



8th Dec
Oct 31 1895
Feb 3 1897

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Finished writing in
seventh book on 31st
October 1895 & began
in this the ~~seventh~~ eighth
on Nov 12th 1895.

(11)

1895 I have neglected writing
Nov 12 Since 31st Oct. Case machine
worked south of Oak Lake
until 5th Nov. at noon when
it had to stop on acc. of
snow storm we had a ter-
rible storm that day, I was
on road to Brandon
a witness in W. L. Case
re, fire storm caught us
near Brandon, it snowed
all that afternoon and
most of the night fell about
a foot. W. R. & I left Bran-
den next ~~noon~~ afternoon for
home, snow three feet deep
in places, found both
machines idle when I
came back, we did not
start Case again but

(12)

1895 I got men together and
Nov 12 started up Alderance
again at S. Harrison's every-
thing worked bad on acc.
of snow, we finished
Harrison & moved to Ker-
rick things worked very
bad there as snow was
deep on stacks & getting
soft today ran all day
for 5 71 bushels every
thing wet and not running
well at all. Mr. Lundie
came last ~~Wed~~ Friday
& we put band cutter &
feeder on machine on Monday
11th it works well, he went
away today. I settled with
new tangle Kerrick still
has a day we will do that
again

(3)

1895 A dull cloudy day I took
Nov 13 A Birds wagon out to Oak
Lake also the reeds, got sleigh
fixed & reached home just be-
fore dark. G. Klapp began
this morn at 15 for all winter
he & Luke drew in turnips
all day. Thawed some today
wind west tonight & looks like
snow

" 14 A nice warm day sun
shone warm & good. J. R. Todd
& wife here for dinner. Boys
& I worked at turnips finished
getting them in also manure

" 15 A nice warm day, boys
Overed root house with
manure then drew away snow
from south of stable. I put
wood into shed forenoon then
went to P.O. after

(4)

1895 A nice warm day Luke
Nov 16 took out load wheat for
W. C. forenoon, then went north
collecting after. George brot.
two loads of water forenoon
then got in his potatoes at
Kaupf's after. Sarah Blaney
here all afternoon & tonight. Luke
leaving tomorrow morn. he has
been here since a year last
March. Maggie & I went to
Oak Lake afternoon. Snow
went some today wind S.W.

" 18 A cold dull day George & I
fixed pasture fence first
thing. then got calve into
place along side of granary
& put shorts into it and then
fixed up stable for hogs.
Looks like snow tonight

(5)

1895 A very cold raw day
Jan 19 wind N.E. R. Lindley
came for me this morn. to
go up and value damage done
by cattle. I went to Oak
Lake afternoon. Had quite a
snow storm afternoon but
not much fell.

" 20 A nice day but did
not thaw any. Snowed a
little last night. George work-
ed at fixing up stable and
we got all the hops in tonight
Stable is warm & comfortable.
I got a lot of wood into
Cook house

" 21 I went to Oak Lake after-
noon & got horses shod on way
home at Mr Mitchells. George
& Reuben working at well
very cold tonight

(6)

1895 A very cold windy day
Jan 22 blowing stiff from west
water frozen in kitchen this morn.
Reuben here helping us today
we sunk lower well six feet
and will take more out of
it tomorrow. Fearful cold
tonight. George away to a dance
at Sanderson

" 23 A cold day but not
so bad as yesterday. Henry
helped us at the well all
day we are down 24
feet now but no sign
of water yet.

" 25 A cold clear day we deepened
at well and worked until noon
no sign of water so we stopped
& cribbed it up we will have
to draw water into it. Hedley
Young threshes for Peter tomorrow

(7)

1895 George drew four loads
No 26 of water today. I drew
bedence on to root house
foreward then wheeled wood
into kitchen after. Mrs S
& Mary here for dinner.
Cold & raw all day looking
like snow and snowing a
little tonight. H going
threshing at G. Mennick's
today

" 27 Wind east all day
& very cold & stormy seemed
a good deal. Court of revision
held at Oak Lake in Callahan
& I went together. Mennick's
not done threshing yet

(8)

1895 Stormed a little this
No 28 morn. but got to be a
nice day. I put wood into
shed. George took home
baskets to G. Cook

" 29 I was out all day
trying to collect for the hick
and only got twenty five
dollars, but got notes
from people for their
threshing. A very raw
day wind east. George
& I went to Social at
Riparian tonight

" 30 Wind north all day not
very cold forenoon but
got beastly cold towards
evening. I went to Oak Lake
afternoon, W Gump with me
he had tea on way home bought
Dum at 23 westfall & took
him home

(9)

1895 R. Kennedy & I went to
Dec 6 Richard Armstrongs last
Sunday 3rd visit and got
back tonight had a cold
day to go down, but had
nice weather all the time
away. They are all well down
here. Stormed some today
but hardly any snow felt
Wind N.E. tonight.

" 7 A clear cold day, George
helped W. Williams thresh this
afternoon & I went to Oak Lake
then to N. Carpenter & P. Falls
where I bought a horse power
from him for \$20. Mrs & Mrs
Little here for tea. J. Smith
here tonight I signed a note
with him in Merchants Bank
Brandon for \$100 due in 3 months

(10)

1895 A bright clear day and
Dec 9 not very cold, George
helped Reuben kill hogs
today & also killed one for
Mrs. Maggie & I went to Oak
Lake afternoon taking baby
with us and leaving boys
at W. R., we had tea
at W. R. Millikens

" 10 A beautiful warm
forenoon I went to Merritt
and settled with him fore
noon, then walked to Oak
Lake got home with Reuben
it got very stormy after
noon then settled down
fine & nice again tonight.
Mr. ~~Francis~~ Hodges had
an auction today he is
leaving Oak Lake

(11)

1895 A warm day & snow
Dec 11 Thawed some George &
Maggie went to Mr Smith for
wood then he went for tank
south of Oak Lake after.
P. J. Merrick here for tea
night

" 12 A soft warm day &
snow went a good deal
George went south for tank
& beat home crusher from
Oak Lake with him, he
helped P. J. Merrick take
home barley after.

" 13 I am 36 today. A nice
warm day and snow went
some. George & I worked at
fixing up crusher forenoon.
Maggie came with me to W. Co.
she stayed there & I went on to P. O.
Mrs S. & Rob here for dinner
she is staying a few days

(12)

1895 A nice warm day but got
Dec 14 Colder towards evening George
& I went to Oak Lake attended
Speck's sale George bought
a team of horses & a harness
we got back after dark
did up chores then George
took his team up to W. Co.
& I took Mrs Smith home.

" 16 A nice forenoon but got a
little stormy after wind east
all day. Started crusher at
eleven and broke cog wheel
after working a couple of hours
it worked well while at it.
I went to Oak Lake in evening
Sold 50 bushels barley to
Graham north he comes for
it tomorrow price 20¢

(13)

1895 Snowed six inches last Dec 17 night, and today stormy & cold snow drifted a good deal. I sat in house all day sick with cold better tonight

" 18 I went to Oak Lake at eleven today Mr. Elder and Mr. Stevens spoke there to Farmers Institute, we had a good meeting and lots of discussion, I had to wait on train that night & got home at two o'clock.

" 19 We tried to crush today & got started at eleven o'clock only did a little and a bolt went in & broke feed shaft. Not very cold wind west & pleasant. R.R. Smith here for noon & stay ed afternoon & over night

(14)

1895 A nice warm day we start Dec 20 at seven early & broke cog out of wheel sent it to Mr. Mitchells then got started again at two made a good afternoon crushed very little for ourselves all for other people. Broke another cog tonight just as we quit Mr. Hawey died yesterday.

" 21 R. Duncan took cog wheel to Mitchells this morn. & got back with it fixed at 12.30 we began crushing there & only ran an hour when cog wheel broke again & we had to stop. Cold & frosty afternoon but not a very cold day. Wind north & drifted some. Huber & I valued Hedley's damage to crop

(15)

1895 A nice forenoon but
Dec 23 turned out very windy
& stormy afternoon. Maggie
& I went to Oak Lake leaving
children at Dr. R's. we got
back after night.

"24 George & I took four
loads of turnips from
root house to stable
& also got a few mangolds
from cellar to stable for
chops. A very stormy day
drifted so we could hardly
see at times a lot of our
turnips getting rotted.

"25 Christmas day I & wife
& wife also H. Klapp here
for dinner. We then went
up to Stewart to see Maude
& S. Jordan Maggie had a
nice time & got home ten 30
very cold

(16)

1895 A nice day only cold
Dec 26 wind not very strong &
blowing from west all day
George & I got ^{two} loads turnips
into stable & one into cellar.
I then went up to Mr. Smith's
Ground the egg tonight and
will send George for wood
tomorrow

"27 George went up to " today
for wood a nice clear
day Mr. Smith & S. Bell here
for dinner I took his cat-
ter & went for mail also & cut
Saw at S. Jordans.

"28 a cold laboring day
George & I drew in load of
turnips to house & took Ma-
golds to stable. I went to Oak
Lake afternoon very cold &
stormy tonight

(17)

1895 Liberal Convention at
Dec 30 Gaiswold today at
was there to honor put up
for member a nice day
not very cold.

" 31 Went to Oak Lake this
Morn. & bot. have cutter
made with hinder steel, went
to Paton meeting tonight at
Reynolds. George cleaned
wheat then picked over
turnips

¹⁸⁹⁶
Jan 1 This is New Year day
George went for ice this
Morn. I cleaned up stables
Wind east & snowing this
Morn. a regular blizzard
before night & very cold in
house. Mr Smith bot.
Young D Smith & G Bell here

(18)

1896 Blew a hurricane all day
Jan 2 drifted & very cold it was
nearly impossible to keep
house warm & kitchen very
cold all day. Wind north
& got around to west towards
evening it is now nearly
done & pleasant but
still very cold. D Smith
& G Bell just gone over to
W. R. they leave for home
tomorrow.

" 3 Very cold & windy until
near night when it stopped
& although very cold was
nice on account of no wind
Still very frosty tonight, we
did nothing today as it was
too cold & stormy

(19)

1896 A cold raw day. I wrote
Jan 4 letters forenoon & went to
Carl Lake after. George drew
snow. Mr. Chas Smith here
for tea

" 6 Wind east this morn. but
got round to north was
a nice day not too cold.
George drew four tanks of
water. I went to Mr. Smith
then on to Mr. Stewart bought
two Calves from him at \$5
each. Roads very heavy
& drifted

" 7 S. Jordan came this morn.
and helped in butcher a
big sow she will weigh
about 300 George made
two trips after water afternoon.
I went to Patrons tonight.
A nice day blew pretty hard
twice

(20)

1896 Nominating day at his
Jan 8 would J. C. Harris & J. R.
Lodd running for member
for Lane down. I went over
in afternoon & stayed a couple
of hours. A beautiful
warm day working around
stable in shirt sleeves & bare
hands. George went for wood
today

" 9 George went for wood
today & got a big load.
A nice warm day
Graham came for wheat

" 10 A little cooler but
not much very nice
weather for this time of
year. Graham finished
getting wheat. George went
for wood. I took boys to
Mackay's.

(21)

1896 colder today but still
Jan 11 fine and not bad.

George took Saw over to Hanes
Maggie & I went to Sefton
meeting at Oak Lake after-
noon leaving children at
W. R's.

" 13 J. Milne & I went to Brandon
today & back home got
home eleven o'clock, George
drew out manure. Mr. Davis
dinner here for supper.
Wind east all day & cold

" 14 George went for wood today
I stayed at home. A cold day.

" 15 This was election day I
was deputy at Rippon we
gave Harris a majority there
of 10 went to Wisnold to-
night with D. McCallum, Harris
has over 200 majority & Gov. a
big one also

(22)

1896 Wind east all day &
Jan 16 stormy at times, very cold
& stormy in evening George went
for wood & got back early
I went to Oak Lake afternoon
roads very heavy & drifted
full.

