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OAK LAKE DRUG HALL
STATIONERS
OAK LAKE - MAN.

Finished writing
in the ~~seventh~~^{8th} book
on 3rd February 1897
and began in this the
~~eighth~~^{9th} on 4th February
1897

(11)

1897 A nice clear day. Mail
Feb 4 beat up my valise from
Carp, I had to leave it yester-
day on my way from Ottawa
Tom cleaned up load of oats
& sold them at Carp for 19¢ per
bushel. Boys & I at Edwards
in afternoon

"5 Blowing from east all day
Helped Tom clean oats & he
took load to Carp sold at 19¢
I went to see Mrs Oline afternoon
had tea there then went to D
Kennedy's where I stayed three
hours, then to Jim's but he
was not at home his wife
at Carp.

"6 Snowing & blustering all day
but not much fell, a regular
humane tonight and air full

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1897 of Snow but not cold
Sweet to Carp with Tom
he had load of Chap down.
I bought two pairs long
boots & two pairs overshoes
for traps

Feb 7 Very soft all day rained
a little and froze as it fell
Uncle James & Auntie came
over today at noon

"8 A dull day but not cold
Auntie & Uncle left at noon
for home. Boys & I went to
Wilson at Side line after &
stayed for tea. Cold tonight
did not thaw any today

"9 Big flakes of snow came
down for awhile this morn.
but it soon stopped again
Tom & I went to Almonte

(3)

1897 got home one o'clock,
had pain in leg saw Mrs John
Stew on road home he is failing
fast. A nice day not very
cold.

Feb 10 Boy & I left mother this morn
for Ottawa. I got my ticket
signed, also bought sett of fur
dress, & checked both bag con-
taining it and also trunk to
Oak Lake, I went to Hull to
see Mrs McCallum, but she was
not in. Mamma Klond here at
Maggies for tea & stayed until
9.10

" 11 Left Ottawa this morn,
for Toronto, changed car at
Smiths falls & reached
Toronto at 7.20. George met
us at station had tea at

(4)

1897 Hancock & went to concert
in church after. A clear
cold day about as cold as
any since we came down
Feb 12 A great big storm until four
o'clock when it let up, stormed
as bad as a blizzard in Man-
itoba. I sat in Hancock's house
all day. Harry & boys left
for church at four a supper
there. Hunter & I went at five
a big crowd of children &
some grown up people

" 13 A nice day, a little frosty
but not cold. Hunter took
me over a good deal of city
forenoon, then afternoon Harry
& I went to Simpsons, Eaton &
bought some articles, I met C
Cledemning in Simpsons. Had tea
with Annie Buford tonight

(5)

1897 A nice warm day water
Feb 14 running on Street, all hands
the two boys & I went to All
Saints Church. At night
Hunter & I went to Cathedral
very high service there, sermon
good but too much Roman
for me

" 15 Boys & I came to Goodwood
this morn. and found them
all well here. A pleasant
day but not thawing any.
Boys out all the time with
Earl Lashier. Arthur seems
to be doing well

" 16 Stayed at Goodwood
until four, when we left for
Toronto got off train at Queen
St. Florence Lashier met us there
we went to Hancock for tea

(6)

1897 Eliza well and in good
shape financially. Water
on Streets in Toronto a nice
day

Feb 17 Left Toronto at 12:30 for
North Bay. Water on Streets
in City & very little snow on
way up river open in places
writing now at Hancock must
reached here at 4.20 will
leave in a few minutes for
left North Bay on time 10.15

" 18 Travelled steadily all day and
reached Fort Williams 10.15 at
night I would give a dollar if
it was tomorrow night. More
snow and colder weather
here than east. Boys asleep
and getting along all night

(7)

1897 Got to Winnipeg at 4:30
Feb 19 and stayed there an
hour & a half, snowing here
but not cold, reached
Oak Lake at 12:20 Sloan
met us there & brought us
home. Did not get to bed
until four o'clock Saturday
morn. Found everything all
right here.

" 20 A cold day, I had a
good sleep afternoy today
and feel all right tonight
Horses & Cattle in good order
I never saw snow so deep
before it is nearly im-
possible to go out
Sloan hauling out
manure today

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1897 A nice day pretty cold
Feb 21 but pleasant, a great
difference in climate here
and down east, very little
snow down there also.
Sat in house all day

" 22 Cold & stormy all day
Sloan went for load of
wood to Andrew's bush
afternoon. I went to Mr
Callman for mail, he & wife
were away at Oak Lake.

" 23 Very cold this morn. heard
at Oak Lake it was 35
below zero. Sloan put pigs
into the house to be fed
up forenoon & took load of
wood after. I went to Oak Lake
forenoon & got home at six
o'clock. Snowed a little today

(9)

1897 A cold frosty day but
Feb 24 clear & pleasant. Sloan
started early for wood inten-
ding to make two trips, but broke
his double tree & only made one,
he took load chop to W. Res.
after I cleaned out stable
first work I have done
this year

"25 A very cold day, Sun show
clear but very frosty, Sloan
drew manure forewood then
went for wood after Ernie
& I did chores. McCallum here
awhile today, we are to go
there for tea tomorrow, wind
west all day

(10)

1897 A very cold day. Sun
Feb 26 warm all day, but a
little breeze from west not so
cold as yesterday. Sloan went
for wood forewood then to W. Res.
for chop, but it was not
ready. Maggie, Cecil, baby &
I went to McCallum for tea

"27 A nice day clear & not cold
A very slight breeze, thawed
a little in shelter. J. J. Smith
& wife also Maggie's father &
mother here for dinner.
Sloan drew two loads of wood
today. W. Williams sent our
mail from Oak Lake. I
settled with Sloan tonight
he is staying on all summer
over at \$20⁰⁰ per month

(11)

1897 A stormy day not
Feb 28 much snow fell but
it was dusky near all day
blew a good deal

Mar 1 Roads full this morn.
Sloan drew two loads wood
today. Grinn & I took horses
over to McCallum's hill,
Sun clear & bright but
wind cold from S.W. kept
roads full of snow all
day

"2 A very rough day, wind
South but cold & blew snow
into drifts all day. Sloan
brought wood forenoon, then
went to W. P.'s for chop after
then drove out Maure. I went
to Maskawato for mail
forenoon & read after

(12)

1897 Wind S. & S.W. all day
Mar 3 Pretty cold, Sun warm
Sloan brought load wood
forenoon, then he & I went for
chop after to Oak Lake.
Roads full & very heavy.
Does not look much like
thawing yet. Never saw snow
so deep

"4 A nice warm ^{day} Sun strong
a slight wind from west, at
noon it began to blow hard and
was a terror on towards night
blew very hard & snow drifted
badly. W. P. & wife here for tea
also A. Dabson & wife also
W. Gamp & sister. Sloan
brought wood forenoon & coal
from Oak Lake after. I
was at Grinnold this morn.

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1897 Very cold all day Keen
Mar 5 from N.W. blew very
hard all night & roads full
Sloan went to Dr. Ro for
Chaps, then drove out man-
ure until noon, then went for
wood. I went to Muskawata
for mail but some came

" 6 Very cold all day.

Sloan drove two loads of
wood I went to Oak Lake
afternoon for mail Institute
meeting there and a good
crowd at it got home six
thirty.

" 7 Storming when we got
up this morn. blew hard
& snowed all day a very
rough day

(14)

1897 Snowing & storming when
Mar 8 we got up, and kept it up
all day a lot of snow fell and
every place filled, nearly impos-
sible to get around, never saw
anything like it roads all
filled up again. Wind east
all day tonight very little wind
but snowing still when we
went to bed. Boys picked
potatoes today

" 9 Wind west when we got up
and blew pretty strong all day
filling roads as fast as they
were broken. Boys shovelled
snow around stable nearly
all day. I went to Muska-
wata afternoon for mail.
About six inches of snow fell
this last storm & very cold
tonight

(15)

1897 A clear day & sun shine
Nov 10 all day but very cold, wind
west & blue enough to keep track
in road feel. Sloan & I went to
Ginswald with nine hogs afternoon
they weighed 123 each, we shut
up all the rest of hogs only soon
" 11 Sloan, Ernie & I drove ten
crips from root house to stable
forenoon, then after I
wrote letters & went to Oak
Lake, Boys drove all day, we
will have enough work to
do us until Gray I think.
A very cold day, sun strong
but wind very cold drifted
a good deal after noon
not much like spring
yet

(16)

1897 A clear day and warm in
Nov 12 shade, but a very sharp
wind Sloan drove out manure
forenoon then went for wood
after. I went for mail to
Mrs Kawata afternoon. Mr. Jones
Cove had a heifer calf after-
noon
" 13 A cold morn. & wind east
but on towards noon wind got
west & weather was warm for
awhile a person could drive
without an overcoat and not
be too cold but about three it
began to get cold again, and was
very cold tonight. Sloan drove
out manure forenoon then
he & I took three steers to Gins-
wald I had sold them to a
Spicer at 54⁰⁰. Did not have
any yet

(17)

1897 It was 47 below zero this
Mar 15 Sun. a heavy east wind I
took Ernie up to school he
is to board at his grandfather's
and go to school with Mr
Clayton. Sloan went to Oak Lake
for coal forenoon but more than
he went for wood after. I went
to Oak Lake Creamery meeting
afternoon not many there, and
put in director again.

Blew a hurricane for awhile
afternoon and very cold all
day, wind blew from all
quarters today

16. Blew a hurricane all forenoon
from west but not very cold.
Changed at noon wind went down &
it got hot the only warm time we
have had this year & have a little
Boys picked potatoes

(18)

1897 A nice warm day, foggy
Mar 17 until noon then it cleared
off and was warm & nice after
Sloan & Ernie went for wood
forenoon & heat a log by Sloan
went afternoon & heat balance
of log. I did chores forenoon
& went to Oak Lake after bought
Calf from D. Lynn sold hatch
100 Bush Oats at 16¢ per bush
Sunk a little today.

18 A nice warm day misty
until near noon when sun came
out wind N.E. but not cold snow
sunk some only for wind would
have gone a good deal. Sloan & Ernie
worked taking snow off table all
day. Maggie, Melville, Cecil & I
went to Dr Smith's & stayed all
day. Sloan went for milk rack
when we got back

(19)

1897 Sloan went for hay
Mar 19 for S. Jordan today got
back near tea tonight had
left hay on road and will
have to go back tomorrow after
it. A clear day, but very
windy and drifting. I went
for mail to Mrs Kawata this
morn. Ernie took Mary from
here to school afternoon
& then back to school home.

Thawed a little in shade
" 20 Kept pretty cold all day
Sun softened snow a little
towards evening in shade
but thawed more in wind
Sloan went for hay for
Jordan forenoon then
brought load oat for Oak
Lake after. Brought home calf
from S. Lapus

(20)

1897 A. Cool day wind west
Mar 22 all day Sun strong &
Snow melted a little in
shade where wind did not
get at it. Sloan went for hay
with W. Williams to Lapus
I went to Oak Lake after noon
got some whiffle trees & Clevis
fixed.

" 23 A nice day clear & Sun
shone strong. Sloan took oats
to Oak Lake forenoon & brought home
Calf also three hams. I went
to Mrs Kawata at noon for mail
Maggie & Sloan went to Liv-
ingston afternoon sold some but-
ter, hams, eggs & potatoes.
Ernie filled up 25 bags
oats for me to take next
tomorrow

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1897 A clear nice day Sun strong
Mar 24 but a small wind blowing
& it is pretty cold. I went Oak
Lake forenoon took out load oats
& beat. home barrel salt & tea & sugar
Afternoon Maggie children & I
went to Mrs Little's. Boys worked
at home Sloan drew snow fore
noon, put ring in bulls nose &
sawed wood after. Ernie help
ed W Williams unload hay
then sawed wood at home

" 25 A dull day Sun did not
shine but it was clear warm
Sloan sawed some. Sloan &
Ernie sawed wood. I clip-
ped four horses it is a
hard job, if Sue had
shown today snow would
have gone a lot

(22)

1897 A dull day Cold S.E. wind
Mar 26 all day began to fall sleet
& snow towards evening. Sloan
& Ernie sawed wood all day. Ernie
went for Lernal at four o'clock
I went to Mackayata for mail
forenoon Mr & Mrs Little here
when I came back, they
stayed until after tea.

