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
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
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 A drove up to Newwood & paid cheque 20.0.0 to M. P. G. Grant. In postcard letter to Miss Garry, Eltham. Ella Grant came back with us. J. Arthur's ploughing in front of house. A M^{rs} Carlson from Danerik called collecting money for Danerik Hospital. Gave her 5/- We do not send milk to factory now, sent it only 4 or 5 times last month.  Alick High got 2 sheep tonight. Buttercup calve yesterday.

TH 2 I went to Agincourt by nine o'clock train. John  put the four cows which we were milking, on back & brought in "Widdy". Milking only "Buttercup" now. John paid Nils Larson for carrying milk up to 28th June - 12/- Jimmy Arthur's ploughing, nearly finished. Top started to pay cash to Skinner for land today. A very fine day. John tonight went to see entertainment in Hall.

F 2 3 "Widdy" jumped over straightened hurdle at stockyard and got back to her calf. Kept calf in here & put her on back.  She jumped over fence & got back here. Paid J. Arthur's £ 5.0.0 for ploughing lawn. Received bale of crutchings.


 A few pieces of coloured wool on top. A fine day. **SAT 4** John took bale of crutchings & two bundles of skins to Cromwellville for Williams & Kettle's sale on the 16th. Sent letter also. John put out through human leg on flat. Shifted all cows off flat. Put in 6 shrubart roots in garden. Put traps round young fruit trees in small orchard. Killed the remaining fat sheep on hill. Little Ella went home with Top, when the latter went for her music lesson; no lesson today, the teacher did not come. **SUN 5** Callender called late & John drove her home.

SUN 5 Walked over back with John & Batta. found 4 dead haggets  one of them near M. Grange - scale corner killed by dogs, a quack haggot, the other died from scarer. All at home today. Had meal for tea. Steady rain set in tonight. A dull calm day.  I bagged in 4 more haggots & 1 killed by dogs which I skinned on back.  John working with Alick High. I had bought 4 stuns for 59. He deducted the quality 1/- He paid 58 exclusive


 Skinned the 4 hogg^s & boiled them for bone & pig.

Went out to back & brought in another weak hogg^t. Killed it for dog. John at High. Got basket of wheat yesterday & case of Kerosene from Beckett's. Tonight Jap at meeting of Lawn Tennis. John at Ping Pong in Library. A fine day.

WED 8 Mustafa back shop, Gerty & Eva helping. John at High.

 Mum at Agincourt. Picked out 65 weak hogg^ts & put them in reserve with the above hogg^s. There were 5 of the same. 4 weak hogg^ts on flat. Put 410 back unless I missed a count out of 30 or 40. A very fine calm day. A letter last night from Mum. Eva wrote one tonight & John posted it.


TH 9 Found hogg^t caught in black berry vines in reserve.

 Eva fell off chassis on back near 3 gateways, not hurt. Bludgeoned in dead hogg^t from back, six skins now.

John went to Mr. Parsons tonight to play Ping Pong. Fine day.

A circular from Mr. J. D. Watson to say that a banquet will be given to Mr. C. H. H. in Town Hall at 7 P.M. on Monday 12th that the Premier Mr. Seddon has promised to be there & some members of Parliament etc. Mr. Watson is secretary to the affair. I am disinterested in the matter.

FR 10 Went through hogg^ts in reserve, none caught in lawyers. Also this eve & walked among Lawyers on back. Fine day.

 Found dead hog^t in reserve. Dug round heath & holly tree in front. Mum home from Agincourt. Came up in the coach with Carl. John working with A High. Today he bought from a hawker an ink-holding pen for himself for 2p and a brooch for Eva for 1p. Tonight El & I went to Canon Webb's meeting at Beckett's. The business was to talk over having services in Gospel Hall.

SAT 11 Got in Reserve shop. Gave gun trap to be scoured & one. Put 40 on flat and on reserve now 44 total 5 of them same. Jap helped me to lower 2 maine stringers down at precipice crossing for culvert on this side. Attended Farmers Union Meeting in Mr. Beckett's. Miss Davis here tonight. Dull calm day.

All at home a wet day. No one here as a visitor but Miss Davis

MON 13

John drove his mother to railway station at 9 am. and got bugle-volunteer accoutrements ex from Mr. Forbes. Sledged slabs to precipice gully for culvert. Shifted stump (was) all on to flat. Banquet to Mr. Hall tonight

TU 14

John at A. Hegg's. Finished a culvert up gully. Cut down & covered up some lawgers in Reserve. Released a hogget. A solar miserable sort of day. Some light rain

WED 15

Cutting down lawgers & putting dead wood over them in Reserve, released a hogget this morning. After dinner walked over back, just not bad. Received £ 2 15 9 from Fresh food & Ice Company Wellington for 4 ducks six chickens (25 lb at 6 pence 12-6) (29 hens 2/6 per for 1-16-3) (4 ducks - 7p) Tonight drove to Richabite Hall Ormonville to Parishoners meeting & handed them over £ 10-6-6 as ministers stipend & offertories, a bitterly cold night.

TH 16

Wool skins crutching, we sale today in Napier. Fine day. John did not go stumping with A. Hegg today, rain in the morning, turned out to be a very fine day. We chopped down & covered over with dead wood several bunches of lawgers. A Hegg paid me today on account the sum of 15/-. Tonight John has gone to Noiswood with his volunteer bugle

FR 17

Chopping down lawgers ex in Reserve. John at Hegg's. Got in ram "Darby" & killed him, one of his fore legs the lower part dropped off at the place where it was swollen from having a rope side-lang fastened on it. A calm dull day. Mum came home from Agincourt today.

