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Finished writing in the
25th book on Aug 16th
and began in this one
the 26th book on Aug 17
1917

(1)

1917 A very hot day nearly
Aug 17 roasting in afternoon
I helped Bob stack oats and
we got them all up west of
house. Cecil & Errol cut
oats & wheat all day finished
cutting all the wheat on fire
only a few acres in field
near school

" 18 Errol went to seven
and cut wheat there all day
Levin & Bob stacked wheat
on fire all day & did not
quite finish it. Cecil cut
some green oats near Carpenter
but broke his binder and
did not finish it. One heifer
calved yesterday on seven
Bob & I let calf jump out
of wagon on way home
and killed it. Maggie's cousin
W. Lodd here today for

(2)

1917 dinner. Another fearful
hot day
Aug 20 Cloudy & cool most of day
and a little rain fell, but
it only stopped binders a
short time. Low, Grace & I
went to Oak, back after noon
and after that I stacked
wheat on seven. Cecil fini-
shed cutting green oats
near Carpenter forenoon and
both he & Errol cut wheat on
seven after noon. Wheat on seven
would average good if it
was not for the wild oats
and the crop is nearly half of
them. Grandma came yester-
day as she had been at Ryerson
Church and is staying a
few days with us here.

(3)

1914 A very hot day
Aug 21 Gertie Cecil started
cut wheat on seven
all day. Bob & I stooked
Hard to work at times
it was sat hot, but
cloudy tonight
" 22 Gertie Cecil went
to seven but only made
part of a round when
it began to rain and
they had to come home
stormy all day and
day worked at machine
when they could also
crushed saws, I took
Grandson out in buggy
afternoon
" 23 Finished cutting all
wheat today and got one
round around 30 acres
of oats. I went to Carl Lake

(4)

1914 in my express
and boat, have some re-
pairs for machine, also
had to go out in afternoon
to get cameras for binder
fixed went in car and
took out Marie & Grace
Aug 24, Mr Kennedy helping
us cut today finished the
thirty acres of oats that
is all that is ready then
went to seven and cut
barley until night, Bob
& I stooked wheat all
day. A fine day and not
too hot. Felt like frost
this morn. but did not see
any dew. W.C. started
his threshing machine today
and W. Gauspf has been
receiving his new separ-
ator

(5)

1917 Very hot at times today
Aug 25 Linn's Bob & I stacked
wheat on sows all day and
did not finish it still
another half day to do.
Ceil & Enrol finished cutting
all our barley at noon
and worked at machine
after. Ceil, Linn's & another
went to Oak Lake tonight
& Maggie stayed there for
a few days
" 27 A cold wind from NW
all day and feels like frost
tonight. Sun & snow bright &
warm all day but wind very
cool. Bob & I went to sow to
stack and kept at it until
after tea then had to stop as
wind was blowing stacks down
up bank as we put them up.
Enrol & Ceil worked at machine

(6)

1917 Frost this morn. I went to
Aug 28 Oak Lake three times today
in car had Alex Joel out
helping fix wagg, box and
machine. Got a small
load threshed tonight.
Got some crushing done
for hays &
" 29 A dull day and felt
like rain, but none came
I went to Oak Lake in car
after noon, machine running
at home all day and threshed
wheat out of field south
of house made 640 bushels
" 30 A fine warm day, we
threshed at home until noon
and finished all the wheat that
was fit and then machine went
to See H and threshed there for
Reuben. I began to cut the 40
acres of oats we have to cut yet

(7)

1917 Clear & sunny all
Aug 31 day but wind blew
strong from N.W. and it was
quite cool. I went to Oak
Lake in morn. and took load
lumber to G. Taylor he
had a lot of teams and
got his Case all unloaded.
Machine ran for lumber
or see it all day and fin-
the wheat there and moved
to his house on eight
Sept 1. Laid oats all day,
machine threshed wheat
at Reubens all day and
got along well. Very cool
all day had to wear heavy
coat on binder, feels like
fresh tonight. W. C. finished
threshing his wheat today
and Indians started to
thresh at W. R.'s today

(8)

1917 A fine day. Threshed
Sept 3 at Reubens until
noon and finished his
wheat there went to seven
and threshed wheat there
for ourselves. Laid oats
until noon.
" 4 Something wrong with Sparker
forenoon and not much
threshing done but ran well after
noon and got over 400 bushels
from seven. Went to Oak Lake
forenoon and got wagon
wheel fixed. A lot of thunder
and lightning tonight and we
also had some rain but
not much but won't be able
to thresh in morn. any way.
" 5 Rained a little last night
and did not thresh until noon
Lays got all oats we intend to thresh
Lays, and threshed wheat afternoon

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1917 Threshed wheat on
Sept 6 Seven until five o'clock
and that finished it and
then got some barley on Seven
threshed. I got all grain
cleaned and elevated, wheat
on Seven went about 20
per acre, I went out in
City tonight to get some
thing fixed for machine
threshing barley on
Seven all day did not get
along very well forenoon had
padding blower of cylinder
head twice, but got about
800 bushels threshed. I took
Kragge & Mrs. W. P. to Oak Lake
and they went to Videns.
A nice day but wind got
north and tonight and
raining a little as we go
to bed

(10)

1917 Rained some last night
Sept 8 and we could not thresh
any today. Cut four sloughs
of oats in south field and
that finishes the whole cutting
Got all barley through cleaner
and also crushed some.
Ivins took cream can
and four empty tanks to
Oak Lake in afternoon. Very
cold towards evening and
will freeze hard tonight
Corral & Grace went to
Videns & got back at 3.30
Threshed some after noon
but elevator engine would
not work so we only got
wagons filled. Cecil got
his hand hurt with belt
today and had to get
doctor to dress it, he will
not have use of it for some
time

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1917 Finished threshing
Sept 11 barley on seven at
three o'clock & moved
into yard & began at
oats, they are turning out
good. Barley only went
seventeen bushels per
acre. Wind S. E. &
looks like rain tonight
" 12 Rain pretty heavy
all forenoon today, I threshed
but that was all we could
do, threshing is stopped for
a while now. Errol threshed
after noon it did not rain
after noon, and I did some
writing in house. Lavin
started to school at noon
" 13 Rain shot all day
looked like rain but
none came. I wrote for
noon Errol & Bob

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1917 Started up oats
Took load wheat to Oak
Lake after noon 58 bushels
had a heavy load as roads
were soft sold at \$7.00
Sept 14 A dull day and
Sun did not shine any
and it looks like rain all
day but none came. Errol
& Bob started oats all day
threshed forenoon and
took a load of wheat
to Oak Lake after the
second load, sold
" 15 A dull dark day and
looked like rain & a few drops
fell but not much. Finished
threshing oats early & Errol plowed
on seven shallow turning down stub-
ble. Bob cleaned out pigs & ran
cultivator on thistles. Cecil took
Maggie out to Oak Lake in car

(13) from medicine Hat
1917 & brot. G. Tacker home
with him. Ginn & I went to
Branden afternoon & left
our measure for suits of
clothes.

Sept 14 A fine drying day and
if it keeps like this we could
thresh tomorrow that is
what it was until about
two thirty when it rained
heavily at Grismold.
Ginn went to Oak Lake in
car in p.m. and afternoon
took load wheat to Grismold
with four horses.
And some of the wheat got
wet on way apt. Tom. Grace
Merrill, Tom Ginn & I all went
to Branden in car afternoon
and had a splendid trip down
but wind all the way home &
we had no lights, I got home lights

(14)
1917 A fine day sun did
Sept 18 not shine much and
it was dull forenoon, but
dried some after. Ginn plowed
all day on Sever and Bob
plowed some also with four
horses. Bob & I got home five
loads of sheaves from Sever
for corn feed & stacked in
a alfalfa.

" 19 A lovely bright day
and sun & home warm
all day in fact it was very
hot. We threshed ^{oats} south of
elevator all day made a
thousand bushels but had
to stop early as they were a
little damp yet after the rain
we will not touch them again
until Saturday. Field of
oats near school went 600
bushels per acre

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1917 A lovely warm day
Sept 20 Got three loads wheat
out to Grismold, and
some oak sheaves. Stacked
Maggie Cousin Mrs White
came today.
" 21 Fixing at eight horse
engine today. Went out to
Oak Lake in car for some
repairs for large engine
Terab Cecil worked at
machine all day, and we
got separator set and
one load of oats threshed
tonight a good drying
day. Cecil took Terab out
to Grismold tonight and
he left for Chicago.
" 22 Threshed south of
elevator all day at oats
and finished them tonight
we have two threshed and

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1917 that finishes all
our threshing
Sept 24 A very hot day only
very windy from south west
kiln-dried wheat all day Tom
& Cecil hauled out two trips
each to Grismold. Bob
got all hay pangs cleaned
out. Maggie & Ralph went
to Oak Lake in car after
four o'clock.
" 25 A dull forenoon sun
did not show and at noon it
began to rain and kept at it
all afternoon, not much
fell but it is a very damp
thine. Tom & Cecil took out two
loads wheat to Grismold fore-
noon but could not go after
Bob dug some potatoes today,
got them into cellar. I cleaned
wheat & crushed some. Grace
went to Brandon today

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1917 a fine day and
Sept 26 drying well some peo-
ple began to thresh after
noon. Grace got home
from Brandon to Oak
Lake last night & came
home today. Tom & Cecil
took out four loads
wheat today & got wagon
from Kenbens & took out
load after noon.

" 27 Rained a little this
morn. but we got out to
Griswold with three
loads wheat. Rained hard
at noon and we did not
go after noon. Cecil went
to Oak Lake in express &
got some things done and
I took out a two year old
mare by Borthwick & sold
her at 155⁰⁰

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1917 a fine day but rained
Sept 28 Drove at noon. Cecil & Tom
hauled out two loads wheat forenoon
to Griswold that makes 155⁰⁰
bushels out there in all and will
fill a big car. Grace & I went to
Oak Lake in car intending to go
down to Griswold and close out
car but I got battery put in
car in Oak Lake and it was noon
before we were done then rain
came on and we came home, had
to put on chains on bridge. Cecil
plowed on Sever afternoon.

" 29 Cecil & one team plowed on Sever
all day with two teams. I went to Oak
Lake forenoon & did not get home
until after three o'clock, got
horse fixed in car. Bob has 60
bushels of potatoes in cellar tonight.
Cecil & Ralph go to Oak Lake
tonight. White frost all over this morn.
Some people started threshing today

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1907 A cold wind from
Oct 1 north all day, but
sun was warm at times and
it was a good drying day.
Threshing barley at Reubens
today and finished it will
need to sow for him to-
morrow. I packed on seeds
all day. Maggie & Grace went
to Gibbald to go to Brandon
but train time had changed
and they did not go.