" 27 A dull day and stormy
wind N.E. sometimes snowed
very heavily soft snow, other
times a sleet & rain falling,
wind very strong. Sloan & I
went to Oak Lake afternoon
to beat. home Cultivator, I
stayed for Harmon Insulate
meeting coming home with R
Kendrick. Could not see far
or way home with storm

(23)

1897 Sister Alma is 42
Mar 29 today. Blowing strong from
east and very hazy thin snow.
I started for Oak Lake &
got home at noon with load
braw roads getting very soft
wind not nearly so strong
now. I went again after
noon roads a lot softer
I upset on road have
sleigh cut off, blowing
hard again from east
a dull foggy day snow
went a lot roads nearly
gone. Rained some to
night before we went to
bed
Saw first crow today

(24)

1897 Rained all last night and
Mar 30 also kept dropping all
day, sometimes very easily
but still kept at it. I went to
Oak Lake first thing in morn with
play sales to get a little lumber
& harness fixed, had dinner
at Mrs Miller's & got home at
two o'clock. Roads very soft on
way home & horses broke
through some. Dogs saved
a couple of lofs at home,
then Ernie picked all the
potatoes & Snow washed
& oiled harness. There is
no water running yet, but
a few bare places is
coming on prairie. Water
beginning to rise on ice.
Breed's Creek beginning to run

(25)

1897 A dull day but warm
Mar 31 Sun shone for about
an hour altogether and
it was very hot there, but
snow went a lot all day
stubble showing up all over
I packed down half a
paj cup snow away from
door. Boys cut wood.

Impossible to go on road
with team

Apr 1st Brother W. C.'s birthday
he is 35 today. A dull day
until noon when sun came
out, and snow went a lot
I clipped Charlie & Juice
in afternoon. Boys sawed
wood all day. Wind
strong from east.

(26)

1897 Blue cold from east
Apr 2 all day Mr. M. Callum
at Oak Lake walking & told us
coming here a big snow storm
on in Dakota. Dull fore
noon but bright after & snow
thawed some. Sloane's friend Len
wick here from Ontario for
dinner. He went to W. R. after.
Boys cut wood & pumped well
in hard day.

" 3 Boys sawed wood all day
Warms & snow falling wind
east until noon, then it
went down and kept get-
ting warmer towards evening
no wind at night and started
to rain at dark. Saw snow
forenoon. I mailed Mrs. O's
mail from Oak Lake

(27)

1897 A dull cold day until
Apr. 5 noon when it got warm
& Sun Shore snow melted
... Same but going very slow
Day. Sawed wood all day.
Rained all day yesterday
Sunday
6 Cold all forenoon & snowed
melted about as fast as it
fell, at noon cleared up
& got warmer. I started for
Maskawata this morn. but
met Mr. Gallen going to Oak
Lake & he brought me with him
Snow going very little and
will take a long time to go
at this rate, no water in sloughs
get that can be seen, boys
sawing wood all day, wind
south all day & may turn warm

(28)

1897 A nice warm day Sun Shore
Apr 7 Stay all day & snow melted
a little. Boys sawed wood
all day. Sun very warm wind
west
8 Cloudy & snowed a little
but melted as it fell, got
warmer through the day & thawed
ed some. Boys finished saw-
ing wood at four o'clock
then slow began to split
& begin to take banking from
house. I walked over to V.R.
in morn. & got a ride back
with Mr. Williams who is
taking his oats there
9 Snowed some heavy
flakes this morn. but none
lay. I went to Maskawata
in morn. for mail but it

(29)

1897 did not come in Sloan
split wood all day &
Ernie took hauling away
from house he finished on
north side & put it in pit
west of house. Wind South
all day and thawed a good
deal afternoon, about half
the stubble bare.

Apr 10 A bright sun shining day but
wind cold from N.E. Sloan
split wood forenoon then helped
W. Williams clean wheat after
Ernie wheeled away hauling
forenoon then after he drew
it away in sleigh. I went to
Kashawata in evening &
got mail also but have
a note from Mr. C. I
went to horse back. Snowing

(30)

1897 Wind from N.W. all day
Apr 11 I went to Oak Lake after
noon on horse back got back
with Mr. Sanderson & all more
behind. Harrison Creek very
high & running over road.
Sloan split wood all day
also W. Williams afternoon.
Ernie shoveled snow to get
farming mill out of shed.
Cold & frozen hard forenoon
but got warmer after snow
went a lot Sloan split wood
all day. Ernie went to W.R.'s
& helped W. Williams clean oats
a while afternoon. I oiled
horns also tried to burn some
straw but it was too wet.
We altered hog today also
Calf.

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1897 Blew hard snow NW
Apr 14 all day but not cold
and snow went very fast,
more than any day yet
Ernie & I finished oiling
harness a little after din-
ner then drove turpentine
root house to stable after
Sloan split wood all day
" 15 Hard frost last night
and ground frozen hard
this morn. Sloan split wood
all day W Williams came
at four o'clock & helped
him until night. Ernie &
I finished hauling turpentine
into stable at noon, we
cleared wheat after. Rans
a score of plow from ^{slough} ~~the~~ at stable
west to lay me water running
there now fine. Had both colts hitched
again

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1897 Wind west all day. Ernie
Apr 16 & I cleared wheat until
noon. Then after W Williams
& Cathart came up & we
killed three pigs. I clipped
W Williams' mule. Sloan
finished splitting wood
at noon. Got cart out
of shed this evening I went
to Mas Kawata for mail
also crossed river east plow
now saw there get land
two mts.
" 17 Ernie cleared wheat alone until
noon Sloan & I packed away hogs
afternoon Ernie & I went to Oak Lake
with moccasins & took out black star
I sold him 16⁵⁰ got home 10 P.M.
W Williams along. River near bridge
A beautiful warm day about like
July, but began to blow hard at dusk

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1897 Very cold this morn. & ground
Apr 19 frozen hard, kept that
way until noon and wind was
cold from south all day.
Mr. Williams began to plow
with two teams at noon.
Slow & Ernie cleaned up around
& saved wood afternoon they
took steers to Mr. Leish. I went
to Mr. Smiths in morn. & beat
Sadie down I. Jo wife had
daughter this morn. I burnt
steam & put out gopher poison
afternoon
" 20 Wind very strong from south
all day. Ernie & I cleaned
wheat until four o'clock, then
I went for chop to W. B. after
that I harnomed in pasture.
Ernie put out gopher poison
Slow plowed on morn today

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1897 A dull day & drizzling rain
Apr 21 Slow & I went to mine in
morn. & got wheels from Sully
afternoon I took them to Oak Lake
& got them fixed, got home near
dark. Slow & Ernie went to
mine afternoon & plowed until
night, plows working very bad
ground wet. Slow marked Colts
the first they have done
" 22 A dull grey day & sun did
not shine at all, it spit some
rain a few times, I took Sadie
home this morn. Then went to mine
to plow we all three plowed
there it went well and we
did a good deal, Baby Grace
first tooth today

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1897 A dull dark day Sun
Apr 23 only shone a couple of
hours fore sun down. We
all three plowed on mine
all day it goes well. Cool
weather good for horses
" 24 A clear day & Sun shone
all day but it was windy
sometimes blowing a hurricane
Ernie plowed all day. Sloan
plowed until noon then har-
rowed after. I plowed un-
til noon then went to Oak
Lake, got home at dark. Sloan
burnt straw on mine today
" 25 We got a late start this morn.
as we had to bluestone wheat
and Ernie took Ernie up to
school, he plowed after, I
harrowed until noon then

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1897 plowed after. Sloan drilled
all day. Pretty windy until
noon then it blew a hur-
ricane after found flying
all over & we were nearly
blind at night
Apr. 27 Very windy all day from
north & cold tonight. Sloan
drilled in wheat on mine all
day. Ernie plowed & harrowed
& I plowed with Sulky all
day
" 28 Very cold & frosty this morn.
got warmer through day but
still pretty cold wind north
I plowed until noon then went
to Oak Lake took out buggy
wheels. Sloan drilled all day
and Ernie harrowed

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1897 Frozen Land this morn.
Apr 29 So that Sloan could
not drill or follow until
noon he harrowed spring
plowing across until then.
I plowed all day, Ernie
plowed until noon then
J Damm came to take his
place for a while Ernie
came home to blue stone
wheat & do chores. Damm
harrowed all afternoon
J Kihue & I set up scaff-
ler today

" 30 A beautiful warm day hardly
a breath of wind and a perfect
day. Sloan sowed on vine all day
Damm harrowed & I plowed
Ernie came in morn. & piled up
straw, we burned it after

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1897 A nice warm day wind pretty
May 1 strong afternoon from S.E.
Damm went to Oak Lake for
new drill this morn. got back noon
& we got it started at three o'clock
it works well. Sloan harrowed
follow next Hindlay forenoon
then ran new drill after. Damm
harrowed. I decm straw from
stubble in morn. then plowed
also plowed after drill
started. Ernie shook up
straw on vine a lot of it burned
" 3 A very hot day a slight breeze
from west but very small. I
plowed on vine all day. Sloan
finished drilling fallow & began
at stubble. Damm harrowed
& plowed. Ernie finished
burning straw. Terrible hot

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1897 A fearful hot day as bad
May 4 as July not a breath of
wind forenoon but after a
little breeze that made
it a little cooler, horses sweat
a lot today. Sloan harrowed
across spring plowing next
Wedley today. Daum & I plowed
Ernie planted trees & sowed
Some garden seeds at home.
Saw had eight pigs six
alive. Heft came out for
the first this season
"5 A great change in weather
today cold enough for mitts
& coat. got warmer through
day but a breeze from west.
Sloan harrowed & tilled.
Daum & I plowed all day.
Ernie piled wood at home

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1897 A nice cool day breeze blow
May 6 in from east. Daum plowed
all day. Sloan tilled harrowed
& plowed I went to Oak Lake
forenoon got Barney Shod also
Paid McLeish for cattle
& plowed after. Ernie piled
wood

"7 A nice cool breeze all day
we finished plowing & sowing
wheat on mine this evening. A
piece of the land has to get
a stroke of harrow yet. I began
to plow on east side of
fire.

"8 Sloan saw scuffler on fallow
on S.W. corner of 5 it does good
work. Daum finished harrowing
on mine & I plowed east side
of fire. Blew a hurricane at times
rather times nice & pleasant

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1897 Ernie took Errol up to
May 10 school this morn. I got
J Milnes horse & buggy & went
to Oak Lake got point shaped
I plowed afternoon. J Damm
plowed all day east side
of fire. Sloan ran scuffer
on fallow S.W. corner of fire
Ernie planted trees in the
wood. A cool dull day
tried to rain but could not
"11 Damm & I plowed all day
J Milnes two teams helped us
we got a lot done Sloan fini-
shed scuffling on S.W. corner &
began to harrow it. I broke seat
on plow & Ernie took it to Mr
Mitchell & got it fixed. Blew
hard at times also rained a few
very small showers & snowed a
few flakes

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1897 Milnes two teams helped us
May 12 plow all day also J Carpen-
ters ^{two} in afternoon. Damm plowed un-
til noon then harrowed after.
Sloan finished harrowing on
S.W. corner of fire & drilled there
in afternoon. A cold day, wind
north we wore coats & mitts
all day & still not too warm
"13 Milnes two teams with us
today again they finished to-
night and went home. Damm
harrowed all day. Sloan fini-
shed drilling S.W. corner
& came to east side fire &
began there. A very cold
day wore mitts & coat
all day and still very
cold, also blew a hurricane
at times

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1897 A nice day not too
May 14 warm nor yet cold I plow-
ed all day. Damm harrowed
until four o'clock when he
began to plow also Carpenter
team came at 2.30 & plowed
until eight, three of his horses
came at four & harrowed
until eight. Ernie blocked
road on wire also went for
mail.