" 17 George & I sawed wood
forenoon he drew water after
& I went to Mackawata.

Snowed same to day
Wind north clear & cold
tonight

" 18 Wind east again today
A cold snowed again
this morn. A lot of snow
has fallen lately over
a foot or level more.
George went to Wisnold
after & I went to Oak Lake
clear & very cold tonight wind
east

(23)

1896 A cold blustering day
Jan 20 wind east and at times
very stormy tonight a bad
one drifting hard. George
drew two tanks of water
today

" 21 A nice clear forenoon
not a breath of wind, but
afternoon wind got up and
it drifted some from west
George & I cleaned wheat fore-
noon & he drew water after
& I went to Oak Lake.

" 22 Snowed & stormy steady
all day but not cold
George went for load & got
some a little before dark.
Cleared up tonight & is now
bright & clear. Wind east
all day

(24)

1896 Clear & very cold all
Jan 23 day, wind east about
as cold as any we had this
year. We finished cleaning
reed wheat got from W.C.
he came & bagged up nearly
all his wheat last. L.J.S.
here for dinner. Wind strong
east all day

" 24 I went to Mackinaw for
noon for mail & also saw
Paul Woods he is to come
on Sunday for a month
at \$8⁰⁰ W.C. came & bagged
up balance of his wheat.
Very cold all day & snowed some
forenoon

" 25 A very cold day, wind N.W.
all day. George fixed up around
stable he is getting work tonight
I went to Oak Lake afternoon

(25)

1896 A cold day wind east
Jan 27 all day. Paul Woods came
I began work this morn.
I went to Siswold after
noon to get money from
H. Baizer but got none

28 A nice day wind west
in morn. and east & tonight
I took wheat to Oak Lake
afternoon got 40¢ for it

" 29 I took load of wheat to
Oak Lake a lot of joy in Paul
choiced around. A very nice
day not cold

" 30 Went to Mrs. Hitchells this
morning got more stoll & to
get cap wheel of roller shaft
Afternoon Maggie children & I
went to her father. Snowed
most of afternoon

(36)

1896 Maggie baby & I went to
Jan 31 Oak Lake afternoon
she signed mortgage on
NW 14 9. 10. 23 to her father
A nice day not cold
wheat going up a little
45¢ morn

Feb 1 I drew two tanks of water
afternoon snow very deep
Paul & I also sawed some wood
Not very cold Sun & home
bright all day & wind west

" 3 A soft day, looked like
storm a few times but kept
fine Annual meeting of
Creamery at Oak Lake Jan
in a Director again quite a few
people there and every one seemed
satisfied. I. R. Todd & wife
here in afternoon

(27)

1896 A nice day & not cold
Feb 4 I made trip to river for
water in mugs. & Paul made
three of these. A McCallum
came & took home two loads
of oats. I took Maggie out to
W. Co. tonight they had a
little girl at his place
today.

" 5 Paul made three trips
for water today. A McCallum
here & took load oats, foggy
& dull all day, we are
batching it now. as Maggie
stayed at W. Co.

" 6 A foggy day & pretty
frosty. Allan McCallum & I went
to Oak Lake afternoon took out
cans her & shipped it back
S. U. Bedford spoke there today
had a good meeting.

(28)

1896 A McCallum came here
Feb 7 at noon & but my mail
from Bras Kawata. He went
to see hay after at Saylor's
and I went to Oak Lake
with load got 48¢ for it
Maggie came home with me
from W. Co. very fine weather
& not cold

" 8 I made two trips with
wheat today took out 10.7
bushels sold at 48¢ a beautiful
mug. stored at a little at
noon & made roads heavy
but did not blow long.

" 10 Blaw a hurricane all day
and drifted snow into piles
wind went down this evening
and now very cold tonight.
Looks like cold weather again.

(29)

1896 a clear cold day. Snow
Feb 11 shone strong at times, but
Kept pretty frosty, cold
tonight. Took big black
Saw to Gump's today

• 12 A nice forenoon but
wind got up at noon
& blew hard all afternoon
still as it tonight & very cold
about as cold as anything
we had this year. Stalk
two loads wheat out today
one sold at 48¢ & the other
I grinded

• 13 A very cold day & blowing
pretty hard from west. W
Williams & I went up to see Cuck
er at J Lamberts afternoon
he was not at home, we got
home at seven thirty fear-
ful cold tonight wind N.E.

(30)

1896 Wind east this morn. and
Feb 14 raw, I went for mail
train delayed by snow &
no papers came, kept blowing
harder all day & some times
Could not see a hundred
yards with snow flying, wind
went down with sun tonight
very cold but calm

• 15 Clear & very cold this forenoon
& until about five o'clock when
it began to get warm and snow
is nice & mild. I went to Oak
Lake afternoon then to J Milnes
for load of wood.

• 17 Stormed hard all day began
last night and kept it up
until this evening when it got
better, some times we could not
see the road did not water our
Cours today

(31)

1896 Blew & stormed hard
Feb 18 all forenoon from north
then cleared up and we had
a fine afternoon. Paul & I
drew snow from around
stable afternoon then I was
for mail

" 19 a clear sunny day.
I went for mail in trap
then for tank of water after
had a big job as set. broke
tongue of Sligh & got stuck
near dark when I got home
Mr & Mrs Smith here for
tea also Miss Milne & Miss
Harvey. The latter leaves
for Ontario next Sunday.
Old Mrs Goodwin died this
morn at six o'clock

(32)

1896 A cold wind from South to
Feb 20 day but Sun shining bright
& clear. I went to Oak Lake
forenoon & got ton of sligh
fixed then made two trips to
river for water. Little black
Sow died tonight

" 21 Cold wind in way from south
but got very warm towards
evening and snow went away
Some. Maggie got home from
her mother's this evening she
went up yesterday. We made
four trips for water today
Went to Mackawata tonight

" 22 Got home four loads water today
I went to Oak Lake afternoon to attend
Institute meeting & also Occurrence
meeting. A nice warm day snow
went a good deal

(33)

1896 A beautiful warm day
Feb 24 and snow went a good
lot wind east in evening
but got around west near
night. I took 30 bushels up
to Mr. Hanrahan & had dinner
there. got home four o'clock
then Maggie baby & I went
to Oak Lake. W. Sloan arrived
today to make a gear
" 25 A very warm day and
snow went a lot. I made
two trips to Oak Lake today
with wheat, roads bad. I built
some a crusher and will try
it tomorrow. Snow down since
all day
" 26 Crushed most of today the
thing worked well. A nice warm
day and snow went fast

(34)

1896 Began to blow and snow
Feb 27 last night at eleven about
two inches of soft snow fell.
blew hard all night and today
until one o'clock when it stopped
drifted in good shape. We did
nothing foreward. Sloan went
for wood to Kilmee after, then
we took load manure to stable
afterwards load turnips. Cold
and frosty night wind north
A beautiful night
" 28 A very cold day. we burnt a lot
of wood getting up steam. Ambed
load for Gault & Kilmee in evening.
then barley for ourselves balance
of day. Wind east all day and
very cold. Took all water out
of barrels tonight

(35)

1896 Clear cold all day
Feb 29 wind east. Went to Stev-
arts this morn. to collect but
they had no money. Took
eight bags oats to minister
afternoon also up to Spencer
Wheat 48¢ today.

Mar 2 Very Cold until four
o'clock when it began to
get warm wind east all
day. Stook load to Oak Lake
forenoon killed two pigs
after. Mary Smith came
today to stay awhile

" 3 Snow went to Stevarts
this morn. & took out load for
Mary got home near dark. I
went to Lincoln afternoon
in cutter. A little stormy in evening
but got fine

(36)

1896 Stook three loads wheat
Mar 4 to Oak Lake today, never
took that many with one sleigh
before. Wind east all day
began to snow at ten o'clock
from that until eight still
at it now but not very
old.

" 5 Blowing & storming when
we got up and kept it
up all day. We filled up
all the bags forenoon then
after I went to Mr. Mitchell's
shop and got horses shod.
Mr. Smith came for Mary
today.

" 6 We are seven years married
today and never was so long yet.
A cold blustering day I made
two trips to Oak Lake with
wheat it is 50¢ today Reuben
got back from Oak Lake night

(37)

1896 Look load to Oak Lake
Mar 7 first thing this morn. after
dinner went again and took
Sloan to bring back horses
I stayed for a few minutes waiting
Sloan went to Griswold
when he came home. A nice
mild day.

" 9 A nice morning clear
and bright, wind east
Maggie, baby & I went to
Hillview, began to snow
and storm at five we
came home in storm snowed
very hard could hardly
see at times. I bought
a Harrier's pig today at
ten dollars, also bought
100 lbs. best seed wheat
from Moray Stewart.
Speck cow calved today

(38)

1896 Clear & cold this morn.
Mar 10 I went to Oak Lake with
last load of sugar but it is
a little lower than it was
only 48¢ today. Louis ^{was} ~~came~~
" 11 A very keen cold day
wind east and cutting, sun
bright & strong. I went to
J. Carpenters in veg. got
his scales then went to
W. R. & weighed 3 Harmon
wheat we brought home
a hundred & fifty bushels
and W. R. took a 160.

" 12 Sloan drew five tanks of water
today I did chores forenoon then
went to Oak Lake after Maggie
& children came to W. R. and
we all had tea there. 32 below
zero this morn. cold all day

(39)

1896 Sloan went to see, eleven for
Mar 13 wood. I did chores forenoon
then went to Maskawata after
and also took home sea-penters
Scales. Bought load of hay
from him I am to crush
two bags of grain for it. Wind
S.W. all day, warm a while
in middle of day but did
not thaw any

" 14 A nice clear day I chored
until noon then went to Oak
Lake to attend Creamery meeting
Sloan went for wood and
got a big load. Wind west but
not strong did not thaw any
today

" 16 Sloan went south for hay
and got a big load. I went
afternoon for Mr Mitchell &
he fixed Cults foot. A nice day,
warm

(40)

1896 A warm nice day. Sent for
Mary Cull & blustering about ten
Sloan went to W. R. Co for wood
then afternoon he went to
A Hamep for hay & took
Maggie & children to Franments
I went to Oak Lake after-
noon in cutter, came back
by Franments & brought Maggie
& children home. Drifted the
roads full this afternoon
but not very cold

" 18 I went to Mr Mitchells shop
first this morn. Maggie & Sloan
went to Gusmold he took
some Rye to Mr Hanna. Mervins
bull here today broke our
fence and nearly killed our
bull & one of the cows, I went
down & told him

(41)

1896 A cold morn. ~~with~~ wind
Mar 19 S.C. Kept cold all day
although Sun warm thawing
a little where there is no snow
Sloan went for wood to
elenev. I did chores in morn
then went to Mr Mitchells for
hopper for lumber

" 20 Blew hard from west all
last night snowed a very little
and drifted, blowing hard when
we got up this morn. but not
cold. Sloan started for wood
about ten o'clock weather turned
very warm & snow went a lot
before night puddles of water
everywhere. Maggie children
& I went to Mr Littles afternoon
got home at dark

(42)

1896 Blew hard all night from
Mar 21 north very cold this morn.
& blew a hurricane all day
the equinoxes I guess. Sloan
& I went to Mr McCallum
for two saws this morn. After
noon I went to Creamery meeting
at Oak Lake brought home a
calf from D. Lewis. Wind went
down about six a beautiful
clear night only frosty.

" 23 A beautiful clear day and
snow went a lot. Began to
crush at noon Dr Williams helping
we both wore straw hats.

" 24 Colder today but still snow
went a good deal crushed
all day.

