Lake took out Muriel & Mrs. Linn
Cecil got load steam for horses
& hauled out manure. Bob cleaned
out steer pens and got hay & steam

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1916 A nice warm day no frost
Oct 30 This morn. and as warm as
April all day. Cecil put up some
hay, steam then got out a load
of manure and plowed afternoon
I picked potatoes all day in
cellar a lot of them rotten. Bob
helped me some. D. Smith here
tonight. Snow all gone again
" 31 A lovely day frozen hard
This morn. Cecil got started to
plow early but it was pretty
hard for awhile, Bob & I did
chores and at 9.30 got started
at potatoes, it was frozen pretty
hard until now but after noon
it worked fine, got up 17
bags of potatoes a lot of
them frozen and we threw
them away. Nice & warm after
noon but freezing hard tonight

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1916 I went to Dad's to see
how I was in buggy and brot.
home John's bittles and we started
to thresh barley after noon
brought machine down from
field and set south of
granary made 300 bushels
after noon, I have a man from
the Montgomery. A fine day
" 2 Threshed barley in yard
all day and finished it at
eight o'clock 16 troughs, wind
got east near night & that
made it head and it was
very dirty threshing. Looks
dull and like snow tonight
" 3 Put away machine forenoon
and fixed up generally, threshed, after
noon Cecil plowed Bob & I worked
at potatoes a fine day not
cold worked in bare hands
and without coats

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1916 A fine warm day with
hw 4 S. E. Sowed for noon
Bob went to Oak Lake for coal
for himself afternoon we
both got up potatoes Walter
& Ralph picked me for 16 bags
into cellar. Cecil began to plow
at ten o'clock.

" 6 A lovely day yesterday it
was Anniversary at Revere there
was no service at St. David's
and we had a full house it
was a lovely day and no fire
was required. No frost this morn.
and I began to dig potatoes and
we got them all up and in cellar
pretty late for that have about
¹⁵⁰ ~~200~~ bushels in cellar and look
about 30 by foot. Cecil plowed
east of house until four when
a big storm of snow came along
and stopped him I plowed ^{on Sunday} a strip

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1916 A nice day and not cold
hw 7 S. E. Sowed barley & crushed
all day. Cecil hauled out manure
and Bob chored around
and fat in hay & straw
manure went some but still a
lot here and very cold tonight
" 8 Froze hard last night
and kept cold all day did not
thaw much. I picked 20 bags
eight bags of potatoes & Bob took
them out to Leonard & brot. himself
some coal home. Maggie & I went
out at noon she went to a meeting
of Home Economics and I went to
Annual meeting of Agr. Society
President of Agr. College was there
and spoke to us and at night we
had a concert in aid of Patriotic
Society made \$29.00 at it
Cecil hauled out manure all
day with spreader

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1916 A cold day sun shone
but 9 bright and ground softened
a little in middle of day, but
only for an hour or two and
froz again, very cold tonight and
freezing hard. I wrote forenoon
and crushed after a load for
Uncle Will and some for
ourselves. Bob took out ten
bags potatoes to Knight Lake
Lake got some coal for
himself. Cecil hauled
manure all day

" 10 A cold N.W. wind all day
very frosty & as cold as Jan. Myrtle
& I went up to J. J. Smith's today
had dinner there. Roads fearful
rough. Bob down helping Carey
today at house. Cecil hauling
manure

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1916 A good bright Sun all
day but still N.W. wind
and very keen & cold. Cleaned
out steer pens forenoon and
after I went to Oak Lake in
trucks & boat. have a Duro
Jersey Hog got him from
Jim Meadows. Roads awful
rough hard frozen and the
small wheels of trucks found
every hole. Bob hauled at
his own house and Cecil
hauled manure

" 13 A keen cold day but
clear and sun shone bright all
day. Cecil crushed & cleaned
some wheat afternoon. I went
to Oak Lake afternoon attended
Quarterly board meeting & boat
have some coal.

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1916 A clear bright day but
Nov 14 Keen cold. Cecil took
forty bushels of wheat to Gismold
and sold at 1.25 per bushel
he brought home 16 bags of
flour for us & Bob. I cleaned
some wheat forenoon & afternoon
went to Oak Lake for coal.

" 15 A fine day warm as
Sept. I cleaned wheat & separated
barley all day. Cecil hauled
manure forenoon and went to
Gismold with wheat sold
at 1.24 . Bob got hay & straw

" 16 Another lovely day warm
& nice and ground & hauled a
little. I went to Oak Lake forenoon
for Salt Coal but it was all
done so I took hard. Cecil took out
load for P. Phillip. afternoon I
crushed & cleaned barley. Holts
all gone to Wood Parliamark tonight

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1916 A lovely day warm as
Jan 17 Sept. Maggie & I went to
Oak Lake forenoon & shipped
a crate of roosters to W. J. J.
Grandpa came out with
us, after noon I cleaned barley
Cecil took load wheat to
Gismold. Bob at Carey
helping on house all day
J. S. Little here all night and
dehorned some Steers for us
this morn.

" 18 A lovely warm day and
nice to work. I cleaned barley
forenoon and took to Oak Lake
after six lambs and sold at
 $19\frac{1}{4}$ cents they weighed 490 and
brot. 45.30 also had out three pigs
weighed 495. Cecil took out two
loads wheat to Gismold
Bob hauled manure

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1916 Yesterday Sunday was
Nov 20 a fine day dull but
not cold. We all went to Oak
Lake to church in Oak Lake
at 11 forenoon and heard
Mrs McLean preach in Wesley-
terian Church. Near night it
began to snow and was snowing
as we went to bed. Tom's mfg.
there was about two inches
of snow on ground, wind
was east all day not very
cold, Dave & Murray came over
in mng. and helped us load
19 hops and we took them to
Oak Lake I sold 3660 lbs
of pips in all at $9\frac{1}{2}$ cents per
pound. Cecil hauled a load
of barley for W. C. this after-
noon.

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1916 Cold strong wind from
Nov 21 South but sun shone
bright clear and it will likely
turn warmer. Cecil took load
barley to Oak Lake for W. C. fore
noon and after he took load
wheat to Griswold for S.
Gillespie. Bob went to Mrs
Abbott's funeral afternoon
cleaned wheat all day
• 22 A lovely warm day and
snow that fell last Sunday
night went away some. I went
to Oak Lake in mng. & brought
home four barrels apples for
ourselves one for Bob & three
for W. C. Cleaned barley after
noon. Cecil took two loads wheat
to Griswold. Bob began at
sheep shed afternoon

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1916 ²³ Nov ~~22~~ A fine day Cold and
windy but fine for
working got colder towards
night. Cecil made two trips
to Sismond with wheat
and we now have all the
300 bushels out to G.
Killerpie. I cleaned barley
crushed. Bob got straw
hay & worked at sheep shed.
" 24 Cold all day but
pleasant for working. I
crushed all day for ourselves
and a load for the herricks
Bob worked at sheep shed
Cecil hauled manure
" 25 A fine day, I crushed until
noon and then cleaned barley until
night. Cecil hauled manure forenoon
and went to Oak Lake afternoon
Twins & Bob cleaned out steer
stables forenoon & Bob worked at shed
for sheep

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1916 Nov 27 A dull dark day and
sun did not shine a
cold shivering wind all day, I
went to Oak Lake in morn.
and got dresses shod all around
roads very slipplly. Cecil went
out in car at noon. Bob & I
killed pig afternoon.
" 28 Dull all day and
sun did not shine it was
not cold forenoon but got
very windy from west after-
noon and cold. Cecil & I went
up to Sismond in motor forenoon
and came home afternoon, then
he took Maggie out to Oak Lake
and she has gone to
Wapella. Bob worked at
sheep shed and did
chores around

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1916 A dull day and sun
now 29 did not shine all day
Ceil hauled out manure and
got some straw. Bob got
straw for steers and worked
at shed. I caught some
cleaned some barley & cleaned
wheat for J. Carpenter. Feels
like snow all the time but
none falls.

" 30 A fine day sun did not
shine until near evening but it
was not cold and we could
work bare hands all day.
Ceil went to Oak Lake forenoon
& got some lumber & barrel gasoline
got engine going after noon
and cleaned wheat for
J. Carpenter. Bob got out
manure & worked at sheep
shed. Got home load straw
from manure

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1916 A lovely warm day, I
Ded 1 ran cleaner at J. Carpenter
wheat forenoon and then crushed
for him after. Ceil & D. Smith
went to Rierson and Rapid City
this morn. in motor car. Bob
chore & worked at sheep shed
Muriel went home with Louie
tonight. Grace & Ralph went
to some meeting in St. Davids
Church tonight so Walter & I
had the house to ourselves.
" 2 A fine day warm and
pleasant. Got stables all cleaned
and manure out at noon. I went
to Oak Lake afternoon and
waited for night mail from
east. Bob got hay & straw
afternoon. Ceil & Dave got back
from Rapid City. Lucius went to
Ryerson & put some wood in
Church

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1916 A lovely day warm as
Dec 4 September. Reuben beat
up three loads oats forenoon
and hauled 48 bags for
him afternoon. Cecil hauled
manure forenoon & went to
Oak Lake after. Bob finished
sheep shed today.