SAT 18

The worst of the lawgers in reserve chopped down & covered up today. Mr. Cumming & Miss Davis here tonight. Boiled ram Darby & a hogget for pig which we are fattening

SUN 19


It stayed at home with Mr. Cumming, the others of us went to school church. Canon Webb. A very fine day.

MON 20

It drove Mr. Cumming home. John not at Hegg's.


TU 21



We pulled down 3 rail fence at long plantation. got 150 lb sack pollard a few days ago at Beckett for 13/6

 Dragg'd some rails from long plantation to corner plantation on flat. Laid iron pipes from 800 gallon tank down to creek. John stamping with Megh. Fine day.


WED 22 Wet day. Received factory money today = 2/6. Found hogg ⁴⁸ dead in Reserve, skinned it. John bought bladders at Jackson's.


TH 23 Another wet day. Boiled food for pig in wash-house. Pastured calf & ear marked him. John gone to Dun^o tonight in the pouring rain on Volunteer business. Mary & John

FR 24 Shifted cows off flat on to ridges & Midwaps. One ewe with twins  A very cold day, much rain last night. Palled hogg out of creek on flat dead also a 2 tooth ewe drowned at Corner Ling. Telegram from W & Henry Fournear, coming on Monday next.


SAT 25 D O'Hara came today & skinned the pig & dressed him in a  first class style. Skinned in the drowned ewe & hogg  & skinned them and also two others. Joan boiling at present in the big boiler. Top got her music lesson today.


SUN 26 Walked all round back sec. a little sweet picking for the ewes on Midwaps & the ridges. Milly Enakson spent the evening. This has been a very fine day. We milk one cow, 1 calf not yet weaned.

MON 27 Evening Sent the pig away by Carl Schmidt's express  this morning for Wellington. John went to Dun^o to meet Willie & Henry Fournear. W^o & Nettie's cheque £. 6. 6 for bale of crutchings & 27 skins. Alf Neale for tea. The crutchings fetches 1/6 per lb. 14 skins 4/3. 13 skins 3/4.

TU 28 Transplanted oak out of slope plantation into long  plantation & felled 2 trees. Got small pig at D O'Hara for 10/- & paid his bill. took the chair for Mr. Hyde's Lecturing expert when he lectured in Town Hall. Boys out with gun. Very fine day.



WED 29 Sent John's insurance money £. 17. 10. Rec^d £. 3. 5. 4 cheque from W. Donnick & Co for pig sent them weighing 199 lbs at 4/- per lb &ilage 1/- and the very fine day. Worked about home etc.


TH 30 Four tooth ewe died lambing & 2 more hogg's died. Sent to  Union Bank the 2 cheques, amount £. 11. 11. 0.


FR 31  Wet day. Found 2 dead hogg's on back & ewe & lamb. At night all hands at social in Town Hall.


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

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 A little snow on the ground this morning. Seen disappeared
 Some more snow fell in the forenoon. Skinned 2 hogg.
on back & buried them. Willie Henry Top & Abba drove to
Wairapora, very fine afternoon. Rain. M. Beckett 1.12.0
Permission for or on the account of insurance on house.


SUN 2 The boys & girls drove up to the Panges. A fine day. Sent
2 years rent to Receiver of Land Revenue with a request to
refuse me 10% allowed to Crown Tenants. Wrote to Maurice
Wille Re line. Wrote Robert Dobson & Co resigned new Insurance
Paper Re \$200 on dwelling house. Boys drove in cow "Dartie"
 from back, with some calves. Boys shot 2 hares Saturday
and one quail. Bricklayer Hanson died yesterday.


MON 3 Willy & Henry went home by 1st train. Went to Agincourt
 at midday. John helped me saw totara in Wairapora
rusher, got some light posts for wire netting at Laurel
hedge & also house blocks. Poor old M. Hanson buried today.


 Top at Martens tonight. Another fine day. "Dartie"
TU 4 A very cold day. John started in 2 loads firewood off Flat.

 Walked through paddocks. Two on back lambled last night
 Skinned hogg. Caught hare in trap in top garden. "Dartie"
 very easy today, does not feed. Gave her pint of raw
linseed oil tonight. Scarcely any milk, udder very hard.

 Tall wattle tree just outside corner of garden. It might
went to Horticultural meeting in library, am one vice President

WED 5 Poor "Dartie" moping about all day, not eating, tonight
 gave her ^{boiled} raw linseed oil & nitre, she has no milk.


Walked thru ewes, one at 3 gateways with twins. Put in some
cabbage seed, brocks, carried in weak hogg' out of ridges &
 skinned it. John shooting at Target & foot falling.


TH 6 Shuffled ewes on to Flat. Dartie no better. 1 lamb last night.
 John & Newwood Volunteers drilling at Ordn' tonight.

At M. Beckett's tonight with a Card party. Home at 1 AM.



FR 7 Very fine day. Put in posts for wire netting along Laurel
hedge. Took roots etc off ploughed ground. Bram came home.
John, Top, this day, M. Beckett, & her brother in law gone in buggy
to Ordn' Social Club. Others gone by coach, very fine night.



SAT 8 Staples on wire netting. Skinned hogg' in Reserve. John splitting fence at "Dartie's" udder hard & swollen, has no milk, or else it will not come. Mr Beckett Came with sack of down oats, bag flour, staples &c. Gave cow table spoonful turpentine with oil tonight. Another cow with twins on Flat. Fine day.