" 25 Snowing this morn. from east
but did not last long, finished

(43)

1896 Crushing our barley in shed
at noon crushed a load
for Mr Smith & J Carpenter
then crushed oats balance
of day. Cold all day but
Snow went saddle.

Mar 26 A soft warm day and
Snow went nearly all, and
stock out all day the first
whole day this year. William
& I Sawn wood all day

" 27 Colder today wind east
thawed some however, we
Sawn wood all day. Repaid
to rain & Snow tonight.

" 28 Four inches of soft snow
when we got up this morn
and kept snowing until noon
very soft & wet more like
rain. I went to Mackawata
this morn. & Oak Lake Creamery meeting
in afternoon

(44)

1896 A cold raw day and did
Mar 30 not thaw any wind cold
from east all day and
a flurry of snow coming down
Sloan & I Sawn wood

" 31 A windy day from north
but clear & bright very cold
this morn and did not thaw
any where wind was. W^m & I
Sawn wood. S. Jordan, wife

& Miss Stewart here for tea
Apr 1st W. Co's birthday, he is
34 today. Cold this morn. but
warm in Sun. We finished
Sawing all we could at noon
a few more logs to saw but
they are frozen down. W^m Sp^l
afternoon. S. J. Smith & wife
here for tea. Names here tonight
Still some sleighs running

(45)

1896 I went up to see Whaley
Apr 2 & Koester about passing
for threshing this morn. Whalley
paid but Koester did not
I delivered Sopher poison on
way home, had dinner at
Mr McCallum's, W. Sloan
split wood.

" 3 Wind east all day and
very dark & rained a little
tonight cold wind all day
but snow went same.
Mr Smith here for supper
I picked some potatoes, new
and put them in kitchen
cellar

" 4 Wind strong from west all
day. Snow went a lot
but still some around sloughs
and in shady places

(46)

1896 Mr McCallum came at
noon left his horse here
& came with me to Oak Lake
in way as roads very bad.
I mailed Alaska P. Order
for \$14.⁰⁰ We had C. C. meeting
today.

Apr 6 A very cold windy day,
wind from east, thawed very
little. W^m & I picked potatoes
all day. Mr McCallum got 50
bushels oats today. Maggie
went to her father's afternoon.
" 7 Wind cold & strong from east
all fore noon when it began to
snow and came down in good
hard shape for three hours.

W. Williams & I went to Brandon
today I paid Bank 279.⁵⁰ we
got home 8.30 Snowed more in
Brandon than here

(47)

1896 Cold & blustering forenoon
Apr 8 wind south east, Snow came
out at noon and we had
it very warm after ground
dried a lot & all snow
that fell yesterday
went away. Sloan drew
banking away from house
afternoon. I clipped horses
9 Snowed nearly all fore
noon soft wet snow
Sloan took off all shoes
from horses. I clipped
horses finished at
four o'clock made
fine since yesterday now
stopped snowing at
noon & came out warm
& windy snow disappear-
ed in a short while, Sloan
drawing away banking
took snow sash off today

(48)

1896 A dull day at times and at
Apr 10 others Clear & bright, cold
wind from north. Snow went
same but ground very wet
and still lots of drifts
around. Sloan got away
all the banking, cleared up
straw in yard then began to
pull down shed over kitchen
H. King arrived today from
England & left a young man
with us, we will try him a
month
" 11 I went to Cox Lake at noon
& got home six o'clock roads very
bad. Wind east all day & cold began
to snow about two o'clock and
snowed hard nearly all afternoon
a regular blizzard. Pulled down
shed over kitchen door today

(49)

- 1896 A dull cold day Ernie
Apr 13 piled wood. Sloan and I
cleaned wheat. Still some snow
and it went very little today
" 14 Wind strong from N.E. all
day cold dull sun did not
get out all day looks very
like snow again tonight. Ernie
piled wood Sloan & I cleaned
wheat
" 15 Colder than ever this morning
and blowing very hard from
N.E. I went to Maskawata in
my. to post letters. Boys cleaning
wheat. ground frozen hard.
" 16 Six inches of snow this morn.
and very cold stormy & blustering
finished cleaning up wheat
yesterday for seed. Phernick
came to borrow farming mill
today.

(50)

- 1896 Good sleighing this morn.
Apr 17 I went to Maskawata in
sleigh took Ernie & Melville with
me lots of snow but sun warm
turned colder towards noon. Took
home wood to W. R. Smith &
R. Kennedy. W. R.'s two little
girls here.
" 18 Blew hard from east until
noon then got S.E. storm &
drifted all day some times very
bad impossible at times
to work outside. I went to
Oak Lake in afternoon with
sleighs they run all right on
grass and are a good deal
better than sleazy. Tonight blow-
ing a hurricane from South im-
possible to keep house warm
and house shaking. Boys finished
sawing wood today

(51)

1896 A cold day snowed good
Apr 20 big flakes today but melted
as they came down. W^m finished
splitting wood then took over
all we owed Milner, he then be-
gan to haul out manure.

" 21 A beautiful warm day
Sun shone brightly all day
for the first time in a couple
of weeks snow disappeared
a lot and ground dried up
some this is the first real
spring day we have had.
W^m drew out manure all day
Lorrie piled wood until noon
then helped W^m, Maggie children
& I went up to M^r S. in wagon
afternoon, Sadie came home
with us, freezing very little
tonight. Wind S.W. all day

(52)

1896 A warm beautiful day wind
Apr 22 west in morn. but got round
to east before night looks like
rain. I went to Mackinawata fore-
noon then to Oak Lake in wagon
after, roads dried a good deal
a good drizzling day, Sun warm
and some wind. Saw Nelson
Dammeter & a Wood plowing.
Boys drew out manure all
day

" 23 Thunder & lightning through
the night last night and several
heavy showers of rain. Rained
nearly all forenoon and kept
misty & dull after. Wind got
around from east to west after
dinner. Sloan went to M^r Mitchell
& brot home shoes for dull set it
up afternoon. We are all sick with
La Grippe, baby has very sore
mouth

(53)

1896 W. Shaw beat came here & Apr 24 got six bushels of rye from Carpenter. Cold & dark forenoon but clear & fine after, ground dried up a lot some people plowing. Day drew out manure, I went to Markham in morn. took Sadie to Rippon in evening
" 25 A beautiful warm day hot as July Sloan picked roots of a couple of pieces broken up from scrub then harrowed them down well. Gracie cleaned up around house & piled wood. Maggie, baby & I went to Oak Lake afterwards got back 8.30 roads bad. Mr. Carlow has rented creamery for five years he to make butter at five cents per pound

(54)

1896 I killed black colt today Apr 27 Veterinarian here yesterday and said he would never get better. In Keener Cow calved last night and calf blind but a very big one. Sloan & I plowed for wheat all day. A cold raw day wind strong from east. raining tonight
" 28 A dull gloomy day sun did not shine a minute & wind N.E. all day. Sloan & I plowed until noon then started to drill in wheat on stubble but it was too damp. Looks very like rain tonight
" 29 A dull gloomy day again raining this morn. when we got up and had rained a good deal through the night began to plow

(55)

1896 about eight this morn & it rained a good deal after. Fin-
ished plowing for wheat &
Sloan began harrowing. I pulled
stumps in bluff. Land till
very wet and we could sow
any wheat only on this piece
of spring plowing.

Apr 30 Sloan began to plow on
spring plowing & kept at it
until noon I went to H. Will-
iams & plowed for him until
noon, began to rain about
nine o'clock & kept sprink-
ling until noon, afternoon
came on a little harder
and kept it up until night.
I went to Oak Lake afternoon
got mail & blacksmithing
done

(56)

1896 I went to Maskawata in morn.
May 1 Sloan went to River for
maples & elms & afternoon Ernie
& I planted them in yard.
Sloan ^{plowed} harrowed for W. Williams
afternoon. A fine drying day
" 2 Blew strong east wind all
day. Boys took eight head of
Cattle to Harrison this morn.
They went for trees to Little
bluff, Ernie planted them
afternoon. Sloan drilled in on
spring plowing afternoon the
first we sowed this year.
Night day. I went to Oak Lake
afternoon for mail, roads
very rough but drying up.
Very cold tonight from
east. I burned stable today

(57)

1896 A nice warm day until
May 4 fine doct when it began
to drop rain and we had quite
a bit of snow that until bed time
Wind east all day. Sloan drilled
on stubble & summer fallow all
day. Ernie harrowed for N.
Williams.

5 Ground damp this morn.
from rain last night. Ernie
& I went up to bluff for
trees. Saw did not see him
until now then it was very
hot until about six when it
got cloudy again. Sloan drilled
all day. I picked roots & harrowed
where bluff used to be. Mary
Smith came today to stay a
while. Wind east all day &
pretty strong. Looks like rain
tonight.

(58)

1896 Had very heavy thunder and
May 6 lightning last night kept
it up most of the night and
rained a lot. W.C. here all night.
Sloan went for trees this morn.
& drilled afternoon. I harrowed
bluff east of house. A nice
afternoon warm & breezy from
west.

" 7 A nice warm day Sloan
drilled wheat until four when
cutting on end of toy broke & I
went to Oak Lake & got iron
brace for it. Ernie & I cleaned
oats & soaked some in bluestone.

" 8 Sloan sowed oats broadcast
until eleven then went at wheat
I plowed in oats all day.
Very hot & close most of day.
Thunder & lightning tonight
raining a little. Saw wheat
up near Oak Lake yesterday.

(59)

1896 Had a big storm last
May 9 night thunder, lightning &
rain pools of water all over
this morn. Sloan and I plowed
for oats forenoon then he
began to drill in wheat after
but it began to rain again at
three and he had to stop.

Rained a couple of heavy
showers today. Maggie's mother
here for a few days.

" 11 A dull gloomy day sun shone
only a short time in afternoon
I wore mitts, cap & heavy coat
forenoon plowing east of house.
Sloan drilled in wheat all day
& finished next to Carpenters
broke iron on toy of drill & had
to go to Hutchells Chaptown's.
Wind very strong from east all day

(60)

1896 Thunder & lightning very hard
May 12 after we went to bed also
poured rain. This morn. water in
puddles all over ground. Sloan
& I started to plow east of house
but it is too wet so we went south
of pasture plowing very deep for
vegetables & roots. Poured rain
for about an hour this after-
noon as heavy as I ever saw
Sloan & I got wet to the skin
before we got in, at four o'clock
we pitched again & plowed
until 7:30 wind left east
& got south this evening
but we had a couple
of rainbows so I don't
expect rain is done yet.
Ground is full of water
Lady Cow Calves today

(61)

1896 A dull gloomy day Sun
May 13 did not shine at all but
for a wonder it did not rain.
Sloan & I plowed south of
pasture until snow then he
went to drill in wheat, but
only worked a little while
when iron on toy broke, he
took drill to Mitchell's shop
and not back yet at 9 P.M.
A spiro came today & bought
all pigs I had to pay at
3/4 per pound
" 14 A dull cloudy forenoon very
cold & wind from west I wore
mitts & coat plowing, sun shone
afternoon & warmer Sloan sowed
all day south of bluff. Ernie
harrowed east of house afternoon
about fifty acres of wheat well
up through ground

(62)

1896 Sloan finished seeding wheat
May 15 at noon and sowed oats
afternoon. Ernie harrowed east
of house forenoon for oats
he & I cleaned & blue-stoned
oats after. Maggie & children
went to her father's with
W. R.'s buggy & ponies forenoon
Ernie went to school after
" 16 Sloan & I plowed all forenoon
he drilled in oat after and Maggie
baby & I went to Oak Lake in
W. R.'s buggy. Ernie cleaned out
stable forenoon & harrowed after
A dull cloudy day wind east
& very cold afternoon. Rained a
few small showers afternoon
" 18 A cold day wind north but
got very warm in evening. Sloan
plowed & harrowed forenoon

(63)

1896 then drilled oats after he finished piece east of house. Ernie helped me cut potatoes for seed forenoon then harrowed root ground after.