" 5 Another very fine day
I finished crushing for
Reuben at noon and went
to Oak Lake in car after.
roads frozen hard & rough
but not bad. Cecil hauled
manure forenoon & fixed up
little engine after. Bob
hauled straw in from field.
Had letter from Maggie at
Orapella she will be home
this week I think. Got
Rum from W. R. today

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1916 A cold N. E. wind all
Dec 6 day but not very frosty
I tried crushing forenoon and
only got a little done as
belts kept hithering. Cecil hauled
manure forenoon and went
to W. Gumpf afternoon and
helped him rig his engine to
saw & much he crushed a
little when he came back.
Bob hauled straw. I took
dinner up to prayer meeting
and after supper took him
as far as Baumstern on way
home.

" 7 A fine day but a little
cold. Cecil at Gumpf today helping
to saw wood. I wrote letters most
of day. Gene went to Red Cross meeting
at W. C. Co. Grace, Muriel & I went to
hear Rev. Keadley in Quoniam Hall

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1916 Coldest than usual all day
Dec 8 but not bad. I went
to Indians to measure stacks
of hay but he was not
at home so I came home again
afternoon I crushed 48
bags of chop for Cattle.
Bob got all manure out of
yard, Cecil helped Camp
Saw, Dr. Laguna & Reuben
up here tonight

" 9 A fine day cold but
pleasant & clear. I went to
Oak Lake forenoon then went
on to see Mr. Gamm's hay stack
of Oak Lake bought ten tons
from him for fifty dollars.
Boys got steep pens cleaned
Cecil got load chop done
for Cattle. he went to Oak
Lake after dark

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1916 A very cold day. Cecil went
Dec 11 to Oak Lake in morn. and
got Jack's hay shod sharp he
did not get home until after
noon. Maggie came down from
Wapella this morn. & was coming
home with Cecil I was going
for hay and came back with
her and Cecil went for hay. Bob
hauled out manure chow.

" 12 A very cold day hazy
and foggy that made it worse
I picked over potatoes in cellar
Cecil went for hay afternoon
" 13 The coldest yet 24 below zero
Saw 54 years old today. Cecil
got load of hay forenoon. Grace
& I went to Oak Lake after very
cold. I picked over some po-
tatoes in cellar. Bob did
chores and got out manure

(43)

1916 A very cold day and a
Dec 14 fearful wind from N.W.
dust was blowing at an awful
rate all day. I picked potatoes
in cellar. Bob chored & drew
out manure & made two small
coops for hens. Cecil got load
hay from across river that
makes four loads we have
home now

" 15 A stormy day also windy
and some snow fell but
not enough for sleighing
Cecil crushed instead of
going for hay. Bob chored
I picked potatoes in cellar

" 16 A fine day. Hat steers
cleaned out forenoon. W.R. came
over at noon and we killed a
steer after. Maggie, Muriel & Ralph
went to Oak Lake afternoon
steer will weigh nearly 500

(44)

1916 A very cold day, I think
Dec 18 the coldest we have had
So far this year, Cecil & I cut
up all the beef today then fixed
the table, and I picked some po-
tatoes. Bob hauled out all the manure
and we have stopped spreading
it and are now putting it in
a pile for rotting. Heard it was
37 below zero tonight, today was
clear and sun bright but a bitter
frost

" 19 A fearful cold day 38
below zero this morn. A beautiful
bright day clear sunshine and
hardly a breath of wind but
very cold. Mr Carpenter Mr. Tommes
& I went to school & had a
meeting with teacher at noon
I picked potatoes afternoon. Cecil
got home load of hay

(45)

1916 Heard it was 42 below
Dec 20 for this morn. and it
has been very cold all
day. Cecil took me to Oak
Lake this morn. and went to
Brandon and attended a
Liberal Organization meeting
there this evening

" 21 Came home from Bran-
don this morn. on train, and
Cecil was out at Oak Lake
not quite so cold today
but still not very warm.
Sun bright & clear every day

" 22 Not quite so cold as it
has been but still not very warm
Cecil got home load hay fore-
noon, then went to Oak Lake tonight
goes to Gaysan tomorrow, I went
to Oak Lake forenoon got barrel
Jacoline. Killed seven roosters
today. School closed for holiday

(46)

1916 Cleaned out steers today
Dec 23 and got all manure out
to field in pile. I finished
picking over potatoes this after-
noon. Ralph went to Oak Lake
after noon. Cold all day but
pleasant.

" 25 Christmas Day a nice
morn. but before night it got
cold and stormy and as we go to bed
there is a regular blizzard from
N. to N.E. and family were all here
for dinner they went home before
dark.

" 26 A howling blizzard all
day a lot of snow fell and
it blew a hurricane all day.
We all sat in house all day and
did not even clean out
stable, you might say this
is the first snow of the
season

(47)

1916 A fine day and not
Dec 27 Cold a good day
for working. Boys & I got all
stables cleaned then I wrote
letters balance of day. Tom's
and Bob got load of straw
from seven for horses.

Grace & Ralph went up to
Reynolds perhaps tonight to
a box social

" 28 A cold day and we did
not do much all the chores
Grace & Ralph went to box
social at Reynolds school
tonight

" 29 I went to Oak Lake
afternoon in sleigh took out
empty gasoline tank & got
home half a ton of hard coal.
Twenty five below zero this morn.
Very cold all day. Only got
chores done

(48)

1916 Wind strong from South
Dec 30 west all day a very
cold disagreeable forenoon
but weather got warmer toward
evening. Did not clean out
steer stables today it was too
cold forenoon, I wrote in house
all day

1917

Jan 1 A very fine day some
wind from West but hardly
any frost. Cleaned out all
stables forenoon including
steer stables and went to
Greenwood after noon in cutter
Grace & Tom's went to skating
rink in Oak Lake tonight
and Grace stayed at
Uncle John's all night will
come home tomorrow. Violent
little here since last night

(49)

1917 A fine day not at all
Daw & Cold no frost in the
air Ralph went to Oak Lake
afternoon and had Grace
home she has been there
all night, she and Walter
went over to Dick's tonight
Some folks there from Oak
Lake. I got engine going
at eleven o'clock and got
eighty bags crushed for
Cattle Manure. East wind
tonight and looks like
snow.

" 3 Very stormy and snowing
until about four o'clock
when it cleared up and
was a nice evening. Not much
snow fell. We only did the
chore today. School started again
Junior & Grace at Summers
tonight

(50)

1917 A fine day but fairly
Daw & Cold it snowed and
snowed for about an hour
in am. And then got fine
for balance of day. I went
to Oak Lake forenoon and
brought Cecil home he has
been at Grayson. Mrs Guin
Came out with me and
stayed in Oak Lake.

" 5 Snowed and blew some
forenoon but after noon it got
to be a regular blizzard, snowed
quite a lot & blew hard all after-
noon and still as it as we go
to bed. John Little came at noon
with a load of chop. I did it
for him and some for ourselves
Cecil went for coal for Bob
to Oak Lake afternoon

(51)

1917 Snowed some today
Jan 6 and blew & stormed hard
for an hour about noon
but it stopped and we had
a fine afternoon. Cleaned out
steers & hogs today and put it
all spread. Cecil went to
Lisimold afternoon as we
heard there was some salt
coal there.

" 8 A very fine day a strong
wind from west all day it
was a chinook and snow
melted some sun shone hot
all day. Cecil & I started repairs
fence on without hot water
and finished all afternoon
Cecil went to Oak Lake for
coal afternoon. H. Taylor here
for dinner and took our
hog home with him

(52)

1917 Snowed and blew
Jan 9 all day sometimes very hard
before dark it was a regular
blizzard but before we went to
bed it had calmed down
wind was east all day and
it was a disagreeable day. Maggie
Grace & I went to Oak Lake after-
noon, Grace got home fore
noon but Maggie is staying
out for a few days.

" 10 A cold but pleasant
day some wind from N.W.
Clear & frosty. Got elevator
going today and put all barley
into one bin then filled both
cleaning bins with what got
same done.

" 11 Fearful stormy all day about
as bad as I ever saw it. Cecil took
me out to take train for Brandon

(53)

1917 but I missed it we had dinner at J. S. Little's and came home after some times could not see from one telephone post to another we brought home all the school here at 2.30 and then they went home near dark this is a very bad storm and snow is getting pretty deep
Jan 12 A cold stormy day kept drifting all day and we did not pretend to go out and do anything but we got cleaner going and cleaned wheat, no school today.
" 13 A very cold day. Got steer pens cleaned out for noon I wrote in home and afternoon I went to Oak Lake with C. & J. Milne & got Maggie home from J. S. Little's, had directors meeting then

(54)

1917 A fine day but cold
Jan 15 clear and very little wind a slight wind from S.W. all day I wrote letters in home, Cecil went to Oak Lake in sleigh and got a barrel of gasoline.
" 16 Blew hard from S.W. all day drifted and was a miserable day. I ran crusher all day a good warm job. Cecil got over two loads chop for cattle.
" 17 A fine day not cold I run a load for W. R. Smith also elevated bats for ourselves and crushed some for our horses. Cecil went to Oak Lake afternoon & got a load of coal for Bob. Isa Smith came back tonight and is staying all night

(55)

1917 A fine day not cold
Jan 18 but towards night the
wind got east and I suppose
we will have another storm
ran eight horse power engine
cleaned & elevated Oats, un-
til three o'clock, then got
little engine over and began to
clean oats with fanning mill
made a fine job of them
with the 2x9 screen

" 19 East wind all day
and it snowed some also
but not much. We cleaned
oats all day & got 76 bags
on sleigh for W. C.