" 15 A windy day but warm
Sun shone all day but wind kept
horses from sweating. Damm & I
plowed all day. Sloan drilled
& harrowed, another half a day
would have finished our
wheat. Ernie planted a lot
of Balm of Gilead & Poplars
today. I little bit. Lane^{seed}
drill tonight.

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1897 Finished sowing wheat at
May 17 warm today & Damm began
to harrow the whole piece across.
I took Ernie to school in evening
then finished plowing wheat &
then began to plow for oats
afternoon I went to Oak Lake & brot.
home buggy wheels. Sold all wheat
I had in store today at 57 1/2
cents per bushel. Sloan & Ernie
drew off floor & threw earth from
back of house. Blew a hur-
ricane from east all day
& ground drifted badly.
we want rain.

" 18 Damm harrowed wheat all day
& plowed for oats, Sloan finished
plowing garden then began to spread
manure on root ground. A very
windy day from east. Ernie
brot. trees down to plant

(45)

1897 A very hot forenoon here
May 19 Sweated a lot and mis-
quotes very bad. I plowed
until noon then Maggie baby
& I started for Hannap. It
began to rain & we went into
Littles for an while had
quite a good shower. Started
from there again & another
shower came up so Maggie
stayed at her father's & I
went on & had home a pump,
bought it for \$27 from J.
Gibson. Damm finished
harrowing wheat at noon,
then some garden & began at
oat ground. Sloan spread
manure. Rain will do a lot
of good but they had
more north than we had

(46)

1897 I went to Oak Lake this
May 20 My. got money up for my
wheat. I mailed Eliza \$34.25
and Klock \$183.60 also paid
up nearly all I owed around
town. Damm plowed & harrowed
oat ground all day, I plowed
there afternoon Sloan drew
manure forenoon then drilled
in oats after. Cold & dull
forenoon but hot & pleasant
after. Maggie went to Ladies
Aid today at her father's,
took Mrs. R. with her &
beat my best

" 21 Sloan finished manure at
noon then harrowed & drilled
after. Damm & I plowed all day
Very windy from south, began to
rain at eight & kept it up a
couple of hours, lots fell

(47)

1897 Cool & blowing this morn.
May 22 wind got higher all
day and afternoon it was
nearly impossible to plow
wind would blow us out
of furrow, it was a regular
hurricane, ground began to
drift afternoon and at times
it was impossible to see.

Rained a little & also swamed
some flakes. We all plowed
until tea when Sloan began
to harrow, he drilled after
noon & Darius harrowed.
we have in about twenty
acres of oats now. Sadie
Smith came down & took
Maggie home who has been
sick for a few days. Cecil
went with them

(48)

1897 Lucius birthday but we
may not have time to celebrate
Darius & I plowed for oats all
day Sloan harrowed what rot
ground was plowed then began
to plow more for oats. Ernie
planted potatoes behind house
A cool day wind S. E. Mrs
Smith & Sadie came here tonight
to stay Maggie & her mother
going to Hillview tomorrow.

" 25 A nice breeze blowing from
South east all day, cloudy looks
like rain all day but none
came. Darius & I plowed for
oats, Sloan plowed for tur-
rips until noon, then harrowed
& sowed oats. Maggie & her mother
went to Hillview. Melville
started to school today

(49)

1897 A very hot forenoon and
May 26 horses sweat badly
looked like rain also at noon
wind got north & blew hard
& cool, sometimes in after-
noon it was blowing a hur-
ricane. Sloan harrowed &
drilled oats all day. Damm
& I finished plowing for
oats at four. I went to Mr
Mitchells shop after, he
harrowed. Ernie cleaned
& bluestoned barley.

" 27 A beautiful day not too warm
but calm & pleasant. Damm left
at noon. Sloan finished plowing tur-
nip ground then saw scuffle on
saw of it. I plowed all day, had
to take walking plow in evening
as point on Sulky was broken
to Cozford with Slain's horse here tonight

(50)

1897 I plowed with walking
May 28 plow all day. Sloan fin-
ished harrowing root ground
also sowed slough with wheat
in fallow S. W. Corner. Sold
hops to Arch. Spiers at 4¢
to be delivered next Saturday
June 5th. A cool day wind
south & west looked like
rain a couple of times but
none came. Ernie went to
races at Videw today.
Put pony to Slains horse
yesterday

" 29 Very cool all day cold enough
for mitts. I wrote letters forenoon
& went to Oak Lake after. Sloan
sowed corn in ring. Then plowed
& harrowed barley ground. Ernie
plowed in barley ground all day

(51)

1897 Ice on water this morn.
May 31 and very cold all day.
wind east Sloan saw
Scuffler on barley ground
until noon then harrowed
after. Ernie sowed all
turnip seed we had then
plowed after. I plowed
barley ground until noon.
June 1st A very cold day. Ernie
plowed all day. Sloan har-
rowed & drilled in barley.
Maggie baby & I went to
Clark Lake left Cecil at
W. R. I went to Mr. W.
Callum after & paid
him for our note in bank
\$100⁰⁰ more for overcoat
& was not too warm. Wind
east forenoon got weak tonight

(52)

1897 Father dead 24 years to-
June 2 day and brother Tom is
40 years old today. Cool all day
but pleasant I worked with
Coat off plowing for barley.
Sloan Seeded & drilled. Ernie
cleaned & blue toned oats for
W. Williams then finished
sowing turnips. N. Carpenter
came today brought his sow
& traded for our hog, I gave
him \$400 extra. W. R. Smith
& wife went to Hillview
left their girls here. We
have had frost these last
few night, it has nipped
wheat in places I also notice
grass frozen, we need rain
badly all signs of it seems
to be gone tonight

(53)

1897 Finished plowing for
June 3 barley at noon & Sloan
finished seeding it at four
there is still some of it
to harrow across yet.

Many & Sadie Smith also
Maggie & Mabel Little here
for tea. A beautiful hot
day no wind at all
very like rain in afternoon
half a dozen drops fell,
it would do a lot of
good. Guy more took home
today.

" 4 Sloan drilled on line for W.
Williams today until noon. Ernie
finished harrowing barley forenoon
then worked among trees. Sloan
sowed grass seed on lawn. Tried
to rain all day but only a few
drops fell. Cold night

(54)

1897 a heavy white frost when
June 5 we got up this morn. and wind
very cold from west, dull & cloudy
Cold all day I took eight pigs to
Grinnold forenoon then went
to Oak Lake afternoon beat home
flew & shorts. Wore overcoat &
mitts all the time. Wheat don't
seem to be much hurt with
frost but I hear that barley &
oats are cut down. We need
rain badly & hot weather
" 7 I plowed in pasture all day, Sloan
ran scuffer on fallow to kill
weeds he began to plow at five
o'clock. Ernie burnt stuff that
harrowed up on barley ground
then put in fence posts. Had
frost this morn. Black saw
had seven pigs this evening

(55)

1897 Very hot & clear until
June 8 four o'clock when it
began to get cooler, it is
cloudy and we are all in hopes
it will rain soon. Sloan
& Ernie plowed in pas-
ture all day Maggie, baby
& I went to Presbyterian
Picnic in Andrew Johnston
grove, got home at eight had
a nice time.

" 9 Very hot & clear. forenoon
tried hard to rain all day
and some good showers went
around, last night it looked
as if it would pour all
night but only enough fell
to lay dust. Sloan & I worked
in pasture. Ernie at Mr. Callum's
threshing. J. J. Smith & wife
here for tea

(56)

1897 Cool & dark this morning, rained
June 10 a small shower at seven
but not enough to lay dust,
Ernie went to Mr. McCallum's
and helped him thresh until noon
another shower at noon but no
good, all the showers seem to
blow over and lots of rain has
passed in the last few days,
we need it badly. Sloan plowed
& harrowed in pasture. I plowed
& Ernie here tonight. Looks
as if it was cleared up for
keeps tonight

" 11 A very hot day Mr. Callum's
team here & helped us plow
we finished in pasture & Sloan
finished drilling. Mrs. Miller here
for tea. Looked like rain tonight
but has cleared up now

(57)

1897 A very hot day wind
June 12 blew a hurricane from
west and ground was flying
in all directions, but wind
hot as well as sun. I went
to Giswold forenoon for
lumber & Cedar posts then
to Oak Lake after to In-
stitute meeting. Everyone
complain of dry weather
I do wish it would rain
" 14 W. C. wife & children here
for dinner & tea yesterday
A fearful hot day yesterday
although wind was blowing
hard all day, a big thunder
storm came up at four
o'clock & it poured rain
for two hours, it will do
a lot of good, today fearful

(58)

1897 hot again although wind high
Drew day well we got crib
into it afternoon still some
digging to do lots of water.
Ernie helped him. got
very cloudy & black towards
night lots of thunder & light-
ning south & west kept it
up most of night but no
rain fell there.

Feb 15 - a full dark day wind east
very hot & rain grew fast lots
of thunder & lightning all
around & a lot of rain must
have fallen in places. We
had a couple of nice showers.
Finished digging well & have
it cribbed up water rising
very fast in it. Had horses
out on grass today for first
time.

(59)

1897 Dull & dark all day
June 16 Sun did not shine
wind east & it rained a
nice shower at noon
Maggie, baby & I went to
R. L. Laugs today got home
near nine, crops here look
a lot better than there.
Sloan & Ernie fixed up
fence first then drew
clay away from well
" 17 Dull all forenoon & very
foggy raining at times. Boys
ground grub box then fin-
ished taking away clay from
well Sloan drew shale for
it after. Ernie & I put top
on well then put in posts
west of trees. Very hot after-
noon. W. Shaw here tonight

(60)

1897 Put Maud to Mr Betho
June 18 home on ~~Sunday~~ Sunday
the 14th. Made arrangements
with J. Little last night
about threshing we are to
thresh out of stock each to
furnish the other two teams
A dull heavy day until four
o'clock wind east & cool
Sun shone very little all of
day. Sloan plowed along north
end of fallow east of house
forenoon then went to Geo
Wald for lumber after. Ernie
& I put some boards on fence
around pig pasture. Rained a
good shower we had to come
in. Mrs Smith here for
dinner. We took cross head
off engine tonight. Sp to Brand
on tomorrow

(61)

1897 A nice breeze from
June 19 east all day but very
hot at times. W Williams
& I went to Brandon & came back
tonight. Slow & Ernie drew
out manure

" 21 I went to Oak Lake fore-
noon took out some barley
for R. L. Lacy & sent home
a hundred pounds ripe grass
seed. Very hot & close. Slow
drew out manure Ernie fixed
fence he & I put on wire
afternoon on pig pasture
could see a big rain coming
from north so at four
it got here & rain fell in
sheets for about twenty
minutes about the hardest
I ever saw water everywhere

(62)

1897 after it finished rained
sloughs full. A lot of
big hail fell broke three
panes of glass at W. Sadi
Smith here all day
June 22 Drew Victoria 60 years
on throne today, big Louis
all over. Ernie & I finished
fence forenoon, then he helped
Slow draw out manure
I made a gate for hog
pasture. W. R. Smith's
father-in-law died yesterday
A nice day not too warm
looks like rain tonight
" 23 Drew stung from north all day
and dust was flying here in
spite of all the rain we had.
Maggie & I went up to see
Karp's funeral today he was
over

(63)

1897 Lined at Bradwardine
Church a very large funeral
Sloan & Ernie drew out
machine all day. Crops
growth wanting rain badly
Sunday A cold dull day I hoed
forenoon with mitts & coat on
found stones from north.
Boys both drew out man-
ure I hoed potatoes until
four when Maggie baby &
I went to S. Hamap.
H. Shaw here tonight
" 15 Boys finished hauling
out manure at noon, then
we all went to Mr. Little's
to a picnic, got back at
nine & had a good time lots
of people there & had good
sport.