Maggie took Ernie up to school this morn. then went on to her mother's & beat Mary down with her.

May 19 Wind east all day dull & looking like rain but none fell. I had such a pain in my shoulder this morn. could hardly get up and did nothing all day. Sloan sowed oats next henbits line on stubble forenoon then sowed corn with drill after & six rows of turnips with small drill. Ernie harrowed root ground forenoon cleaned stable after

(64)

1896 Wind east all day. I plowed May 20 for barley. Sloan & Ernie plowed potatoes finishing them. Ernie also sowed same turnips. Had a few small showers forenoon but not enough to make us stop, afternoon however it poured & we did not get out to work after until three o'clock. Ernie & I cleared all the seed barley & Sloan picked potatoes. Afternoon we went out had a very heavy shower but we stuck to it and did not come in.

21 W. Williams here plowing all day Sloan, he & I plowed until noon then Sloan harrowed after & sowed barley. Ground very damp. Wind north & cold until noon warmer since. Wheat looking green & nice.

(65)

1896 A clear hot day the wind
Maggie out of this season. I plowed
for barley & oats all day. Sloan
seeded barley & helped me plow
a while. Ernie sowed all the
turnip seed we had & picked
potatoes in cellar. Sloan took
seven bags potatoes to McCallums
afternoon. Maggie brought some
home from school this evening
Very dark & cloudy with a
west tonight looks like rain
Wind South all day

" 23 A very hot day hardly a
breath of wind. Sloan seeded
oats & plowed all day. I plowed
until noon then went to Oak
Lake & got huffy fish. Met
A. E. Hill & C. Norris there caressing
for Dr. Carters

(66)

1896 Sloan finished harrowing
May 25 barley ground at six o'clock
& helped me plow for oats
I plowed all day. Very cool
wore heavy coat all day dull
& cloudy. Rained some yesterday
day. Ernie finished sowing
turnips today

" 26 A cool wind from west all
day cloudy forenoon but sun
shone after. Sloan & I finished
plowing for oats at noon. He
sowed a few bags after and har-
rowed balance of day. I plowed
close to house for flax in after-
noon. Dequied a short for
loading ^{bags} this evening. Sowed
turnips we sowed up well.
Feel a little little flat tonight
W. R. Smith borrowed turnip
seeds tonight

(67)

1896 Sloan finished sowing oats
May 27 at ten o'clock. Had a slight
frost last night. A beautiful
warm sunshiny day. Grain
growing fast. First oats we
sowed up nicely.

" 28 Sloan finished seeding oats
forenoon after he, Maggie & I
went to Oak Lake to hear
D. W. Carthy speak, rained
our road going also heavy rain
last night. I got home with
L. R. Todd.

" 29 Sloan harrowed & sowed flax
today then sowed oats near Carpenter
in a wet spot that was left
in the wheat. I was away all
day getting Gov. report of crops.
Sowed our Manifold's today
Rained a couple of small
showers.

(68)

1896 A warm sunshiny day
May 31 mosquitoes very bad. I went
west today to find out how no
would go, had dinner at
J. Spier, saw Joe Johnston
& got home six o'clock. Sloan
cleaned 50 bushels oats for
A. McCallum this morn. Then
sowed timothy in garden
took 48 bushels wheat to
Oak Lake after & sold at
38¢ per bushel. Ernie sold
last of turnips today.

June 1st A very warm day wind strong
from south in morn. but very hot
afternoon. Sloan killed in oats
that missed. I took Lops to Girard
weight 1700 then came home by
Oak Lake. Went up to Curran back
night & sold Case outfit to them
at 400⁰⁰

(69)

1896 Brother Tom 39 today
June 2 and Father dead 33
years. A very hot day but
very windy from South.
Sloan plowed in pasture
west of house all day.
I took out east to Oak
Lake forenoon to have it
fixed up for Ernie to
go to chubb, then I also
plowed after. We killed a pig
this evening. Ernie put out
some gopher poison today
- 3 A hot day wind strong
from South at times. I plowed
in pasture west of house
all day. Sloan plowed with
mow then he & Ernie went
to mine to draw straw
from stubble.

(70)

1896 A very hot day & close at
June 4 times. Sloan plowed in
pasture all day & Ernie har-
rowed. I went to G. Wallace's
with Smith, bags & brought
up Caboose. L. Blaby here to
night. Mr. Brandon here all
night he is taking the course.
Had a thunder storm last
night and a good shower of
rain.
- 5 Jessie foaled last night
colt very weak not able to
stand at all. Mr & Mrs. Smith
here a little while today. Sloan
harrowed & drilled in pasture
all day. I plowed. Cool
forenoon but pretty warm
after. Weaned pigs today.

(71)

1896 A very windy cold
June 6 day. I plowed until
noon then went to Oak Lake
& but. Lane east which was
getting fixed there. Mr McCallum
& I went to Gilmold to hear
C. Sifton & speak very dark
coming home and we had to
lead horse some on road.

Wind east all day & blowing
a hurricane. Rained some
this evening

" 8 A dull day & wind east
all day very cold. Sloan finished
sowing in pasture & began
to plow near stable. I plowed
there forenoon. Took Mcville
up to Maggie's mother this
evening to stay until we came
back from Richard Armstrong
where we go tomorrow

(72)

1896 Maggie & I went to Richard
June 13 Armstrong last Tuesday morning
the 9th & came home tonight, found
them all well there, we crossed
river at Kenway on way down
& kept north of Brandon all
the way, crops look about same
there as here; had a big rain
last Wednesday with, it was
the same as there and found
had picked up a good deal
while we were away. Sloan
& Ernie were keeping house
alone. They got all manure
away from root house,
pumped out of well & the
old well filled up with
dirt. Very hot today & every
thing growing well. A. O. W. W.
Picnic today.

(73)

1896 A fearful hot day.
June 15 I took Ernie up to school then went to Allan McCallum's & put Jessie to horse. Afternoon went to Oak Lake & stayed until night to hear Isaac Campbell speak we had a good meeting. Looked dark & cloudy all day & lots of thunder & lightning but no rain fell.

" 16 A hot day. Sloan saw scuffler in corn all day & finished it. Ernie put out poison for jophers & hoed trees. Sloan & I went to Haffards school tonight & heard Difters speak got home 2:30. Very hot & close all day. Lots of thunder & lightning all round but no rain fell.

(74)

1896 Sloan saw scuffler in June 17 turnips forenoon then hoed potatoes after Ernie & I hoed in garden among trees forenoon then I hoed in corn after Maggie, Cecil & I went to her fathers this evening and stayed in house. Lots of thunder & lightning around looks like rain. Very hot all day & wind south.

" 18 A fearful hot day but got quite cool near night. Sloan plowed in fallow all day. I went to Oak Lake afternoon to Institute meeting Mr McCallum & Mr Weyh spoke there, very few at meeting. Ernie hoed corn afternoon he finished hoeing trees forenoon.

(75)

1846 Snow harnessed on mine
June 19 all day with fire hoses.
I took Ernie to school then
went to Mac Kawata. Ernie &
I hoed corn afternoon. A hot
day, looking like rain and
did rain a few drops this
evening.

" 20 Ernie & I hoed corn
& finished it at five o'clock
we sowed four dishes after and
thinned out a few turnips.

Snow plowed fallow all day
Sun hot all day but a
nice breeze from west.
A. G. Hill & father from Gino-
wold here for dinner.

" 22 Ernie & I hoed turnips until
noon. Snow plowed fallow after-
noon. ~~Ernie~~ started for Port Lake

(76)

1846 with sunrise it began raining
at E. Williams some had to leave
sunrise at Mitchell's shop. Rained
a heavy shower.

June 23 Election day I was scrutineer
at Wm Donald for Mr. Carthy
very close & hot all day we had
no rain there, but a big shower
went north & west. They had
a lot here at home. W. Williams
& I went from poll to Car Lake
& came home at eleven by all
appearance Liberal party
have won all over.

" 24 Rained very heavy here
this morn. before we got up. Snow
began to plow in fallow & worked
there all day, I did same in after-
noon very wet & plows went clear.
Ernie hoed a few turnips.

(77)

1896 A beautiful warm day
June 25 Sloan & I plowed in fallow
all day. Rained a small sun
shower. Ernie hoed turnips
all day. Sadie went home this
morn. Maffie went to Oak Lake
afternoon.

" 26 A nice day not too warm
Sloan & I plowed all day, found
a piece of fence weed in field
and pulled it out. Ernie hoed
turnips. I went to Smiths tonight
they & Cairn says we going to
take Advance machine now.
Looks like rain tonight

" 27 Sloan & I plowed until noon
then he alone after & I hoed tur-
nips. Ernie hoed all day. Had
a heavy shower of rain this morn.
for a few minutes. A nice warm
day

(78)

1896 Sun very hot today but
June 29 a nice breeze Sloan scuffed
corn turnips & potatoes all day
Ernie & I hoed. Cairn & Smith
Came & took Advance machine
away today they have bought
it at \$1400⁰⁰ Mary Smith
Came this morn to stay. Mr
& Mrs Smith here awhile
today. Very hot & close tonight
" 30 Sloan finished scuffling
corn then began to cut
up with binder until noon
after he went to Mitchell's shop
with Jack & Ben & took
engine up to Oak Lake.
Ernie & I hoed turnips
all day. A fearful hot
day wind east & South
sometimes none, about as
hot as I ever seen it

(79)

1896 Cloudy but still very hot
July 1 Sloan plowed in morn then
finished getting up he & Ernie
went to Celebration Oak Lake after
two o'clock. W. M. Corbin here
for dinner Ernie & I had tur-
nips forenoon then I write
letter after.

" 2 A very cool day & cloudy
I had turnips all day with
vest & jacket on. Sloan & Ernie
dren in ripe fore noon then Sloan
plowed after. Mr. Smith here
tonight he & I go to Brandon
tomorrow.

" 3 Mr. Smith & I went to Bran-
don today got home 9:30 Maggie
was we sent for doctor at
midnight. I got 500⁰⁰ from bank
today. A cool pleasant day

(80)

1896 A very hot forenoon & continued
July 4 used so until five o'clock when
a storm came up and cooled air,
we did not get any of that
rain but another came up at
dark & we had a big shower, it
will do a lot of good after
the very hot weather we have had.
grain is beginning to heat out.
Sloan plowed fallow all day Ernie
finished hoeing turnips in field
& began at Mayfold. I went to
Oak Lake afternoon & sent
P.O. order to Luke Blahy full
amount of his wages. Maggie
letter today. Mrs. Smith came
this evening & Mary went
home.

" 6 Sloan plowed all day. Ernie
& I had mayfold. Annie
suept all day

(81)

1896 A nice cool breeze all day.
July 7 Sloan plowed & Ernie harrowed in fallow on fire.
I began to hoe turnips foot of garden, but we had so many visitors afterwards I did not get much done.
Reuben & W. Williams helped us put in pump in lower well tonight.
" 8 Very hot & close forenoon and after until three o'clock when it began to rain. Storms came from north & south poured hard & hailed a little also blew pretty hard. Sloan on roads all day Ernie until noon then he harrowed after. Mr. Helliwell here for dinner I gave him 75¢

(82)

1896 A very hot close day but July 9 not like rain hardly a breath of wind & feels like a good haying day in Oct. Sloan on road all day with team & finished. Ernie on until noon he harrowed after. I hoed turnips in garden. Put hand to Mr. Betts horse.
" 10 A very hot close day. Ernie harrowed all day. Sloan finished fallow & began to plow a piece of turnips. I hoed in garden & among trees, & went to Mr. Kawath for mail & his crewing was surprised to see so much of the fallow when I got on.
" 11 Another very hot day Sloan ran scuffer in turnips & potatoes

(83)

1894 Ernie finished harrowing fallow, then began with spring tooth harrow in pasture. Wood & Bailey here today I ordered a Peckers machine they are to sell mine. I went to Oak Lake in evening.