" 20 A Cold day, cleaned
out steer pens forenoon and
after Maggie & Luise to Oak
Lake. I attended G. S. meeting
& Maggie was at Home Eco-
nomic meeting,

(56)

1916 A cold day wind South west
Jan 22 all day but it did not get
warm drifted some all day. Cleaned
seed oats all day for W. C. Smith
& Smith, Maggie & Luise Kennedy
here for awhile tonight

" 23 A very Cold day wind west
not too cold for Jan. in Beau-
itaba but pretty cold for working.
Grace & I went to Oak Lake afternoon
and she stayed to attend sewing
classes. W. C. took home 150
bushels of seed oats today. I
had word from Toronto that
Sister Eliza was buried last
Saturday.

" 24 A very Cold very hard it
was 32 below zero and has been
frosty all day although clear & plea-
sant. Ceil cleaned oats all day.
I have a bad Cold and fixed
bags in house

(57)

1917 Very cold all day clear
Jan 25 and sun show bright but
it was very cold. I have a
cold and did not do much but
patch some bags in house.

Cecil was cleaning oats in granary
all day he went to a party at
Joe Carpenters tonight. Will
eat tonight and 25 below zero

" 26 I sat in home nearly all
day as very cold is not much better
Cecil cleaned oats today and at
night mother & he went to banquet
in Oak Lake and got home

" 27 Got all stables cleaned
out today and afternoon Cecil
& Ralph went to Oak Lake for
barrel of fasobine. I cleaned
some oats afternoon, but do
not feel well

(58)

1917 A cold day, Cecil & G.
Jan 29 hauled wood to Oak Lake
forenoon and brought home
two loads of salt coal and after-
noon Cecil took our cutter up
to Straw in Kay to get it fixed
Maggie & twins started for Church
yesterday & had to turn back
snow was so deep and broke
cutter turning around. I sat
in house all day La Grippe I
think.

" 30 heard it was 38 below
zero this morn. a very cold day
Cecil went to Oak Lake afternoon
& got coal for Bab. J. S. Little
came home with him and is
staying here all night. I ran
dily engine awhile afternoon
and got some oats cleaned
& elevated

(59)

1917 A very cold day clear
Jan 31 & sun shone but a very
keen wind from north. Cecil
took J. S. Little to Mr. Lohie's this
morn. and beat home a rooster
from Mr. Campfs. Afternoon
I went to Oak Lake and sent a
hundred dollars to Erab, brought
home Alma Smith's then after
eight Grace & Cecil took her
home and stayed awhile at
Uncle Mills

Feb 1, One of the coldest days
of the season 43 below
this morn. and 38 as we go
to bed had a hazy day and
a keen wind from north
Mr. Barthwick here for
dinner. Grace & Cecil went
to Campfs tonight a party
there.

(60)

1917 A very cold day and
Feb 2 afternoons it snowed from
east and was at it as we
went to bed. Teacher did not
come out today and children
all went home at noon
Got dig engine going afternoon
and cleaned & elevated some oats.
Cecil went up to S. M. Keys and
brought home our cattle. Turin
went to Dulles to party tonight

" 3 A cold day but clear
and not very windy until
afternoon it began to fall some
fine snow and wind blew
from N.W. and got thicker and
wind higher towards night.
Blowing hard as we go to
bed and drifting. Got all stables
cleaned forenoon, and after Cecil
went to Oak Lake & beat Grace
home she has been at Widem

(61)

1917 I think the worst
Feb 5 storm I ever saw
was yesterday, no snow
fell but it blew a hurricane
sometimes we could hardly
see ^{Guin's} house storm
began ^{Saturday} yesterday evening and
stopped about five last night
Sun was shining all day
but wind a terror.

Today is fine not cold a
slight wind from S.W. and
pleasant to work. Cecil went
to valley with sleigh and
opened road up and sev-
eral teams went out today
teacher did not come in
today and we had no
school. Cleared at oats
today and got quite a
bit done

(62)

1917 A nice warm day and
Feb 6 I worked at cleaning
oats some time in bare hands
and shirt sleeves. Cecil went to
Oak Lake this morn. to get sleigh
fixed and it took him all day.
I cleaned oats.

" 7 Another fine day and
not cold but sometimes we
had it dull and a little snow
fell. Grace & I went to Oak
Lake after noon. Cecil finished
cleaning oats today. Cecil
& G. will be went to a toboggan
party at Harrison's tonight.

" 8 A fine day sun shone
clear all day, but wind was
strong and it drifted some. Cecil
went to Oak Lake forenoon
got crusher going at noon
and I got sixty bags crushed
Golds went to Uncle ^{Bill's} tonight

(63)

1917 A bright Sun all day
Feb 9 but a cool wind
I scrubbed for ourselves and
W. R. all day. Cecil went to
Mr. Garpp to fix his engine.
" 10 A fine day cold wind
but Sun bright clear and warm
in shade. Bob went away some
place today for all day. Boys and
I got all stables cleaned and
everything done at noon. After-
noon Cecil & Walter went to Oak
Lake and I crushed some barley
then elevated one bin of wheat
and began to clean it

(64)

1917 Maggie & Lucene to Wpf. last
Feb 17 Monday, left Oak Lake on the
10.55 train and stayed in Brandon
until 10.30 and then went on to Wpf.
I got a tooth filled in Brandon, got
to Wpf. at 8.30 and went to Fort
Garry, where I had secured a
room a week ahead. Agr. Society
Convention started in Industrial
Bureau building at 9.30 on Tuesday
evening. Kept going all day, and on
Wednesday we went to Agr. College
for the day, and Convention continued
again on Thursday in Bureau
again had a busy three days.
The worst storm of the season
came on Friday, we left Wpf. for
Brandon at six o'clock should
have been at Brandon at 10.30
but did not get there until 3.30
Saturday morn. got stuck on
road in snow and had

(65)

1917 to get another engine
on train, got up to Oak Lake
at 11:30 today and Cecil came
out for us, papers say this
is the worst storm of the
season and snow is piled up
everywhere, also weather is very
cold.

Feb 19 A cold day N.W. wind
and pretty frosty all day. I
wrote in house, Cecil went
to Oak Lake afternoon in
Cutter and shoveled out
hill, it was full of snow

Cecil went to J. Milnes to
a party tonight

" 20 A cold stormy day Sun
shone bright all day but it
was windy & stormy. Cecil went
for hay today and got home
a small load

(66)

1917 Very windy all day,
Feb 21 and stormy, Cecil
went to Oak Lake afternoon
and brot home eye grass, Lucerne
& Coult. Mr. Haysle hurried
today I did not go out as
it was so cold & stormy

" 22 A fine day not very
cold, Cecil went for load
of hay forenoon afternoon
Bob went to Oak Lake and
got a load of coal for us
separated twenty bags of oats for
horses

" 23 Cecil got load hay
forenoon and afternoon
we killed two pigs that
is all we have to kill
now. One will weigh about
225 and we are keeping that
for ourselves. The other one is
smaller & I will sell it

(67)

1917 A fine day cold but
Feb 24 not unpleasant. Cleaned
out stables forenoon & Cecil
went for load hay after
noon, I cut up pig forenoon
and went to Oak Lake after
to a Directors meeting of Agr.
Society. Prob. have repairs
for Case separator

" 26 A fine day pretty cold
wind all day from northwest
but sun was bright & clear
all day. Cecil brought home
two loads of hay today, I
helped at chores & did some
writing. Grace & Cecil went out
to Oak Lake to check traps
& posted our letters also got
mail. I wrote to Errol
& Duellie.

(68)

1917 A nice day and not cold
Feb 27 but twice during day we
had a fall of snow but it
only lasted a few minutes.
Cecil got home all the day
today from W.V. Youngs across
river. I got little engine up
into granary after noon and
got started cleaning wheat
Girls here in afternoon practicing
for concert in Rippon School.
Sun warm all day and snow
thawed where wind did not
strike

" 28 Clear nice day but wind
was blowing and snow drifted
some. Grace & I went to Oak Lake
after noon & I brought home a small
engine from International Co.
Got some wheat cleaned fore-
noon & Cecil got some straw
into loft

(69)

1917 A fine day and we
Mar 1 could work bare hands
Cleaned up some wheat in
granary and got W. C.'s cleaner
down but could not work
it as engine runs too fast.
" I went to Oak Lake
forenoon & got shoeing or cutter
replaced as one ~~side~~ runner
was worn out, got home at
noon & elevated & cleaned
wheat after noon P. J. Hurick
here for awhile this after-
noon. Cecil, Grace & Ralph
went out to slating rink
tonight. A thick storm of
snow for awhile this
morn. but it cleared up at
ten o'clock and was not
frosty all day.