(64)

1897 A cool day wind east
June 16 Sloan plowed up piece of
stick weed in wheat then open-
ed up furrows in fallow.
Ernie hoed potatoes in garden
I went to Institutes meeting
at 10.30 had three speakers
there from a distance, we had
a nice social in evening. J
Dawson came home with me
" 28 A dull day sun did not
shine much, and we had half
a dozen of small showers of
rain not enough to make us
come in from work. Sloan
plowed in hog pasture.
Ernie went to Oak Lake fore
noon for cedar posts to hoed
potatoes after. I went to
mine today & pulled lumps
there.

(65)

1897 A very hot day Sun
June 29 pouring down and things
growing fast lots of thunder
in the air and we saw
storms passing but we
did not get any. Ernie
& I hoed potatoes & man-
golds. Sloan plowed in hog
pasture

" 30 A very hot day wind
south & west blew very hard
at times but still hot. Sloan
finished plowing & harrowing
hog pasture & nearly finished
seeding it. Ernie pointed
us to set up trees in gar-
den. Muffie, Cecil baby &
I went to S. Is afternoon
they had into small shower
up there but none here

(66)

1897 Dominion Day Sloan
July 1st finished seeding in hog
pasture then began in
fallow with Sulky plow
until eleven o'clock when
he & Ernie went to Oak
Lake sports afternoon
Ernie & I worked at making
lure from hog pasture to
yard afternoon I ran Sulky
A fearful hot day some
breeze but still very
hot

" 2 Fearful hot forenoon never
saw more a big thunder
storm north & got cooler after
Sloan & I plowed in fallow
all day. Mrs W. R. here for tea
Mary Smith came tonight &
stayed. Ernie began to poison
Sopbers today

(67)

1897 Nice & cool until about July 3 eleven when it got very hot and kept that way all afternoon. I plowed in fallow all day, Sloan until noon then he went after lumber & hay got home at 10.30 heavy thunder & lightning south. Our land very dry we need rain. 5 Knappie, baby, Cecil & I went to Cowing's ranch today cattle all looking well, it poured rain there, and also hailed a good deal, we found it had rained a little at home when we arrived here. Sloan running scuffler in Corn all day and Ernie plowed in fallow ground very dry

(68)

1897 A very hot day again. Sloan July 6 finished running scuffler in Corn & worked at turnips until noon, then we thought there was so few of them that we harrowed them all up & sowed oats & barley there. Ernie finished making lane into hay pasture & plowed fallow afternoon I plowed forenoon. Mr. J. W. H. Todd Sr. here for tea.

" 7 Rained heavily last night and also a couple of showers today. Sloan & I plowed in fallow all day it is hard. Ernie put out poison W.C. here for an while

(69)

1897 Began to rain at seven
July 8 this morn, and kept it
up until eleven a nice
steady soak the best we
had this season. Sloan &
Ernie cleaned wheat &
seeds then afternoon Sloan
& I plowed in fallow, ground
very wet. No snow here
tonight

"9 A nice cool day I had to
wear coat on Sulky plow
I plowed in fallow fore-
noon, then Ernie harrowed
after. Sloan worked on
roads all day, then I
plowed in garden in even-
ing, ground very damp
and everything picking
up fast

(70)

1897 A cold misty morn, very foggy
July 10 & damp I had to wear coat
on plow, cleared up about ten
and very hot after. I plowed
until 3.30 then took this boy
to Oak Lake & got Point & harrowed
Sloan & Ernie finished on
road then Sloan did a little
plowing after.

"12 I plowed all day Sloan
went to Taylor for hay,
and got new hay. Ernie hove
potatoes in garden. W. & Comb
here for tea. Wind south all
day & fairly cool, very pleasant
looks like rain tonight

"13 Cool until noon then hotter a
very pleasant day. Finished fallow
west of cow at noon Ernie harrowed
after. Sloan ran scuffer in
pasture

(71)

1897 A beautiful hot day
July 14 Ernie harrowed in
Pasture & Sloan drilled there
I hoed in garden all day
It thundered & lightning
Some and they seemed to
have a shower north we
had a little but not
much not enough to wet
a shirt, I sowed the Bromo
grass seed today
" 15 Ernie plowed at Carpenter
all day. Sloan finished
sowing pasture at noon
& ran scuffer in corn
after. Maggie & I went to
Picnic at Oak Lake after
noon, many left home,
A nice day sun hot but
a cool breeze

(72)

1897 A fearful hot day about
July 16 as had as anything I ever
felt. Sloan finished scuffing
corn at noon then went for
Mr. Lodd's drill & began to
sow rye grass seed. I went
to Oak Lake for shorts for
noon & hoed after. Ernie
finished plowing at
Carpenter today. Thunder
& lightning all around today
" 17 Another very hot day could
hardly do anything. Sloan fin-
ished sowing rye grass then har-
rowed the piece & took drill
home to Mr. Lodd afternoon.
Ernie cut scrub & went to
Oak Lake for mail in evening.
I plowed east of house in fallow
A good rain last night
over

(73)

1847 and a good shower again
forenoon today. Very heavy
thunder & lightning last
night passed north, we
did get tail of storm.
Tonight we had lots of
thunder & lightning again
also a big wind & a
good heavy rain.

July 19 A nice cool day some
times hot but generally cool
Boys both plowed in fallow
all day. Richard Ann-
strong came in yesterday
W. C. brot him he & I drove
around today was down at
Mr McCallum's awhile
we pulled some mustard
forenoon in wheat.

(74)

1897 A nice cool day cloudy
July 20 at times. Richard Ann-
strong & I went to Gismold
in morn. then on to Mr
Haun's to how him Cooney
afternoon took him up to
Mr Smith's & around by
Hameys home. Reuben took
him out to Oak Lake
tonight & he leaves there
for home on train tomorrow
Hervis & Sloan plowing in
fallow. A small shower
here today & sprinkling as
we go to bed

"21" Fuffy & misty all day a small
shower now & again but not
enough to top work. Boys at
fallow all day, I pulled mus-
tard. Cowing & I went to A.O.N.W
tripht

(75)

1897 A dull dark day sun
July 22 not shining at all.

Boys plowed in fallow
I went to Oak Lake forenoon
took Cecil with me, then
had Manolds after.

Errol took Maggie to
P. J. Merino's after school

" 23 A dull damp day sun
shone very little & when it
did it was very hot. Rained
a small shower in evening.

then another one at noon
Boys plowed all day. Maggie
Cecil baby & I went to W.

Johnston's for tea
" 24 A clear nice day hot
& sun shining. Boys both
plowed until four o'clock
then Ernie alone as I took

(76)

1897 Sloan point out to get
sharped, I had cow Maggie
went to Mrs. G. Kiekie's funeral
she used to be Kate Quinn.

A big storm came up while
I was coming home & I had
to go into G. Harriman's,
Miss Gump & J. Damm
where there also, it rained
very hard also lots of thunder
& lightning

July 26 A bright hot day boys
both plowed until noon then
Sloan alone after Ernie picked
roots & harrowed, I had in
Cows. Insured separator to-
day for \$400 in Hawaena,
Mutual Co.

(77)

1897 A hot clear day Ernie
July 27 harrowed fallow
east of house. Sloan
plowed there I hoed corn
until 3.30 then went to
Oak Lake took Cecil &
did not get back until
9.30. Very calm until noon
then got breezy from South
blew hard from S.E. at
night

" 28 A fearful hot day Sloan
& I plowed in fallow all
day. Ernie hoed corn.
Bessie Craig & Sadie Smith
here for dinner. Mrs. Shirley
& her two girls here for tea.
Brome grass up over and under
we fixed dinner tray tonight
Lots of lightning in east

(78)

1897 A nice warm day very hot
July 29 & calm at times but generally
a breeze blowing & pleasant
Finished plowing fallow at
noon then Sloan picked roots
off it & began to harrow. I
started to plow in pasture.
Ernie hoed corn
" 30 Sloan & I took engine out
to Oak Lake forenoon for repair
he went on to N. Carpenter
for hay. I came home on horse
back. Ernie finished corn
Pulled some weeds in
barley. A very hot day
this weather is pushing on
wheat very fast. Went
to mine this evening found
some wild oats in grain
there

(79)

1897 Ernie harrowed in fall.
July 31 low all day Sloan plowed
in pasture. I pulled some
weeds in my. Then wrote letters
and went to Oak Lake after
an Institute meeting there
got home at dark. Pretty
warm but a good breeze
all day.

Aug 2 A nice day but too warm
Ernie harrowed in fallow east
of house, Sloan finished
plowing in pasture. I went
to mow weeds but mower
broke I went to Oak Lake
for repairs but none there.
I think began to plow up
some crop on N W 1/4 9.10.23
he has bought from us at
\$23.00 I hoed in garden evening.

(80)

1897 Very hot at times today
Aug 3 but other times very cool
Cloudy & rain went all
around us but we got
home and we used it badly
I hoed in garden all day
Ernie finished harrowing
fallow & also harrowed
piece in pasture. Sloan
plowed piece for trees west
of trees then got Reubens
mower & cut weeds on fire
& vine.

"4 Sloan & I went to Brandon exhi-
bition today left home four o'clock
& got back two next day. A very
cool night but hot day. A good
show at Brandon and thou-
sands of people there. Many
Smiths staying here with Maggie

(81)

1897 Sloan went for hay
Aug 5 to day. Very hot at times
Ernie finished pruning
trees then began to cut
roots & brush near W R.
Melville, Mr McCallum & I
went to Mr Bonds funeral
today he was buried at
four o'clock. The largest
funeral I have seen in
the country

"6 We had a good shower
of rain for about ten min-
utes this morning it will
do a lot of good a little
hail fell but not enough
to do any ^{harm} good I went to
Oak Lake in my. got home
at night engineer was up
to locate bridge I went to
river with them

(82)

1897 A very hot day sometimes
Aug 7 no breeze then fearful hot
at times a small wind
which made it pleasanter.
Sloan went south for hay.
Ernie cut scrub. I did no-
thing. A heavy rain went
north today but we got
some of it

"9 A hot day Sloan went
for hay Ernie worked
at roots. I went to Gir-
wold afternoon an auction
at Lindraps bought
a chair then. got home
seven found Mr & Mrs
Haw here for tea.
Mr McCallum was cutting
wheels I was coming home
I think it a little green

(83)

1897 A fearful hot day
Aug 10 Snow had load of
they from H. Carpenters
that is the last and
made fine we got home
Ernie cut roots. I went
to Oak Lake for binder
seventeen Marney Hain's
binders all came north
yesterday quite a pro-
cession

" " Snow saw scuffles in fallow
all day, Ernie cut scrub
I took up Smith's injector
then came home by Mr.
Todds & got Mr. Gaffin to
put stone under deer house
he is to come in two weeks.
Went to see camp on mine first to
cut in about a week. Very hot
at times, a shower went north

(84)

1897 Very hot & close at times
Aug 12 Snow worked scuffles in
fallow all day Ernie cut
scrub. I fixed at binder
forenoon then went to Oak
Lake for wagon & rack
after. A fearful wind ^{and} storm
while I was there, I could
not see station across
street, for dust no rain
fell there, at home here they
had a shower of rain
at Ryerson lots of hail
we heard tonight that
Cairns & lots of them
up there were hailed
out. Jack Geisel &
Mr. Ryan hired with
me to thresh today also
Fred Jordan

(85)

1897 I went to P. Jordan's for
Aug 13 line forenoon but he
had none will send a
kilo next week. Sloan
finished with scuffler
at noon & a Harney came
for it then, Sloan began
to harrow in fallow
Dark & gloaming looking
& began to rain at follow
o'clock kept it up and
still raining as we go to
bed wind N.W. Ernie cut
scrub.