" 2 I disced oak land near
J. Carpenters until noon then
it began to rain and I craked
after. Cecil moved machine over
to section four for Reuben
and threshed oats for him
until noon had to stop for
rain. Cecil went to Oak Lake
afternoon took out discs to
get them sharpened

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1917 Not much rain fell
Oct 3 yesterday but it was
dull & rain today & kept drop-
ping until noon about four
o'clock wind started to blow
and it dried from that to night.
Cecil plowed on seven all
day. I plowed until noon
then took two pigs out to
Kings. Sweat up to frozen
expecting tonight. Maggie &
Grace went to Brandon
today. Drying good this
evening and evening we talk
of threshing tomorrow

" 4 Bright sun all day but a cold
very high wind. Cecil, Nucle & I went
to see some threshing rigs forenoon
and after Cecil fixed up and I wrote
in house. Maggie & Grace came
back from Brandon this
afternoon

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1917 Clear Sun all day but
Sept 5 pretty windy from S.W.
and not very warm. Cecil & twins
went to see 4 and finished
threshing there for Reuben
today. Bob was sick and did
nothing all day. Grace, Murrell
Nucle Lou & I left at nine
o'clock for Rapid City, had
our dinner at R R Smith
and then went on to Richard
Armstrong.

" 6 Left Grace at Nucle
Rob's yesterday and she is
staying there a few days.
Lou, Murrell & I left Richard
for Brandon at ten o'clock
it was blowing a hurricane
from N.W. and we had a
very cold trip down stayed in
Brandon until 5:30 & then
came home very cold all the time

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1917 and freezing hard tonight,
dark flying from all the fallow
on way home, and it was a dis-
agreeable trip found them all
well here. Cecil had been discing
out ground and twins plowing on
sew, Bob getting out potatoes.
Oct 8 Cecil up at G. Shiggins
helping J. S. Little to thresh
I went to Oak Lake forenoon in
express, and brought out Mr
Whalley and he is making door
for stable, afternoon I plowed
on sew with two plows. A
nice afternoon but very cold
wind from S.W. forenoon.
I sold Bert & Millie to a horse
linger today for \$2.75 - 00
W.C. took Nancy back to
Brookdale today. Murrell
finished threshing today

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1917 A cold dull day and Oct 9 there was very little snow. Ceil still at G. Shinnon. I plowed with two plows all day and got on well but it was a cold disagreeable day.

" 10 A very cold day and wind blowing hard from north west all day. I plowed on Seven all day. Bob got in all the potatoes yesterday and was packing on Seven afternoon today. Ceil came home tonight as it rained a little.

" 11 Huge hard last night and very cold all day today wind S.W. but Sun shone bright. We emptied all the engines tonight for fear of frost. Ceil was plowing on Seven until

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1917 noon and afternoon went back to Shinnon to check. I went to Oak Lake afternoon with two pigs and a sheep to Hammond. Brother Law left for Ontario today. Bob packed on Seven all day.

" 12 Lots of ice all over this morn. and it was very frosty. Ceil still at G. Shinnon helping to check. Bob & I chored around fore noon and I got eight horse engine going & elevated some grain but it would not go afternoon, so I went to Oak Lake in buggy and a Jack is coming and tomorrow to fix it. Cold South east wind all day and freezing hard again tonight.

" 13 A fine warm day with wind South west until two o'clock when it began to rain over

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1917 and kept dropping until
four not much fell but
it kept at it. We got in six
loads of sheaves into hay loft.
A Jack came in morn. and fixed
up eight horse engine, he left
for Oak Lake at two o'clock
I crushed 51 bags afternoon
Ceil still at S. Dickinson
Oct 15 A cold wind from N.W.
but sun shone since all day
Walter & I went to Griswold
in car got settlement there for
a car of wheat & then went
on to Oak Lake got home
for dinner. Ceil plowed in morn
forenoon & went to Dickinson to
thresh after. I plowed afternoon
and Bob packed. Grace
got home from Rapid
City today

(26)

1917 A cold dull day and very
Oct 16 Cold wind N. W. & began to
snow rain before we went to
bed. I took ten bags to Oak Lake
sold to Borthwick at 16¢
per pound after noon I plowed
on seven with two plows
Bob plowed forenoon and
packed afternoon
" 17 Snowed last night and was
at it nearly all day a soft
snow rain, and a cold wind
from N. W. I took out Borthwick
to Griswold sold them for
\$275⁰⁰ Ceil went out after
noon also in morn. I did
some crushing afternoon.
Bob got in all the cattle
tonight for first time
and we also started to
take the young pigs away
from Johns today

(27)

1917 A cold day & dull. I
Oct 18 took of some screens for
noon and after noon I went
to Cad Lake in wagon and got
home some hard coal, Cecil
hauled out manure all day
and Ralph plowed on Servey
afternoon as there was no
school.

19 19 Day very hard last
night put two loads shears
into loft today. Got out some
manure and Bob got some
into field again. I went plow
on Servey and finished plow-
ing the 40 acres. I took out
a sheep & a pig to Leland
afternoon. Cecil went to St
Lodds at noon to ride St
Cairns machine. Snow drifted
all afternoon but very little
fell

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1917 A fine day Sun shone
Oct 20 all day but wind was
cold blow from N.W. sometimes
and towards night got around
to S.W. but north again as
we go to bed and snowing
from there. Got seven loads
out shears started today.
Cecil at St Lodd's running
St Cairns machine R.R.
Smith got down to W.R.
tonight from Rapid City

21 A nice day only dull and
dark. I crushed a big load for
cattle & hogs. Bob cleaned out hogs
and chored. Cecil hauled out
manure. Tonight some of the
neighbors gathered around
and we had a reception for
a Goddard who is back
from the war. I went to Grisada
tonight and went to Brandon

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1917 I stayed at Beaubien
Oct 23 House in Brandon last
night and attended a meeting
to choose a candidate to run
for Brandon, every polling booth
in the riding was represented
by a Miss La Soy and after
staying in the city hall un-
til eleven o'clock at night
and balloting over a dozen
times we had to adjourn as
we could not agree on a
candidate.

" 24 I stayed in Beaubien
House again last night and
attended a sheep sale held
in Winter Fair building, there
was a splendid sale one
ram sold at \$105.00 and other
Oxford Down rams sold high
no one seemed to want the
heives two hardly any were

(30)

1917 sold and not many
sheeps, but all the Oxfords
& Suffolds were sold. I came
home on train that reaches Oak
Lake at six o'clock & got home
with J. Carpenter in car. Lots
of snow on ground and feels
like it again tonight. I shaved
some today but cold again to-
night.

Oct 25 A dull day snow fell
until near noon and after
it stayed dull & dark, not
over an inch fell in all.
I wrote letters in house all
day. Cecil hauled out manure
Bob got some barley straw
from Sewer. W. Gumpf came
today and fixed all the
little pip for us.

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1917. A cold day and
Oct 26 snow dropping a
little all day. I went to
Oak Lake after noon and
got a little lumber.

Cecil went to Brandon
with G. Milne in Car.

" 27 I went to Oak Lake
in morn. got a load of hard
coal from G. G. and in
after noon Ralph & I went
out in buggy & attended
a meeting of directors there
broke our buggy & had to
come home with W. C.

Cecil hauled manure.

" 29 A dull day and a little
snow falling all the time
not enough snow for sleighing
but it has snowed all week
Cecil hauled three loads of gravel
from J. Carpenters today

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1917 and Bob was hauling
out manure. Grace & I
went to Oak Lake after noon
in express and brot. home
buggy that was left on
road last Saturday.

Oct 30 Wind got S. W. today and
it is warmer tonight and we
might have a spell of warm
weather now. Snowed most
of the day, but not an eighth
of an inch fell in all. Bob hauled
out manure. Cecil got four loads
of gravel from Mr. Carpenters and
I crushed. Grace's twins gone
to practice at W. C. tonight.

" 31 A nice warm day. Snow
shone all day and snow thinned
a little, but there does not seem
much chance of it going away.
Cecil got home four loads of gravel
& shale from Carpenters. Bob & I hauled

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1917 A fine clear day and
Nov 1 Sun & home like wind
was very strong from S.W. and
it was cold. Cecil got home
two loads shale, then went to
Reynolds Church and took
Mr Parsons & Mr Bell out to
Oak Lake, I went to Griswold
afternoon with W.R. in express.
Bob chored & hauled manure
" 2 A nice warm day and
snow thaws a lot ground
getting pretty soft. I crushed
forenoon and after Maggie
& I went to Oak Lake in
buggy had tea at J. Little's
Cecil hauled shale
Bob hauled out manure.
Roads very muddy tonight

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1917 A lovely warm day and
Nov 3 Sun is nearly all
gone. I went to Brandon
last night on the ten train
& came home this evening
on train reaching Oak Lake at
six o'clock. Attended a Liberal
meeting there
" 5 A fine day, I went to
Oak Lake forenoon Cecil chored
around forenoon & we both
plowed on fire near school
all afternoon, ground wet
about three inches deep,
snow all gone freezes pretty
hard at night but thaws
during day
" 6 A fine warm day but
frozes hard in night. I went to
Oak Lake Griswold fore-
noon and got a load of
Cedar posts for fencing

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1917 and plowed after noon
near school. Cecil went
for load shale in mng.
plowed balance of day.
Grandpa here. W. R.'s
traction engine came
home today.

Nov. 7 A fine day, we began
plowing in mng. and kept
at it all day. Mother
went to Oak Lake after
noon.

" 8 Could not plow forenoon
but we did after noon. Cecil
took points to Oak Lake in car
got them sharpened. I went to
Stinson's for load fence posts.
Very warm afternoon. Grandpa
here. Cecil & I went up to G.
Jones tonight in car.

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1917 A fine day until about 3:30
Nov 9 when it got very foggy and
we could only see a short distance.
it also got very raw & cold.
Got all fence posts out to field
& all chores done then in afternoon.
Bob & I plowed west of house.
Cecil went up to help G. Stinson
thresh today.

" 10 A fine warm day, we
began to plow in mng. and kept
at it all day with two plows.
I went to Oak Lake after noon
in buggy. Cecil came home
from G. Stinson tonight they
are done threshing there at
least. Bob got some posts
planted in fence between Morris
& us. As warm all day as
September.

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1917 Foggy until near noon,
Nov 12 then it got bright but
got foggy again about four,
and is very foggy as we go to
bed. Cecil & I took out eight
bush this morn. they weighed
1650 lbs. sold at 14³/₄ cents
per pound. Now came up
from W.P. on 1:30 train to
unload engine, Cecil helped
but it would not run
so we got it off car by
hand. I attended quarterly
board meeting in Methodist
Church

" 13 Cecil went to Brandon
today with G. Milne in car
and got a B. pass in medical
military examination. Scrubbed
and Bob worked at fence. We
went to Superior School tonight
to choose delegates for Brandon

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1917 A very fine day and Cecil
Nov 14 & I plowed until noon in
field west of house I went to
Oad Lake afternoon to give en-
tries for poultry show and
seed fair. Cecil finished plowing
all that field tonight
" 15 I went to Oad Lake first
thing this morn. and was there
all day with seed fair & poultry
show, had a small exhibit
and not many there but Har-
Cambe from Bertha judged for
us. Cecil went to Griswold &
got a load of Souris coal & a
bag of flour then in afternoon
he came to Oad Lake and
helped bring home our tractor
engine. Things pretty hard
this morn. but a fine after-
noon and we can plow
yet nicely

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1917 A fine warm day. Chord
now 16 around forenoon and after
noon Cecil, Reuben, J. Goodwin
& I all went to a Convention in
Brandon, we got home through the
night. Cecil got some Galena
from Oak Lake forenoon for
R. Green

" 17 A fine day, Cecil
diced on what we will
fallow next year all after
noon. Bob finished putting
in posts for fence between
his meadow & us. I went to
Oak Lake after noon in car
with us then attended Annual
meeting of Agr. Society.