July 14 A very hot day again. Sloan fixed around pump in yard forenoon then after he plowed down flax. Ernie harrowed with spring tooth in pasture all day. I went for Sadie in morn. & hock among trees after.

" 15 Ernie harrowed with spring tooth all day west of home until three o'clock then on sec. nine. Sloan harrowed in pasture then sowed oats there. Mr. McCallum & I went to Oak Lake island today. A good deal cooler today.

(84)

1896 A very hot day until July 15 four o'clock when a couple of showers passed east & it got a lot cooler, we had a small sprizelle of rain but nothing to do any good. We had a very big wind for about ten minutes and was flying in all directions. Sloan finished harrowing in pasture at noon then sowed there after. Ernie ran spring tooth on mine. Sowed potatoes & around home.

" 16 A cool morn. but got warm through day. Sloan finished seeding in pasture at noon then drew out on mine after. Ernie ran spring & tooth on mine & I shed in potatoes. Looks like rain to night.

(85)

1896 Had a big storm after we
July 18 went to bed last began to
thunder & lightning at ten & kept
it up until twelve poured rain
also a lot fell, that would
do us now for this year
Sloan started with bull
for Oak Lake this morn. I also
went in buggy & beat him home
he drew manure afternoon
Ernie drew manure forenoon
& harrowed on rice after.
" 18 Sloan harrowed on fire fin-
ished fallow into fire then went
up to rice & harrowed there,
Ernie finished with spring
tooth at noon & harrowed
common harrow after. I went
to Oak Lake afternoon.
Very windy from west.

(86)

1896 Rained last night ground
July 20 wet all day. Sloan drew
manure all day Ernie took
horse to school they put manure
we around trees. I tried some
but it was too wet.
" 21 Rained nearly all last
night everything swimming this
morn. Sloan drew manure
Ernie worked in trees I went
to Oak Lake heard Prof. Fletcher
speak there they went on to
Mr. Gordon's for cultivator
very cold tonight it may
freeze
" 22 A cold morn. thought there was
frost but none came. Sloan
drew manure. Ernie put manure
we around trees & I plowed on
some a piece of wheat we are
plowing up. A beautiful day

(87)

1896 Pretty hot all day
July 23 but a fine day for
wheat to fall. I plowed on
mine. Sloan drew out manure
& Ernie hoed in turnips &
picked cherries. Mr & Mrs
14 Todd Sr. here for dinner
" 24 A beautiful day not
too warm nice for working
Sloan & I plowed on mine
all day. Ernie hoed in
turnips.
" 25 Very cool this morn. but
got hot through day a nice
day. Sloan & I plowed on mine
until noon then I came home &
went to Oak Lake. Ernie hoed
in turnips all day. Looked like
rain this afternoon but none
came

(88)

1896 A nice day not too warm.
July 27 Sloan finished plowing on
mine at noon then hauled there
after. Ernie drew out manure
& I hoed turnips.
" 28 Sloan hauled on mine &
drew weeds off piece of grass
plowed. Ernie drew out manure
then finished hawking hoed
turnips. I went to Oak Lake
afternoon for lumber.
" 29 Reuben, Philue & myself
went to Brandon exhibition to-
day left home at 2.30 drove to
Oak Lake & took train there for Brandon
it rained there until noon then
we had a good show. got home
at three o'clock next morn. I ordered
separator from Massey at \$650
for belt, chaffer & separator. I also
ordered feeder at 275⁰⁰

(89)

1896 Sloan finished harrowing July 30 piece on rise that we had just plowed, he drew off about four wagon loads of weeds that had harrowed up, he then began with the horses to run scuffler on fallow near Hindlays it clogs up a great deal. Ernie picked raspberries at Merritts afternoon. I went to Oak Lake for lumber. Mrs Clayton here for tea.

31 A splendid ripening day warm & pleasant. Sloan harrowed with five horses on rise all day. Ernie & I went to Merritts pasture & got over a pail of raspberries.

(90)

1896 A hot day & windy from Augst S.E. Ernie & I worked at new granary until four o'clock when I went to Oak Lake for shingles got back at nine Sloan harrowed on rise until noon then ~~then~~ ran scuffler. Lots of thunder & lightning around to night it also rained a good deal.

A clear hot day with a nice breeze from west. Rained a lot last night Sloan plowed timothy in pasture until noon then went up to rise & ran scuffler after. Ernie & I worked at granary all day. Mrs W. R. here for tea.

(91)

1896 A dull rainy day
Aug 4 raining when we got up
and kept at it now & again
all day. Sloan plowed the
timothy in pasture Ernie
shingled & I went to Girard
for lumber.

" 5 Fourteen years ago today
since I arrived here lots of
changes since then. A very he-
avy thunder storm passed over
last night we got some of it
pretty heavy rain & a few grains
of hail. Sloan finished plow-
ing in pasture at noon then
helped Ernie at granary
shingling & laying floor. I went
to Oak Lake afternoon &
brought home mowers. A
Cairns & S. Smith here tonight

(92)

1896 Sloan ran scuffler on mill
Aug 6 all day. Ernie went to Oak
Lake in 'morn. then to Allan Youngs
for part hole digger in afternoon
I went up to Lawrence Smith
& started up machine it went
well & we threshed about
fifty bushels of oats.
A very hot day at times
other times cloudy

" 7 Sloan ran scuffler on mill
all day. Ernie & I worked at
granary. had a couple of small
showers, but nothing to hurt
very hot at times. J. Giesel &
H. Klapp here today Giesel
coming to fork

" 8 Sloan finished with scuffler
on mill this evening. Ernie worked
at granary all day. I went to Oak
Lake Agricultural Society's meeting
after noon

(93)

1896 Sloan harrowed on mine
Aug 10 all day & finished piece
south west of farm. Ernie
& I fixed up binder in morn.
then cut a few oats opposite
house then began at eleven to
cut barley, it is a medium
crop we got about half done.
A very cold day wind north
west feels like frost tonight,
but cloudy & rained some
" 11 Cool wind from north
all day until five o'clock
when it went down & got warm
as day of first row. Sloan
finished harrowing on mine
this evening. I also finished
cutting barley, T. J. Smith
& wife here this evening. Mr
Dand here for tea, we bought
fruit & other trees from him to
value of \$50

(94)

1896 A cool day wind N.W. all day
Aug 12 and feels cool & like frost to
night. Sloan ran scuffles in
garden north of house forenoon
then he & I went south of Oak
Lake for old separator got back
at dark last night. Ernie finished
his stocking barley
" 13 A cool morn. but no frost
& wind has got south so I
guess fear of frost at present
is gone Sloan harrowed piece
in garden Ernie picked cherries
all day. Sloan & I went to Oak
Lake for engine. Kept cloudy
most of day & wind N.W. again
tonight feels cool we had a
few drops of rain during day
waited cutting wheat tomorrow

(95)

1896 A coal day I began to
Aug 14 Cut wheat at mine o'el-
ock but lost a discharge
went at eleven so had to
go to Oak Lake for another
got going again at three &
cut a good big piece at
Miller's corner it is a heavy
good crop, very coal tonight
& feels like frost.

" 15 A coal day wind N.W. all
day I wore coat & vest on
sunder all day & was not too
warm cut wheat all day boys
shocked up, very cold tonight
everyone afraid of frost

" 17 A very warm day wind east
I cut wheat all day boys
shocked Fred Hall began today
a slight frost last night froze

(96)

1896 our cucumber vines don't
know if it hurt wheat or not
heard they had frost both
Friday & Saturday nights over
hills but don't think we had
any. It looks like rain

Aug 18 A dull day wind S.E. Sun
did not shine much. I cut
wheat all day Fred shocked
Sloan shocked forenoon & worked
at grain after. Ernie went
to Oak Lake forenoon & shocked
after.

" 19 A very hot day. My sunder
refused to work in way, so went
to Oak Lake & got bill hook & disc
pinion in putting them on brook
Casting & had to go again & get
a whole frame for sunder
only worked a few hours all
day.

(97)

1896 I cut all day for
Aug 20 I mowed four binders
running these today a very
hot day. Sloan & Ernie
got pigs into pasture & fin-
ished fixing pasture

" 21 A hot day at times other
whiles it was cool had a
couple of small showers but
not enough to stop us cut-
ting. I cut all day in wheat
down on stubble a poor crop
full of weeds some of it no food
I Thompson com^{ed} today. Sloan
& Ernie worked at fence
for yard

" 22 A dull day wind N.W.
began to rain at four o'clock &
kept it up for a couple of
hours had to stop cutting. Sloan
& Ernie worked at fence

(98)

1896 A dull day I went to Oak
Aug 24 Lake in way in buggy then on
on binder afterwards. Sloan ran
binder forenoon then went to
Oak Lake for cedar posts after
A nice cool day but both
smoky & cloudy towards
evening. Ernie cleaned away
trees

" 25 A fearful windy day nearly
impossible to cut people with
light crops could not cut
I began at fallow & only did
a little when binder broke
& I had to go to Oak Lake, for
started again afternoon when
wind was not nearly so strong
finished when near Carpenter
& began sowing of oats on stubble
wheat there very little food all
weeds. Had a couple of small
showers today

(99)

1896 A cool day I wore heavy
Aug 26 Coat until noon in binder
then afterwards it was pleasant
Sloan & Ernie worked at fence.
Finished cutting wheat today
evening and got a road around
oats. No frost yet

" 27 A cool day but soon
got warm so that I had
to take off my coat. Began
to cut oats this morn. & kept
at it all day. on plowed
land they are a grand crop
but on stubble very poor.
Ernie went to Oak Lake for
drive chain for binder it worked
well then. I billed here of one
me 300⁰⁰ on a/c of note

(100)

1896 A very hot day close & hazy
Aug 28 finished oats east of house
what we intend doing first
now and began to cut west
of barley. There is a lot of
barley in these oats and
I think they will yield
well. Sloan at fence post

" 29 I cut oats until noon then
Sloan finished the piece at
130 he then began at corn and
had a hard job did not
get it finished. Ernie was
putting in posts firm. I went
to Oak Lake at seven. A nice
warm day very sunny all
around

" 31 A very hot day but tonight
dull & cloudy. White frost this morn.
but it don't seem to have hurt

(101)

1896 Potato tops or tomatoes.
Cut oats until one o'clock
binders worked poorly and
at last stopped trying, so I
had to go Oak Lake for disc
it works all right now.
Cutting some green ones near
J Carpenter tonight.

Sept 1 A cold day, but a nice
hot day. Ernie & I ground knives
of binders & fixed up granary
forenoon then got horse from
J Carpenter & finished cutting
green oats near his place &
also corn afternoon. J Thomp-
son & Sloan went south of
Oak Lake for hay.

" 2 A good frost this morn.
but a nice day only wind
was cool. Ernie finished

(102)

1896 Stocking green oats near
Carpenter then finished
corn. I fixed up granary
J Thompson & Sloan went to
Hogan Carpenters for hay,
that is fine loads we got
from him and pay me
up for threshing done for
him in 1894.

Sept 3 Very hard frost this morning
Sloan put in parts awhile then
helped Ernie & I to clean out
caboose we put about 250 bush
of chaff into granary that had
been in Caboose. J Thompson
went to Griswold for lumber
but none there so had to
come without. Mary Smith &
I went to Oak Lake this
evening. My Separator not up yet
but expect it tonight.