(70)

1917 A fine day got all stables
Mar 3 cleaned forenoon cleaned
wheat and afternoon got some
oats & barley elevated and crushed
until night. Cold all day but
pleasant to work
" 5 yesterday was Sunday and
a very cold stormy day wind
strong from south all day
and we could not go to church
today was warm all day we
worked without mitts & snow
settled down some and plowed
land got a little bare. Mr.
Kennedy brought his engine
up and hitched it to one eight
horse and got it going good.
got three sows in to stable
today and some Chop over to
stable, also got some wheat
cleaned, & some on slajh
to send to Grinnold tomorrow.

(71)

1917 Harvested 28 years today
Nov 6 and we had W. R. & wife
& W. C. & wife here this evening.
A lovely warm day and snow
thawed quite a bit. I cleaned
wheat forenoon & took Grace out
to Oak Lake afternoon and left
here there & brought Aunt Mary
in for a few days. Cecil took
a small load wheat to Gidswold
& sold at 1.66 per bushel. After
noon he cleaned wheat
" 7 A fine day and snow
melted a little. I took Cecil
out to Oak Lake in morn. and
he went to Brandon to visit
Hain. I cleaned wheat afternoon
Rayene Barre & Mr. Deleau here
to my home afternoon but
they left without buying

(72)

1917 A nice day again not very
warm & cold but not thawing any.
E. Barre & Deleau came this morn.
and bought three horses, Jess
Lillian & George at 5.40 ap, I
got young Goddard from Reuben
& Ralph from School and
took out the two latter & Barre
took out Jess, when we got
home Ralph started back
to meet Cecil who is getting back
from Brandon Hain this evening.
Maggie & Mrs Little have gone up
to see her young to a Red
Cross meeting this afternoon
" 9 Cecil went to Oak Lake this
morn. and took Mary Little out and
but, home harness that was at
blacksmiths & also harness that was
getting fixed. I cleaned wheat after-
noon. Grace came back from O. L.
tonight with boys who had been ^{skating}

(73)

1917 Fairly cold forenoon
Nov 10 but got warmer at noon
and Sun shone hot after
and it was a pleasant after
noon. I cleaned wheat fore-
noon and after went to Oak
Lake to attend a directors meeting
of Agr. Society where we revised
the list. Cecil went to hire
Cameron's farm south of Oak
Lake for load of barley. Got
wheat all cleaned & elevated
for Mrs Speers of Gussimold
" 12 A nice warm day
and snow has gone away
some and roads are getting
very bad. Cecil went to Oak
Lake early & got home 3:30
and got home load of barley
from Cameron.

(74)

1917 A nice warm day but
Nov 13 snow did not melt much
Cecil & Walter took out the nine fat
steers to Oak Lake got there at
ten o'clock the steers weighed well
averaged 1144 pounds each and
then Cecil went on to Cameron's
farm for load of barley he got
home at four o'clock. I did
some crushing forenoon and clean-
ed barley after noon. Jake
Speers and another man here
for seed wheat forenoon.
" 14 I made two trips to Oak
Lake Gussimold today with
barley got out 97 bushels in
all & sold at 91¢ Sun hot at
times and snow went & roads
very bad after noon, broke runner
in sleigh. Cecil got home all barley
from Cameron for seed. Trustee
meeting here tonight

(75)

1917 Frozen hard this morn.
Mar 15 and kept cold all day
and thaws very little. Cecil
took out load barley to Gris
wold forenoon and after he
went to Oak Lake, got two horses
shod & had home barrel of
Coal-oil. Went with Reuben
to Duplin: saw a good crowd
there.

" 16 A fine day regular March
day windy but not very
floury. Cecil & I took out
two loads barley to Griswold
forenoon, and after filled
up two loads in bags also
got some more barley chand
Cecil went to W. C. & got
his sleighs. Cecil went to
Oak Lake tonight and the other
young folks went to a concert
at Repear

(76)

1917 Cold north wind all
Mar 17 day and did not thaw
any. Cecil & I took loads of
barley to Griswold forenoon
and in after Cecil & Ralph
took out loads. Maggie & I
went to Oak Lake afternoon
Minnie Smith & Louise Kennedy
here for tea.

" 19 A nice warm day and snow
went a lot. Cecil & I took out
two loads barley to Griswold
sold at 89¢ afternoon got two
more loads ready & cleaned some
seed barley that came from Cameron

" 20 A very warm day and snow
went a lot, Cecil & I got all barley
675 bushels in all to Griswold fore-
noon & also got out 30 bushels of
wheat. Afternoon we went up to
C Chadbourne's to see his horses.
Sleighing nearly done

(77)

1917 Clear & cold forenoon
Mar 21 but sun came out hot
afternoon. Cecil & Grace went
to Oak Lake forenoon and Grace
went to Uden on three o'clock
train. Cecil had dinner in Oak
Lake and went out with another
sleigh afternoon & brought home
two loads of wood a car came
today for us. E. Loulinsen here
today and took home a hundred
lunah of oats for seed. Roads
done and we will not try to
get home any more wood
" 22 A nice warm day. I
crushed two loads for W. R.
Smith. Cecil & G. Inlie went to
Oak Lake and unloaded car of
wood and delivered two cords
to Harper but could not
bring any home roads are so bad.
Grace came from Uden today

(78)

1917 A very warm day, and water
Mar 23 was running all over, crushed
for W. R. Smith & ourselves all
day. Cecil got started at clip-
ping horses, he & G. Inlie went
to Oak Lake tonight. Roads nearly
impassible
" 24 I cleaned wheat all day after-
noon Cecil went to Oak Lake in Cut-
ter but roads are awful bad.
Snow not going very fast and
although sun is warm the wind
keep cold
" No cold north wind all day
and snow only melted where wind
did not go. I cleaned wheat. Cecil
got all stoves sash off and was
fixing harness. Bab cleaned out
kitchen a lot of snow & wet straw there.
Seen first Crows yesterday. H. Gray
coming from Oak Lake with oats
upset opposite our house

(79)

1917 A cold wind all day but
March 27 Snow went some. I cleaned
wheat & barley all day and have
all our seed ready now. Ceil
choiced around. Dave Smith came
after saw this msg. Roads too
bad to go out for mail but Dr
Murray Smith went tonight & that
our mail, we will get it tomorrow
msg.

" 28 A fearful windy day
dust blowing from all the
blowed land the equinoxes
I guess. Men not do much
today only lie around. J Car-
penter has new farming mill
& little engine today.

" 29 A fine day until three o'clock
when it got dull & cold. Ceil, Carben
& Spilke & I all went up to C. Chad-
bourne sale, a lot there and
this sold well

(80)

1917 Cold all day & dull, and
Mar 30 we had a good shower of
rain about two o'clock but to-
wards night it got windy & cold
wind from west. Ceil & I went
to Oak Lake in morn. & got two
loads oats from H. Jacobs' car
& put it in A Cameron's stable
we will get it home when wads
get good, we brought home
two bags soap, some grass
seed and enough groceries
to do us most of summer

" 31 Very cold wind from N.W. all
day and freezing hard nights, at
times Sun show warm but it
was generally dull and wind kept
very cold. I went to Oak Lake in
a.m. grass forenoon. Got sleighs all
put away in basement after, got
trucks ready for hauling manure
Ceil went with S. Kilde for bull

(81)

1917 A touch of lumber all
April 2 day and stayed in house
Ceil & Bob hauled some hay
into loft from stacks, A nice
day but did not thaw much
Snow is a long time going away
" 3 Very Cold all day, sun
shone warm a few times but
air was full of frost and
ice on sloughs did not thaw
any. Ceil & I took out steer
to King today he weighed 570
pounds dead, we brought home
part of our new ^{Mc}Carroll's drill
forenoon we put three loads
Alfalfa hay into loft.

" 4 Began snowing early this morn.
and about two inches fell, kept it up
until afternoon. Scrambled a load
of horse soap. Ceil took mother
& Grace to Oak Lake and they went to
Wesley & came home last night

(82)

1917 Cold all day thawed some
Apr 5 but not much. Scrambled
Some today. Bob & Ceil went to
Oak Lake after noon took out
young Holstein bull and
shipped it to Gordon Robson
Traynor Park. They brought
back balance of drill

" 6 School closed yesterday for
a week at Easter. Jim's clip-
ped some horses today. Ceil
went to A Johnston's and bought
a mare for \$100 ^{we} bought her
home with him. Scrambled
all day. ^{Hay} hard this
morn. and a Kating good
" 7 Not so cold today and
thawed a lot. Got in seven
loads of hay ^{alfalfa} into loft. Ceil
got home saw from W. R.'s track
to Oak Lake after noon. Ralph
Grace, Ceil & Murrel out to ^{trough} caulk

(83)

1917 A warm day and
Apr 9 ground dried a lot
and there is hardly any snow
left only in some drifts. I went
to Oak Lake forenoon in buggy
and brought the kennel home
afternoon we sawed up
killed the wood we had here
and got all kenneled out.

" 10 A Cool day saw shone
very little and it did not
dry up much. I went to
Oak Lake forenoon in buggy
afternoon we got in all
the alfalfa into loft got
a load of wood up to pile.
Have all horses clipped the
legs & belly but not bodies
Ground drying very slowly
Robins have been around
for a week now

(84)

1917 A nice warm day. Got
Apr 11 all wood that was sawed
up to house and Bob got some
split. I picked potatoes forenoon
in cellar and afternoon helped
Ceil set up drill.