" 19 A fine warm day as
warm as Sept. Cecil diced on
oat ground all day. Bob & I were
stretching wire between his meadow
& I and got on good

(40)

1917 Another warm day when
now 70 Sun show it was very hot
Bob & I got the six wires stretched
and some uprights on fence today
Cecil harrowed in field near
School west of home all
day.

" 21 Not a cold day but wind
blew hard from N.W. but
sun was warm, Cecil finished
harrowing field west of house
at noon & dined after.

Bob & I finished putting uprights
on fence in S. W. corner field at
noon and he plowed where we
intend putting in potatoes next
year, I went to Oak Lake
afternoon.

" 22 Rained for two hours this
morn. not heavy but still it
rained. I went to Ousinsold
& got a load of fence

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1917 Otto and Bob began at fence where potatoes were last year. Cecil worked forenoon & plowed Alfalfa after. A very heavy fog for awhile tonight

Nov 23 Cecil plowed Alfalfa until noon and I plowed after. Went to Oak Lake forenoon and brought home G. S. Apples. Cecil took around a petition to have Dr. in Reich exempted in afternoon. Bob worked at taking vines off fence all day

" 24 Got straw into loft and got Culvert across road near millus today. Went to Gatehouse after noon got a barrel of Coal Oil and a barrel of gasoline. Cold all day and last and it

(42)

1917 feels as if we would not plow any more as ground is freezing pretty hard
Nov 26 Cold all day but sun & some nice clear after noon. A little snow on ground and frozen hard, our plowing done now I expect. This is the latest we ever plowed since I came to Manitoba, we plowed until 24th November. Bob cleaned out pig and chored generally. Went to Videw after noon, Cecil got two loads shale from Carpenters after noon.

" 27 A clear cold day, Sun shone bright, but there was no thawing a slight breeze from S.W. Cecil banked south end of house & drew shale. I took out three pigs for Knight to butcher but had to come home without them as they were not ready

(42)

1917 I left home last Wednesday
Nov 30 the 28th and went to Wpg.
Got here at 8.30 and stayed two
nights in Strathcona Hotel and
eat in restaurants was attending
a Convention to encourage the
increase of hog production
held in Parliament Chamber.
Convention lasted all day
Thursday 29th and I went to
see A. Britton & Mrs that night
Went to Stock yards with W.
Griggs this morn. and we left
for home at 1.20 reached
Oad Lake at six and came
home with James & John's kids
who had been up to Regina
Main. Mr Hindley came home
with us and is staying for
a few days. Today very cold
& a little snow falling as we
leave Wpg. they had for

(43)

1917 more there, than we have
at home. Cold & looks like
snow tonight.

Dec 1 A cold stormy day
and we sat in house all day
Wind east all day but much
snow fell but it was rough
Mr Hindley & us all talked
most of the day. Wind went down
towards evening and it got finer

" 3 Mr J. Hindley here all
day and we did not do much
only sit around and talk, call
Reuben here for awhile this
morn.

" 4 Very cold all day Clear
& frosty pleasant to work but
could not stand around much
without moving. Cecil came here
all day. I went out after noon
took Mr Hindley out and went
to Mr Lund's funeral

(444)

1917 Cold all day. R. Montgomery
Dec 5 Came afternoon he & I
went over notes list. Cecil
went to Oak Lake afternoon
& brought home a self feeder
and some coal.

" 6 Very cold all day
heard tonight it was 20 below
zero, a keen breeze from NW
all day. Cecil went to Oak
Lake afternoon got team
shod in front & back, home
a steer we intend to feed.
I helped pickled fowls in
house.

" 7 A very rough cold day
a regular blizzard and twenty
below all day. I pickled chickens
in the house all day. Cecil went
with G. D. Blue for load of
hay to Mr. Shambans.

(445)

1917 A clear cold day, but no
Dec 8 wind blowing and it was
pleasant. I pickled fowls in house
and got all our fowls done, we have
killed about 48 in all. Cecil went
to Oak Lake afternoon & brought home
a side of beef from Mr. Portthuis
and also coal.

" 10 Heard it was 30 below
zero this morn. and it was cold all
day but no wind and it was
pleasant sunshine all day but
very frosty. I got beef cut up &
put into a barrel, got engine
from pump & washed. Cecil
went with G. D. Blue for two
loads of hay for them.

" 11 A very cold day clear & very
sharp. I sat in house & wrote letters all
day. Cecil got four loads of steam
around to stable. Sun shone bright
all day.

(46)

1917 Very cold all day a good
Dec 12 Clear Sun but very frosty
I wrote in house all day until
noon then crushed some for our-
selves and also a load for
Ernie Carpenter. Cecil went to
Oak Lake afternoon and went to
D. W. Leish's Auction Sale.

" 13 I am 58 years old today. A
clear sunshiny day but very frosty.
a very little snow fell. I sat in
house all day and wrote at Gr.
Society report. Cecil was fixing
engines

" 14 A very cold day and
we did not do anything only
sit in house. Cecil went to
Oak Lake in buggy and took
out a can of milk shipped
it to Glencarnock Dairy Co
the first can of milk we
have shipped

(47)

1917 Wind S.W. all day and
Dec 15 not so cold. Cecil went
to Oak Lake in wagon afternoon
and brot. home some shorts
& bran he also took out a
can of milk & shipped to Branda
Kragg & went in buggy in after-
noon there was two lady speakers
to talk to Home Economics from
Brandon and Mrs. Swale was
up to talk to Grain Growers.

" 17 Polling day today and Cecil
was deputy at Ripon. A nice warm
day. Cecil took Ballast out to
Oak Lake tonight

" 18 A nice day and not very
cold I went to Oak Lake this
morn. took out can of milk and
brought home empty can. Cecil
crushed some for Ernest
Carpenter and also for ourselves

(48)

1917 A nice mild day. Cecil
Dec 19 Set up pair of sleighs and
went up to Ryerson for our buggy.
She also took out boys in my
to try their suits in school and
I went after them in afternoon
in express not enough snow for
sleighing yet.

" 20 A fine day and not very cold
" " I went to Oak Lake ^{after}
noon in express. Cecil hauled
out manure forenoon and
crushed after.

" 21 A fine day and not
cold I went to Griswold after
noon in single buggy. Cecil hauled
out manure and finished
the pile he has been at.

" 22 A nice forenoon but could
not east afternoon and we had
some snow it was quite a storm
all afternoon but not much

(49)

1917 Feb. Cecil & I went to Oak
Lake afternoon took out a
can of milk, Cecil went on to
Vidua came home on the four
o'clock train. I went to H.
Chapman's sale of goods here
a little after dark. Cecil's boys
came out with us.

Dec 24 A very cold day heard it
was 35 below zero and I guess it
was. Cecil came home from Oak
Lake where he had been staying
with Hayes since last Saturday.
I went to Oak Lake afternoon
in express & took out two cans
of milk. I was in house all day.

" 25 Christmas day not very frosty
but a cold east wind all day. Had dinner all
alone all at home only Mabel & Errol.
afternoon Maggie, Grace, Muriel & Ralph all
went out in express to Oak Lake and Muriel
stayed there. I went down to see Harry

(50)

1917 who has the typhoid fever.
all of Mr. C's family came down
after tea and stayed a few hours.

Dec 26 The very worst day we have
had this winter so far, a strong east
wind all day and a little snow
falling and it was 26 below zero
this morn. we all sat in the house
all day and read a fearful day.

" 27 A very cold wind strong from
N. W. Cecil went to Oak Lake in
morn. & brot. home some shorts &
brought home Muriel from Oak
Lake and also brought Dad's
children to W. R. S. We sat in
house all afternoon too cold
to do anything.

" 28 A very cold day. I went to
J. Carey in morn. in buggy and bought
S. E. 5.10.23 from him for \$100
I went on to Oak Lake had my
dinner there & got home near

(51)

1917 dark brought a nurse for
J. Carey. Bays got two loads
straw into sleigh and took same
home to W. R. Smith. Grace
went over to see Alvin and is
staying there over night. Millie
Hornice Sloan and Violet Little
here tonight.

Dec 29 A cold day but not just
as bad as some we have had
Cecil went out in sleigh in after
noon got some beer & brought
home three empty milk cans.
Sloan girls & Violet here all day
and tonight

" 31 Not cold today but dull
and sun did not shine
Cecil went to Oak Lake forenoon
and brought home coal for
Bob. We got ten pigs into hen house
today. Cecil & Muriel are gone up
to Montgomery's party tonight

(52)

1918 A fine soft day the
Jan 1 warmest we have had
since November and snow thawed
a little. I went to Oak Lake
forenoon & brought out Sadie &
the two children, Charlie Smith
his wife & Nancy here for tea.
A lot colder tonight than
it was in May.

" 2 A fine day and not
cold. Spiced potatoes fore-
noon and crushed after
Ceil went to Oak Lake
after noon & got some shorts
Boys all went to W. C.'s to
a party tonight. Sadie &
children here

" 3 A warm day I crushed
forenoon afternoon and Ceil
went to Oak Lake to get
Sadie & children out they leave
for Napella tomorrow

(53)

1918 A fine forenoon but wind
Jan 4 blew strong from east
and at noon it began to snow
and kept it up nearly all after-
noon a good lot fell and if wind
don't blow it away we will have
good sleeping now. Ceil cleaned
bunking through lying cleaner today
I went to see J. Carey forenoon
and after went to Oak Lake
in cutter.

" 5 Fairly cold all day but
not too bad. Muriel & I went to
Oak Lake afternoon & got some
shorts I attended G. G. meeting
Boys got some straw into loft.

" 6 A strong east wind all day
and very cold. Ceil went to Oak Lake
forenoon & got a load of Sours Coal
went again after noon & got some bran
& shorts. Foggy at times I sat
in house & wrote all day

(54)

1918 Cecil went to Gausp's
Law 8 and fixed their little
engine forenoon and got load
green blue from Carey's after-
noon. Maggie & I went to Oak
Lake afternoon & got home
at dark. A cold day
" 9 Cecil got load wood
from Carey's again today. ~~He~~
~~went to~~ Cecil went to Oak
Lake forenoon & got load
of coal from Grace Groves
and sat in house after noon
I went to Oak Lake after
noon in cutter in afternoon
Blue hard and drifted a
lot all day. Maisie & Mel-
ville Young here for din-
ner. Very cold tonight

(55)

1918 Twenty six below zero this
Law 10 May. and kept very cold
all day wind very keen from
N.W. I picked some potatoes in
cellar. Cecil got home three
loads wood from galley, we
have two cords home now. I
want to get seven cords in all
" 11 A very cold day, Cecil got
home load of wood from Carey, and
did not do anything after noon
but in evening he took G. Miller
and to Oak Lake as George is going
to Brandon, Cecil stayed all
night at Logans. I picked po-
tatoes in cellar. Mr. Young and
Maisie came after noon and
stayed all night. Thermometer
eighteen below zero this day.
but at twenty as we go to
bed

(56)

1918 Thirty below zero this
Jan 12 very and kept very cold
all day a keen north west wind
and thermometer kept around
twenty below all day. Cecil
got load of wood forenoon and
I went to Oak Lake in cutter
afternoon. Cecil went out in
cutter tonight and is staying
at Mr. Lyons all night.