SUN 9 John rode to St Nicholas's for remedies for Dartie,  Got directions - 1 lb spoon salts, sulphur, nitre &c. Got them at Mr Beckett's & drove her. Allick High helping Ed bathing her hard udder & rubbing into it turpentine & oil. Went over back to see sheep & cattle. Found "Lively" lying in a bit of hollow ground unable to get up, must have been there 2 or 3 days, pulled her round & Came home & John & Mam came out. Could not get her up. John, A High & myself tried to sling her with blocks, ropes & sacks & failed, she seems paralysed. Heavy rain falling, we got wet. Harold Olsen for tea.

MON 10 Sledge born to cart shed the cow "Lively". A High  mare in lead coming up out of gully. The chestnut dragged the sledge the remainder of the way. Dartie dead this morning. Rain all day. "Lively's" neck seems dislocated. Makes no attempt to stand. Nicholas's remedy for cow not cleaning 1 lb Eps salts 1 lb ginger, 1 oz sulphur & oz nitre. Drove Cow.


TUE 11 Cow "Lively" no better. Skinned Dartie. Got new Weatherin


 Sewing machine. John walked over back. Saw 7  young lambs. Skinned hogg'. Drill tonight in Norway. Sent answer to Mr Hunter. A fine day.

WED 12 Skinned 2 hogg' on flat & one cow did lambing on  back. Picked up 2 tooth ewe which had lambed  in a hollow place on flat & could not get up, lamb dead. got ewe round after a while. John picked up another 2 tooth ewe after lambing on Widenups, she cannot stand. Took lamb from a two tooth on flat. Bled "Lively" to put her out of pain. John shooting at Target at Roundabout, once at Drill tonight in Norway. Today like summer.

 Had to take in 2 ewes which were cast. They are getting all right. The little pig got out & went away. We found him at Fria Schmitts. A good ewe dead on back, skinned her. Skinned lively & dragged the carcass with snare on to flat to be burned, most of Ewes on back have lambed, about 50 to lamb there altogether. Mr. P & Grant & children here this afternoon. A very fine day. John drilling in Norsewood tonight. The 2 young calves are looking well enough on their milk & a pailful of pollard scalded with hot water give the youngest (11 days) some milk from Cow.

FRI 14 A wet day. John helped A. Hugh in the morning to cut some chaff. Have 2 ewes & their lambs in the shed tonight. Gave them hay in a box. One of the calves ate a little hay out of a box. Found a ewe on Midrup unable to lamb, took it from her. A great many lambs came during the last 24 hours, seems to be half through, expect some dead tomorrow, it is raining steadily & very dark. Not so many twins this year.

SAT 15 A bad night & a bad day this, cold & wet. Found  a ewe dead in a pool of water near Gundarsen's Creek in the act of lambing. A poor crippled ewe with big joints lambed but was unable to get up. Killed & skinned her. Killed & skinned a small poor ewe on back & skinned a hog on back. Have 3 ewes in shed. They eat a little hay & are better off than if outside. Give the calves a little hay in a box, one of them eat a little. Six or seven dead lambs this morning. Tonight looks bad, dark, cold & wet. A little snow falling.

SUN 16 Cold but dry morning, only a little snow last night.  John walked over Midrup before breakfast. I went over flat. Killed in a weak ewe & gave her quail. Got in a young ewe & took the lamb from her. She could not lamb. John took away a lamb from ewe on Midrup. Just before dark took away a big lamb from a tooth on flat. Gave two motherless lambs to some boys going over flat. A ewe died today one of those found cast & brought in. W. Jorkelson Collected






~~W~~ Walked over flat before breakfast & John over Widenaps. John found a good big ewe with twins dead. I found a black face sheep with a dead lamb. Could not see any fresh drop ones. A dull cold day. John pledged in a load of rails from back & sledged in some firwood & gravel to washhouse & shed door. Boiled a sheep for hunsyup.

TU 18 Not much rain today. Only a couple of fresh lambs ~~2~~ ³ last night. Went over back with John & caught a motherless small lamb, brought him home & put him on a dark-wooled ewe. Put 2 small notches in his left ear to remember him. Put one notch in the ear of another similar wether lamb to know him by. Skinned 2 more hoggies. This makes 24 hoggies & 1 poor little dry ewe on back. John went to Horanwood tonight but no one to drill there.

WED 19 Fixed up wire netting along by Laurel bridge up to gate way going up on hill. Have 3 ewes with 3 lambs in shed tonight. A very fine day. John away shooting at "Am uncles" & tonight he is in "Ore" as Colonel Webb inspects Volunteers here tonight. Did not notice any fresh lambs today - only one or two. He put in small pads in garden. Fair putting in the paddocks for sheep. John seems split & sledged in 20 hours of staking for wire netting.

TH 20 Walked over paddock, buried dead sheep & dead lambs ~~2~~ ³ ~~2~~ ³ Skinned 1 very poor ewe, looked as if she had lambed a short time ago, also a hoggie, both on back. Shook & raked some manger grasses on bare part on back where the seed did not take well. John split found on reserve, inside heap. Alice came up in last Coach. Leaves coming out on Willows, one water tree in flower. Spring day.

FR 21 Another spring day. Brown ewe today takes to her lamb ~~2~~ ³ ~~2~~ ³ He is notched in the ear. Skinned a hog on Widenaps & one on back & one in Reserve caught in lambyers, set mare & foal into stockyard & oak plantation today. Killed old ~~2~~ ³ ewe & skinned her, on back. We bury every thing that we skin or that dies. John gave a skinned hogget as dog meat to Mr. Vack. All gone to Volunteer Society except one. A good spring day. Sharpened crosscut.