" 12 A very cold east wind
all day. Ceil & twins clipped
horses for awhile in bay. They
worked at setting up drill.
Afternoon Ceil climbed two
loads for Mrs Kennedy Ralph
did house work, Walter took
mother up to Red Cross meeting
at Straw hill Camp. Bob got
some wood split. I picked
potatoes in cellar all day
and got them all done. Have
left two bushels for eating 12 bushels
for seed & 50 bushels that P.
Phillips is to get. Got all balance
into bags for D. Aitken

(85)

1917 A cold wind from east all
Apr 13 day but sun shone warm
& clear. Cecil took out all our po-
tatoes to Oak Lake had to make two
trips of it on a pc of bad roads
we sold to J. Aitken at 93¢ per
bushel. Linnis clipped some horses
I gathered up potatoes tops and
burnt straw in for eighty

" 14 A cold east wind all day
but sun shone bright & clear.
Cecil & I clipped horses forenoon
and Linnis studied. Afternoon
Cecil finished up drill. Walter
Munich & I went to Oak Lake got
home near dark, took out
Violet Little, Leslie Gunn came
out with us and did not
come back again. Road not
bad now only the hills they
are fearful

(86)

1917 A very cold east wind
Apr 16 all day and it has
blown that way for two weeks
started to snow at six o'clock
and still at it as we go to
bed, this will likely clear up
the weather. Cecil & I finished
clipping horses at noon and
afternoon hitched up Buster
the colt for first time, and
then Cecil did some cultivating
with four horses in sun, that
is the first we have done
I went to Oak Lake afternoon
& brought Carroll home, he is
just back from Chicago

" 17 Snowing & storming when we got
up this morn. and about two inches had
fallen but it was nearly all gone before
night but snowing again as we go to bed
and wind east. Ray & Grace went to W. Co.
tonight for a mile

(87)

1914 A cool day but all snow
~~April 18~~ that fell lately is gone now
it was frozen forenoon, but
after noon it got warm. Errol
& Cecil plowed east of house
just skinned it for fallow.
I went to Oak Lake afternoon
in express got two bags shorts

" 18 A dull, dark day snowed
& rained a little all day but
snow melted as it fell. I saw
& Errol went to Oak Lake after-
noon

" 19 Errol & Cecil skinning
summer fallow with plow
all day I went to Oak Lake
afternoon in express and
got two bags shorts for young
pigs. Roads very bad yet
and I went up log Pan-
nister

(88)

1914 Errol & Cecil took out
April 20 92 bushels wheat to Gies-
wold forenoon sold at $\$2.16$
per bushels. After noon they
plowed for barley on Seven and
I began to harrow between house
& school. Warm & nice today
the best we have had all
ground drying up some, no
seedling have yet

" 21 Very cold all day and
wind N. W. until near night
when it got east. Cecil & Errol
plowed for barley forenoon then
Cecil plowed alone afternoon
and Errol took out load of
wheat to Gieswold sold at
 $\$2.15$ I harrowed west of house
and Ralph harrowed there after-
and finished it. Maggie & I
went to Oak Lake afternoon

(89)

1917 A cold east wind all April 23 day and Sun did not shine any. Bob & I drew straw off last years oat land on Seven and put it in bluff. Errol & Cecil ~~hauled~~ plowed these all day, no seeding done yet.

" 24 Rained all last night and snowed all day today about four inches of snow on ground tonight, a very miserable day and this will put seeding back for a week now. Mr Kennedy brot our mail home at noon and we got a letter from Melville, then in afternoon, Errol & Cecil went to Car Lake and we got another letter from him, he is at Shoima Leffe. It is a great pity we have not all our wheat in what a fine lot of moisture it would get.

(90)

1917 A nice warm day and April 25 nearly all the snow went away. Boys crushed some, worked at fixing machine & spreader & chow around. I did some painting in house, & Bob got out three loads of manure. W. C. & Lizzie here for tea.

" 26 A bright sunny day but wind cold from north all day. We all hauled straw off Seven all day and got one straw pile off and a lot of other one. Had a fine, black Holstein bull calf tonight.

" 27 Very cold until noon with wind N. E. but afternoon it got warmer. Bob & I finished hauling off straw on Seven and afternoon we cleaned out sheep shed & put four line on some barley. Cecil & Errol plowed on Seven all day.

(91)

1917 Cold east wind all day, sun
Apr 28 Shone most of the time but
it kept very cold. Errol & Cecil
plowed all day on seven, I harrowed
forenoon and ~~went~~ to Cat Lake after
twine harrowed the spring plowing
on seven afternoon, that is the first
harrowing we have done so for this
spring. Bob Seath came today and
took away our press drill I sold it
to him for \$60.00

30 Frosty this morn. when we
got up and kept cold all
day, sun was a very little
and wind north. Errol
plowed until noon and at ten
noon seeded barley the first
we have done this season. Cecil
ran cultivator on fallow on
seven. I harrowed spring plowing
until noon and then harrowed
on fallow

(92)

1917 The best day we have
May 1 had for some time, sun
shone a little over half the time
balance of time was dull, and
we had some snow & hail as
we have had nearly every day
all spring. Bob & I went to seven
in morn. & put some ditches to
drain three sloughs. After noon
Bob clipped hedge north of
house and I harrowed on
seven. Errol seeded barley
all day on seven and Cecil
ran cultivator on fallow
A fine day and at last
wind has got out of north and has
got south west, sun shone nearly all
day and it was the best drying day
yet. Cecil finished cultivating on seven
at eleven & I finished harrowing so
we both started skinning felled east
of home. Errol got 33 acres of barley in

(93)

1917 on seven and then began to seed wheat ~~the~~ fallow west side of seven that is the first wheat we have sowed so far this year.

May 3 Cecil and I skinned fallow all day and nearly finished so I brought home my plow. Errol sowed wheat on fallow on seven all day and comb all day but pleasant.

" 4 I went to seven this morn. and harrowed the barley we have sowed across. Cecil finished skinning fallow and began to disc last years breaking. Errol seeded wheat on seven. Cold all day & I wore heavy pea jacket and mitts. Maggie went to Oak Lake to see Aunt Relje out with her

(94)

1917 I finished harrowing, May 5 barley ground at nine o'clock then came home & harrowed alfalfa east of house then went to harrow the fallow we have just skinned. I crushed some after noon. Cecil finished discing last years breaking. Errol seeded wheat on seven and has 40 acres in. Cecil gone to Oak Lake tonight with trailer.

" 7 I went to Oak Lake forenoon in wagon and got a barrel of kerosene and one of coal oil, also got tent from Eaton & some lumber. I harrowed the back setting & fallow east of home after. Errol seeded on seven all day. Cecil ran disc on back setting & also packed. Very hot all day the first real hot day we have had.

(95)

1917 A hot day and a nice
breeze that will help
dry up the sloughs. I harrowed
on fallow east of house all
day. Cecil finished packing
hacks & they and then began to
plow west of house for wheat.
Errol finished seeding wheat on
Seren at noon & began on backset-
ting. There is 40 acres in field
on Seren and we only got 38
acres of wheat in on account of
sloughs. Bob dug in garden all
day. Linn's elephant took last
night for first time.

" 9 A lovely hot day and
grass getting green but we have
no grain up yet. I harrowed
on east side till 11:30. Then
Bob harrowed after
noon and Linn's. Errol
seeded on backsetting.

(96)

1917 Same as 9. Cecil
finished discing the
backsetting and plowed west
of house. Linn's & Errol
went to Cox Lane after noon.
May 10 Errol seeding wheat south
of house in 40 acre field all
day and finished it. Cecil
plowing for wheat west
of house all day. I harrowed
south of house and in field east
of house that we intend to fallow.
Errol finished it and after noon
went to Seren and began to harrow
fallow that is sown with wheat
across. Bob spread stack bottom
near his Carpenter's all day.

" 11 A lovely warm day. Errol
sowed some wheat west of house
and packed the spring plowing.
Cecil plowed there all day.
I harrowed in Seren in fallow.

(97)

1917 ^{Sept 13} Bob spread stack bottom
all day near Carpenter
way is a lovely warm day again
and first snow grain coming up
nicely. I harrowed on seven in
forenoon until 4:30 when I finished
the field and then sowed wheat
by hand in some sloughs there
I sowed ten sloughs and there
is still water in eighteen more.
Earl finished sowing wheat
west of house and that finishes
all our wheat now 106 acres
in all, the smallest wheat
crop I have had for a long
time. Cecil plowing west of
house for oats. Grace & Merrill
went to Oak Lake afternoon
" 14 A lovely hot day I harrowed
the backbetting south of house that is
sowed with wheat all day, also
sowed a few sloughs by hand

(98)

1917 in that field, there is still
nearly four acres under water that
we will sow in oats later or if it
dries up in time. Cecil plowed for
oats west of house all day only for
a short while that he was plowing
potatoe land. Errol plowed for
oats west of house until noon
then he packed there and began to
sow oats, that is the first oats we
sowed this season. Bob got six
head of cattle over to seven this morn.
and left them there on pasture,
the first time on pasture this year.
he raked up potatoe tops fore-
noon and burnt them. Then he
took the four cows, over to 40
acres near Buckle Mills & they stayed
on grass there until night. Bob
began to put in fence posts west
of that field as old posts are
all rotted.