(103)

1896 Blew a hurricane all day
Sept 4 from N.W. thought house
would blow over. Sloan & J. Thompson
saw dug a well in hollow on
mine for threshing then hauled
home hay from there then we
went to Oak Lake to un load
separator it was seven o'clock
when got it off broke shaft &
had to get me in. Day got home
here with machine at 12 o'clock
at night.

" 5 A cold day dull until
noon then Sun shone but
it kept cold. Ernie dug
potatoes until noon then
cleaned up around & sawed
wood. Sloan & J. Thompson
drew out all the manure then
killed a pig. I took both
teams to Oak Lake & got them
shod

(104)

1896 A very hot day. W. Sees
Sept 7 & Bailey came & started sep-
arator today we threshed one
load of oats then run cross
crushed a load for J. Casper
and all the seeds we had
in from any machine made
well went to Oak Lake to
night men that promised to
come cant for a few days
so it leaves me short.

" 8 Started threshing at nine
day and made about 400
bushels wheaten half was
separator ran all right
feeder gave some trouble
coming back under & stuck
under machine wheat a
good sample and very fine

(105)

1896 Rained a little last night
Sept 19 but we began threshing early
only got two loads done, when
bolts on engine gave out &
we had to send home teams
& I took cross head to Spencer
& got it fixed, got back at
four & started up but only
threshed what was on wagon
every thing worked good, very
cold tonight.

" 10 A hard frost last night
every thing white this morn-
ing but would not stay on
got warm in day and wind
blew a good deal. Machine
ran well today & we fin-
ished threshing all our stub-
ble wheat & began at fallow
made 1120 today.

(106)

1896 A dull dark morning
Sept 11, a very heavy white frost
Threshed in fallow all forenoon
it went tough grain hard
thresh on a p. of long fuzzy
straw & dark day, began to
drop rain just as we left
for dinner but went back
afternoon & did all we could
it kept raining until we stopped
at three o'clock raining per-
haps then. I went to Oak
Lake & boys fixed engine
another three hours would
have finished my wheat
it will turn out about
20 bushels per acre all
round which is not bad
considering we had 80
acres in stubble.

(107)

1896 Rained all day today
Sept 11: boys all stayed in ca-
chose & did nothing. Ernie
went for mail to Winoka-
wata this morn. & Sloan
went to Oak Lake afternoon.
Still raining tonight as
we go to bed.

" 14 A bright breezy day yester-
day & things dried some, but
today was dull & cloudy all
day did not dry a par-
ticle. Sloan took load wheat
Oak Lake forenoon & H. Klapp
after made 115 bushels all
together & sold at 40¢, two teams
plowed all day. four men
set up shocks in morn. then
took out potatoes afternoon
finished them we have about
135 bushels

(108)

1896 Three teams plowed until
Sept 15: noon then we began to
thresh and finished at noon
with wheat, moved to J. Car-
penter & made 172 bushels
then, grain soft & straw
very tough can't make
much headway. Sun did
not shine today.

" 16 A clear bright day
the first for some time
had some packing to do
at engine so did not
get started until 8:30
made 1414 today of
splendid wheat, every
thing worked well, we
are at Carpenter's

(109)

1896 A clear bright day Sun
Sept 17 Snow but not all day
Threshed wheat at Carpenters
all day, it is not real
flinty but straw is pretty
dry, one of the hand holes
leaks. So we had to clean
out boiler at noon & fix
up made 12 1/2 today al-
though we lost nearly four
hours. Began to rain while
we were at supper

" 18, Raining when we got up
this morn. at Carpenters
I went to Goups & Milnes
neither of them ready to
thresh so we did nothing
until noon then threshed
oats & Barley for Joe.
Sawm a little today

(110)

1896 A very good night lots
Sept 19 of ice this morn. Sun
Came out warm and
was hot & clear wind
blew very strong all day
at times a regular hur-
ricane. Finished Carpen-
at noon & moved to N W
1/4 of mine made near 700
there this afternoon Splendid
plump wheat

" 21 Had to take part of engine
to Oak Lake this morn. So
did nothing until noon
and very little after
engine not working well.
Ed Thomas inspector here
this evening & fixed boiler

(111)

1896 Started up engine at
Sept 22 9 o'clock and fin-
ished all on N. W. 1/4 of
mine at six o'clock there
was 2150 bushels of wheat
on it, we moved on to
Miller's place & made
140 bushels then moved
up to Mr Little's tonight
" 23 Threshed all day & had
at Mr Little's today cleared
off a big piece of ground
but only made 1337 bushels
A fearful hot day had
as July.

" 24 Began on Sec 13 this morn.
for Mr Little & finished his
wheat at noon a dull dark
day, we began at his house
to thresh a couple of
stacks of wheat but ran they
& we had to stop

(112)

1896 Landed up at Mr Little's
Sept 25 towards evening & one fourth
his wheat then moved to Mr
Todd's threshed wheat on
Little's place all day &
finished it made 1281
bushels a hurricane all day

" 26 A dull forenoon, but
clear & sun shined after
we threshed out ^{& barley} out of
I took at Mr Todd's forenoon
then two sets of wheat after
we could have made a
couple of hundred more
bushels but quit early
as we had some fixing
to do, we made 1100 today
Mr Todd has six sets of
wheat to do yet. Ernie
came up for me tonight
clear & cold

(113)

1896 A very hot day & a good
Sept 28 deal of wind. We threshed
all day at Mr. Lodd's and
made ~~5~~ 44 bushels would
have finished him only ma-
chine broke I went to Oak
Lake tonight & got it fixed,
we slept at Mr. Smith's
" 29 Another fearful hot
day finished Mr. Lodd
in 12 hours & then began
at Mr. Smith's barley
finished it & his wheat
then moved to R.R. & thre-
shed a set there
" 30 A hot day, we finished
R.R. Smith's wheat at three
o'clock then threshed him
over 500 of oats. Moved
to Gump's tonight

(114)

1896 A fearful windy day
Oct 1 blew hard last night
and today. We began threshing
at Gump's this morn. but
boiler began to leak so
we had to take it to Oak
Lake & get fine rivets put
in. I got all wheat tickets
cashed at 53¢ & sent
Merchants Bank \$258³⁵
" 2 Began threshing this morn. at
Gump's at 9 o'clock & made
near 1400 his wheat turning out
well. Very windy all day from
south but Sun hot. Slow put
axe in Cabane today & brought
it here. J. Thompson & I working
at separator tonight until
ten o'clock making it
ready for tomorrow

(115)

1896 Wind blowing strong all
Oct 3 day from west & N.W.

Machine ran well at Gump
until near twelve when some
bolts broke & I had to
go to Oak Lake got back
at three & started up again
still have a sett to do
for Gump. Dwight men
have last night are boarding
them at home over Sunday
Cabone at Reubens

5 Went to Gump this morn.
for breakfast finished
him moved to Reubens
and threshed a sett forenoon
then made four wheat
stacks after & began at
his oats will finish him
at noon tomorrow

(116)

1896 Finished R Kennedy
Oct 6 at noon & moved
to J^m In Lhie threshed
three small setts. A new
Coal day

7 Finished In Lhie today
at noon moved to J^m In Lhie
& made two setts there,
windy from south east

8 Machine began to throw
grain over shoe this morn.
I left for Oak Lake & the
went to get one of the
Dr Donalds brought down
down, he made a dipper
for awhile but it still
Some men I went to J^m In Lhie
to get him to feed, he can't
come until next week. We
will take feeder off on
Saturday night

(117)

1896 A nice day I went to
Oct 9 Oak Lake early to get
affair fixed for machine
got back at 10 o'clock,
Julius shut machine down
at eleven it was still the
morning but we took off
feeder & began again

" 10 Machine threw out
grain all morning, experts
came at 10.30 & worked
with it but could
not stop it we finished
Julius at 1.30 then rined
to Jordan. Thottle made
last minute I went to
Oak Lake telegraphed
for me & waited until it
came experts coming
back on Monday

(118)

1896 A beautiful day we
Oct 12 threshed all day
at S. Jordan finished
his wheat & part of
his oats experts here &
made machine go
all night. H. Garry's
machine chummed top of

" 13 Finished at Jordan since
it lock & made to Dr.
Williams threshed wheat there
until night and only made
eight hundred bushels
it is not turning out at
all. Machine began to throw
over again & I went to Oak
Lake & wrote Kirkland that
he would have to stop
it or take machine back.
A beautiful warm day

(119)

1896 A fearful windy day,
Oct 14 at times a regular hur-
ricane. Threshing at W. Will-
iams his stack as fine a
dozen of times but no dam-
age done broke something on
suspension and had to go to Mit-
chells shop. Moved to Harrison
tonight & done a little there

"15 A clear nice day & very
dusty, blew pretty hard
but nothing like last year
Yesterday, machine at
Harrison all day, finished
here and will move up
here tonight & thresh oats
tomorrow. I looked up
teams today. Will have
to shut down on Saturday
as Mr Callen & W Smith
are not ready.

(120)

1896 A dull cloudy day we
Oct 16 threshed oats & barley at home
all day about 1200 oat & 400
barley, wind north all day,
and just suited us for stacking
Straw made a lay stack layer
thaw stable moved machine
four times.

"17 Went to Mr Little for breakfast
& threshed his oats, done at 10
o'clock had dinner & moved to
W. Williams finished his oats
settled with men at noon they
all left only J Thompson, I
am giving him a job, he &
Sloan took out two loads for
W Williams in afternoon. I
took 2 Corn food to Oak Lake
Ernie & Sloan worked at fence
forenoon & Ernie worked at
turnips after

(121)

1896 Three inches of snow
Oct 19 when we got up this
morn. J. Thompson & Sloan
took out load of wheat
for Dr. Williams. Ernie & I
fixed stable for calves
A cold raw day did not
thaw any

" 20 Snow very hard last night
and very cold this morn. Ernie
went to W. R's this morn. got
his ponies & buggy & Mr. Mc-
Allister & I went to liberal con-
vention at Sauris, brought out
C. Sifter. got home twelve tonight
very cold & frosty, did not thaw
any today

" 21 A nice sunny day but cold
wind. Johnnie made trip for Dr. Will-
iams with wheat forenoon

(122)

1896 & for purchases after
wheat sold for 67¢ today
Ernie & Sloan worked at
fence around yard all day
& stopped tuncups afternoon
" 22 Wind north & very cold
all day. J. Thompson took
wheat to Oak Lake fore-
noon. We finished fence
around yard & got pigs
in there. Sloan drew two
loads of banking for house
Ernie & I went to Oak Lake
tonight, I sold all wheat
to beitch at 64¢ it is
going down in price only
55¢ tomorrow

" 23 Went to Mackinac this
morn then went on & bought
Mrs. Smith's down buggy

(123)

1896 poorly. afternoon went to
Oak Lake with Melville
got back after dark. J. Shamp-
son & Sloan & Ernie worked
at turnips afternoon.

Oct 27 I went to Brandon today
with J & Mrs Melville paid up
Merchants Bank & Brandon
Machine Works in full got
home ten o'clock. Boys had
finished taking out turnips.
A cold east wind forenoon
but warm after.

" 28 A most beautiful day
I don't think it could be
improved on, very warm &
not a breath of wind. Sloan
& J. Shampson stacked oats for
feed all day. Ernie & I
in potatoes, we still have
a pit to do. Many Smiths came
this morn.

(124)

1896 Cold & dull forenoon wind
Oct 27 east, began to fall heavy
with snow at noon & kept it up
all afternoon about four inches
fell. Ernie & I hauled in four
loads turnips forenoon. Sloan
& J. Shampson hauled in feed
oats got them all in but two
loads. We fixed up stable & got
in all the cattle.

" Hats of thunder here today
" 28 A nice warm day and
snow went away some. Boys
worked at spreading manure
on wet ground all day. I
went to Oak Lake afternoon
fearful muddy.