- Walked over all paddocks, found nothing dead today. Alice left, went by midday train. John with Alet High. More & foot we let go in Oak plantation. No fresh lambs to be seen. Top got her music lesson. This has been a warm day.
- SUN 23 Through dew Harbets & cattle. Fine forenoon. Cold showers   in the afternoon. Brought in the 2 heifer calves from back, they are poor. It's heifer calf very poor. Will give them hay & a warm drink. No fresh lambs. No one called. Oo have been getting her eggs & some goose-eggs for some time. One Wattle hen in bloom. Cannot get lawn any easier to harrow.
-  Castrated scarmorted calf yesterday, very little milk for them. Give them pollard scalded, scraps of bread &c.
- MON 24 A very fine day. John at High. Walked over paddocks only one fresh lamb. Sledged in parts from back (tatare's) made a fire to burn off log on track going to tatare stumps. At night drove with El to library to attend "Social" meeting.
- TU 25 Found ewe on flat with her head caught under log, pulled her out. Found one on Widerups unable to get up, after having a very big dead lamb, it was choked in the lambing. John at High's. Poor Habba went to school today. Her mother drove her up, she went away quite happy. Made a fire on top of Widerups. Got Lawyers bill £ 7-0-0 Colterill & Humphreys for transfer of Mortgage &c. besides 10 guinea paid to Carlisle & McLean for surrender of Deeds, £ 4-0-0 costs to get a loan of £ 500. Money day.
- WED 26 Found a first class ewe dead in gully close to  D O'Hara's fence, for end of Widerups in the act of lambing, and another ewe stuck under the end of a log on the same end of Widerups, having lambed, must have been there for a week, sledged her home, she cannot straighten her forelegs. Started sowing the oats harrowing  in front. John with A High made fire in Widerups. Attended Dairy Factory meeting in Town Hall. Finish at 12.
- TH 27 John finished harrowing in front, the oats all in. Some rain fell afterwards. John drilling at Oon's tonight. Took 2 more shares in Dairy Factory, six altogether now.

Last night at half past nine Miss Grace Cummings
 came. Today we made five on Midwaps. Sent five
 shrubs to be planted at Beck's Memorial. El

get some poisonous wheat at Road Board office.
 Made six foot gate. At night attended Parliament,
 debate in Town Hall. Bill. Suppression of liquor traffic

SAT 29 Skinned two on back & one on flat. John at first

found a good sized lamb dead on ridge, wool
 in stomach. Shook some poisonous wheat in front

John & Grace at Mr. Erickson for tea. Ed, John,
 Eva & Ella went in buggy to see Punch & Judy in Town Hall.

SUN 30 Walked over all paddocks. Skinned a breeding ewe on

back paddock blue on head & a very poor bought
 ewe. So far I can reckon 12 good breeding ewes dead. The
 four or five died in the act of lambing, the others seem to be
 wanting in constitution. Ralph Grant for tea. Grant & Ella.

FOUND 31 Found a good ewe dead on flat. Skinned her &

found she was badly hurt inside, lamb (pungle)
 turned the wrong way. The ewe we shagged home died
 last night in the greenhouse, skinned her & buried her
 in garden, made up fines on Midwaps. Put in gatepost
 at first brown gate. El drove to Komeewood & brought
 back Mr. Cummings, she is here tonight & Grace.

This has been a good month as far as weather is concerned
 but a very reluctant one for the cows & sheep here.


I skinned 45 sheep, ewes & hogget that died, and 2 cows.
 One of the cows had just calved & the other's time was up.


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This month starts well. A very fine bright day. Hung
 first brown gate. Got hinges for other gates at Collings.
 John worked the afternoon with Olick High, this finishes
 his job of stumping. All hands at Bob Collings Social.


2 Shook & raked in grassland in burnt patches. John at
 football in afternoon at Makotuku. A cold day.
 feels like snow, a few flakes fell. Eva found hedge in the
 reserve tied up in the laagers.

A sheepskin & hide buyer called this morning, sold all skins, hogg's mostly to him, delivered at Omei at 4⁰⁰ per lb. He bought the two Cow hides, one for 12/ the other for 8/. Grace & Gertie drove down to meet Alice who came back from Mangatainoko, got two hind shoes removed on mare. John got in firewood & sawed a keuan on back for posts.



FR 4 Bundled the sheepskins (3) John took them & the  2 Cow hides to Omei. Received cheque £ 5. 10. 8 He also took Alick Hogg's 2 hides & received £ 1 for them Hogg's money was put on to my cheque which I sent to the Bank today. The weight of skins 272 lb. There were 49 in the 3 bundles. El drove Alice to station. Very fine day. Ewes & hogg's skins averaged 5 1/2 lbs at 4⁰⁰ = 2.10 each skin.


SAT 5 Went over Flat & found ewe dead, lamb alongside her  a hogg on back east. Killed latter, John sledged them in. We give milk to the lamb. Some rain in afternoon


 took & raked in grassed on patches on back & Widesups Alick Hogg paid for the 10 chords of firewood split in (his) reserve. John, Gertie & Grace at Wesleyan tea-meeting tonight

SUN 6 Walked over all paddocks & saw all sheep. Skinned 2 hogg's  on back. Misses Martin Miss Davis & M^{rs} Garry for tea.

MON 7 Worked at paling fence. etc. Boiled meat for pig etc.


  A social party at M^{rs} Watsons tonight. John there. Went with El & M^{rs} Cumming & took Chair at Rev Bancrofts Lecture on "Through London". A mild dull day.