.14 Raining when we got up
this morn and had been at it
all night I guess. Boys cleaned
rats until noon when rain
stopped. Ernie cut scrub after
Sloan drew stone up to house

(86)

1897 A dull dark day at
Aug 16 times two showers of
rain came & when sun did
shine it was very hot,
rained very heavily for awhile
afternoon. Ernie cut
scrub. Sloan drew three
loads sand then he & I
got two loads stone on
road allowance near flat.
.17 A nice drizzling day but
clear. Sloan drew rats
forenoon, then drew off
brush after, with basket
rack. J. Thompson arr-
ived at noon to work
harness & threshing he is to
get ^{30⁰⁰} for harness & ^{40⁰⁰}
for threshing. Maggie, Cecil
Chalye & I went to cut hay
afternoon

(87)

1897 Wind North all day & cool
Aug 17 although sun was shining
Sloaw plowed where lunch was
cut. Ernie harrowed in
fallow. J. Thompson & I
went to Mr. Scotts, Sand-
hurst for colts got home
at nine o'clock at night
" 18 R. Gray & two new came today
& lifted home eight inches.
They finished at noon. cellar
fell in & we have to get it
stoned up. I went to see about
mason at Mr. Todds he not
there. J. R. Hood & man
came to see about binder
fixed up a little. Sloaw broke
forenoon, he & J. Thompson
new four loads & one after
Ernie harrowed forenoon &
fixed place for rack after

(88)

1897 Sloaw went to mine with
Aug 20 new binder & cut there
all day it runs well only
stiff. J. Thompson drew
two loads of stone, Ernie
stoned after Sloaw. I
went to Oak Lake in
evening for repairs, got
things ground up after
very hot all day
" 21 I went to P. Jordans for
lime forenoon but it was
too hot to bring home
Sloaw & J. Thompson ran
both binders forenoon
I ran one after, grain pretty
green. Very cool afternoon
& wind east. Ernie & J. Th-
ompson stoned afternoon
we got a good deal cut.

(89)

1894 Wind north this day
Aug 23 & quite cool saw some
hot, thought it would
freeze tonight but not
at ten P.M. I think not
as it is warmer. Sloan
& I cut all day on nine
Erie & J. Thompson stocked
about fifty acres in
stock troughs. R. Thompson
Came at noon. Owen
Green & Jordan here
from Ontario today
" It a very hot day & wind
east all day we looked for
frost last night but none
came. I went to Oak Lake
in morn. & after five after
noon, Sloan & J. Thompson
dine binders on nine

(90)

1894 Dark & cloudy until
Aug 25 four o'clock when it
began to drizzle rain. Sloan
cut until ~~five~~ six & had
to come in, my binder did
not work any badly to-
day I went to Oak Lake
& got things fixed up.
R. Thompson here &
cut binder today. Rained
a little.
" No wind north until this o'
clock when it stopped
& got warm. Sloan & I cut
all day old binder worked
good, we will finish on
nine tomorrow early.
Three men started forenoon
& two after. J. Miller fin-
ished his wheat at noon

(91)

1897 A nice warm day, we
Aug 27 finished cutting on
wheat at ten o'clock then
started at corner next
to milner cut fifteen
acres then it then went
to fallow on S. W. corner
off fine crop very heavy
there.

" 28 New binder broke at
nine & I went out for
piece got both going
again after noon, finished
cutting piece of wheat
on E. W. of fine we had
cut around then began
at barley had to stop
it at five on a p. of rain
had a heavy shower. Maggie
& children went to Oak
Lake today

(92)

1897 A white frost this morn.
Aug 30 first of the season
did not hurt our tomatoes
or anything in garden so I
think wheat is all right.
A very hot day. Finished
cutting barley today & began
at wheat east on fire.

Mr. Todd got eight bags
oats today. I went to Oak
Lake with Cecil, J. Jordan
& Chew coming to build
cellar on Thursday.

" 31 A dark dull day. I went
to W. Johnsons & Dr. Donalds in
morn. then to Gieswold afternoon,
then to Oak Lake at night for
trip dog for binder. J. Milner hel-
ping us bent today. Did not
finish wheat on east 1/4 5

(93)

1897 A nice cool day J. Hines
Sept 1st & I finished cutting
wheat next to his place
at ten o'clock, he went home
then & I began at oats,
they are green & cut around
about fifteen acres that
is all that is any way
fit. I saw cut wheat
on fellow next W. R. S.
& finished it, that does
all our wheat. R. Thomp-
son dug cellar today & his
boys stacked wheat.
Sadie Smith & Lottie Todd
here for tea. I took Mary
Smith out to Gisenold
tonight she had two
teeth pulled by Dr
Stewart

(94)

1897 A very hot close day &
Sept 2 wind S. E. all day. I saw
finished cutting oats & began
at com. R. Thompson started
up wheat on S. W. corner of fine
Ernie finished stacking wheat
next Hines, then began at
oats. J. Thompson hauled three
beds of stone. Stone masons
came at four & everyone had
to wait on them three of
them staying to stone up
cellar
"3 Wind S. E. all day R. Thompson
& Ernie digging out cellar
masons got both east cor-
ners up to building. I saw
& J. Thompson drew stone
all day. Terrible hot
as bad as any time in July

(95)

1897 Wind west this
Sept 4 my. & blew a hur-
ricane all day. Marans
had to stop work at
noon & came out to Oak
Lake with me. Fin-
ished digging out early
early. New hay wheel
dirt into hole west of
house, got it all cleared
away from south.
Sloan & J. Thompson
drew staves all day.
D. Williams threshing
today hauling his
wheat to Oak Lake
worth 80¢ there today.
I went to see J. Little
tonight we threshed J.
Carpenter ahead of him

(96)

1897 W. Spring came this morn. to
Sept 6 run separator, he fixed it
up all day. Marans got tea
near noon & worked at house.
Very warm all day & slight wind
from south. J. Thompson went
for engine. D. Thompson drew
two loads sand forenoon then
went for lime after. Sloan
cut corn also green feed
" J. Sloan finished cutting feed
in his pasture then cut some
corn at Carpenter's after went
to mine & cut green oats there.
J. Thompson drew stone, I
went to Oak Lake afternoon
& got things fixed up. J. Little
& feeder came today. Very hot
& wind east looks like rain

(96)

1897 Got engine separator
Sept 8 moved over to Mc Ghies
today & began to thresh
there at four o'clock.
Very windy at times nearly
impossible to work.
Mason finished cellar
today, I had to go to
Oak Lake tonight for
drum cook for engine
"9 Finished threshing at
Mc Ghies tonight & moved to
Carpenters. Very windy fore
noon & until four o'clock
when wind went down. A
land hole in boiler leaked
and we had to empty out
and make a fresh start.
Sloan cut green oats on
rice & finished them

(97)

1897 Threshed at Carpenters all
Sept 10 day and made 1286 had a
stop of two hours, hand hole
blown out of boiler, Joe has fine
wheat he is drawing it out to
Kriswald. A nice warm
day

"11 Rained before we got up this
morning & kept dropping until
noon we did nothing before that
and threshed three stacks
for Joe after, broke a concave
& I went to Oak Lake for one
but had to send to Wpg for
it

"13 A nice day no wind. Threshed
oats & barley at Carpenters fore
noon then wheat in shock
after. I went to Oak Lake
for repairs but did not
get it

(98)

1897 I have missed a few
Sept 18 days now as I have
been away threshing. We fin-
ished for I Harvey on Sep-
19 tonight and will begin
for him at the house on
Sunday morning. A nice day
but wind got high at
noon and blew hard for
awhile we ran late to-
night to finish, wheat
not turning out so straw
" 20 Finished I Harvey
early & went to Alberts
made 737 of his oats in
a short time Afternoon
A very hot day had
as July. made 1678
bushels today

(99)

1897 Threshed at Albert
Sept 21 Harvest all day and
made 1300 of wheat, a
fearful hot day, no wind
and as hot as July.
" 22 I had a fearful head
ache & tooth ache last night
so came home from Cabone
and went to Brandon this
morn. with W. R. Smiths
team, got my teeth fixed
and came home last
night at eleven. another
very hot day
" 23 Another very hot day but a
slight breeze got up from west
afternoon. I went to Oak Lake
afternoon then to Gimvils.
Threshed at Lament all
day in oats & wheat

(100)

1897 A nice day pretty hot
Sept 24 at times but a nice
breeze from west. Finished
threshing at Graments tonight
& machine & men here we ex-
pect to start out of stock
tomorrow. Finished digging
our potatoes today.

Graments wheat on fallow
went 24 bushels per acre
and all his wheat went 23

"25 A beautiful nice day
not too warm we threshed
in pasture all forenoon
drew our fallow then it
averaged 25 per acre, we
went over near J. Carpenters
after noon. All the wheat
only a few loads in
elevator tonight

(101)

1897 Raining a little when we
^{Sept 27} got up this morn. so it delayed
~~up~~ us and we did not start
until after eight. Finished
on fire at 3.30 then moved
to line, the wheat on fire
turned out 23 per acre
but is going poor on mine.
I went to Oak Lake to-
night and drew money
sold for 77¢

"28 Finished threshing all
stocks on mine at four
and moved up to Mr
Todds, we have threshed
26 hundred of wheat now
at hand & have over 2300
of it out most of it sold
it was worth 75¢ today
Very hot again & looks like ^{rain}

(102)

1897 A nice forenoon but wind
Sept 29 got up and blew hard
in middle of day. I went to
machine at A. J. Todd's fore
noon then came home & went
to Grinnold & Oak Lake
after Lorrain with me. Engine
leaking I had to stop there
after coming home.

" 30 Started for Brandon
at 1.30 this morn. & brot up
man to fix boiler, he fixed
it & we came in with it to-
night. A hot nice day
no wind. Slow hauling sum-
ber & Eric cut scrub.
Paid Mr McCallum up
in full for land tonight
the last payment

(103)

1897 Finished Mr Todd on
Oct 1. Filtens place then moved
to See, 19 did not finish
a set there as cut off on
engine slipped. Hired young
Little tonight & let Belge go
Very wind from east all
day

" 2 Finished Mr Todd on
19 at noon and moved
to his home place, wind
so high we could not do
anything afternoon. Mr
Todd & I went to Oak
Lake.

" 4. I worked at A. J. Todd
all day wind blew pretty
hard from west only we
were in shade of his bluffs
we could not work

(104)

1897 A nice forenoon
Oct 15 but got very windy
afternoon, finished Mr
Todd at five o'clock
and moved to Mr Smiths
nearly finished a set
there.

"6 I threshed six sets
for Mr Smiths today,
and finished the seventh
left since last night.
A nice day his wheat
turned out very badly
a poor sample and tur-
ned out small, moved
to W. R. Smiths tonight.

"7 I threshed one wheat set at
W. R. Smiths tonight forenoon
then began at his oats
where one of the hand labor

(105)

1897 blew out we did nothing
then until noon afternoon
did me set of oats, when
it got so windy we had
to stop I went to Oak
Lake after night.

Oct 18 Very cold and blowing
hard when we got up,
we did not start until
near ten o'clock, wind
kept up all day but not
so strong as this. we made
over 1100 bushels of wheat
threshing very hard tonight
"9 I threshed all day at W. R.
Smiths and finished his
wheat made a good wheat
day got over a lot of
ground but it did not
turn out very well.

(106)

1897 Finis had threshing at
Oct 11 W. R. Smiths this morn.
at ten o'clock and moved
to Caspenters finis had his
two settings and new
machine are here home to
right to thresh our oats
tomorrow. We had both
Snow & rain this morn.
but not enough to stop
up, we had very high
wind all day.

"12 A beautiful warm day
very frosty & cold this morn.
but a fine day hardly a
breath of wind we threshed
oats & barley in yard all day
and made 1248 of oats & 736
barley, still some more barley to
do. A nice mild night.

(107)

1897 Wind blew very hard all
Oct 13 last night, cold & dull this
morn. boiler leaking so we
could not get to work
engineer called it himself
we got to work afternoon
finished barley & went to
mine got two sets of wheels
out there very cold again
tonight.