(125)

1896 A windy day & cold
Oct 29 Boys worked at manure
all day Ernie & I drew in
turnips with sleigh
" 30 Boys finished manure
at three o'clock then drew
in the two loads of oats that
were out & finished stack.
Ernie & I finished turnip
at four then I went for mail
we are putting in all
cattle every night
" 31 Boys drew in manure
until five o'clock then
took sleigh & stack over
to J Caspenters. Ernie
chored around made mill
cleaned stable. I went to
Gismold in morn, & to Oak
Lake afternoon. A little
softer today but lots of
snow yet

(126)

1896 A dull day, sun did not
show 2 Shine at all & wind N.E. all day
looking like snow a sheet fall
ling at times. I went to Oak
Lake forenoon & got Charlie's sled
& Thompson running lumber
at Caspenters today. W Thompson
fixing stable door & hay pen
today. Sloan & I moved separ-
ator over to W. Res. tonight. Beyond
snowing at seven & still at it
" 3 Stormed & snowed all day today
about a foot fell. Boys all went
home from machine and I
don't know when we will be
able to start now. John & W
Thompson went to Oak Lake today
& going home to noon in forenoon
This is the earliest I have seen
so much snow here

(127)

1896 A dull day but not
Nov 4 Cald. Sloan & Put man-
ure around root house for
road then went for load
of gravel after. Bruce
old chow & I sat in
house all day

" 5 Still dull & gloomy
Sloan took load of wheat
to Grismold forenoon &
sold at 60¢, he went to
Oak Lake with load after
slightly splendid. But
cold about not thawing
& wind keeps east

" 6 Our first girl baby arrived
this morn. at 4 all well. Stormed
hard & steady all day sometimes
could not see a hundred yards
I took load to Oak Lake forenoon
& Sloan after.

(128)

1896 A dull ^{mel} day with wind ^{we}
Nov 7 look ^{as} if it had cleared
for keeps now. Sloan took out
wheat forenoon then went for
Mary Smith after. I went to
Oak Lake afternoon with cut
to Creamery meeting. Wheat
rising 60¢ today.

" 9 A cold stormy day wind
east & snowing hard all day
we have now a foot or
level now. Sloan took
home Jordans measure today
I mailed \$25.00 to Plunk
Saturday on Thompsons
note. Garp filled up 75
bags of wheat in granary
this afternoon

(129)

1896 Very stormy all forenoon
Nov 10 then cleared up after. Slow
went to Oak Lake for mail
forenoon & took out load
of wheat after.

" 11 A clear cold day but
got warmer towards evening
I went to Smiths & Carin's
forenoon, had dinner at
Mr Smiths then went on
to Oak Lake got home near
dark started machine at
W. R. this evening, could not
get men today but will try
again tonight as Carin's mach-
ine is shutting down

" 12 Began to thresh for W. R.
at noon today made 5 to afternoon
Very cold, & Slow was threshing
now.

(130)

1896 Began at W. R. again this morn.
Nov 13 G. Jones running outfit worked
Slowly began to snow at nine P.M.
It up sometimes very heavy
wind east & a disagreeable
day all through. Machine run
well afternoon but poorly fore-
noon. I went to Oak Lake after
noon roads full of snow
" 14 Made over 1000 bushels at
W. R. today, a stormy rough day
I went to Oak Lake after machine
stopped got back twelve o-
clock, warm going out & snow
a little, but wind fair east
and fearful cold coming back
" 15 A clear bright day I was laid
up yesterday & today with sore back
Machine ran at W. R. until afternoon
when they broke & quit for day

(131)

1896 got casting at Hedder Young's
hunt machine. Weather looks
clear tonight. Cairns & Smith came
today & paid \$700⁰⁰ they are to pay
balance \$55⁰⁰ in two weeks. Mr
Smith & Sadie here for tea,
Mrs Milne here for awhile
today

Nov 17 Dull & cloudy but no snow
until noon when it began and
is still at it ten o'clock it has
stormed hard all afternoon
and a lot of snow has fall-
en. Machine ran afternoon at
W. R's, made only a few hun-
dred bushels. McCallum came
tonight & offers to wait until
Spring for his threshing
I settled with Ernie tonight
he has \$45⁰⁰ coming to him, I
hired him for a year at \$100⁰⁰
he is to go to McCallum for winter

(132)

1896 A very cold day wind from
Nov 18 N.W. & fearful cold. Finished
threshing at W. R's today at least
had to stop as valve slipped on
engine, Paid men off this evening
had a big job bringing eggs
home

" 19 A very cold day must
have been near 30 below zero
this morn. Sloan went to
W. R's. for tax, then went
to Mr. Helliwell's for tax
paid ^{him} up in full \$49⁰⁰, I sat
in house all day

" 20 A clear but very cold day
Sloan went to Mackay in
morn. then he & Ernie brot. had
Calhoun after. Mary Smith & I
went to Giesold afternoon
Ernie went to W. R's tonight for
winter. Maggie & I over the
tonight

(133)

1896 Ernie began at W.R.
Jan 21 Smiths today. Sloan went
for coal to Gismold. I went
to Oak Lake afternoon with
more in cutter. W.R. came
after his team cutter & horses
today. Very cold but clear
& a little warmer tonight.
" 23 Wind west all day but not
very cold got quite mild to-
wards evening. Sloan took
load of wheat to Oak Lake
afternoon, & brought home
the two chains for Mr &
Mrs Smith. Mrs & Maggie
Little here for awhile today
" 24 A nice clear day not very
cold. W. Williams came afternoon &
helped us kill steers, we had a big
job as we could not lay it up.
Cold & clear tonight.

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1896 W. Williams & I went to Linden
Nov 27 on Wednesday Nov. 28th when I
bought a team of horses good by
ones to weigh about 2800 from
Harvey Simpson at \$200⁰⁰ pay
next 1st Nov. I am to go after them
soon. I also bought a lot of
clothes amounting in all to
\$53⁰⁰, we left Linden for home
at 4:10, it was snowing then
& we got lost on way have stay
at Mr Smith's on Mrs Gues's
farm, stayed there that night
all day yesterday, & did not
leave until today at noon.
Never saw a worse storm than
we have had roads in a fright-
ful shape, we got home
at dark tonight everything
all right. Snow piled mountains
high in bluffs & in our yard

(135)

1896 I Sat in house all forenoon
Nov 28 head bad with neuralgia
went to Oak Lake afternoon to
get tooth pulled but doctor
not at home. very cold all
day but clear. I bought
250 bushels of barley from
Sam. Jordan today at 75¢
per bushel to apply on his
acre with Klock

• 30 I went to Cairns this after-
noon & they paid me in full for
threshing machine \$575.00
at night Maggie, children
& I went up to her fathers
& took them two and chairs
a very cold night, got home
10.30. Sloan went to MacKanta
forenoon then took beef to
J. Carpenters weighed it &
took quarter to W. R. Smith

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1896 A fearful cold day, I went
Dec 1 to Mrs. McCallum forenoon
& paid him balance & owed him
\$15.25 Afternoon I went to Oak
Lake & brought home a new
Cook stone. Mr. Smith here after-
& took home quarter of beef with
him, he left money for awhile.
I Milne & Mrs. here tonight he
also bought a quarter they had
us good bye as they are going
to Scotland on Saturday.
First teams of season crossed
at G. Harrison's today

• 2 A cold day but not so
cold as same we have had
Sloan took load wheat & old
Cook stone to Oak Lake afternoon
he crossed ice. We set up new
stone forenoon & left it with

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1896 A Dull day but not
Dec 3 Cold snowed a little.

I went to Vander & bought
haxe teeth, from Sine from
got back 8:30 Sloan took
two loads wheat Oak Lake
& W Williams took one, but
very cold today

" 4 A nice morn. but began
storming from east at ten
and kept it up all day
very hard, some time could
not see a hundred yards,
I went to Mrs Kawata in
morn. & Sloan went to Oak
Lake with load of wheat.

" 5 Sloan took out two loads
today roads very heavy. Maggie
& I went out cutter could not
trout any. Bought W Edwards colt
today for \$50.00 payable next fall

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1896 Very stormy & windy all
Dec 7 forenoon but not very cold
stopped blowing afternoon Sloan
& I went out with wheat.
A nice night & not very cold
Hired Sloan today at 70 per m
his time to begin soon on his span
is up about 26th Feb.

" 19 I am now at Elm Creek
and did not get time to write
any since until now, we reach
here on Saturday Dec 12th,
reached Ottawa on Friday &
stayed there over night then
came up next day, I had
a tooth & a spot pulled
in Ottawa & have had
three teeth filed since I came
home. Boop & I went to
Alman on Wednesday Dec
16 & came back next day

(139)

1896 weather fine here & had
no snow until last night
when it snowed about
six inches wind raised
through night & blew it
all into piles. Bays & I
went to J. Oline's yesterday
Mrs Oline not at home,
lay Jim here last night

~~Wife was here~~
W. Wilson here for a couple
of hours tonight

Dec 21 A cold day but sun
shining nicely I went to Edwards
afternoon & stayed until near
dark when I came home
& went to camp with Tom
got letter from home & Maggi
is well. Bought two pounds
of yarn there for mother

(140)

1896 A nice clear day frosty
Dec 22 cold but not very bad
wrote home today, boys & I went
up to Johnston's afternoon
Lup came back again as
they were busy, we are to
go back again next week

Mary killed & cleaned
28 fowls today, roosters
ducks, geese & turkeys

23 A very cold day wind
west. Bays & I went down
to James Armstrong's today
afternoon & stayed until
after night very cold
Carney home. Tom & Dan
sawing wood. Saw a picture
of Richards family at
Jim's looks just like him
& family

(141)

1896 This is Christmas Eve
Deer has been very cold all
day, about as bad as
Manitoba. Tom & I went
to Camp this evening & met
Maggie & her husband
there they are up to spend
Christmas. We have just
been dog tending the boys
Sax for tomorrow

" 27 J. Ingham & I went to Church
on 6th line this morn. when we came
back G. Gowen was here from
Toronto, we had a nice dinner
Pump & turkey. A nice
day. Maggie & her husband
went to Edwards afternoon
for a short while. A west
wind blowing but not very
cold

(142)

1896 Maggie & husband left here
Dec 26 afternoon, went to his mother
at Camp for tea then on to Ottawa
on train. G. Gowen went down
on ten o'clock train. Very windy
& blustering for awhile this
morn. but got milder through
day

" 28 A cold day but not
bad Tom went to nomination
at Camp today. Looks soft to
night. I was to have gone to
Ottawa tonight but have been
doctoring at bail on back of
my neck all day so could
not go

" 29 Soft when we got up this
morn. & had been raining. Days
warm all day wind showed around
house, looks like rain tonight.
My bail still bad

(143)

1896 A very soft day, water all
Dec 30 around and day warm
rained through night and looked
like rain all day, Sun did
not shine

" 31 Frozen hard this morn. &
Kept frozen all day, wind
Cold from west but a nice
day. Sun strong & got warm
tonight. Sowed at Jim's cut-
ting straw today

Jan ¹⁸⁹⁷ 1, Sun days day, Sun at Jim's
again today helping him cut
straw. A soft day not much
Sun & water around cold in
morn.