TU 8 John drove M^{rs} Cumming & Grace to Omei Station to catch  1st train. Gertie went in coach to meet train then Miss Garry. She did not come by the train expected, so Gertie did not see her. Did some work at paling fence.


 Buttercup come round last night. Must look out for her three weeks from now. We are all sleepy tonight, so we are going to bed early. A windy evening.


WED 9 Made up a few fires on Widesups. Worked up paling fence. John splitting on flat & at football afternoon. M^{rs} Buckle's sent bag flour & case of Kerosene Fire aug.

TH 10 Made up fire with John on Widdrups & went through Ewes. Saw on back two or three ewes with young lambs. Some of those intended to be dry ewes have young lambs. A neighbour's ram got into paddock & was taken out on the 18th April. Worked at paling fence. I put in a pane of glass in bedroom window. John at drill in Horsewood tonight. Piano tuner - Mr. Farr. attended. Found a hogget in the creek - gully plantation, dead in the water. This has been a remarkably fine day. Little grass.

FR 11 We saw 2 logs & split palings on totara track on back.  dragged some logs together with man. A very fine day. The two young calves are doing well on home skim milk from one cow & a few hand-fuls of pollard scalded with boiling water, twice a day. We give them hay in night-pans every night, no sign of scour, they also like crusts of bread we soaked in their drink. The youngest is five weeks old. The 2 yearling heifers which looked so very poor on back & which I drove in here to bring round on hay, have improved very much. They will pull through. El John & Top are going to a "Social Club" Social.

SAT 12 Finished nailing on battens on paling fence. John went ~~to~~ to football at Maketaka in the evening. Fine day. Mr. Oldershaw called for accacia blossoms. At night attended Farmers Union meeting at Mr. Bocketts.

SUN 13 Got in heifer from back. She will soon calve.  got in ewe off ridge. Washed & oiled & put back bearing. She is in a bad state. Poor Ewe in bed today. She is not well. John gone to Marton for oranges for her. Gerlie gone to School Church. Mr. & Mrs. P. G. Grant & children spent the evening here. Ewe soon jumped out of bed & played about with Ewe who stays the night. El & Top went to W. Church tonight. **MON 14** Skinned the ewe which we attended to yesterday. Spent the day clearing up in the yard - gathering chips & putting ring in little pigs nose. I got two kinds of seed potato. J. Bocketts.


 Walked over paddocks, found young ewe cast, after lambing, found lamb got them in & left them in sheepyard, she took. Carted a few loads of gravel to gate ways. Straightened up elm tree in pig paddock & lopped off limbs & wired it to post sunk 2 ft 6 in in ground to keep it upright. Attended Horticultural meeting in library. Home at 10 o'clock. Fine day. No perceptible spring in the grass. Back for base.


WED 16 Put in a few rows of early potatoes, "Beauty of Hebron", in garden. Dug out & threw over fence couch grass. John brought in a lamb which he found jammed under a log, he cannot use his hind part. John at foot ball in Horsewood & Don! Rain fell last night & some today, much wanted.

TH 17 Put in remainder of seed potatoes, "Beauty of Hebron", and "Up to date", put in manure with them. Put in 2 totara posts in garden paling fence. Splendid rain today. Ewe got wet coming home from school.


The 2 calves in pig paddock. plenty of grass there for them.

FR 18 Shook & raked in grassed on burnt patches in Widgeons.

 A very good growing day. Showers, calm & warm.

 Sawn & split totara posts on back. Found a ewe dead in gully on ridges. Miss Hagg for tea. An invitation to the marriage of Miss Oliver & Mr. English.

SAT 19 A cold non-growing day. Splitting totara posts on back.

 Found a rabbit's nest near totara stumps with five young ones, they would be soon able to leave nest. "Spot" found show, he also found a sheep stuck in a log. John pulled it out & it walked away. 3 little girls here this afternoon playing with Ewe. Not much grass.

SUN 20 Walked over paddocks. Skinned a poor ewe on back & pulled the wool off another lying in Rabbit Gully. Mr. Beckett & W Hagg in the afternoon took away foal (Mr. Beckett's) off back. Dull cold day. No growth these days. Tonight steady rain & very dark.

Mustered ewes on flat & those on ridge = 122

Docked 49 ewe lambs & 39 w lambs = 88

A few ewes to lamb, put them all on flat.

A very warm good growing day. The grass showing up

TU 22 Got in ewe lambs off Midamps & docked 34 ewe &

24 wether lambs. Number of ewe 69. total 191 on

flat now & total lambs = 146, nearly all single.

just after we finished & got them on flat, a heavy shower of hail fell & rain. Ground saturated & yards will be wet for some days, it was quite hot in the morning before the rain. After dinner got some totara posts on back

John started a rabbit on Mortensen's. Fine afternoon

A letter from Agincourt. Some picking for sheep now.

WED 23 Sawed & split totara log in a rough gully on back.

John drove in cow "Strawberry" at dinner time. She

& "Buttercup" had a tussock & Strawberry fell on her

back in the creek. Gertie held her head out of

the water while Eva ran for Mr. Thorsen. Before he

arrived the cow struggled on to her feet. John practicing

Cricket on the hill - Cricket ground. Posted 2 daily

papers to Robert Dupluis. Hot & sultry growing day.

John carried home this morning from A. Heigh 3

two little Jamworth pigs, red. Narrow & slow price 12/each

Fred Schmiat called with petition to sign against the

appointment of W.M. Thompson as Factory Secretary

did not see him. Warm rain tonight again.