" 14 A nice day and not very
cold about ten below zero in
noon. Cecil got three loads wood
from Carey. I finished pick-
ing over potatoes in cellar and
began to fix traps.

" 15 Thermometer was nine
below zero this day, but got
warmer through day, but blew
hard and was very choppy and
not agreeable. Cecil got
some three loads of

(57)

1918 Wood again today. I was
fixing traps all day.
Jan 16 A very stormy day forenoon
especially not so bad afternoon
but not cold, wind blew strong
& snow drifted a lot. Cecil
went for two loads of wood after
noon and crushed fifty five
bags for hogs & cattle.

" 17 A fine day thermometer ten
& twelve above zero all day. Cecil
got load wood from Carey forenoon
that finishes the seven cords we
bought from him, but Ben & his wife
and another man were here today
looking at horses, but we have none
to spare.

" 18 A very fine day and not
cold. Cecil went for load oats after
noon and got the 157 bushels home
from C. Burns I paid 85¢ per bushel.
Sold potatoes to Leonard & Knight

(58)

1918 for 4^{25} per bushel Ceil
took them out yesterday.
We elevated & cleaned the load
of oats he brought home yester-
day. I mended bags part of
day. Bob got raw liver from
H. R. Smith

Jan 19 Another fine day and
not cold Ceil got this loads
oats today for J. Milne. Maggie
& Lucretia to Oak Lake afternoon
in Cutter. Lucretia got this loads
straw into loft

" 21 Ceil took out hoar today
to Borthwick sold at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb.
he also took out a dead pig &
sold to Leonard at 20 $\frac{1}{2}$
also took out two bags containing
3 $\frac{1}{4}$ bush. potatoes sold to Leonard
at 7^{25} per bushel, he brought
home some oats for bulgias.
Grace, Lucretia & Ceil have

(59)

1918 Gone to Oak Lake tonight to
hear Suins Bell rings. I crushed
about 34 bags of oats today. A
little colder than last week but
not bad, ten below zero this
morn.

Jan 22 A fine day and not very
cold but about 20 below zero this
morn. Ceil got load of ice from
River today. I wrote letters after
noon & helped Maggie as Grace is
in Oak Lake

" 23 Snowed about an inch
last night and blew it up in
good shape today drifted hard
at times but not frosty. I went
to Oak Lake at noon took out
small engine to be fixed, set hammer
to be oiled, chain to be fixed,
and three bags potatoes sold to
Leonard at 7^{25} per bushel. Bought
Grace home. Got load ice today

(60)

1918 A warm day not freezing
Last night snow did not melt on
ground but it melted on
feet ware. No wind until ten
o'clock when wind got strong
from N.W. and snow drifted
and it was rough. About half
an inch of snow fell last
night. Cecil got home then
roads ice from river. I got
all our seed potatoes picked
out from others.

" 25 A cold day but clear
and pleasant. Cecil got
last ice from river and went
to Oak Lake afternoon for
bran & shorts.

" 26 A very cold day. I sharpened at
Circular Saw forenoon and went
to Oak Lake after in cutter, was not
long away very little done today
as it is so cold.

(61)

1918 Wind blew very strong all day.
Jan 28 Snow drifted at times could
hardly see. We did nothing on farm
only sat in home. About twenty
below zero this morning. We did
not go to church yesterday roads
all drifted up.

" 29 A very cold day 34 below
zero this morn. and did not get
warmer than 20 below all
day. Sun bright & clear and
no wind but very cold. Cecil
went to Oak Lake after noon and
brought home bran & shorts. I wrote
letters all day.

" 30 A very cold day our ther-
mometer was lower this morn. than
it has been before this year 38 be-
low zero, a keen wind from N.W. all
day and pretty hard to keep from
freezing. Maggie & I went to Oak Lake
and had dinner at John Little's.

(62)

1918 Another very cold
Jan 31 day wind S.W. and it
is warmer tonight, 36 below
Zero this morn. but tonight it
is only twelve. Cecil went to
Guismond afternoon in Cutter
I was melting snow all day
Feb 1 Just Zero this morn.
and it was nice all day.
Elevated some grain for crushing
forenoon and scrubbed
it afternoon and Cecil went
to Oak Lake in Cutter. Sleight
took out two pigs to Leonard
" 2 Stormed a little all day
but not bad and very little snow
fell, wind east all day. Walter
& I went to Oak Lake afternoon
in Cutter.

(63)

1918 Seventy eight below zero
Jan 6 this morn. and pretty cold
until noon when it began getting
warmer and tonight it is six above
zero. Storming today and some
snow fell this afternoon it
was pretty stormy for some time
Cecil went to Oak Lake after
noon and brought home our
Small Judson engine.
" 5 6 A fine warm day ther-
mometer ten above this morn. and
went above freezing during the
day, Sun warm & bright
all day and snow thawed
a little & water ran of house.
Cecil got farming mill
fixed up and ran it with
eight horse engine and cleaned
a little barley for seed, but
I will take out some stuff of
farming mill to be fixed tomorrow

(64)

1918 Wind blew pretty hard from
Feb 6 N. E. all day and thermometer
stayed about 25. Maggie and
went to Oak Lake forenoon in
Cutter got some repairs for
sawing mill & was home
for dinner. We got sawing
mill running cleaning barley
after noon and running it with
eight horse engine.

" 7 Cecil cleaning barley all day
Luan choring around and Bob
cleaned out part of new house.
hot very cold just nice for
working.

" 8 Got some barley & seeds
elevated today and crushed them
also got one shipping bin filled
with barley to clean. Cecil went
to Oak Lake after noon got
teams shod in front.

(65)

1918 A nice warm day Sun
Feb 9 Snow clear and snow-melted
some pools of water around. Cleaned
barley forenoon and sawed
wood after job about four cords
sawed in all.

" 11 A fine day warm forenoon
but wind cold from east after noon
and a lot colder tonight but still
not down to zero. Cecil cleaned
barley all day. I went to Oak
Lake after noon to quarterly board
meeting. St Taylor here for
dinner.

" 12 A fine day, in starting engine
in morn. we broke gasoline pump
and Cecil went out after noon get it
fixed. I split wood.

" 13 A cold east wind all day
very cold. I cleaned barley all day
Cecil chored around no one
went to Oak Lake from here

(66)

1918 A fine day finished
Feb 14 running barley through fan-
ning mill and got all the wheat
elevated into cleaning bins and
rue some of it through cleaners
& into shipping bins. Went
to Oak Lake afternoon in cutter
Ceil took Grace & Maggie up to
St. C's to a Red Cross meeting.

" 15 A fine day and just cold
enough for work. Split wood
regularly all day, Ceil ran wheat
through fanning mill.

" 16 A fine day and not very
cold. Ceil got all our seed wheat
cleaned through fanning mill and
finished. Maggie & Queen to Oak
Lake afternoon. He attended Home
Lecoonaires & attended Agr. Society & boys
& girls club. Heard today that Dave
Smith's wife had died in
W. P. J. Ceil & G. H. Mike went to Branda

(67)

1918 Wind N.E. all day & snowed
Feb 18 a little, it will make roads
better as they were very bad. Sowed
some wheat forenoon also elevated
some oats & then took load wheat
to Oak Lake after snow. Cold tonight
and thermometer 14 below zero.
Heard tonight that some J. Bringer
Maggie's aunt was dead at Mel-
fort.

" 19 Pretty windy from N.W.
all day and tonight as we go
to bed it is 21 below zero
Got a load of straw into loft
and a load of bedding home
today and I took out a
load of wheat to Oak Lake
Y. W. Smith here today for
twe he says she has a lot of po-
tatoes, sold them at
\$1.75 per bushel

(68)

1918 Thermometer 33 below zero
Feb 20 This morn. and kept pretty cold
all day. Schoed forenoon and
split wood after.

" 21 Thermometer 29 below
this morn. and wind blowing very
strong from S. W. got warmer
through the day but very cold
in morn. and wind would shake
you. Kept windy all day
and disagreeable. I wrote letters
in house all day. Thermometer
ten below as we go to bed.

" 22 Blew very hard all forenoon
and ground from plowed fields
drifted badly but it got better
at noon and at night it was
calm wind S. W. and tonight
warmer. I took load wheat to
Oak Lake after noon, & brot
home some fish.

(69)

1918 A warm day and snow
Feb 23 Broked a lot roads are done
ran engine forenoon elevated some
rats cleaned some them in
afternoon I took load wheat
to Oak Lake. G. K. & Cecil
came home from W. P. tonight
lots of water lying around
first calf of season today
a heifer

" 25 Snowed about six inches
yesterday and last night and
roads are good now. I went
to Oak Lake afternoon took
out 15 bushels of wheat that is
the last we have & I brot home
six bags of bran. Below zero all
day but a pleasant day. Cecil
cleaned some screening & scrubbed
afternoon. Bob got load
of bedding home.

(70)

1918 A fine day Calm all
Feb 26 day but Sun & home clear
& bright and it was very pleasant
I cleaned out all day. Cecil
went afternoon with W. C.
down to Alper as George is going
up to see Charlie

" 27 A fine day clear & cold
but not bad. Cecil & I tried
cleaning barley forenoon but
did not make it go very well
I went to Oak Lake afternoon
took out 50 bushels of oats
to Mr. Boy Thinks & had some
some shorts & paraline.

" 28 Cecil & I got cleaner
going today the Bull Dog from
W. C. and it makes good work
cleaning barley, but we only got a
little done as engine would not work.
I went to Oak Lake afternoon & got
home three banded hoes & rosters.

(71)

1918 A nice warm day and
March 1 Snow melted quite a lot
cleaned some barley today, Cecil
went to Oak Lake afternoon.
I split wood most of day
also sharpened saw.

" 2 All of us sawed wood fore-
noon and got the four cords
cut up. After noon Maggie, Minnie
& I all went to Oak Lake and
got back at dark. A hot day
Snow went a lot and roads
are nearly done. Mrs. Whaley
buried today.

" 4. Soft all day yesterday and
Snow melting but wind east towards
night and getting colder three of us
went to church yesterday in cutter but
Mr. Somerset had buggy. Wind east
all day today & snowed a little kept
getting colder all day and a lot below
zero tonight

(72)

1918
Nov 9
Left for Brandon on Tuesday
May. The 5th drove to Alfie
to go to Brandon on C. N. R. but
did not get to Brandon until
3.10 as train was late went to
see Brandon Hair then and
stayed there until 11.30 that
night then stayed in Beaubien
place, a cold day sun bright
but very wind from north a
cold. Left Brandon on Tuesday
6th and went to Moore Park
to Richard Armstrong, got
there at 10.30 and found them
all well a cold windy day
and did not stir out of
Richards home all day
stayed at Richards all day
Thursday ^{7th} blowing very strong from
N. W. all day but blowing
and it was a very disagreeable
day and we did not stir

(73)

1918
out Friday 8th Richard
& I went to Lecler's forenoon and
had dinner there, then Richard
drove me to Moore Park and I got
train there for Brandon at 4.15
reached Brandon at 9.15 and
found the big fair all over
a fine day not very windy but
fifty and sun shining brightly.
Stayed at Beaubien place & went
to a sale of grade horses at
fair building this morn. but
only a few were sold and
I could have on the train that
left Brandon at 12.25 got
to Oak Lake near two and walked
home, Cecil got home two hundred
and twelve bushels of seed oats
today in wagon, roads all ice
and every one using buffies & wipers.
Found them all well here
and everything all right

(74)

1918 Snowed nearly all day
Mar 11 and wind strong from east
but calms tonight, about six
inches of snow fell, storms
very thick at times. Cleared
barn all day also split some
wood.