(99)

1917 Very hot all day, I finished
May 15 ished narrowly wheat
south of house and afternoon
I went to Oak Lake in wagon
to attend May 15th Board meeting
& I had to have two sheep and
four lambs to pasture for
Mr. Joe & Chick. Ceil & Corral
worked all day in field west
of house seeding, plowing &
" 16 Very hot forenoon but
not very windy, afternoon a
regular breeze for awhile
the first big wind we have had
a few drops of rain fell. I ran
cultivator & harrowed some along
on Green forenoon and after
helped Ceil plow west of
house. Corral plowed packed
& seeded oats west of house
all day.

(100)

1917 Another hot day and wind
May 17 pretty high afternoon.
Finished plowing west of house
and then went to South East eight
on fire and made a few rounds
there. Afternoon Ceil went to Oak
Lake to get some work done and beat
home some wood. I helped
Bob stretch wire along by W. D. S.
west of our pasture Corral finished
seeded oats west of house
and got some of that field
harrowed across.
" 18 A fine day but cool in
evening, a good frost this evening.
Ceil went to Oak Lake and beat
home a load of oats out of his
Burns Car. W. D. Young beat us
169 bushel and took that out
out of car. Corral crushed. I help
ped Bob fence forenoon and
harrowed west of house after

(101)

1917 I finished harrowing west
May 19 of house & iron and
afternoon Walter plowed with
his horses on S. E. eighty & I put
floor in tent and cut potatoes
for planting. Bob & Frank put
in potatoes today we are putting
them in lay hoe this year.
Cecil plowed on S. E. 80 forenoon
spread manure after. Errol
plowed there all day. Maggie
went to Oak Lake with Frank
in buggy after noon
" 21 Cold N. E. wind all day
although sun was warm
& bright all the time. I plowed
on S. E. 80 all day for oats Errol
packed there until noon and then
milled oats after. Cecil spread straw
hatton all day. Bob put straw
& manure into road over slough
forenoon & then planted potatoes

(102)

1917 Cecil and I plowed all
May 22 day in S. E. 80 for oats, Errol
hauled manure forenoon and
afternoon he packed and seeded
oats. Bob in forenoon helped
Charlie Phillip get up 50 bushels
of potatoes from cellar he is
buying them from me at 45¢
per bushel after wards Bob
planted potatoes. Very hot at
times today and some times very
cool.
" 23 A fine day but very hot
at times. Cecil & I plowed all day
on S. E. 80 and Errol packed & milled
in oats. Bob planted potatoes
Grace went to Oak Lake with
Billy in buggy.
" 24 Very hot at times but a plea-
sant day. Two teams plowing in S. E. 80
all day. Errol seeded & packed. Cecil went
to Brandon with S. Kulas afternoon

(103)

1917 A cool day wind N.E.
May 25 Errol seeded oats & packed
all day also harnessed some as he
broke the toy in drill. Cecil went to
Cad Lake in kemp. & took out four
plow points to be shaped, he
also have barrels of polariane
for motor & also the motor tires
and load of wood, had to go
around by E. Williams bridge
as Harrison's bridge is getting
fixed. We did not get plowing
until near eight. Bob planted
potatoes forenoon and went
with Reuben & Gus Sommer
to Johnston cemetery to help
dig grave as Theda has
died in Saskatoon Hospital
and is to be buried here
tomorrow

(104)

1917 A cool wind all day and
May 26 not very warm although
Sun was shining all day. Errol
finished seeding oats on all ground
that was ready & afternoon he
plowed. Cecil plowed until 10.30
then the twins drove his team
balance of day. Cecil took our
team & express & drove heaves at
Theda's funeral he also acted as
one heaver. Maggie & I went out in
single buggy and attended funeral
and they took buggy to Methodist
Church & had a service there
and then drove to Johnston
Cemetery. Maggie & I stayed at
W. Johnston's for tea on way
home but Mrs. Kule was there
for tea also.

(105)

1914 Erub & I plowed for
May 28 oats all day. Cecil
went to Oak Lake forenoon &
got team & had add then
went on to Phillip in Leich for
load of hay. Man finished
clipping sheep & noon
and Erub took him to Oak
Lake where S. Gordon met
him and took him out to
do his sheep. Grace went out
with Erub also in car
" 29 A comb fine day for
working. Cecil & I plowed
for oats all day. I sowed
& drilled. Went out in evening
with Erub
" 30 Cecil & I plowed on S. R.
80 for oats and finished it.
Erub packed and covered oats.
Bob was digging around trees near
house. Very fine day.

(106)

1914 Cecil & I plowed on Sena
May 31 for barley afternoon, I
plowed alone forenoon as Cecil
was packing oak ground. Erub
seeded oats all day and finished
it. A fine day but cool & dry
June 1 Cecil & I went down to
P. Massais today for hay
& got home at 5:30 took car
out to Oak Lake and left it
there to be fixed also took out
wool and shipped to W.P.
Erub hauled oats all day
Maggie & Mrs. Linn went to
Colings today and got on
votes list. D. V. Smith
here tonight. Had a few
drops of rain this evening
but not enough to lay down.
Very cool all day & also to-
night

(107)

1917 Father is 44 years
June 2 dead today and brother
Tom is sixty years of age
Very cold all day I plowed
until noon on Seven for
barley & had over coat &
mitts on. After noon I went
to Oak Lake & brok. house
Car which now has the
web battery in it. Cecil
plowed for barley on Seven
all day & Walter plowed
there after noon. Errol
finished harrowing oats
lawn at noon and then
packed on Seven for barley.

" 4 Cold again this morn. and
some frost. Plowed all day
for barley on Seven and Errol
packed & seeded. Aunt Sadie
& children here all day also
Mrs R R Smith here tonight

(108)

1917 A dull day and not much
June 5 saw chine. Bob Cecil
plowed on Seven all day for ^{barley} ~~oats~~
& Errol packed & seeded. I wrote
letters forenoon and after we
all went up to J. J. Smiths to
celebrate the diamond wedding of
Maggie's father & brother. Also
Louis silver wedding & Wilfred's
birthday. A big crowd there
we all got home about ten
o'clock. A few drops of rain
fell today and it is cloudy
and looks as though we might
get some.

" 6 A hot dry day. Rob Smith
& Wilbur left for Rapid City this
morn. dining. Mrs R. R. & Sadie were
here all night and left for Oak
Lake this morn. Maggie's Cousin Mrs
Beck & Mrs Bell here all day. Mrs
Bell's brother Dave here for dinner

(119)

continued from other side

1917 Errol packed & seeded barley all day. Cecil went to Oak Lake in car forenoon. Bob & I finished plowing for barley at ten thirty. Hope it soon rains as we require it.

June 7 A very hot day and very little breeze I sowed sloughs on seven. My hand to oats only one with a little water in it. Errol finished sowing barley & harrowed balance of day. Cecil helping W. R. to plow today. J. Mike & I went to W. Johnston's in our motor and saw Mrs Bell and Mrs Best left for J. J's today and Mrs Falconer came to visit here they are Maggie's cousins

(110)

1917 A very hot day & dry June 8 as it can be, very cloudy this morn. and loaded as if we might have some rain but none came, about a dozen drops fell last night. I went to Wm Johnston's funeral at nine o'clock and did not get home until 2:30 a very large funeral I drew the bearers. Errol finished harrowing barley at ten o'clock & then disced sloughs on seven that I had sowed with oats. Cecil plowing at Uncle Will's. Bob digging in trees at foot lawn

" 9 A very hot day the hottest of the season. Errol hauled out manure all day. Cecil plowed for Reuben. I disced sloughs on seven forenoon went to Oak Lake in ^{out in car} wagon. Maggie & her cousin came

(111)

1917 The first rain of the season
June 11 fell yesterday (Sunday) there
was a lot of thunder lightning
and we had a shower at five
o'clock, and also the one after
dark, it only wet our inch
deep but will do some good.
Today dull & dark all day
and rain pouring well. I took
Maggie to Oak Lake in buggy
and she went to Camden on
8.20 train & came back on 10.09
& I waited & brought her home.
Ceil harrowed fallow all day
Errol hauled out manure
I sowed sloughs in wheat
south of house sowed five
bush oats in them. Lewis went
to Oak Lake tonight to stay
and try exams. Grace went out
to miltub, Ceil took them
in bus.

(112)

1917 A very cold day wind
June 12 steady from N.W. and
we had a little rain through the
night last night and a few
small showers today but not
enough to make us stop work. I
disced sloughs in wheat south
of house all forenoon and finished
in afternoon I harrowed slough
& also harrowed east of house
where we are following this year
I wore heavy coat & mitts all
day and still was cold.
Ceil got home two loads wood
from Oak Lake. Errol hauled
out manure to fallow. Bob
dug in trees & chard in garden.
Lewis began writing on second
part third exams today bound
at Mrs Orr.

(113)

1917 A fearful wind from N.W.
June 13 all day and very cold.
a few small showers of rain
but tonight it is cleared up
and gives little frost and we
have not had moisture enough
in the three days to wet ground
that we wish deep and has done
absolutely no good. Errol hauled
manure all day. Cecil got all
wood home from Oak Lake
and a ton of coal. Bob went
up to help in Johnston coun-
try this afternoon.