TH 24 Gertie drove to station & met Miss Garry's at first

train from Danewirt. They went away again by

express to Hastings. Mr. Collinge & Miss Tucker

called in the afternoon & Mr. D Grant. We split

some totara posts on back in gully & John carried

them up the bank. Killed & skinned poor old ewe.

FR 25 John rode to D O'Hara's for meat this morning.

We cleared track beyond totara stumps & started a rabbit

with my set 2 fms. at night at meeting. Mr. Russell at Oakes

Lions Union. G. at Social C. lecture. John drill. at O'Connell

SAT 26

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Mustered sheep on back & docked all lambs, 82 amongst them, Wether lambs 32 Ewes = 20

dagged & put back all sheep mixed 384, amongst the 384 are one poor ewe with a poor lamb, the ewe stayed behind on back not able to travel, also a poor hogget.

Shifted ewe & lambs off flat into fresh feed on ridge & W. Must give the flat a weeks spell. Miss Davis here tonight.

SUN 27 The heifer calved today - a small bull calf. We

put the heifer in the bail without any trouble.

She gave only a small quantity of milk. All at home today. Fred Martin & W Turkelson for tea. John gone to Wesleyan Church with them tonight.

MON 28 Got out manure from under battens at yards

sledged it to ridge alongside gum trees in front of house, & planted some sad potatoes. Also put sheep's trotters & bones with manure.

U & Jop bought flower pots at Martins. Fine day.

TU 29 Put in some potatoes in ridge before dinner time

After dinner steady light rain set in and continued until night. Put in cabbage seed in garden.

The plugs eat up all that came over ground some weeks ago.

John carted up to Wesleyan Church some granaries and acacia blossoms for decorations in honour of Miss Oliver's wedding tomorrow. Dad now has come.

That poor Canon Webb is suffering from cancer and that he is in pain, no one allowed in to see him now.

WED 30 A wet day. Too wet to go to the Wesleyan Church

to see Miss Oliver married. At night went with El to Lutheran Hall where there were games, tea

& Veterinary surgeon came to Town Hall to lecture on Cows, but owing to the small number attending the lecture was postponed for a fortnight.

John skinned hogget on back. Raked in some grasses on a burnt patch. Took "Batterup"

to F Schmidt's Bull. A very good month.

TH 1st

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A nice soft rain today. John painting iron of verandah underneath. He is at drill tonight.

FR 2 Shifted some & loads off Widowups & ridges into Flat. John finished painting under verandah.

He caught a fish in creek beyond the road tonight.

We saw & sledged in some firwood. Sharp-pointed Cross cut. El & Top walked to Library. Mr. Grant cashed £6. Cheque for them. More rain today. Grass looking well.

BAT 3 Thirty years ago today I arrived in Wellington from N. S. W. in the ship Wellington laden with coal &c.

Drove to Devon. saw Canon Webb. El went on to Danvirke. Got a sack of rock salt from Wm. & K. = 1/2. Railage & Coach fare 2/6. Salt & sack 7/3. John and Allen Grant looking out for rabbits, saw none.

Strawberry Cabaret today, a big bull calf. Light steady rain keeps on. El bought 9 worth of Cabbage plants in Danvirke, digging for it &c.

SUN 4 Yesterday put the 4 sheep off hill. One of them, a ewe which I found jammed under a log in Widowups, was losing her fleece which was loose on her. I pulled it off & put her on the flat with the others. Another ewe in lamb. Today skinned hogget up the fence on ridges. All except one went to school church, another misty day & dull.

MON 5 Put in 50 Cabbage plants & planted potatoes in ridge

John sawed & got in firwood. W. Hogg borrowed buggy to take Mr. Beckett & 2 Canterbury lady visitors to Danvirke. El has a heavy cold & is in bed all day. Sent 1/2 can or a little more milk this morning to Factory, by Nils Larson. Another showery day.

TUE 6 John got in some firwood, & walked on horse to see sheep

Many showers of light rain. At night went to Library to Agricultural meeting. El up today, but looks weak.

WED 7 Made cupboard alongside chimney out side John

window. El walked up to Beckett's for 4 lbs nails. John split some firwood & then went cricketing.



He + her drove Topo to Orono. to catch first

train to go to Hastings & to Rosebank. Wet day.

FR 9 Finished capboard. Walked over flat & part of back

John walked over what was Mr Gummings end is now
Brathisons. He found an old ewe dead & saw a rabbit

I skinned a hogg. & an old ewe & saw a rabbit at
scrub. Found a good hogg. caught in a lawyer.

FR 9 An old ewe on flat has a good single lamb.

FR 9 This has been a fine day. Went out to scrub on

back with John, took spot & he started a

rabbit, John shot it. Could not see any more on

back. Took out the three yearling hies to back

& remains the hay about done. Found two loath hogg

dead in lawyers. Pulled the wool off. Skinned old

ewes. Found remains of dead hogg. on back in gully

& the remains of 3 in grate in Reserve, this makes 40

All paddocks look well after the warm rain, grass growing

Carried home 2 sheep skins & some extra wool. John gone

to Orono tonight to drill. Little Ella grant here tonight.

SAT 10 John took down fence between Hill's & Slope plantation

Wheged out to garden corner, wire, strainer & posts

I put in strainer to fence in a piece for hay. Fine day.

Got copy of "Farmers Advocate" tonight. This is the 3rd copy.

SUN 11 Walked over back. Spot chased a young rabbit &

lost it. Afterwards pulled him out of a stump.

Mr & Mrs P. G. Grant in the afternoon & Mr & Miss Randerson.