" 12 Sun shone clear & bright
all day but it was pleasant
and colder than usual did
not thaw any. Maggie & I went
to Oak Lake afternoon, she
stayed at Aunt Marge's I brot.
home some shorts.

" 13 A fine day pretty warm
and the snow we got lately
is pretty nearly all gone
Started up farming mill forenoon
sketch stayed at home &
wasn't until it finished
barn. Went to Oak Lake
afternoon & got home some shorts

(75)

1918 A fine day again & snow
Mar 14 went some more roads get-
ting bare. I took home W. C. jaw
eddy mill the Bull dog forenoon
& went to Oak Lake afternoon
& got Ray shod on one front foot
& brot. home fifteen hundred
of shorts, we are putting it in
one bin of granary. Grace went
to W. C.'s afternoon & is staying
there tonight

" 15 A strong S. W. wind all
day and Dubu went a lot
water running every place. Cleared
seed oats forenoon and I went
to Oak Lake after & brot. home
ten hundred of shorts and a
barrel of gasoline, Maggie
has been in Oak Lake a few
days seeing Carie home
also, had a job to get home road
bare

(76)

1918 a warm day and
Mar 16 Snow came a lot

I split wood forenoon and
mother & I went to Cat hall
afternoon in buggy a
meeting of directors of Agr.
Society there. Cecil chucked
a load for cattle & horses
today

" 18 A very warm day, as
warm as May no wind and
Sun show strong all day.
P. Kennedy, G. Miller & I
hailed six loads hay
from across river for Jersey
had hauling as roads are
pretty soft. Cecil was helping
P. J. Merrick to run line
between he & Grey with a
Surveyor from Brandon.
Very little Snow now

(77)

1918 I split wood all day and
Mar 19 got it all finished. Cecil
fixed up wagon to take our pigs
tomorrow. A very warm day

" 20 Frozen pretty hard this morn.
Cecil & I took our Seventeen hogs
in two loads they weighed 1799
each & brot. in 578⁵⁵ sold
at 19 cents per pound. I attended
a meeting of Rural Loan Society
after, and Ralph came out in
evening in express & I brot. home
W. R. and marrow

" 21 Colder today and did not
thaw any today until noon but
wind kept calm all day from
N. W. Cleaned up forenoon and
after went to Griswold &
ordered an engine disc & brot
home five bags of flour. Sold
tears Frank & Lottie to D
Miller this morn.

(78)

1918 Equinoctial falls today
Nov 22 from S. E. & S. W and
blew a hurricane all day and
air was full of dust. I sold
teams yesterday & took them out
to Oak Lake forenoon and did
not get back until 4.30
Bob getting a load of wood for
himself today

• 23 A fine day cool wind
from NW and flying pretty hard
tonight. I wrote letters forenoon
boys drew manure to garden
and Bob hauled manure to field
afternoon. Mueler went to
Oak Lake afternoon. Brother
Lorn came today Cecil went
out for him forenoon. G.
Mueler & Cecil went to Oak
Lake tonight in Car

(79)

1918 A warm day but blowing
Nov 25 hard from south west
and dust flying. Made two crates
for bull calves forenoon, in after
noon Cecil went to Oak Lake
got some shorts, Lorn & I went
over to G. Jacksons & bought
a driver from Andy Jackson
for \$119.50, saw some teams
plowing on road

• 26 Lorn & I went to Oak Lake
forenoon & sent a Holstein Bull
away to Mr. Auley. After noon I
went to Jim Horbert to see some
horses he has for sale but they
did not suit. Cecil clipped horse
with engine. A cold east wind
all day

• 27 I sat in home all day not very
well. Cecil took over young bull and
shipped to J. C. Johnston. Lorn har-
rowed all day first work on land

(80)

1918 A fine warm day and
Mar 28 wind blowing strong from
N.W. I went to Oak Lake
in am. G. Milne & I took
home two loads parts for
us then in afternoon Cecil
came out also & we got one
load for us and two for Milne's
I was harrowing on Seneca all
day. Cecil was clipping hoes
in forenoon.

" 29 a nice warm day
Cecil disced on Carey's ag-
aster all day. I was harrowed
on Seneca. Bob said so I
did Chovee forenoon and
crushed afternoon. A God-
dard here since yesterday
he has gone home to his
brothers tonight. Maggie
& Mrs Kennedy went to
church in Oak Lake today

(81)

1918 Blew some forenoon
Mar 30 and afternoon it was
a regular hurricane. I was
finished harrowing the field
plowing on Seneca about four
o'clock then went to see
eight for W. C's, disc & made
one round on Carey's quarter
I disced there afternoon and
Cecil got Mrs Milne's disc
and worked also

Apr 1 Frosty this morn. Could not
work on land with hoes, Cecil,
spade manure with spreader until
noon then went to W. Forest's auction
I was hauled manure out to pile,
and ran disc on Carey's place until
noon afternoon. Bob disced on
Carey's afternoon also. I went to
Oak Lake afternoon and attended
a meeting of Credit Society there.
Very cold tonight & freezing hard

(82)

1918 Frozen very hard this
Apr 2 morn. and could not do any
thing on land until afternoon
and snow tonight there was some
places in field not thawed out
a cold north wind all day
and will freeze very hard
again tonight. Cecil & Tom
hauled manure out of yard
until noon then in afternoon
Cecil, Tom, Ralph disced
on Carey's quarter section.
I went to Oak Lake in morn. in
single buggy & did not get home
until four o'clock bought a
mare from Barthwick at
\$375⁰⁰ she is a big mare in
foal. Bob & Walter worked
in garden most of day.
Mrs Ginn came to Oak Lake
with me. W.C. was 56 yesterday

(83)

1918 Frozen very hard all forenoon
April 3 and we did not get on
land until afternoon, when
we all disced on Carey's quarter
but low places in field were
frozen all day. Tom hauled out manure
and I hauled a load for horse
stable forenoon.

" 4 Frozen again this morn. but
not as hard as yesterday but
we did nothing on land until
afternoon. Tom & I went to Oak
Lake forenoon & got two loads
fence posts home. After noon
ran the three discs. A lot
warmer tonight.

" 5 Not enough frost to stop
us beginning early on land. Fin-
ished discing on Carey's quarter at
noon then in afternoon. Bob & I
killed three pigs after noon. Ralph
ran disc in eighty acres we

(84)

1918 intend to fallow this year. Tom ran Cultivator on fallow and we will begin to seed wheat on Sunday. Cecil began to harrow on Carey's quarter with Calts afternoon. Very cold and windy forenoon and dust blowing a lot but not so cold after noon
" 6 Snowed all day a soft snow that melted as it fell but disagreeable and mess inside threw out, freezing very hard tonight. Tom & Cecil finished clipping horses today. I crushed a load for hops & Cattle. Ralph went to Oak Lake afternoon in buggy
" 8 Very cold all day frozen so hard it did not thaw until noon. Tom hauled manure forenoon & plowed alfalfa

(85)

1918 after it goes very hard as roots are very large. I took out eight pigs to Oak Lake forenoon sold to W. Barthwick at nineteen cents they averaged 193 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. each. After noon Cecil & I went to Wisnold afternoon with two wagons and bush home large Cultivator & harrow. Wind S. E. all day & cold feels like more snow
Apr. 9 A fearful windy day air full of dust. Cecil & I set up a wooden harrow forenoon, more bother than a threshing machine to start. Hazel pretty hard this morn. and Tom plowed alfalfa sod forenoon & ran Cultivator in fallow after. Bob & Cecil harrow on Carey place afternoon. I got lumber in bag today and can do anything

(86)

1918 A dull dark forenoon
Apr 10 but a bright clear afternoon
and as hot as July. I have sore
back and did nothing forenoon
but went to Oak Lake after
I got Ray shod. Cecil & Bob
harrowed on Carey quarter
all day and Tom ran cul-
tivation on fallow

" 11 A very windy day and
pretty dusty. I began seeding
wheat this day. The first
seeding we have done this year
I am seeding in fallow east
of house. Tom ran cultivator
all day on fallow. Cecil
was harrowing on Carey quarter
all day

" 12 I seeded wheat on fallow
all day today. Tom ran cul-
tivation and Cecil finished
harrowing Carey's quarter

(87)

1918 Tom finished cultivating
Apr 13 fallow today and I
seeded all day there and have
about 65 acres seeded now
Cecil plowed some in alfalfa
and then got started to plow
for wheat next morning in
forty acre field. Maggie & Walter
went to Oak Lake in afternoon
in buggy. Ralph crushed oats
afternoon

" 15 A very windy day air
full of dust and it was
hard to work. Cecil & Tom plowing
south of house next morning
for wheat. Tom also plowed Bob's
garden. I finished seeding fallow
about four o'clock and then
packed where men are plowing
blowing hard as we go to bed
but a little misty rain falling
hope more come and lay the

(87)

1918 all of us went to work
Apr 16 in wheat field south
of home. I packed a
couple of hours while Tom
& Cecil were plowing, but
it was dropping rain all
day. One came in about
ten o'clock, it kept a drizzle
all day and we did not go
out again although some
people were working. I
picked over potatoes in
cellar and Cecil went to
Oak Lake in buggy afternoon
" 17 Tom & Cecil plowed
for wheat all day and
two men to pack on hill
and I went to Oak Lake
afternoon for a load
of shorts. A fine day
and stuff beginning to
grow now

(88)

1918 I seeded wheat south of
Apr 18 house all day. Tom
packed all day and Cecil
plowed. A good day to work
it was cool had to wear coats
I went to Mercantile to trustee
meeting tonight. Lewis left
in tent for first time tonight
Very cool tonight
" 19 A fine day kept cool all
day and a good day for working
Cecil & Tom plowed for wheat
south of house all day. I seeded
until eleven o'clock and then
packed until noon afternoon
I went to Oak Lake to attend
a meeting of Rural Credit
Society. Bob put in fence
posts forenoon and harrowed
follow wheat across after
noon with my team

(89)

1918 A good frost this morn.
April 20 as wind was with all
day yesterday, such it was not
hard enough to stop us working
Ceil finished plowing wheat
field south of home at ten
o'clock and harrowed fallow
wheat balance of day. Tom
finished packing the wheat
field at three o'clock and
disced in S. E. eighty acre field
after we intend to fallow
that field. I finished sowing
all the wheat at five o'clock
and then Ben went for load
of straw. Bob put in fence
posts all day between S. E. 80
and the 40 acre field west of it.
One of our Cows Calved today.
Maggie went to Oak Lake
forenoon in buggy

(90)

1918 Yesterday Sunday was about
Apr 22 the worst sand storm I
ever saw, it blew a hurricane all
day some times we could not see
Mr Tommers house, no one went to
church, lots of grain will be lost
after this. Twenty degrees of frost
this morn. and everything frozen
pretty hard. Tom hauled manure
until noon then discd fallow
Ceil spread manure with
spreader until noon then finished
harrowing wheat on fallow across
he also harrowed alfalfa,
Bob got all the posts in on a
quarter mile fence. Went to
Grismold forenoon with 44 bushels
wheat the last we have, then in
afternoon went to Oak Lake and
got home a load of posts from
J. Little's yard. Very cold all day
I was glad to have fur coat

(91)

1918 Cold this morn. again
April 23 but not quite as bad
as yesterday. Tom began discing
at fallow in morn. got it done
at three o'clock then disced in
pig pasture behind trees and
plowed it in oats for sheep
pasture. Cecil hauled manure
until noon and then harrowed
wheat on spring plowing across
Bob plowed on Seven north
of bluff for wheat afternoon
Scrubbed road oats for our
dehes.