"14 A cold dull forenoon but
sun shone after and it was
a good deal pleasanter but
very cold towards night, we
finished threshing on mine at
three thirty then moved to
Mr Little's to finish his oats,
did not finish them tonight
Caboose at W. Shaw's So boys
went there to sleep and will
finish better tomorrow

(107)

1897 A nice warm day
Oct 15 I stayed at home all
day. Maggie went to her
father's & took Miss Lindsay
up she also paid her father
his note & for colt. Sloan
made two trips to Oak
Lake with wheat, Ernie
went with him afternoon.
Hard frost every night now
" 16 A good white frost this morn
and cold until near noon when
it got warmer and was a nice
afternoon. Machine at W. Shaw
I went to Oak Lake afternoon
and paid out \$80⁰⁰ dollars
altogether paid up nearly
everything we owed. Ernie
threshing at J. Williams this
afternoon

(108)

1897 Raining when we got up
Sept 18 this morn. and sprinkled
most of the day. Daps finished
threshing at W. Shaw at noon
& came home after with engine
& Cabone. I have lent Separator
to G. Cook for a few days.
Sloan took load wheat to Oak
Lake, I settled with him to
night he has sore hand
& can't work. Hired J. Thompson
for a month at twenty today.
I took bags out to Oak Lake
in wagon tonight
" 19 A dull dark day but no
wind. We all went to Oak Lake
exhibition had four cows & calves
out, & got four first & one second
prize on them also a first on
mangolds

(109)

1897 Stone mason finished
Oct 20 foundation of house to
day. J. Hays was pulling
siding off house. The engine
at Cumber this morn. but
only got it running at noon
made a good afternoon and
got a lot crushed, Cumber
running well. A nice warm
day.

"21 A pleasant calm day
we began to crush at eight
o'clock but did not get in
a half day altogether as
cut off valve on engine
slipped three times so
delayed us, just as we
stopped tonight boiler
began to leak again we
will see about it in morn.

(110)

1897 A nice warm morn. we
Oct 22 cleaned out boiler
this morn. and want use
it any more. C. Ross
plowing with Sulky
also J. Thompson with
walking plow until noon
then he & Ernie drew in feed
barley & oats & stacked it in
yard. Maggie & Mary went to
Brandon today got home six
o'clock. A beautiful warm
day.

"23 C. Ross plowed all day.
Ernie & J. Thompson finished
hauling green barley & began
at Cumber. I took Mary home in
morn. then went to Oak Lake
with Maggie afternoon. A
nice warm day

(111)

1897 A dull warm day.
Oct 25 started to rain at three o'clock and kept it up hard all after until we went to bed. Ernie & I went to Cowings ranch for cattle & got home at eight. Ross & J. Thompson drew oats from mine. Carpenters began at home today.

"26 A clear cold day with north and freezing very hard tonight. J. Thompson & C. Ross plowed all day, I went to Vinden got back late. Ernie's grand mare took sick & I had to leave her there. Part of wall of house up

(112)

1897 A very cold day. I thought Oct 27 found frozen too hard to plow so sent J. Thompson for shale & settled with C. Ross & let him go. I went for lumber forenoon then haggie & I went to Oak Lake in buggy afternoon. Plowed afternoon. Sun shone bright all day & warm but wind pretty cold.
"28 A dull dark day and very cold at times other times sun shone nicely. I went to Vinden today for Grand W. William came with me. Ernie & Johnnie plowed also killed pig, Johnnie bro't load of lumber from Oak Lake

(113)

1897 Drew seven loads of
Oct 29 oats down from mine
today & stacked them in
yard. J. Hummel came here
today to help us crush.
G. Leach brought home new
separator, we sent up for
his engine to run our
cassess here. J. Thompson
also got tank of water.
A beautiful warm day
" 30 Raining when we got up
this morn. and kept it up
until noon then we got
steam up and were ready
to begin crushing when it
started again to rain, we
did nothing all day. Car-
penters worked at cellar
stairs

(114)

1897 A dull forenoon but sun
showed bright after, we crushed
all day had a hard time of it
forenoon as straw was damp
but it ran well after. Three
Carpenters at house today.
Grand ran away & broke
Carpenters scales.

" 2 A nice day warm & beautiful
we finished crushing at home
at noon & then moved to
J. Carpenters crushed for him
afternoon. I went to Chiswick
in buggy. Carpenters rained
roof of house two feet
today got it boarded round
again & we slept in it to-
night. Mrs. Smith here for
dinner. Cecil gone to his
Grandma's. Johnnie got ball
trump at Wilson

(115)

1897 A nice day New worked
No 3 at home all day and
J. Carver went to Oak Lake
tonight. J. Thompson plowed
forenoon & took load wheat
out after. Finished cranking
at J. Carpenter at noon.
Then threshed oats at W
William for a couple of
hours and that finished
us for the season.

" 4 New finished putting up
rafters and began to sheet
roof. I made two trips
with wheat today and
J. Thompson made one
it is selling at 84¢ today.
Days down in corn fore-
noon. Very frosty tonight

(116)

1897 Very frosty this morn. but
No 5 Ryans teams were out plow-
ing first thing. I went up
to Mr Smiths first thing in
morn. for paper re farm 9.10.23
Afternoon went to Oak Lake
with wheat. J. Thompson
finished hauling in corn
at two then plowed after
New finished sheeting roof
& got some shingling done
" 6 A nice warm day. Johnnie
plowed all day. I went to
Oak Lake afternoon with chop
to J. R. Wood brought home
shingles. Corie done chores
& hared up around house
Carpenter shingled all day
but did not finish
the house

(117)

1897 A dull cold day very
frost & cold at times but a
good deal warmer now, &
looks like snow. I went to
Griswold this morn. & bot.
some 500 brick for chim-
ney afternoon went to
Oak Lake in buggy for
paper. Johnnie plowed
all day. Now finished
shingling house

" 9 A dull nice day some-
times very warm. I went to
Griswold for lumber
forenoon then came home
by Mr Smith's & bot. home
Sadie & Cecil. Johnnie fin-
ished the twenty acres fall
plowing today

(118)

1897 A dull dark day & the first
for 10 snow of season fell to-
day it did not amount to
much and fell more like
hail than snow, but did not
cover ground. A Harvey served
H. Young with notice of us apply-
ing for Loren's title afterwards
I took Albert out to Oak Lake
where he had to make affidavit
before Mr Wright, I then brought
him home. Afternoon I went
out with wagon for lumber
but none there so brought home
trough for watering cattle.
J. Harvey went to Brandon
to hear for muddy spear.
Now shingled one side kitchen
today. Johnnie drew two
loads shale forenoon

(119)

1897 Snowed some today
Nov 11 and ground is white
but I don't expect it will
lay as there is no frost
in ground. Johnnie dean
shale. I did nothing
as I am sick with cramp.
Carpenters finished shingling
"12 A very cold day, I went
to Oak Lake forenoon for
lumber then afternoon took
out wheat, gusted 30 bush-
els of it and sold balance
of load at 76¢ per bushel.
Very cold & blowing hard
from east all day. John-
nie brought load shale in
evening. Then went to help
take out stone for church

(120)

1897 Snowed & stormed all day
Nov 13 from east a lot fell and
slipping out bad tonight.
Then put in ~~stone~~ ^{window} and
sheeted up inside of building
Johnnie brought load shale
forenoon then helped Car-
penters after, Ernie went
to Oak Lake for mail after-
noon.
"15 A very cold day & wind strong
from west, we crunched our stone
all day yesterday and had a hard
job to keep warm one Carpenter
stayed here all day yesterday
he began to keep up home just
thing this morn. other men did not
come out from Oak Lake until
noon. I went to town this evening
for mails.

(121)

1897 A clear nice day Sun
Nov 16 warm but towards night
it got very cold & wind
east. Carpenters sheeted up
stairs in house. Johnnie
went to Oak Lake for flooring
got home late. Maggie called
on Mrs Milne I went to
Maskawato

• 17 A cold day wind east &
raw got warmer towards
night but still very raw
Killed a pig for ourselves
afternoon W. Williams also
brought one up & we killed it
too. Johnnie heat load sand
forenoon then went to Oak
Lake for lumber men laying
floor in house all day
finished downstairs. I traded
Maud to J. McShie today for m^o & 15⁰⁰

(122)

1897 Wind strong from east all
Nov 18 day and snowed hard at
times but not long, a dull
hazy day. Johnnie & Ernie took
cow over to McShie for them
to kill, they left Maud there
and brought back his grey
mare. I went to Sale at Gismold
afternoon & bought
some furniture.

• 19 I went to Gismold first thing
this morn. & bot. home fur-
niture then took two bags
wheat to Oak Lake. A nice
warm day & snow went some
wind west but got round to
north tonight & colder. Johnnie
left today. R. Kennedy & wife
here for awhile tonight.
Expect to get into house tomorrow

(123)

1897 A very cold day wind
Jan 20 North, I took out 15 bags
wheat & but, have 300 Shells
& Bran, afternoon we set
up stone in new house
& moved kitchen stone
in also, so at last we
are moved in. Carpenters
have about three days
work yet.

" 22 A cold day wind west
I drew out eleven loads of
manure today, Mr Todd &
J Carpenter here collecting
for bridge I gave them
10⁰⁰ for it. Only two car-
penters here now, our
kitchen very cold tonight.
S. J. Smith bought our milk
ing heifer today for \$33⁰⁰

(124)

1897 A very cold day wind NW
Jan 23 Carpenters putting on stone
Sack today. This is about the
worst day of the season
24 Closed up stairs in kitchen
today and got them opened
from house in over kitchen
also got new door in kitchen
Ernie & I got out seven loads
manure today. I went to
Maskeamato today. Radie went
home. Very nice at times I went
on roof and put pipes in
chimney with brick lime &
Sand.

" 25 Thanksgiving day I went to
Oak Lake, first thing to have
tooth filled and found dentist
gone so got something from doc-
tor to kill nerve, got home

(125)

1897 near noon they went to
Mr McCallum got him to
sign a note at four months
for \$250⁰⁰ to Merchants Bank
Grandma, Maggie & children
went to W. H's for fine &
closet dinner I went on
to Oak Lake again & stopped
there again at W. H's & had
dinner also A. Dobson &
wife there also. A cold
day and trying to snow
a little. Only one Carpenter
here today

Nov 26 A cold stormy day I went
to Mr Parr and got back at
dark. Wind blew strong from
west and drifted roads full.
Mr Hanna found drowned
in his well today

(126)

1897 A very frosty morn, & we heard
Nov 27 it was 30 below zero. I had
to go to Oak Lake first thing in
morn. for screw nails to make
a storm door & a cupboard
door. Carpenter finished
tonight & left, there is still
lots to do at house but we
cant do any more now.

" 29 Sixteen below zero this
morn. but at noon it was ten
above. Ernie & I papered up
over kitchen forenoon then
after I took ten bags wheat
to Oak Lake & got a horse
shod, Ernie began to bank
house with machine. Ordered
a Dr. H. thresher with blow
stacker today and 25-horse
engine. Got \$250⁰⁰ from Bank

(127)

1897 Ten below zero this morn
Jan 30 and kept that until noon
when it began to get colder
and was twenty tonight.
Wind very keen from west
A. J. Todd & I went to Oak
Lake afternoon he came
back with me & had
supper he also paid me
#134⁷⁵ for threshing & oats
Dec 1 Twenty below zero this
morn and very cold all day
wind very keen from west
Our pump frozen up, had
to get Dr William to help
fix it. I moved furniture
upstairs today and put
curtain on kitchen stairs.
Thermometer got ten below
at noon but wind had

(128)

1897 G. Johnston in Ottawa
Dec 1 is 38 years old today he is
just eleven days older than
me. Twenty below this morn.
but got very moderate and
was a nice day. Ernie Park
same manure around house,
Majja children & I went up
to Mrs Smiths none of the
woman folks at home.
Blowing pretty hard tonight.
" 3 Twelve below zero this
morn, but blowing a hurricane
from west and kept it
up all day thermometer got
up to twelve above zero through
day but wind so strong it
was hard to keep house
warm, still blowing tonight
but ten above zero.

(129)

1897 A nice day only windy
Dec 4 thermometer stayed around
freezing all day and it
thawed a little but wind
blew hard all day from
west. I went up to see Mr
Little forenoon then on to
Oak Lake after, got home
two o'clock. Mr & Mrs Smith
here for tea.