" 2 A dull soft day some rain
& sleep fell making it very
slippery under foot cloudy. Some
went to Wilson & cut trough for
watering horses

(144)

1897 A very warm day raining a little to
Jan 4 night. Boys & I came down today for
Calder, Maggie & I went to hear Mr.
Munhall the Evangelist tonight in
Dominion Methodist Church, I was
a little disappointed in him

" 5 A nice warm day, I went up to
buildings with Jim & attended the
Tariff Commission until noon, then
went back again after & stayed until
it was done. Jim & I went to St Andrew
brotherhood meeting tonight never
heard a better address

" 6 All rich of snow this morn. &
Calder. Jim not working today. He &
boys went for walk. I wrote to Slob
and talked to Maggie. Boys, Jim & I went
Experimental farm afternoon got home
7.15 tonight, a good deal Calder. Saw Jim
buildings at farm. Pretty tired tonight. Today
is Epiphany

(155)

1897 A nice day I stayed in all day
Jan 7 and doctored my nail. Hattie Clark
came here to Maggie at 5:30 & stayed until
nine then left for Aylmer. Boys played
on street with a lot of others after school
Not cold and only about an inch of snow
Two ladies called on Maggie today

" 8 A good deal colder today, than it has
been, but still not nearly so cold as
we had in Manitoba. A very pleasant
day. Maggie boys & I went up street &
had their pictures taken. I went to
Munhall's meeting tonight. Church full

" 9 Snow alone yet this morn. The
coldest we had yet. Boys had a great
day out today. Melville hurt his
nose & Corral tore his pants. J. B.
Armstrong here for dinner & Leland
McElroy here for tea. I stayed in home
all day. Jim & I went down town tonight
Snowed a very little today

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1897 I was so sore around body today
Jan 10 Could not go to Church nor were
J. McElroy took boys to Church for
now but had to come home as he
ville was sick, I must have caught
cold as body & back is very sore
Jim took Corral to Sunday School
afternoon

" 11 Went to building this morn. to
Sifton but he was busy so I could
not see him. Left Ottawa at 1.5
with boys got off train at Britton
J. Armstrong met us there and took
us to his place. Not very cold
Snowed a very little

" 12 J. Armstrong intended to hunt
today but it was too cold nearly
had as Manitoba. We set around
house all day. Alma & Cora went to
Corner after dark, very cold. I read
Prize book. Had card from Ottawa to

(157)

1897 A clear frosty day but no wind
Jan 13 and not nearly so cold as yesterday.

R. Moore came & helped Jimmy to
butcher four pigs & a beef. Alma
& I went to see Mrs J. Lowry at her
daughters, near night, & got back
for tea. Had letter from Manitoba
today written on 29th inst.

" 14 A nice day clear & not cold calm
as July. Jimmy & I cut up three pigs
also two quarters of beef. I read most of
time. A circle around moon for awhile
tonight, but it went away & night
was beautiful & clear.

" 15 A lovely day clear & sunshiny
Alma & I went to see Mr & Mrs
Smady afternoon, at night Ernie, Cora
Alma, Cora & myself went to a sketch
concert at Corners, singing & playing
was very good. Cloudy tonight

(158)

1897 Snowing when we got up this
Jan 16 My. and kept at it until near
noon but only a very little fell
half an inch of very fine snow.
Kept warm all day. Jimmy &
Ernie drew wood all day, Al
Jimmy & I went to J. Lowry's
tonight. A nice soft night

" 17 J. Lowry & wife came to Alma
today for dinner. Snowed a bit
last night & cutter slipped along
nicely, but at noon it began to fall
heavy soft snow & rain & took all
the snow away old as well as new
Sister & I went to Presbyterian Church

Blowing a hurricane from South
began about three o'clock afternoon
" 18 Soft this My. & blowing very hard
west kept it up all day & turned very cold
towards evening. Freezing hard tonight & wind
blowing from west but not very hard. Jimmy
Girls & I played Huggins tonight. I read
all day

(159)

1897 A fearful cold day about as Jan 19 had as Manitoba 22 below zero this morn. and blew hard all day we had a job to keep house warm Had two letters from Maggie at Manitoba today, they are all well there.

" 20 A good deal warmer than yesterday, Jimmy went to Ottawa to Mr. Glasse funeral today. It was clear & sharp all day. Very dark tonight and has snowed some. Mr. Kerr teacher here at Alton for a few hours tonight.

" 21 Snowing when we got up this morn. and kept it up nearly all day. Sometimes very light about six inches on ground now. We could not go to Echus today on account of snow but expect to go tomorrow Jimmy is going to take us up

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1897 J. Armstrong brought bags & Sup Jan 22 to Echus today, we got to mother's at eleven o'clock. Snowed a little today but not much. Tom & I went to Camp this evening & brought home Sister Jennie she came up from Ottawa

" 23 Blew pretty hard until three o'clock & drifted a good deal. Snowed when we got up but did not fall very much. A nice evening after wind fell. Had letter from Maggie in Manitoba today. Tom nailed boards on shed

" 24 A cold clear day we all sat around house all day and read

" 25 Blew hard & drifted some today, but near night it came on a very heavy wind that shook the house. Kept it up all night. Tom went for a load of wood forenoon today & brought a load of black poles

(161)

1897 Snow all day today until
Jan 26 evening but did not snow
any, wind not very cold but
blowing strongly. Sam went for
sheep which was drowned at
Johnston. Jennie, Sam & I went to
Johnston this evening. Armstrong
& wife here when we got back.

" 27 A nice day not cold, a little snow
fell just fine small stuff & very little
came any way. Jennie, Melville & I
went to Wilson after three o'clock
Jennie stayed there, while we went
on to Camp for mail. Jennie showed
views through Polyopticon tonight

" 28 Sam brought Jennie & I down
to Alma's forenoon snowed all day
Sam went home again at 3:30 a lot
of snow has fallen today. Shooting match
at Corners today

(162)

1897 Jennie brought Jennie & I
Jan 29 to Britannia this morn. Then
came in to Ottawa. I went up to
Commission in buildings afternoon
then Jim & I went to Debate in
G. M. C. A. rooms. Happen Jennie
went to Alpheus afternoon came
back tonight. Clear & frosty temp
" 30 A nice clear day, not very
cold. I went to Sheriff Commission
but had to leave as they would not
let us stay in. I went to museum &
it also went to market, Jennie & I
came here to huggies, Alma is staying
for a few days. I went
through fisheries buildings
afternoon, then down to call on
W. H. Lock he was not at home
Jim & I went to G. M. C. A. meeting
tonight

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1897 Sunday, We all went to
 Saw 31 Church forenoon, Jim had
 a touch of La Grippe and
 stayed in all afternoon, he did not
 come to church tonight, but the
 rest of us went and heard a
 splendid sermon from Mr
 Southam he is a grand tal-
 ker, his text was (How shall
 we escape if we neglect so
 great Salvation) he would
 make a great evangelist. I dont
 know when Alma, Maggie, Jennie &
 I were together a Sunday before
 and it may be a long time again
 very cold & frosty.

Feb 1 I stayed in all fore noon to meet a journal
 reporter but he did not come, afternoon Alma
 I went to Aylmer she came back tonight ^{but}
 I stayed in Aylmer at Uncle James', he, ^{namie} Auntie,

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1897 I played whist all evening, Jennie
 left for Troy at 3 P.M. Alice had
 a little cold but not much
 Feb 2 Cold this morn. but got soft &
 thawed a little. Uncle took me
 up to see Alango & we had dinner
 there, I then stayed at Mary Bells
 until five o'clock then went to
 Uncle James' for tea played
 whist until nine o'clock then
 came down on electric car
 Fred Klock came with me
 & we met James ^{Klock} at Russell
 House I got to Maggie's at
 10.30 Alma still here
 " 3 Alma went to Garland's this
 morn & will go home afternoon. I
 saw I B K a few minutes afternoon
 I came to Camp this evening & for
 ride to mother with Jim & Mrs

(11)

1895 A warm day & snow
Dec 11 Thawed some George &
Maggie went to Mr Smith fore
noon then he went for tans
south of Oak Lake after.
P. J. Merrick here for tea
night

" 12 A soft warm day &
snow went a good deal
George went south for tans
& beat home crusher from
Oak Lake with him, he
helped P. J. Merrick take
home barley after.

" 13 I am 36 today. A nice
warm day and snow went
some. George & I worked at
fixing up crusher forenoon.
Maggie came with me to W. Co.
she stayed there & I went on to P. O.
Mrs S. & Rob here for dinner
she is staying a few days

(12)

1895 A nice warm day but got
Dec 14 Colder towards evening George
& I went to Oak Lake attended
Speck's sale George bought
a team of horses & a harrow
we got back after dark
did up chores then George
took his team up to W. Co.
& I took Mrs Smith home.

" 16 A nice forenoon but got a
little stormy after wind east
all day. started crusher at
eleven and broke cog wheel
after working a couple of hours
it worked well while at it.
I went to Oak Lake in evening
sold 50 bushels barley to
Graham north he comes for
it tomorrow price 20¢

(13)

1895 Showed six inches last Dec 17 night, and today stormy & cold snow drifted a good deal. I sat in house all day sick with cold better tonight

" 18 I went to Oak Lake at eleven today Mr. Elder and Mr. Stevens spoke there to Farmers Institute, we had a good meeting and lots of discussion, I had to wait on train that night & got home at two o'clock.

" 19 We tried to crush today & got started at eleven o'clock only did a little and a bolt went in & broke feed shaft. Got very cold wind west & pleasant. R.R. Smith here for noon & stayed afternoon & over night

(14)

1895 A nice warm day we start Dec 20 at lumber early & broke cog out of wheel sent it to Mr. Mitchells then got started again at two made a good afternoon crushed very little for ourselves all for other people. Broke another cog tonight just as we quit Mr. Harvey died yesterday

" 21 R. Dunsen took cog wheel to Mitchells this morn. & got back with it fixed at 12:30 we began crushing then & only ran an hour when cog wheel broke again & we had to stop. Cold & frosty afternoon but not a very cold day. Wind north & drifted some. Milne & I valued Hedley's damage to crop

(15)

1895 A nice forenoon but
Dec 23 turned out very windy
& stormy afternoon. Maggie
& I went to Oak Lake leaving
children at W. R's. we got
back after night.

"24 George & I took four
loads of turnips from
root house to stable
& also got a few manolds
from cellar to stable for
chops. A very stormy day
drifted so we could hardly
see at times a lot of our
turnips getting rotted.

"25 Christmas day Shulze
& wife also H. Klapp here
for dinner. We then went
up to Stewart to see maud
& S. Jordan Maggie had a
nice time & got home ten 30
very cold

(16)

1895 A nice day only cold
Dec 26 wind not very strong &
blowing from west all day
George & I got ^{two} loads turnips
into stable & one into cellar.
I then went up to Mrs Smiths,
ground the axe tonight and
will send George for wood
tomorrow

"27 George went up to " today
for wood a nice clear
day Mrs Smith & S. Bell here
for dinner I took his cat-
ter & went for mail also & cut
saw at S. Jordans.

"28 a cold laboring day
George & I drew in load of
turnips to house & took ma-
gold's to stable. I went to Oak
Lake afternoon very cold &
stormy tonight

(17)

1895 Liberal Convention at
Dec 30 - Geismold today it
was there to Harris put up
for member a nice day
not very cold.

" 31 Went to Oak Lake this
Morn. & bot. home better
made with binder steel, went
to Paton meeting tonight at
Ryegate. George cleaned
wheat then picked over
turnips

¹⁸⁹⁶
Jan 1 This is New Year's day
George went for ice this
Morn. I cleaned up stables.
Wind east & snowing this
morn. a regular blizzard
before night & very cold in
house. Mr Smith bot.
Young O Smith & A Bell here

(18)

1896 Blew a hurricane all day
Jan 2 drifted & very cold it was
nearly impossible to keep
house warm & kitchen very
cold all day. Wind north
& got around to west towards
evening it is now nearly
down & pleasant but
still very cold. D Smith
& A Bell just gone over to
W. R. they leave for home
tomorrow.

" 3 Very cold & windy until
near night when it stopped
& although very cold was
nice on account of no wind.
Still very frosty tonight, we
did nothing today as it was
too cold & stormy.