24 A nice forenoon but
pretty windy after. I harrowed
the pasture but did not
quite finish it. Cecil & Tom
plowed for oats on Seven.
Bob was taking wire off posts
in pig pasture

(92)

1918 A very cold forenoon and
Apr. 25 began to snow at 11.30
kept it up all afternoon, cold
& wet but a lot of moisture
has fallen and it is snowing
yet at dark. I seeded some
oats on Seven this morn. north of
bluff, Tom packed these and
plowed same on Seven for oats
after he was done packing. Cecil
finished harrowing pasture and
then began to harrow wheat we
are fallowing this year. I went
to Oak Lake in wagon after noon
it was wet & cold, I got the
horse Jack shod and had some
some hay ripe. Cecil & Ernie
got home from Chicago just
after I left Oak Lake and
is coming home with a
Camper

(93)

1918 A fine day but kept
April 26 Cool with wind north
in spite of clear sunshine all
day. Snow all gone only
on south side of
buildings. I sat in house all
day. Cecil hauled rotted
manure & spread on fallow
Lorn hauled green manure fore
noon and straw from seven
after. Bob dug up pots forenoon
and helped Lorn at straw
after. Errol went to Oak
Lake afternoon for his truck.

" 27 A fine day but cool
Lorn got load straw forenoon
and then plowed for oats balance
of day on seven. I cleaned up pots
forenoon then sowed some oats on
seven after & packed them, Cecil
finished hauling out rotted manure
from yard at noon & harrowed

(94)

1918 fallow after. Frozen
to hard for work on land
forenoon only to plow could not
Lorn nor harrow. Bob began to
put pots in along alfalfa
for hay in afternoon. Errol
& mother went to Oak Lake in car
in afternoon.

Apr 29 Very windy forenoon and
cold I hauled straw off seven fore
noon and finished harrowing the
S. E. eighty on fallow after. Lorn
& Cecil plowed on seven all day.

Bob putting in fence posts in alfalfa

" 30 Lorn & Cecil finished plowing
north of school on seven for oats
at four today. Lorn went on packing
them and finished it tonight. I packed
until noon and then seeded oats
after noon. Errol & Cecil went to
Gordon's Hardware tonight for tea

(95)

1918 A lovely forenoon and
May 1 hardly any wind but after
noon it blew very hard from
N. E. ground was drifting and
it was cold and disagreeable.
It seems impossible for the
weather to stay calm for
any length of time, ground
is drifting all the time.
I finished seeding oats on seven
about thirty acres in all
and I got some packed the
second time. Tom, Cecil & Bob
all worked in slough with
of sheep chasing it out.
" I Bob worked in slough alone
forenoon, and after noon Tom & Cecil
were with him, Tom packed on
oat ground on seven forenoon & worked
in slough after. I have indigestion
badly and did not do much.
Cecil went to Oak Lake forenoon

(96)

1918 to get harness fixed and
we had to borrow a set from
Reuben as ours is too light for heavy
driving. Maggie went to Ladies Aid
at Mrs A. R. Cairns today and
upset buggy and hurt her leg
very badly.
May 3 Cecil, Bob & Tom worked in
slough all day getting on with it
but it takes a lot of time. I
finished packing oat ground on seven
and then harrowed it all across.
A lovely hot day and no wind.
" 4 A nice forenoon but
blew a hurricane afternoon
and air filled with dust. Bob
got on some more wire today on
alfalfa. Tom & Cecil worked in
slough I did nothing sick with
indigestion. Saw few hot
tongues after sun down it was 88
in shade. Some lightning around

(97)

1918 Raining when we got
May 6 up this morn. and kept
at it until noon not much
fell but it will lay the dust
and clear things up. Cecil
took car to Oak Lake to
have it cleaned up afternoon
Tom went out in wagon
and brot. home Edward's
Car for me to take out
steer tomorrow.

" 7 I took our steer to
Laurie's this morn. and after
noon Bob & I put hay wire on
alfalfa fence. A good shower
of rain this morn. Cecil took
me to Grand Rapids & I
went to Brandon on late
train

" 8 I got back from Brandon
on 1.45 train today & a steamer
brot. me out to foot of hill

(98)

1918 and I walked home.
Cecil went to Oak Lake afternoon
& brot. home buggy that has been
getting fixed also a roll of wire.
been finished taking roots out
of slough today

May 9 Throze last night and
some ice or water this morn. A
cold north wind all day although
sun shone warm. Cecil & Tom
got slough all picked up and
burnt at noon then in after
noon Bob & Tom got it all plowed
Bob & I fenced around alfalfa
forenoon in afternoon Cecil
went to Oak Lake & he went
on to Brandon

" 10 Tom went to slough & cut it up
with disc, then he & I plowed in alfalfa
for wheat. Bob burnt straw on
Carey quarter all day. Cecil in
Brandon today

(99)

1918 Very cold forenoon & several
May 10 showers of snow fell
I now plowed all of alfalfa ground
I seeded wheat this forenoon and
afternoon I went to Oak Lake
to attend a directors meeting.
Wind got very high about three
o'clock and it blew a hurricane
until 8 o'clock dust blew
awful, and it was very cold
Ceil got a lot crushed & planted
barley & also finished packing
alfalfa ground.
" 11 A cold day some of blizzards
of snow forenoon and afternoon
a regular hurricane of wind
Finished plowing the alfalfa
ground also packing it and
afternoon I went to Oak
Lake to attend Agr. Society
meeting.

(100)

1918 A cold wind from N.W.
May 13 all day although sun was
shining bright all the time. Low
Ceil plowed for barley on seven
all day. I took nine hops out
to Oak Lake forenoon & sold
at 18³/₄ cents per pound, they
averaged 220 lbs each and
are the last of last fall's
crop. Bob was on Carey quarter
all day burning stubble, hawks
like rain tonight
" 14 A lot of snow on ground
this morn when we got up and
kept storming & very cold all
day Ceil went to Oak Lake in
stuffy near evening rest of us
picked over potatoes in cellar.
A cold miserable time

(101)

1918 Sugar on ground,
May 15 this morn. and did
not go any further until noon
when Cecil & Tom went
to Seneca and plowed for
barley. Killed a pig this
morn. and cut seed po-
tatoes. Went to Oak
Lake afternoon in buggy
to attend Rural Credit Society
Blowing strong from east
tonight and feels like
rain

16 Rained hard after we
got to bed last night and
more fell than we have had
all spring. I went to Oak Lake
forenoon in buggy roads very
muddy & heavy. afternoon
I seeded wheat in alfalfa
finished the wheat seeding
at last. Tom & Cecil plowing on Seneca

(102)

1918 A very cool day and Seneca
May 17 only plow at times. I har-
rowed wheat on alfalfa twice
and packed it. Tom & Cecil
plowed on Seneca all day for
barley, very hot at times and
cool at others

" 18 A nice forenoon cool
& pleasant for working, Tom
& Cecil plowed on Seneca & I
packed until noon, at noon
we formalized some barley for
seed. Then went back to Seneca
but we only got a few rounds
when it began to rain and we
came home rained very hard
near dark I think as much
rain has fallen today as
all last summer, there
was also a lot of thunder
& lightning

(163)

1918 A very cold day and sun
May 20 did not shine all day

I began to seed forenoon on
seven sowing barley I got all
seeded that was packed
and then began packing about
three o'clock but it began snow-
ing about that time and it came
down heavy mixed with rain
got so heavy we had to come
home from seven pretty wet. Cecil
& Tom plowed all day

" 21 Started to rain at seven
this morn. and kept steady at
it all day I never saw a
steadier day rain and until
noon it was very heavy but
not so heavy after but still
at it at dark. It will be
a day or so before we get
at land again

(164)

1918 Grace & I went to Oak
May 22 Late forenoon roads very
muddy, afternoon I went to
W. Goddards for sheep shears.
Came home by J. Baillie
& brot. A Goddard came with
me he will shear our sheep
tomorrow. Tom & Cecil plowed
on seven afternoon.

" 23 Tom & Cecil plowed on seven
all day. I harrowed & sowed
barley there all day also.
A Goddard sheared the 23
sheep today. Very hot at times
but very cold tonight wind
cast a little rain.

" 24 All working on seven all
day cold & dull and at 4:30 it
began to rain and we came
home but rain did not last
long

(105)

1918 A very cold day saw
May 25 & windy saw did not
shine all day and in afternoon
it rained slightly but not
enough to have us leave
the field. Tom finished plow-
ing around fences on Seven
with walking plow as was
and harrowed these after-
noon. I seeded barley on
Seven all day. Cecil plowed
for oats in field near school
We had to wear as much
clothes today as in November.

" 27 This is the first really
nice warm day we have had
for a long time forenoon was
a little cool but afternoon
was warm saw some bright
and it was something like
Spring. I finished seeding
seventy acres of barley

(106)

1918 on Seven and but have the
drill. Tom finished plowing about
ten acres for oats in field near
school. Cecil went to Carey
quarter afternoon and opened
out some furrows

May 28 A fine day I harrowed
all day on Seven crossing the barley
ground. Tom & Bob put out the
area into stable loft forenoon
and afternoon Tom plowed on
Carey quarter & Bob burnt brush
there. Cecil plowed on Carey quarter
forenoon and went to Oak Lake
afternoon in buggy & but. have
four horses & a gang plow from
J. S. Little, we will use them
for a few days. Pretty warm
all day and a good growth
the best we have had

(107)

1918 Very cool all day a fine
May 29 day for working, dull
& cloudy and a few drops
of rain felt but nothing to
bother. I finished harrowing
barley on Senaw at five o'clock
and then began to seed oats
west of house. Lou, Bob
& Cecil all plowed on Carey
quarter after noon but
Lou packed west of house
forenoon. W. Bor thinned
here for oats today
30 Hot all day and things
green fast. I seeded oats &
grass seeds west of house then
went on Carey quarter & harrowed
Lou, Cecil & Bob plowing on
Carey quarter all day. Cecil & I
went to John Cameron's tonight
Earl came home from Saska
toon tonight.