" 6 A nice day a small
breeze from west but
above zero all day. I
went to Oak Lake after-
noon and got fixed up
with J Miller for land
he is to give me \$200⁰⁰ at
Christmas and \$500⁰⁰ in
a year. Louie Caw called
on Friday night last

(130)

1897 A nice soft day and
Dec 7 snow went a little
I went to River in morning
& brought home some ice
then put up curtains & in
house. Terrie finished Van
King house then got out
four loads to field.
I insured new part of
house yesterday for 600⁰⁰
with Willis of Griswold.
Mr Little took bull away
on Monday 6th. Mary Smith
came down today
" 8 A beautiful nice day snow
did not thaw any but
thermometer was above freezing
& no wind. Maggie & I went
to Oak Lake got home seven
o'clock, W Sloan here tonight

(131)

1897 W. Sloan left for Ken-
Dec 9 rith at noon he took
Mary Smith up home with
him, I took J. J. Smith
Came home afternoon & called
to see Dr. Little on way
home had supper there,
he is much better. A nice
day and not a bit cold
"10 A nice day thermometer
above zero all day. The
three boys and I went to
Maas Kawato afternoon
when we came back I
went to A. Hameys and
bought a mare from
him at \$125⁰⁰ Payable
next fall. Ernie cleared
up around house

(132)

1897 A dull day & foggy but
Dec 11 not cold. Ernie got
all the roots dug up and
into Kitchens today. I
went to Oak Lake after-
noon Mrs. W. R. went with
me. A Speers offered me
4¢ per pound for steers
in May I would not
take it very dark to-
night

"13 This is my birth day
I am 38 today. Went to Oak
Lake afternoon to Annual
meeting and was put in
a Director. A nice day
and not a bit cold

"14 Fine snow falling nearly all
day and blowing hard at times
Maggie children & I went to P.O.
over

(133)

1897 then on to Mrs Little's, where we stayed until after seven o'clock, snow had stopped and wind was very cold when we were coming home. Met Mr. Binnie from Vernon B.C. there.

Dec 15 A very cold windy day, blowing from N.W. and thermometer low, kept about twenty below zero all day our house hard to keep warm. Tonight wind went down some but still very frosty. Ernie & I killed & plucked four turkeys today.

" 16 Twenty five below zero when we got up this morn. and wind fair west, water froze in Kitcher first time this year up

(134)

Kept cold all day and house had to keep warm, thermometer down about twenty all day and wind blowing hard the little snow we have is sweeping over the fields. Ernie & I finished picking turkeys today & also a hen. Twenty five below zero tonight as we go to bed.

Dec 17 Twenty seven below zero this morning and did not get warmer than sixteen below all day, wind NW and very cold. I went to Inashawata forenoon then to Oak Lake after, brought home some flour also a barrel of salt and some coal. I painted some in house tonight, wind gone down tonight and very keen freeze

(135)

1897 This is Maggie's birthday
Dec 18 she is 34 today. 30 below
zero this morn. but calm
and pleasant. got up
to twelve at noon. I went
to Oak Lake afternoon to at-
tend Institute meeting, got
home at 6.30.

" 20 Wind east all day and
very keen at times. I went
to River for load of wood
afternoon then Maggie & I
went to Harney to see Mrs
H. before she went away.
Began to snow at four
and still storming a little
as we go to bed. Petty sheep
wind tonight. Mrs J. Givens
arrived today

(136)

1897 Snowing a little last
Dec 21 night when we went to
bed but clear & cold this morn.
24 below zero, snowed only a
very little. I went for load of
wood soon as stable was cleaned
but broke sleigh & had to come
without, had to go back after
noon for it, then went to Oak
Lake with Mr McCallum
got back 6.30. Erral is eight
today

" 22 Snowing a little until noon
but hardly an inch fell
wind N.W. all day and not
cold. Cut hole in roof of
house forenoon & put pipe
out there, afternoon went for
wood & broke sleigh had
to go to Oak Lake & get it
fixed

(137)

1897 Wind S. E. this morn.
Dec 23rd and snowed a little
last night. Kept snowing
most of day but did
not fall an inch alto-
gether, and a good deal war-
mer tonight. I made four
trips for wood today.
Mr. Hume here for a short
time.

" 24 Wind west all day
and not very cold.
Maggie, baby & I went to
Cass Lake this morn.
& got presents for boys
I went to Mrs. Callum
for mail in evening. Very
stormy for awhile tonight
but cleared up again.
Ernie & I cleaned out
papers today

(138)

1898 This is Christmas day
Dec 25 - Dr. R., wife & family
here for dinner & tea.
A beautiful day no
snow but not at all
cold. A year ago I was
at home.

" 27 A dull hazy day but
not cold. I went for load
of wood forenoon then
after Ernie & I went for
load of ice. Kept foggy all
day.

" 28 I went for load of wood
forenoon then Ernie & I went
for ice after. J. Little here for
dinner. A very warm nice day
I did not put on coat going
for ice & we were bare handed all
the time. Snow & ice thawed
some. Rained a good shower tonight.

(139)

1897 A very nice warm fore-
Dec 29th noon I went for load
of wood forenoon, then
down to Mr McCallum
for his hay then after-
noon I went for another
load of wood & took Mel-
ville & Cecil with me.
A good deal colder & more
rain in afternoon sun
did not shine.

" 30 I went for load of wood
forenoon & took Corral
with me, when we got back
Mr & Mrs Little were here, he
is nearly all right again. Snow-
ed a little all day but only
about half an inch fell.
Some colder tonight but not
down to zero yet.

(140)

1897 A good deal colder than we
Dec 31 have been getting it but still
pleasant not below zero all
day. I went for two loads wood
today & also to Maskegato
for mail. Mr Smith here for
awhile this evening. Inggie
baby & I went to Reubens
tonight & had tea. I paid Mr
Smith 7.72^{00} interest on mort-
gage of 900^{00} on X 88 1/4 9.10.23
today. I will pay that
in future.

¹⁸⁹⁸
Jan 1 This is New Years. I went
to Oak Lake forenoon & got mail
Mr & Mrs Smith here for dinner
also St. Williams. Pretty cold in
morn 14 below zero and got stormy
after noon but wind went down
about tea & it was nice night
after

(141)

1898 Drew three loads wood
Jan 3 today and finished it
had only a small load
for last & Maggie & chil-
dren came down with
me. A fine day not
cold looked like snow
at times but none came.

" 4 I went to Oak Lake
forenoon & paid up some
bills there afternoon Maggie
children & I went up to
her fathers afternoon
got home at ten o'clock,
A nice day wind west but
not cold.

" 5 A nice day not cold but
windy from west & south
beat down the two steers and
took our cow & heifer home

(142)

1898 I also bought fine
Ganey pigs from W
Williams for ten dollars
payable in May.

Jan 6 A little colder today but
not down to zero at any time got
warm afternoon. Maggie & Jim
went to Oak Lake afternoon
& Mary Smith came home
with them. Windy from east
tonight and looks like snow

" 7 Clear & nice when we got
up did not snow any
colder today than it has been
but thermometer did not
get to zero. I clipped the
two sheep today, then went
to Mrs Kawata. Ernie
brought in load of
roots from field for feeding

(143)

1898 I went to Oak Lake fore-
noon road & hot. home some
place in afternoon Ernie & I
laid floor ^{part of} stable. J. J. Smith
here for dinner. A nice day
some times very warm.

"10 Twenty two below zero
this morn. and blowing
from South, but it
got warmer through the
day and was above
zero before eight wind
kept S. W. all day. Ernie
sawed wood after chores
I measured wood pile
for W. Williams and
found 5 cords & sixty
feet. I helped Maggie
wash & churn today

(144)

1898 A nice day thermometer about
zero this morn. and kept
pleasant all day. I took load
of wheat to Oak Lake afternoon
& sold at 70¢ per bushel, Andy
Shook here for dinner, we
bought a pound of potatoes
from him.

"12 A little cooler today in
shade but warm & nice in
sun. Ernie & I cleaned oats
& barley same I had sold
cleaned oats for Mr. Smith
& Little & W. McGhie, also
25 bushels barley for Dr. C-
allum I took the barley
home to him. W. Williams here
tonight and stayed until
near eleven.

(1145)

1898 Wind west all day but
Jan 13 not much blowing. Cold
forenoon but got a good
deal warmer after. Ernie
& I cleaned oats all day
for Mr. Todd he bought
a hundred bushels. Mr
Ghis came for his oats
this morn.

14. I took a hundred bushels
of oats up to Mr. Todd for
noon then took a load wheat
to Gismold. & sold at 74¢
per bushel. Mr. Kennedy
here for tea & Reuben came
after. Storming & snowing fore-
noon, clear after & Sun-
hot but got cold after
sundown. Did not snow
a quarter of an inch

(1146)

1898 Saw below zero this morn.
Jan 15 but got very cloudy and
began to snow kept it up
till noon but hardly a half
an inch fell clear afternoon
Maggie, baby, Sueville & I
went to Oak Lake afternoon.

17 Wind south all day and
Coal, but not very frosty
& took a load of wheat to
Oak Lake forenoon then
after Ernie & I cleaned
another load.

17 A cold wind from south
all day. Errol & I went to
Oak Lake with wheat fore-
noon, after Ernie & I cleaned
wheat. Mrs. W. J. Johnston here for
tea she used to be Bell McKay
I bought a book from Clark
today

(147)

1898 I took a load of wheat
Jan 19 out forenoon, then
afternoon. W. R. & wife came
over & we went to Mrs Little
where R. R. Smith was married
to his daughter Maggie, about
thirty ~~there~~ were there and
we had a nice time got home
eight o'clock left baby
at Mrs Kennedy's. Wind east
Today chilly

" 20 Snowed some last
night and wind west this
morn. some colder this day
and thermometer around
zero all day. Only about an
inch of snow fell. I took
load wheat out forenoon
Sewie & I cleaned up
another after. Mrs W. C. here
for dinner

(148)

1898 A cold day snowed a
Jan 21 little until near even
where it cleared up again,
but kept cold & clear all
day. I drew load stone
for church today then took
Mrs McCallums hog home.

" 22 Forenoon I went to Mrs
McCallums to try & buy 250
bushels of wheat for seed
from him but he would
not sell, afternoon I went to
Oak Lake with J. K. & attend
ed Mrs Tifer's Sale, I bought
a quilt, Mattress & pair lace
Curtains, got home late, with
S. C. trying to snow a little but
not succeeding very well.
No snow today tried once to
rain a little but only a few
drops

(149)

1898 A cold wind all day then-
Saw my thermometer about zero all
day but wind very cold
and hard to face. I went
for load of stone for Church
today again also W. P. & he
came here for dinner.

" 25 Twenty two below zero
this morn. but got up to zero
through day wind west but
very little off it. Maggie chil-
dren & I went up to S. J.'s this
morn. left Cecil & Melville &
Gardner as they went on to
Lans for dinner, afterward
went to Robt for tea,
came home at eight thirty
left Corral at Lans. I
bought six pigs from Lans
at \$3⁰⁰ each.

(150)

1898 Maggie baby & I went to
Lans Hillview today, had ^{dinner} tea
at J. P. Lodd's & tea at Hays
got home eleven o'clock,
a raw day but not cold.
No wind at all. Bought a team
of colts from Sam Hanes for
\$50⁰⁰ Albert & Johnnie bought
them yesterday they are nice
chestnuts, he owed me
\$30⁰⁰ I am to pay him the
balance twenty next fall
" 27 I took load wheat to Oak
Lake forenoon then Ernie &
I cleaned up load after. Wind
east all day snowed hard a while
this morning could not see 200 yds.
but it soon let up, but has been
trying to snow all day only a little
fell. Wind west tonight. S. J. Smith
brought six pigs today

(151)

1898 Roads drifted full. This
Jan 28th my. I went out with
load of wheat and had
to break road to G. Hannons.
Pretty cold all day a slight
wind from N.W. Ernie & I
cleaned wheat afternoon
I went to Mas Kawato in
evening. McNeven came here ^{today}
" 29th Wind east all day and
very ~~raw~~ raw. I took load
of wheat out to Oak Lake
afternoon then went to Institute
meeting after. got home 7.30
wheat 77° today.

" 31 Twenty below zero this my.
got up to zero at sun but
is ten below again tonight. Wind
east all day pretty cold. I
took load wheat to Oak Lake.