No milk sent to Factory today, Miss Dawson did not go.

MON 12 Dog out & killed hen on Striver at my garden. John

John sledged up to lava posts from back. Fine day.

TU 13 John took a bundle of chapskins to Orono for the

sale on 16th. Worked at fence at corner pulling




WED 14 Worked at fence at corner of flat. He drove over

to see Mr. Nicholls. At night took chair at meeting

in Hall to hear address by Geo. W. M. Burton on diseases

and ailments of cows. Got Complimentary Ticket from

Mr. Russell Harting to go as delegate to Union Dinner 20

-  Staphia wire on posts in corner & put up posts & rails on one end. El drove up to see Mr Mathieson. Elia Schmidt got a nail driven into her head playing See Saw at school. Brattens & Lomber lying about school ground with nails sticking upwards. Another fine day. Left out rock salt in paddocks for sheep. Grass looks well in all paddocks.
- FRI 16** Put in about 20 cabbage plants. Finiskä ridge potatoes Eva at home from school today. Got a cold or a slight head-ache. John & his mother working in garden. Got some carrot seed - "Sensclair's Champion" at D. O'Hara's today & put some in on a mown patch at the end of potatoe ridge. Found two tooth wethers again cast on Widrup's & brought him in, will leave him in Shea paddock until I shear him. Mr Beckwith sent me 10/- for grass of foal for 20 weeks. A warmer day. Good grass in all paddocks. Sent a letter today to Robert Duplain, Balonont Banagher Kings County Ireland. Calves milk over tonight again.
- SAT 17** John split & shayed in battens for corner fence. Rained pipe in drain leading from tank. Did some work in garden.
- SUN 18** Walked over paddocks. Saw two of our sheep in Mr Guinness's ~~2 1/2~~ or Mathieson's. Could not get them out, gave it up as dog was too loud. Poor Eva's cold is still bad, chest bad.
- MON 19** Got in Reserve sheep & crutches tagged 68.  amongst them 4 rams. Came on heavenly rain, light wetting rain. A N. E. Alliance tatalal man called also a man from Kanawick with a draught engine. Letter from Top in Napier at Mr Cunningham. We dug some in garden & put in some seeds, carrots. News came that Canon Webb died this morning.
- TU 20** Got the 2 sheep out of Mr Guinness's through the fence.  dug half of my garden. Burned the logs in small ~~2 1/2~~ paddock fence for meadow. Eva at school. At night attended & joined "League" in the Rechabite Hall at Ormondville. Mr Oliver Rev. Chairman. Mr Daintrell Sec. Mr Robinson Treasurer.

WENT to Canon Webb's Funeral. Volunteers attended & Rehearsals, many clergymen. Service in Church & at graveside, also by Rehearsals. Afterwards

went by express to Te Anite & stayed at J Mc Nutts. Walked up from Railway Station

TH 22 Left Te Anite by 8.15 train. Got to Show ground in good time to see exhibits etc. Saw Fourman's Gertie. Fulford as a very fine cook day.

At night went to Sternicks. Had dinner at night in Drill Hall with members of Lir Union. Slept at Sternicks. Alice there too for the night

FR 23 Left Hastings by express. John & Eva met me with buggy. Wildy calved yesterday. Inferior calf. Got them in & took away calf. Found

Found three ewes cast, one in each paddock. At night drove up to Hall to last Social of season.


SAT 24 Cow Wildy plow to milk. Calf drinks fairly well. Finished digging in my garden. Ground very dry. Mr. Nicholls & Mr. W. Parsons came when I was away at the Show. Got bottle of lemonade & bottle of Orange Champa. at Beckett's tonight for Eva.


SUN 25 John walked over paddocks, found dead hog on back near Mr. Greeney's. Went to Omi's church with El & Eva. Rev. Mr. Hobbs preached. After dinner drove to


Blain Gournie & saw Neal & C.C. Smith. Tea at Church. Got home in good time to feed calves & milk etc. Ralph Grant & Tiny Olan for tea. John went with them to Church. Sent John Inman's money £1 17 10




MON 26 Drove Eva to school. Got at Mr. Beckett's a pair Shears & Lettuce seeds - 4/6 total.



A pair Shears for John. Was going to shear rams and a few others, but found Reserve fence at Engelbreit's so bad, that we saved & split some down posts for it. El & Eva went to meet last train & brought back Pop Fourman. Gus Fulford & Gertie. Fine day.

 Worked up fence, Reserve - Engelbreitens.
 Sent 2 papers "Herald", with account of show, to Sam-
 le Clarke, Belmont, Bonaparte, Kings Co. Iceland.
 Also a "Dairyman" paper. Put in some mangold
 seed in garden. El & the others drove up on hills.
 Constable Butler got particulars about sections &c.
 Another very dry day. Gardens want rain. Ground dry.

WED 28 Finished repairing fence at Engelbreitens.
 John went Cricketing after dinner. M. Aronson
 & M^r were captured in their gig at the bend
 above Engelbreitens, through the latter's dog running
 at the horse. All were thrown against the fence. Not
 much damage done. a miraculous escape. El & C^t
 drove up to townships. A fine calm day for working.

TH 29 Up in Reserve shop & show the four rams & one wether
 that got cast 4 or 5 times & two hoggets. Rain
 set in & we let the sheep go with the wool on. Rained
 all day, warm rain, will do a lot of good. John drove
 up to the school & brought Eva home dry. With Hodson
 home from Hunters, they finished shearing them last Sat^r

FR 30 Yesterday Chick High took back home one of the
 small pigs which we bought from him & gave us a
 better one instead. I paid him for both pigs 1-4-0
 A constant wet day, fine warm rain. Raked
 a bit of grassed in near my garden. The grassed
 which I raked in on the burnt ground in
 Widorups, altho it came up, the sheep scratched the
 ground & lay on it, and it is quite bare now. No use
 raking in grassed in spring on burnt ground.