(108)

1918 A pretty warm day but
May 31 a good growing day. Three
teams plowed and I harrowed
until noon and then seeded
barley down near Merrick on
Carey quarter. Uncle Bill & family
here tonight to see Earl, L.
Merrick was here also
June 1 Very cool all day and
sometimes positively cold a
very strong wind at times and
patches of blown wheat that
were getting green are as brown
as ever. A few showers of rain
after noon but not enough
to stop us working. Earl left
for Merrick this afternoon
Three teams plowed on Carey
quarter all day and I
seeded barley there. Lou
& Ralph & Cecil went to Merrick
tonight.

(109)

1918 Father was 45 years
June 3 dead yesterday and
mother Lou was 61 year old
A cold day at times and we
had several small showers
of rain but it was very hot
forenoon. P. Herricks his teams
helping us plow today on Carey
quarter, I harrowed & seeded
Lou & Cecil plowed

" 4 A dull day and we
had several showers of rain
but not much. I harrowed
& seeded on Carey quarter all
day Lou, Cecil & Bob plowed

" 5 Plowing, seeding & harrowing
on Carey quarter all day. A fine
day

" 6 Patriotic Sale in Oak Lake
today and they took in \$4,800
it is for the Belgian & French
warfare fund. I sent a pair

(110)

1918 of pigs. Grace & Muffa went
out with Mrs. Kline in car.
I finished seeding half of Carey
quarter and began to harrow it
across. Lou, Bob, & Cecil plowed
all day

June 7 Very windy from south east
all day and that bad for har-
rowing. I harrowed the barley
that is down on Carey quarter
across all day, a little rain
came this evening but only a few
drops. Rest of men plowed all
day.

" 8 Very cold this morn. and
east & cold enough for mitts.
E. Pinner came to help us plow
but it began to rain at 11.30 and
he went home, some rain fell very
cold & rain only lasted a short
while. We all got out toward
again after noon & E. Pinner

(111)

1918 Came back & helped
again, I harrowed forenoon
and sowed barley after.
June 10 Very hot forenoon and
hardly a breath of wind but
at noon wind got up and it
blew very hard all after noon,
and still blowing a hurricane
as we go to bed air filled
with dust and it was hard
to work, sun was also very hot
and wind was like coming
from a furnace thermometer
was 101 in shade, I harrowed
on Carey place forenoon and
seeded after. Tom packed there
all day. Bob & Cecil plowed
also Fernie Carpenter helped us
I went to Oak Lake tonight
in car. Mrs. Guin came
to P. Phillips.

(112)

1918 A hot windy day and
June 11 dust blew a lot, last
night was a regular hurricane
and grew sour. The second time
is about as bad as ever.
I drilled barley forenoon, dragged
& I went to Oak Lake in car
afternoon and I harrowed when
I came back. Tom packed
all day Cecil & Bob finished
plowing Carey quarter all
last headlands. Walter took
John Luttles team home to
night.

" 112 Cecil took P. J. Merrick
up to Shoal Lake today in car
George Merrick came and helped
me sow barley on Carey quarter
Bob & Tom drew stave of that
quarter then Tom plowed and
Bob harrowed. A fine day
and not too hot

(113)

1918 G. Merrick & I finished
June 13 Seeding on Carey quarter
at noon today he went home
& I went to Ralph Helliwell's
funeral. Tom finished plowing
on Carey quarter forenoon and
afternoon he ploughed three
acres. Bob was harrowing
forenoon and he picked roots
off Carey quarter afternoon
Dr. H. L. L. is here at noon
and altered Colt. A very
fine day.

" 14 A nice forenoon warm
and pleasant but afternoon
got pretty windy. I harrowed
until noon then took a sheep
out to Raymond. Tom & Ceil
went to G. H. L. L. for
hay. Bob chored forenoon
and harrowed on Carey
quarter afternoon

(114)

1918 Tom & Ceil got home two
June 15 more loads of hay from the
L. L. L. today, that makes four loads
and will be all we want. I fini-
shed harrowing on Carey quarter
& started to pack until noon, then
in afternoon Bob & I went to
Griswold & shipped Cultivator
to G. Growers & bot. home bar-
rel of gasoline. A hot day and
windy dust blowing off crop
land and a lot of it spoiled
" 14 A nice cool day, Tom packed
on Carey quarter all day, Ceil & I
plowed west of house for oat
cheaves. Cool & pleasant & still
no rain.

" 18 Ceil plowed all day for oats
west of house. I plowed harrowed & sowed
there. Tom packed on Carey quarter
all day. Bob mixed oats & grass
seed forenoon & picked roots after

(115)

1918 Dark & cool all
June 19 day until about 5 o'clock when it got very close & hot. Looked very much like rain all day and we had a few drops at noon we need rain very badly. Tom finished packing in Carey quarter at noon and plowed west of house after noon, Cecil was plowing there afternoon also & Bob plowed forenoon. I harrowed & seeded there all day. Cecil took Bess mare over to W. J. Gump harness forenoon

* 20 A windy forenoon and in afternoon it blew a hurricane and dust drifted so much we did not go out to work. Tom & Cecil plowed west of house forenoon and I got away.

(116)

1918 pile of ashes and then harrowed until noon. Picked over potatoes in cellar. Cecil took train out to Oak Lake at noon and they tried examination there after noon & are staying in at Aunt Marys tonight. We heard there was some good showers yesterday in different places we want rain here badly but none came. Grain that was blown out before and had started to grow will be as bad as ever after today's blow

June 21 A nice day and not windy for a wonder. I seeded oats west of house all day. Cecil & Tom finished plowing there at noon, Tom hauled manure after noon and Cecil opened up furrows in fallow, Maggie & I went up to Church tonight to a congregational meeting

(117)

1918 Hot all day but a
June 22 good breeze blowing and
it was pleasant. I finished sowing
oats for green feed west of house
at noon then after noon took
out wool & shipped it to hope
Ceil ^{Grace} went to Oak Lake in my
in car and in afternoon he
finished opening out ridges in
fallow. Tom hauled manure all
day. Bob finished putting wire
around Alfalfa for pigs.
Rain needed very badly but none
comes

" 24 A dull dark day and
very cool, cloudy and a few
drops of rain kept falling all
day but not enough to lay the
dust. I hauled oats west of
house and packed them in evening
Ceil crushed forenoon & after he
Bob got pig fence fixed and

(118)

1918 Got the little pigs out into
alfalfa. Tom spread manure all
day. Ceil took mother, Grace
Minnie & Annie Tom off out to
Oak Lake tonight, the two latter
are going to stay there and try
their entrance exams tomorrow
Ivins went out last night
and will be done writing tomorrow
June 25 A fearful hot day and
nearly impossible to work horses
with flies. I packed oats west
of house. Tom & Ceil worked on
roads going to Griswold. Ivins
in Oak Lake trying exams.
Rained a good shower this
evening but we could have
stood a day of it heard
they had hail in some
places, things are looking
serious for rain now.

(119)

1918 A nice forenoon but
June 26, wind raised afternoon
and it blew a hurricane dust
flying every place and for more
harm done than all the good
the rain did. Lou & Walter
worked on roads again & Cecil
worked at Separator. Ralph
hauled manure. Bob cultivated
potatoes. I finished packing oats
forenoon and began to plow
fallow after noon it is very
dry & hard

" 27 Lou & Cecil worked on road
until noon then Lou hauled
manure. Walter plowed fallow
forenoon & Ralph after. Bob
shod potatoes. Raulighs was
& Gordon Hunter here for
dinner. I went to Oak Lake after
in buggy. Dull & call all day
a few slight showers of rain

(120)

1918 A dull cold day with north
June 28 west, sun did not shine and
it was very cold. Ralph & I took a
bull calf out to Oak Lake and shipped
it up to A. Krallett, W. C. Culey on
8:15 train this morn. One team plowed un-
til noon and team hauled manure,
began to rain at noon and kept at
it pretty steady for three hours, it
was not heavy just a good drizzle
and will take a lot of that to get
down to roots but it is freshening
grain up.

" 29 Raining in morn. not heavy but
some falling. So I went to Oak Lake
in buggy took out four plow points
and got them sharpened. Lou & I plowed
fallow after noon with ten horses. Lou
spread manure. Bob shod potatoes
Cecil was at sawp all day fixing
his engine. Richard Armstrong & some
of his family came up today

(121)

1918 A hot day but pleasant
July 1 and nice to work, but
flies were very bad and in after-
noon we could hardly work
the horses with flies. I wrote
letters forenoon & after noon, plowed
in fallow, Tom plowed all day
Ceil harrowed fallow forenoon
Levin hauled manure forenoon
and Walter alone afternoon.
Grace, Daniel, Ceil & Ralph
went to celebration afternoon
Bob & family went out in morn.
" 2 Ceil & I took out three Sows
and the pig hog this morn. Tom
plowed fallow all day. Ralph
plowed after noon, Walter hauled
manure forenoon & hoed potatoes
after. Ceil hauled manure after-
noon. Bob hoed in potatoes all
day. Wind South east and hot
all day

(122)

1918 Several showers came up to
July 3 day but all passed over
Tom & I were plowing fallow and at
five o'clock we came in, it was
so much like rain thought it
would come at any minute
but none came. Ceil went to work
in the forenoon in car got home four
o'clock. Levin hauled manure
Bob hoed potatoes. W. Co's folks
all here tonight
" 4 A fearful windy day from
west, dust blowing every place
and crop damaged again. Tom team
on fallow all day, hauling manure
& hoeing in trees & potatoes. I went
to Brandon in morn. took Mrs. Guff
& Daniel down, got some repairs
for separator also got car fixed
and was home before dark. Several
one can complain about wind and
drouth, a lot of crop blown out

(123)

1918 A nice clear day Sun shone
July 5 bright & clear all day and
a cool breeze. Maggie & I went to
Oak Lake forenoon and there was
a Sunday School picnic here
after noon. Tom & Ralph plowed
fallow all day. Cecil & Walter worked
at manure. Bob hnd amny trees
and began to trim hedge.

Still no rain and things burning
up. a lot of my wheat in head

" 6 Cecil went to Oak Lake
forenoon got repairs for
machine. Ralph & Tom plowed
all day. Bob clipped hedge
forenoon & drew manure out of
Pond afternoon east of
Orey quarter

" 8 A slight shower of rain
yesterday on Sunday but it was only
a heavy dew. A nice cool day but
sun shining bright & warm

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1918 and it is as dry as ever. I
went to Oak Lake forenoon in car
and pulled mustard afternoon in
oats on seven. Tom & Ralph plowing
fallow, it is very hard on horses,
being so dry. Cecil crushed, fixed
engines & Bob clipped hedges
& Walter hauled manure

July 9 A clear day Sun shone bright
all day and was hot, but there was
a cool wind from N.W. still no sign
of rain and sun went down as though
it would be a hot day tomorrow.
Maggie & I went to Oak Lake forenoon. Tom
& Ralph plowed all day. after noon
Bob, Walter & I pulled mustard on
seven. Maggie & I went to prayer meeting
tonight

" 10 A very hot day about noon
but forenoon was cool nearly clear
this morn. Tom & I plowed forenoon
and after we all went to W.C.'s

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1918 Auction sale, the day
weather hurt it a lot and he
sold only two horses. Linn left
for Mr Schaff near Hartney
after noon. Very hot & dry no
sign of rain and grain going back
every day

July 11 A very hot sun all day
Linn plowed fallow all day
it is as hard as iron. Cecil & I
went to Oak Lake after noon
and shipped a bull calf to
J. C. Johnson Bender Sask.
Bob pulled mustard on seven
acres all day. Linn down at
Schaffs. The Shie girl
Marian & Dorothy here for awhile
tonight

" 12 Linn & I plowed in fallow
forenoon and at noon it began
to rain kept it up nearly all
afternoon but not heavy

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1918 what has fallen went so
in very deep but will do some
good and it looks like rain as
we go to bed. I went to Oak Lake
in buggy afternoon, roads
sticky

" 13 A very hot day, sun & have
very hot and we expected more rain
but none came. Finished plowing
fallow at noon and Linn hauled
after. Cecil hauled manure. Linn
got home from Schaffs at noon
got posts to each side every place
& Bob got eleven posts in ground
very dry. Maggie, Grace, Muriel &
I went to Oak Lake in Car after
noon.