" 14 A nice breeze all day
but sun was hot. Errol
hauled out manure all day. I
began to plow fallow east of
house. Cecil got home 2 1/2 tons
coal forenoon & after went out to
Cameron stable for oats then
went on to Virden to play ball

(114)

1917 A hot day but a good
June 15 breeze and it was not
hard on horses. Cecil & Bob
plowed fallow forenoon and in
afternoon went to Grinnell
for salt coal got two loads
7500 pounds. I took Maggie
& Grace out to Oak Lake in
car in am. and they went to
Virden where Grace will stay
for an operation. Maggie came
home on 10.30 train. I plowed in
fallow afternoon & went out
in car tonight & beat home train
& Maggie. Errol hauled out
manure all day. Some light
rain tonight in N.E. but no
rain and we need it about
as badly as we ever did.
I Story & Sawyer money great
these tonight.

(114)

1917 A fine day but very
June 16 Windy from N.W. day
and things thinning up. Plowed
fallow until noon then went to
Oad Lake in car with Maggie.
Had phone from hospital in
Widen, Grace over operation and
doing well. Cecil plowed all
day & Walter plowed afternoon
Earl hauled manure. Bob
put in some posts low west
side seven between us & W.C.
" 18 Yesterday Sunday was
a very windy day blew a
hurricane from west all
day and blew fairly hot
roasting things pretty fast
clouded up in afternoon
and got cooler after sun
down but no rain came
Salvation Army man

(115)

1917 spoke at Ryerson tonight
cloudy cool this morn. and
we had a small shower of
rain not enough to do any
good then it cleared up and
sun was hot afternoon and
wind very strong again
during rest the land more
Maggie went to Oad Lake with
Billy in buggy left him there
and went on to Widen to see
Grace she was operated on for
some internal trouble on Saturday
and they also removed her appendix
she is very weak. Earl hauled manure
all day. Earl & Walter plowed
fallow. I cleared & elevated oats
forenoon crushed after. Bob & John
putting in posts & fixing fence on
seven.

(116)

1917 A very hot day and dry
June 19 lots of clouds towards night
but nothing in them. Carol packed
on fallow until noon then went
for a load of wild oat hay to
Mr. Merritts that Mr. Carpenter is
giving up. I went to Oak Lake
after noon in express & got radia-
tor of car fixed. Cecil & Walter
plowed. Bob & Ralph fixed
fence on Seven

" 20 Cecil & one of the trim
plowed fallow all day
Carol hauled out manure
Bob, Walter & I pulled weeds
& manure on Seven. Very
Cool all day and we had
to put on heavy under
clothes.

(117)

1917 I went to Brandon to
June 21 day in Car took R heat-
goney. His fuel boiler and
kumil down with me, radiator
leaking badly all the way down
& I got it fixed there. A Cameron
came back with us and we
took him to Oak Lake, had
a good trip & no accidents.
Carol hauled manure. Cecil
& trim plowed & Bob & Walter
pulled weeds on Seven. They also
got some wood hauled. It
rained like rain tonight.
Every one in Brandon talking
about the dry weather.
A heavy frost this morn. head
ice in places, potatoes frozen
down any that were up but not many
through ground yet. The tops of
wheat all day road to Brandon
frozen black

(118)

1917 Cloudy & looked like rain
June 22 all day but not came
a very little fell through night
hardly laid dust. Errol took
plow points to Cap. Lake
and got them & shaped fore-
noon and afternoon he & I
went to reserve looking for hay.
Bob & Walter then weeds off
seven and pulled some more
Cecil & Ralph plowed fallow
afternoon.

" 23. Went to R. L. Lays today
for hay a long time since I was
there and his trees have grown
fine he has a lovely place and
only himself there to do anything
or enjoy anything. A big rain
came up there at two o'clock
and I had to wait until it
was over, we got a good rain

(119)

1917 at home also that is the
first we have had since
22nd April that has we
ground to benefit grain. I got
load of hay to foot of hill near
home but could not get up
for mud & wet so walked home
Errol went south to Messer's to
help Dr. McLeish with a mare
Cecil & Ralph plowed forenoon
but too wet after. Some places
in our fields very badly cut
down with frost last Wed-
nesday night and a lot of grain
through the country frozen
don't know how it will affect
it, as it will take two weeks
to put it where it was.
This rain will certainly help
all late grain oats barley

(120)

1917. A nice day there was a
June 25 good rain yesterday and
today several heavy showers, ground
not wet very deep but it is a
good growing time. Errol hauled
^{home} and home some from around
fields and afternoon went to
Oak Lake for Carl Oil & gasoline.
Carl went to reserve for hay
but it was to meet. Two teams
at fallow all day. I was putting
out some poison for mice.
" 26 Carl & Ralph plowed all
day. Errol packed fallow fore
noon then went to reserve for
hay afternoon but did
not get any. Bob & Walter
clipping hedges all day
I finished all afternoon
Cloudy at times and a danger
drizzle of rain fell

(121)

1917. A hot day but a nice
June 27 breeze. Errol packed on
fallow all day. Ralph & Carl
plowed. Walter & Bob pulled
stump weed in 40 south of house
piled & split wood & got hole
dug for tank for dipping sheep
I went to Oak Lake afternoon
& met Carl Schaff. Some
clouds around but all sign
of rain, disappeared tonight.
" 28 I was, Carl Schaff & I
went to Oak Lake this morn.
got home at noon and then I
went to reserve to see about
hay. but sunset here for
dinner, and afternoon we all
went to picnic in Stran by
bluff only Errol he finished
plowing fallow. A fine day
could not please but day

(122)

1917 Errol went to receive
June 29 forenoon and got a load
of hay and after noon she fin-
ished packing the fallow.
Cecil went up to clean up lunch
after picnic at Mr. Hays' gate
home at noon. Bob & Walter
were stretching wire along by
W. R.'s gate & took Betty ^{maney} down
to St. Gordon's and left her
there to pasture. We had a
good shower of rain forenoon
and for an hour after noon
we had a very heavy rain
it poured and more wet
than we have had all summer,
the first we have had to
reach bottom of grain.
Fred Taylor's barn struck
by lightning and everything
burned & he lost \$12,000

(123)

1917 A cloudy day looked like
June 30 rain a good many times
and we had several showers but
not much. I went to Oak Lake
after noon got some slats for
fence saved. Errol hauled manure
in trucks on to pasture forenoon and
after he harrowed fallow. Cecil
broke down and in sheep pasture
Bob & Walter finished stretching
wires on fence near W. R.'s gate
and then put uprights on an-
other fence

July 2 Celebration - held in Oak Lake
today as yesterday was Sunday
A fine cool day wind N.W. and
feels like frost. Young people went
out. Errol harrowed fallow all
day. I cut pickets for fence &
ground knives for mower. Bob
got wood for himself

(124)

1917 A nice day clear & sunny
July 3 but not very warm. I took
Cecile to a grocery buggy to
get her groceries. The farmer
went on to see Grace at garden
Muriel went out in buggy after
noon and brought Maggie home.
Corral finished harrowing
fallow and topsoil.
The same day that Cecil plowed
west of house in sheep pasture
Cecil finished the breaking of
Brome soil and got started
to cut alfalfa it is hardly
worth cutting. Boys put some
uprights on fence near W.R.'s.
Got all the sheep dipped
today. A slight frost this
morning. We could stand
more rain

(125)

1917 A dull day and windy
July 4 and we had a
shower of rain after noon
but it only laid the dust
Maggie went out to take
meat Corral in car, this
morn. I went on to Tuesday & back
Grace home from hospital
I went out in buggy after noon
& brought Maggie home. Got some
hay raked up, also got potatoes
cultivated. Corral crushed
some after noon. Cecil & Bob
began to clear out well
south of granary
" 5 A nice day and no rain
Got well south of granary cleared
out and cement into bottom of it
Corral was away with the vet
awhile today and also seen
John Knowles about gravel

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1917 A fearful hot day
July 6 the worst we have
had I think. Got one load
alfalfa in and then worked
at cribbing with Cecil got
all alfalfa cut. Errol
got home three loads gravel
from reserve.

" 7 A fearful hot day, heard
it was 93 in shade. Got
in three loads alfalfa today
& got all the rest raked up. Errol
went to Moore Park with G.
Smith, Walter cut some in
pasture. I went to Oak Lake
after noon in car.

" 9 A very hot sun but
a good breeze all day. Got in
all the alfalfa today, seven loads
where we had 44 last year. Errol
got home from Moore Park
at noon and got load of

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1917 Gravel after. Cecil got
furrows opened out in
alfalfa ground we intend to
break up. I went to Oak Lake
in car took horse & D. out & brot.
Grace back.

July 10 Very hot at times but it
was cloudy and I got also and
we had a small shower of
rain at noon but all the
rain that came did not
lay the dust. Errol got three
loads gravel from reserve.
Cecil got two loads hay from
reserve at \$6⁰⁰ each. Bob
& I got a foot of cement into
well then he & Ralph hoed
in garden after noon. I went to
trustee meeting in St Davids
Church, took Mrs. Sommer.
Walter was cutting in pasture

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1917 A warm day wind NW
July 11 but sun shone all
day and it was fine. Errol
& I home three loads gravel
that makes ten in all and
we will not haul any
more just now. Walter
mowed forenoon in pas-
ture. After noon Errol & I
also Cecil went to Oak Lake
after noon to see International
lab engine working flowing
in C. Quinn's field.