(152)

1898 A very cold stormy day
Feb 1 I went to Walter Stenness
today for wheat but had
to leave my bags and will
go back on Thursday for it
roads drifted full and kept
drifting all afternoon, the worst
day we had this year. Ernie
got calves into loose box today
and I cleaned some wheat af-
ternoon.

" 2 A very cold forenoon wind west
and a little south, not much
frost but wind very sharp.
Ernie & I cleaned out stables
in my. then Ernie had cleaning
load of ^{wheat} ~~wood~~ I took it out
afternoon, wheat is down a
cent today and is 76°.
Warmer tonight

(153)

1898 A nice day thermometer
Feb 3 did not get to zero
today. I went to W. Stevenson
for wheat and started
from there with 22 dogs
but only got home with
20 broke my sleigh and
had to borrow a pair
at Cairn's got home at
five o'clock.

4 I went to W. Stevenson again
today and brought home a
load of wheat for seed
got home at four o'clock.

A nice day not cold
and no wind. I went up
to Mackawato for mail
in evening. Roads not very
good that way soft
and not packed

(154)

1898 No wind all day only for
Feb 5 a little while forenoon
it blew from east but
that soon stopped and
there was no wind at all af-
ternoon. Maggie, baby & I
went to Oak Lake afternoon
got home eight at night but
bean & lamb had tea at
W. Co.

7 Wind east this morn.
and very cold, but at noon
it turned west and got warm
in fact snow melted a
little in places, but before
we went to bed wind turned
east again and it got pretty
cold. I went to P. J. Merritt
today & got two blue logs from
him for bidge. J. Inverloch
lathery here

(155)

1898 Very cold & stormy fore noon
Feb 8 but at noon got warm
& only a slight breeze from
west I took load wheat
out afternoon & it was very
warm at times but towards
evening wind blew hard
from north west but it
got very stormy but quit
before bed time.

" 9 Ernie & I saw load of
wheat through farming
mill twice this morn. then
I took it out to Oak Lake
that is the last I have
to sell this year. A nice
day but a little cold.
Maaffie's mother here for tea
and staying all night. We also
H. Todd Jr. here for tea

(156)

1898 Lantens below zero this morn
Feb 10 but got up above zero early
and in middle of day it was
nice and warm. I went up to
W Stevenson for wheat heat.
Lone Sergeant's bag roads not
had. Took Mrs S. over to W R's
tonight. I overack finished
and left at noon

" 11 A beautiful warm day and
snow thawed a little. I went
to Stevenson for load wheat
then to Mrs Kawato for mail.
12 A nice day I helped Ernie
clean out stable then we cleaned
load of wheat I had brought
from Stevenson. Afternoon Carol
& I went to Oak Lake, I went over
to see P Hall's house he has
only one to rent but wants too much
for it. Wind blowing very hard tonight

(157)

1898 Blew a blizzard until
Feb. 14 four o'clock snowed
very hard but not cold.
J. Carpenter came over in
morn. & bought Calts I got
from S. Harnes he gave me
\$75 for them, then in evening
he came after them. Ernie
& I just did chores ^{today} this year
"15 Helped Ernie clean out
stable forenoon then after
went to Car Lake & brot.
home 26 bushels of wheat
for seed also some flour
and barrel of Sugar. Wind
east & very cold, got my
nose ripped with
frost twice on way home.
Sadie Smith here tonight
Very cold & windy tonight from
east

(158)

1898 Blowing a hurricane all
Feb 16 day from east and
very cold drifting and snow-
ing a regular blizzard,
Could not see a hundred
yards at times still blowing
as we go to bed but nothing
like as bad, this is the
first storm of the season
snow badly drifted in
yard. Horse hard to
keep warm as we are afraid
to have big fires
"17 Wind west this morn. and
very cold 24 below zero, kept
west all day and drifted snow
some. Sun shone strong all day
We had to shovel out stable
doors the first time this year.
Cleaned some seed wheat today

(159)

1898 A nice day and wind
Feb. 18 west, 26 below zero when
we got up. About ten o'clock
wind turned round east
and blew very cold from
there all day after, circles
round Sun looks like
another storm. I went to
Oak Lake afternoon for
some seed wheat, but
roads so bad did not bring
any. Ernie went to Mas-
Kawata no mail there.
Maggie & Sadie went to Milne
for awhile then Sadie went
to Reuben

19 Sun and Sunday hard from
east all forenoon but was
not very cold, storm very
thick at times, I helped

(160)

1898 Ernie do chore forenoon,
then after took Sadie up lone
roads very much drifted some
places nearly impossible to
get through, I left here at two
and did not get home until
six. Wind west tonight and
weather cleared up
Feb 21 Wind east all day and got
pretty stormy towards night, I
went to Oak Lake afternoon and
sold balance of my wheat at 83¢
per bushel & but home some wheat
for seed, very stormy on way home
& roads full, also but home horse
from P. Hall bought him at 100⁰⁰
W. R. Smith home from Dauphin
yesterday brought us Inca &
Jul (Gallaianus) also one each for
himself and Jul for H. C.

(161)

1898 A nice forenoon and not
Feb. 22 very cold but about
three it began to blow
hard from west and drifted
So you could hardly see
at times blowing hard as
we go to bed. Bernice & I did
chores then pared horses feet
and fixed stable. Galacia
sawed wood

" 23 Wind blowing hard from
N. W. all day and snow
drifting, could hardly see a
hundred yards at times. Boy
worked in stable all day.
I read in house

" 24 Blaw a little from west all
day but did not drift any
I went to Oak Lake afternoon, ^{fourteen}
below zero this morn. and ten as we
go to bed tonight

(162)

1898 Galacia cut wood all day
Feb 25 Bernice & I did chores then
cleaned up some wheat. I went
to Mac Kawata in evening. A
clear cold morn & wind west but
it got around to east about
ten o'clock, and kept there all
day circle around sun and
looks like storm again
" 26 Wind east this morn. but got
around to west snowed heavy
for awhile but not long. I
went to Oak Lake afternoon
brought home bean & Yorkshire
hog from Mr Bray Chapman.
Attended agriculture meeting in
Mr Bellinell's office, also a
meeting for getting up entertainment
in Hall in connection with
Institute. got home dark

(163)

1898 A nice day & snow soft
Feb 28
on road I helped Ernie
at chores in morn. then took
out twelve hogs to Oak Lake
sold them to Burns at \$4.40
they weighed 1880. Miss Lindsey
here for tea. Both wells went
dry today for the first time
this year.

Morn. A nice warm day sun
clear & warm but wind cool
& thawed a little where sun shone
and sheltered from wind.
Ernie took milking cows to
well on Reubens today, lots
of water there. I went to Oak
Lake today court there, got
returns from Ontario elections.
Liberals have two of a majority.
Sent Eliza \$119⁷⁰ interest on money

(164)

1898 A little stormy in morn. and
Morn. a very little snow fell, but
it soon cleared up. Morn did chores
and sawed & split wood. Maggie
children & I went up to her fathers
and had dinner & tea got home
Miss velvet. A beautiful night

"3 A clear nice day but frosty
I went up to Dr Stevenson
for wheat and had the last
of it down sixteen bags. Maggie
went to see Mrs. ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{city} & Mrs
Carpenter. Boys sawed & split
woods after chores were done.

"4 Sun shone strong all day but
wind cold from west. Ernie
& I cleared wheat and Adde
sawed wood. I went to Mrs. Ka-
wato towards evening Maggie came
to Goupp & came home with me
again.

(165)

1898 Wind blowing hard from March's west but sun hot and snow melted a good deal on roads. Ernie & I cleaned wheat forenoon then I went to Oak Lake after and brought home load of oak bats.

" 7 A very warm day and snow nearly all went away, we did not have to lift water for cattle as there was enough thawed. Maggie & I went to Oak Lake got home three sleds brought lumber for cornice of house. Boys went to school, today for first time

" 8 A cold day wind N had no sun and did not thaw any. We cleaned oats all day. Boys started to school yesterday

(166)

1898 Cold and wind north until noon Mar 9 then it began to snow and blow hard sometimes so thick I could not see Reuben's house I went after boys ^{to school} at two o'clock. We cleaned oats forenoon finished them and began at barley. Not storming tonight as we go to bed. But wind NW cold. Sold Wm Shaw fifty bushels oats he is to pay me \$17.00 for them next fall

" 10 A cold day but pleasant not thawing any. Mrs & Mrs H Lodd Sr. here for dinner. I went to Oak Lake right after Mr. Bedford & Mr. C.C. McDonald spoke there afternoon, at night in Hall we had a supper & musical entertainment a lot there & a pleasant time

(167)

1898 A warm nice day, Sun
Nov 11th very hot at times and
snow went fast plowed
land nearly all bare. J. J.
Smith & wife here for dinner
& tea, he & I went to Oak
Lake afternoon & had some
load of Oak parts. Mary
Smith & Miss Bartleman
here also for tea & they are
staying all night

" 12 A dark day & Sun did not
shine much, but it was soft
& raw snow went a good
deal. I went to Oak Lake
at ten to Directors meeting
of Creamery had Annual meeting
afternoon, I am not in Director
this year. Bought home plow
from Hrissey Hains, also had balance
of pickets

(168)

1898 Wind cold from west east all
Nov 14th day I went to Oak Lake with
seeds forenoon & left them there.
It began to snow & storm about
two o'clock and kept getting worse
until night, about the biggest
storm we had this year blow-
ing as we go to bed and snowing
hard. Boys sawed & split wood
forenoon then after carried the
cattle. Kitchen pipes took
fire today so we had to clean
them all.

" 15 So stormy when we got up this
morn. that at times we could not
see more than fifty yards. Kept
very stormy until about three o-
clock when it got better but still
continued to blow & snow until
ten tonight, snow soft and some
water on ground

(169)

1898 Wind south all day but
Mar 16th not very cold, Snow shone
but snow drifted and it
was a little stormy all day
We killed two pigs today
" 17 A nice day wind west
but not cold but snow
did not go away, we have
six feet of snow between
house & stable. John
Shaw here for dinner he got
a press wheel for binder.
Ernie & I put some teeth in
harrow and also took some
out, W.C. here for a short
while & took Audie away
with him. Maggie went to
Ladies Aid at Nejiinlo-
thaw they had a Corral home
from his Grandpa's

(170)

1898 Shaved a little in afternoon
Mar 18 but not much, Cattle got
a little water on ground,
Ernie & I was bed & oiled
harness in kitchen. R.H. Smith
& Mrs here for tea, he took
home sixty bundles of oats.
Audie helping W.C.
" 19 Cloudy & dark when we got
up, it had been snowing a lit-
tle only a thin snow, kept cold
all day & did not thaw any
Audie finished sawing today &
began to split Ernie also split
afternoon. I went to Oak Lake
afternoon, took out some har-
ness to be fixed & beat. have
two collars for horses &
harrow that had been
getting fixed

(171)

1898 A Bessival the Gallician
Mar 21 left this morn. I took back
a suit of clothes from him and
gave him \$2⁵⁰ that was fifteen
cents more than was coming to
him. Very cold night below zero
this morn. blowing from north
" Kept cold all day and
wind got fair west before night
I went to Oak Lake afternoon
for load of chop. W. R. Has
bought all of 31 on this side
of river from Mr. Andrew
" 22 A very frosty morn. twelve
below zero and wind strong
from west, I went to Oak Lake
first thing & got some load
of chop. Mr. Has & Mrs. Fox
here for dinner. Ernie split
wood. Terral & Melville went to
school

(172)

1898 A clear day & Sun strong but
Mar 23 wind pretty cold from west
Ernie & I splitting wood when
Hannah & Mrs. came & stayed
all afternoon & for tea. W. Sloan
& his Cousin A night came
this evening. Cloudy as we go to
bed & looks like a storm
" 24 Wind blowing hard from
N. E. when we got up and
looks heavy all around
" 24 Wind east all day and
afternoon it began to storm
and kept it up until night about
an inch of snow fell. Sloan
& his Cousin left at ten o'clock
Ernie & I split wood.