" 15 A very hot day afternoon
sun very hot, but forenoon was
cloudy & cool, rained a dozen drops
this morn. Ralph cut alfalfa east
of house today, Cecil hauled

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1918 Morn forenoon & worked
on road after. Bob put in
posts east of Corey quarter
all day. Walter got load coal
at Oak Lake & one at Grand
for Bob. I ground knives, cut
thistles & today.

July 16 A very hot day, sun
strong and not a cloud in sight.
Cecil went to G. Hankes after
noon and helped him fix his
engine. Ralph went to Oak Lake
for coal for Bob forenoon
and raked alfalfa after.
Walter mowed hay on seven
all day. Tom harrowed fallow
across. I ground knives & helped
generally. A hard day on the
grain and it is practically dry.

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1918 A fearful hot day sun
July 17 very hot. Coiled up alfalfa
forenoon and in afternoon Tom
& Cecil got home load of hay from
seven. Ralph raked & Walter cut
hay on seven all day. Muriel & I
went to Oak Lake afternoon in
Car. Bob worked in putting in posts.
Tom finished harrowing fallow at
noon. Still dry and burning up crop.

" 18 A very hot day 102 in
shade. Cecil helped Bob at
putting in posts forenoon and after
noon he helped Tom & I at hay
we got in five loads today. Walter
cut hay on seven and Ralph
raked afternoon.

" 19 A very heavy storm of thunder
& lightning last night also wind
it was as dark as pitch only
when lightning flashed. A nice
rain fell but we could do with

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1918 three times the amount.
A fine day rain went into
soft ground about three
inches, the rain will help
barley but has come too
late for anything else I
think. Cecil went to Videw
fair this afternoon with
Carpenter in Car. John hauled
some manure. Ralph moved
in sheep pasture. Bob
was planting fence posts
July 20 A windy day opened up
some hay forenoon & got in two
loads alfalfa & two loads Tim-
othy afternoon. W. Slow & two
girls here tonight also J. Little
I crushed Yonon. Bob &
Cecil fenced. Walter out
lawn & Ralph got load
shale. Sam went to Oak
chuck in buggy

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1918 Had a good rain yesterday
July 22 Sunday and this fore-
noon was very hot & clear but
afternoon was cool & pleasant.
Waded at fence south of fine
Ralph cut slough in sheep pas-
ture. I went up to Jim Douglas's
with Wm Slow.
" 23 A nice warm forenoon
and kept fine until about 5:30
when it came on to rain. Sun
very hot all day until rain
came on. I went & I went to Oak
chuck forenoon in Car. Ralph
moved in pasture. Bob dug
out hole for tank to dip
sheep. After noon we shook out
hay and got in two loads
when rain started, it was
a big thunder storm & some rain
fell then we have had all summer
now we also got some hail

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1918 A dull dark day and Sun
July 24 did not shine all day.

Cecil & I measured land forenoon
then he helped Bob at fence
and went to Oak Lake.

Ralph cutting in pasture, Walter
mowing weeds, & Heels Cook and
like rain tonight

" 27 I have missed the last
three days as I have been away
went to Brandon Fair on Saturday
morn. intending to stay all day
and took Bob, Linn & family
down it began to rain at 11 o'clock
on grounds and at trees in afternoon
Maggie, Sam & I left for Richard
Armstrong's Spent Friday 26th
there and left there at eleven
o'clock for Rapid City, to see
R. R. Smith left his place
at four o'clock for home
brought Mrs R. R. & Mabel

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1918. Home with us, began raining
after we left Wheatland and
rained all the way home, put on
chains near Bradwardine and had
a slippery time getting home a big
job to keep car on road, took
us five hours to come from Rapid
City home. Found them all well
here.

July 29 A fine day clear cool
Went to Oak Lake afternoon
in car, Mabel & Mabel Smith went
out forenoon in buggy. G. J.
Smith came down & took Mrs
R. R. & Mabel up to his place
Got some fencing done on Carey
quarters. Dipped all our sheep
afternoon.

" 30 A nice day but we had
a small shower of rain and two
big rains went down there was
thunder lightning. W. D. came

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1918 over with his sheep and
dipped the whole lot here
today. I went to Oak Lake after-
noon, then at night took
Mr. Severus back to Oak Lake
& got some repairs for mower.
Ralph & Bob finished fence on
Corey place. Tom & Cecil got
three loads gravel & put
it in foundation of hog pen.
July 31 A very hot day sun
bright & hot. Cecil & I chinked
out some hay forenoon &
twine & Bob stacked it after-
noon. Walter cut hay forenoon.
Grace, Cecil & I went to
Hastings fair after noon.
Tom cultivating fallow.
Aug 1 A very hot day. Tom
cultivating in fallow. Walter
cut brush forenoon & helped
at hay in Severus afternoon.

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1918 I went for twine to Oak
Lake forenoon, after got hay
opened out & got in three
loads.
Aug 2 A hot day looked like
rain a few times but none came.
Cecil & I worked at hay forenoon
and after Severus to Oak Lake
to attend Agr. Society meeting. Boys
worked at hay and we have
all in that nice fit. Tom ran
cultivator all day. Walter mowed.
Ralph & Bob stretched wire fore-
noon.
" 3 A very hot day. Got some
wire stretched, and two loads of
hay in. Lanes in Oak Lake all
day giving out entries for show.
Cecil dug out there also
helping build a shed for
cattle on exhibition grounds.

1918 I have not written since 3rd
 Aug 6 as I went to Oak Lake Sunday
 morning and stayed there until to-
 night giving entries for Exhibition
 yesterday Monday was a very fine
 day and today we had several
 showers of rain and it looked threat-
 ening nearly all day but it was
 a fine day all through and
 we never had a bigger nor better
 fair, stock of all kinds never
 was more plentiful and our gate
 receipts were over fifty dollars
 more than usual, our boys got
 some prizes also R. Linn.

" 7 A fine day warm & bright. Linnel
 & I went to Oak Lake in car forenoon
 & I got things home after fair & also got
 gate receipts from H. Hanson. Ralph mowed
 in pasture. Walter cut wild oats around
 fence. Bob was cutting brush for fence
 Tom was cultivating fallow

1918 A nice warm day Sun shining
 Aug 8 very hot but there was a
 good breeze. Linnel & Grace all
 went to Oak Lake to a picnic today
 Bob got all brush cut & burnt
 where we are going to put fence.
 Tom ran cultivator & broke trow
 in it. I hoed some among potatoes.

" 9 A small shower of rain
 after noon but not much. I went
 to Oak Lake afternoon to attend
 quarterly board meeting. Cecil went
 to Oak Lake forenoon in wagon
 and then went to Winfield after-
 noon & got load cement for W
 Dan pf. Tom worked at potatoes
 Bob was putting in posts for
 fence.

" 10 Blew a hurricane all day and
 dust was flying in some cases. Tom
 hoed potatoes all day. Bob was putting in
 fence posts. I went to Oak Lake

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1918 afternoon to attend a meeting of directors of Agr. Society Grace, Cecil, Daniel & twins all went to Richard Armstrong's left at 2 afternoon.

Aug 12 a good breeze all day, but forenoon it was cloudy & dull and we had a little rain like a heavy mist. Cecil & boys all got back from Richards at five o'clock. I went to Oak Lake forenoon & got tongue for cultivator. Tom seeded on fallow forenoon & ran cultivator after. Bob putting in fence posts Grace hoeing potatoes after noon.

" 13 Very cool all day and a good breeze from west, had a small shower of rain in afternoon I hoed potatoes forenoon & after noon Maggie, Tom, Reuben & I all went down to see Mrs Hayes near Pipestone. Bob was putting in

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1918 fence posts. Tom drilled on fallow forenoon and Walter drilled after noon. Ralph got bad straw & cut thistles on Carey quarter.

Aug 14 A very hot day. Bob hoed potatoes forenoon & he, Walter & Cecil dipped the sheep after noon for the second time. I hoed potatoes forenoon & ran binder in oats on Seren after noon that is the first cutting we have done and oats are a very poor crop. Tom was drilling on fallow, & Ralph cut thistles on Carey place.

" 15 A fine cool day. I cut oats on Seren a very poor crop Cecil stoked saws and Walter helped him after noon. Bob, clipped hedge. Ralph cut thistles in barley. Tom ran seeder in fallow. Wind east all day and feels like rain.

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1918 Rained a little this morn.
Aug 16 and kept dull and I did
not cut any until afternoon
I got nearly all sets south of bluff
on Seven Cut, Ralph was stooking
Walter & Bob were working at fence
between Carey quarter and our
west quarter. Tom finished seeding
fallow. Cecil was fixing old
binders. J. Coats came today to
stay with us awhile. Very high
wind all afternoon and a good
drying day.

" 17 A heavy thunder storm
this morn. and a lot of rain fell
from 5.30 to seven o'clock heard
that Duneson Stewart's stable was
struck and his horse killed. We
did nothing forenoon and after huffin
Lons, Kimmel & I went to Oak Lake
in buggy roads very muddy.
Boys worked at fence at home

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1918 Kimmel went to Oak Lake in
Aug 19 buggy in morn. Cecil took out
car and is getting it fixed. These
left it & came home with Kimmel.
A big thunder & lightning storm
came on at nine o'clock and it
rained very hard until near noon
ground very wet. I worked at Agr.
Society books all day. Got some
wire stretched afternoon and gravel
spread in floor of pig pen.
" 20 A dull day at times and
when sun did shine there was no
wind and it was very close and
hot. Got six wires on a quarter mile
fence and finished it. Got a good
pile of wood (sawed all we had
piled in yard). I worked at Agr.
Society books and got all
accounts made out and some
checks signed. Some people cutting
afternoon but I did nothing at it.

1918 Sent oats on Severn all
 Aug 21 day and finished it
 Cecil got three rounds around
 wheat east of house and with
 Messy Harris binder and got
 the eight foot going but I
 had to go to Oak Lake tonight
 for repairs for it. A dull very
 hot close day and rained a
 little had to stop cutting for
 awhile. Lots of lightning as
 we go to bed

" 22 Very wet this morn. as it
 rained a little as we got up
 no binders ran until noon
 then I cut after noon in 40
 acre field south of house
 a very poor crop. Tom made
 two rounds with Messy Harris
 when it broke and we could not
 make it. Commit to go. So Cecil had
 to go to Oak Lake for repairs