" 12 A nice day but dull
some, and it rained for about
an hour but rain light
something like a heavy dew. Errol
drew out manure on to alfalfa.
Ralph ran cultivator on fallow
& Walter mowed. Bob & I put
some cement in well and had
protection

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1917 A hot day Errol & Cecil
July 13 worked at Statute Labour
today. Ralph ran Cultivator
on fallow, Walter cut in pas-
ture. Bob & I fixed well in mng.
and after I went to Oak Lake for
some lumber & cement and
Bob hoed potatoes. A big
rain went west & south today
at E. Williams they had a
great fall and we did not
get a drop. This evening there
was another big storm of
rain, thunder & lightning each
but now came away

" 14 A hot day Errol & Cecil
worked on roads. Walter finished
cutting pasture. Ralph ran Cul-
tivator on fallow. Bob & I fixed
well in mng. Then I went to Oak Lake
& boat. out little family & grandpa
Bob hoed potatoes. I harnessed fallow

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1917 A very hot day about July 16 as hot as anything we had this year. Errol & Ceil worked on roads. Ralph ran Cultivator & Walter harrowed & mowed. Bob & I put cement into well forenoon. Then he ran Scuffle in potatoes & I went to bed. Kate in car took Maggie along.

Grain coming out in head very fast, rain never was wanted more.

" 17 A fearful hot day. Walter cut fox tail grass on seven. Ralph ran Cultivator on fallow. Errol & Ceil worked on roads and finished all our last year and this year Statute Labor. Bob & I got well fixed and hoed potatoes &c.

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1917 A very hot sun a July 18 regular seacher, sent a good breeze from north east all day. Got cloudy at times but no rain. Bob & I put cement in to well in am. Then he finished hoeing potatoes. Errol hauled out manure all day. Ralph ran Cultivator on fallow.

Ceil ran crusher. Ioo took to work comfortably. Grace went to S. J. with McNeill's young tonight. Maggie & I went to prayer meeting.

" 19 A very hot day, but a nice breeze blowing, heavy clouds after noon a dozen drops of rain fell and it looked as if a good shower were south. Bob Lewis, Mr Kennedy & I went to Brandon fair today got home at 11:15

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1917 A fearful hot day
July 20 Errol got out manure ^{all day}
day. Ralph ran Cultivator &
Walter harrowed on fallow
~~all day~~ until noon then he
& Cecil got in some hay that
we had cut in sheep pasture
I went to Oak Lake in wagon
afternoon and got a barrel
of gasolene. Not enough to roast
eggs

" 21 A very hot day. Errol
finished hauling out manure
and began to harrow fallow.
Ralph finished Cultivating
fallow. Cecil & Walter worked
at thrashing machine. I went
to Oak Lake afternoon and
gave out entries for show.
Huggie came out with me
and got home with W.D.

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1917 A fearful day heard it
July 23 was a hundred in the
shade nearly impossible to come
around. Errol finished har-
rowing fallow at noon and be-
gan to sow it for feed. Cecil
worked at machine. I went to
Oak Lake at noon and gave out
entries afternoon for fair.
" 24 Some thunder & lightning last
night but we got no rain but
it was a little cooler today
Cure fair day in Oak Lake and
a fine day for it. I stayed
at John Little's last night
and was early at work this
morn. Cecil came out with
4 Shiloh last night & brot. 2
Colts, got prings on both
and also got some prings
in hall. Fair about as good
as usual

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1917 Rained for about an
July 25 hour this morn, and then
cleared up, not much fell
but it will help. I went to
Oak Lake afternoon, took out
some repairs for fixing to Mrs
Story and brot home our things
Grain growers we loaded a
car today. Errol seeded fallow
afternoon. Cecil worked at
separator. Irena pulled mustard
" 26 A hot day. Errol finished
seeding fallow and got out
a few loads of grain
Cecil was working at machine
afternoon and went to Oak
Lake forenoon for some lumber
I went to Oak Lake after
noon in car and brot home
Mrs Lund and he helped us
lay out foundation for pig
pens. Irena put on Paris Green

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1917 A fearful hot day.
July 27 a strong breeze all
day but sun was something
awful, Mrs Kline said it
was 98 in the shade. We put
in north foundation for pig
pen forenoon afternoon
Errol started for more oak
with Marion. Cecil went to
Verden fair with G. Kline.
I sat in house and worked
at Agr. Society books. Bob pulled
down thistle. Irena left for Wakarusa
today with J. Kittle in car
" 28 A fearful hot day and
hardly any breeze. Bob Cecil
& I worked at getting out dump
north of stable. had to dip out
a lot of water. afternoon I went
to Oak Lake and got some cement
Cecil crunched some. Hardy Arm-
strong & sisters came to W. C.'s to have

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1917 A fine day not too hot
July 30 got very cloudy towards
evening and looked like rain
but none came. Enrol got
home from Brookdale this
evening. Cecil went to Carthage
afternoon with two teams got
a load of Salt Coals for
Bob. We got in some foundation
for pig pen forenoon. Hardy
& Mattie Armstrong here all
night last night and Gladys
Tough

" 31 A nice coal day, nearly
cold enough for frost this morn
and a coal wind all day. Got
potatoes scuffled, some cement
in to foundation. Enrol helped
Mr. Sumner on road near his
hives. Maggie & I went to Grandold
afternoon. Armstrong left for home
this morn. Very cold tonight

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1917 Enrol working Ralph
Aug 1 Mr. Sumner on roads. Cecil
worked at machine. We got
some cement into foundation
a fine day.

" 2 I went to Brandon
this morn. to get wiring fixed
on car did not get it done
today. Enrol & Cecil both
working at machine. Ralph
cut alfalfa second time
very hot today

" 3 Got home at noon
from Brandon and car
left to fine now. afternoon
went up to Harding fair
with Sumner. A very windy
but a very hot day. Cecil &
Enrol worked at machine
got all alfalfa raked
up. Bob worked awhile
on roads

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1917 A cool day. Errol & Cecil
Aug 4 worked at separator all
day. Got in load of wild oats
we cut on tent. Maggie & Ralph
went to Oak Lake in afternoon
in Express. I drove to Simons
and went from there to Alexander
with D. McMillan in car
where we held a Liberal Con-
vention. Cecil has gone to Brandon
tonight to visit at D. McMillan's
" C. W. still ^{fine} day Errol cut
barley on 5 am. Bob & twins
stacked. I went to Oak Lake
afternoon in Express, took out
cylinder to get it balanced,
& took home some grease &
fox machine. Cecil went to
Brandon on Saturday night
and got home this morn. Mabel
went after him with Frank
in buggy

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1917 A fine forenoon but in
August 7 after noon it got cloudy
and began to rain about four
o'clock and kept at it for
two hours not a great deal
fell but a nice shower and
if it had come three weeks ago
would have done more good
than now. Errol cut barley
all day twin's stacked, Bob
cut this too & did some cementing
Grace & Cecil went to Lake with
V. Kilde about four o'clock but
the rain spoiled their trip some
" I worked at A. V. Society
books all day. Cecil crushed four
morn and went to Oak Lake afternoon
in wagon & took home barrel of
oil and barrel of paraffine. Errol
hailed machine forenoon &
cut barley up to noon. Twins
stacked & Mabel's Stackations

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1917 I worked at Agr. Society books
Bob worked at cleaning up, cutting
thistles & all coal day and
good falling weather

Aug 9 A very fine day not too
hot but very pleasant. Errol
cut barley on seven all day and
Turin stoked. Cecil worked at
machine car. Bob & I put
in more cement for hog pen
five of us went up to Reynolds
tonight to blazer meeting.

10 A hot day and grain
ripened up good. Errol fini-
shed cutting early barley on
seven and then worked at
machine. Cecil went to Oak
Lake after noon & brought home some
gasoline & other stuff for machine.
Bob did cementing & putting
stones into foundation of

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1917 hog pen. Went to
Oak Lake after noon in car
took out Grace, Mrs. Guin, Alice
Smith & Eliza. Only everyone
cutting on now

Aug. 11 A very hot day and grain
is ripening up good. Working at
machine. Got pump into South
well, got two loads stone from
S. R. Co. for floor of pig pen and
fixed up generally. I went to
lake in express in afternoon
to get some stuff home for
machine. Repairing next
morning.

13 A hot day. Errol cut
wheat south of house all day
& Cecil got second bundle staked
afternoon. Turin stoked. Raked stack
weed in way out of wheat. I went to
Oak Lake after noon. See how
codgers use head stunts tomorrow

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1917 A hot day I went to
1917. Aug 14 Carl Lake forenoon for
repairs for Mr. St. Baudin cut
all wheat that was fit
in south field and got it
all stacked. School opened
today

Aug
" 15 A very hot day, Cecil
cut for Reuben. Errol worked
at machine. Bob chored a field
thistles. Maggie I went to
Carl Lake in afternoon brook, kids
Clark back with us. We went
to prayer meeting tonight

" 16 A very hot day. Sawn
all wood in yard in evening. Then
I went to Carl Lake in car. Errol
fixed at engine and got a road
around ^{near school} on forenoon and cut
there after noon with Reuben.
Brother Tom came from Out
today