SAT 31 Light rain most of the day. Ring the 3 pigs. Castrated
 the 2 calves & earmarked the hogs. Put horses in
 are in. At night El John Gus & Poppa drove to
 Hall to see a play. This has been the best October I
 have ever seen. Plenty of feed now & likely to be.


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H.B. NET GALLERY & HUSBAND

Miss Davis


 John Eva Gerlin Pop & Gus went to Owen's Church
Went with El Eva & Gus over flat & on high hills on back
in the afternoon. No rain today. Miss Davis here tonight



MON 2 Put in a row of mangold seed & a few rows of potatoes in
 garden & finished the ground with carrot seeds. John
tried to cart a little manure to my garden but the
mule refused to pull when it came to the hills. He
dug out the remainder of the Californian thistles.

Top Pop & Gus drove to Waitapira, had tea with Mr
Lucas. John at birthday party tonight. Miss Milly Erickson

TUE 3 Greased axle of buggy & put on washers. All women folk
 drove to Danvirik, home a little after five. Got
 in Reserve sheep & show 30. Knocked off at 4 o'clock
John went cricketing. Put in shed 31 hoggets tonight.


WED 4 John got in illaffie from back. Her time up today.


 Show the sheep in shed last night (31), before
dinner & put them back in Reserve, 68


 First cricket match of the season played today
 at Nowwood. Danvirik made 108 first in.
Nowwood made 118. John caught for 36. He
and Willy Turkelson won the game, latter 13 not out.


It was a very fine day and there was great excitement
We all drove up after dinner. Got home after 5 o'clock.

TH 5 Slidged up some horse manure to top garden.


 Top Pop & Gus drove to Mountain. Warm day.
Got in ewes & lambs off Flat. Daggged most of
them & show 15 & put in shed tonight 21. Docked 3 ewe
lambs. Ewes in good condition & are cutting good
clean heavy fleeces. John at drill in Nowwood tonight

FR 6 Show the sheep in shed last night & mustered
 the others on Flat. John finished daggging ewes
& lambs. Docked 1 ewe lamb. Show ewes 52
Kept in 45 ewes tonight. Turned out 79 lambs.
The girls drove down to Mr. Gollans for ferns etc.
John sent letter to Agincourt to say he is coming
tomorrow night.


 Show the 45 ewes kept in last night, makes 112 ewes shorn, on flat and 79 lambs. John sagging.


 He went by express to Agincourt. Pop went home by express. Top & her mother milked the cows.

SUN 8 All went to school church - Gus & Miss Davis to I stayed at home. After dinner walked over paddock. Sheep looking well, appear to have heavy fleeces.


 Put "Maffie" in bail & took away some milk from her as her udder & teats looked so very full.

MON 9 Kings Birthday. Rain since tea O'clock. Top Gus & Ann dress down & met John coming from Agincourt by first train. Maffie calved last night or this morning a heifer calf marked like herself. Top went tonight to go to Bicketers Social. John gone up in the rain to see if there are any people there. The night very dark. Made Wm & Kettle to send 14 wool packs & plan to C. Co.


TU 10  Sent two cans of milk to Factory this morning ^{only half}


 They were not quite full, but according to factory instructions, the night's milk must be kept separate from the mornings. Rain all day. Eva driven to school by her mother, got $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of wheat at Brackella for fowls. Pressed two bales of wool. No. 1. Flaws 70. Ewes, four pairs, hoggets & ewes. No. 2. Contains, 8 flaws & 11. Raining heavy & steady tonight. Plenty of grass this season.



WED 11 Telegram from A. H. Russell yesterday re Harbor rates.

 Drove Eva to school. Examination today. She says she has passed. John raked in seed on a burnt patch on back & saw shape etc. Put in carrot seed in fore garden & manured with a mixture of hen manure.


A Mr. Watson from Hastings, a skin & wool buyer, called & offered me 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ pwt for wool delivered at Opononville. Only a little light rain fell today. John found a ewe under a log on Kiderups today. She would not try to get back only that he saw her. The woolly sheep require dogging very much.


 Finished putting in carrot seed in top garden. Did some weeding in front of house. Received letter from Cottrell & Humphreys Re interest £7.2.6 due on Nov 23. Attended at Care party at night at Mr. Beckells. El. Top, Gus & Self.


FR 13 An umbrella man called & repaired one of two  Got in ewes & lambs off Wickersup & ridges, dogged them & also a few lambs (69) Ewes = 83 one of these is shown. Put them on flat, shown ones on Wickersup & ridges. Came on heavy rain. Got ewes into shed & dogged those. Pa^d 10.9. Grant called. Alla here. W^o Thoden & 3 children called. Got in from Mr. Beckells case Kerosene, bag flour &c. Rain



SAT 14 Rain all last night. Only very light rain today.  Good growing weather, abundance of grass  Repaired fence & strained wire going up to stockyard. John shagged in load of potato peats from back. Went through shops. Saw rabbit in scrub. It got away from Spot. At home tonight.

SUN 15 John rode to Oroni. attended a Volunteer Church service. 'll not well today, part of the day in bed. Last night got letter from W^o & Kettle enclosing Bank Slip £30. lodged on the 12th inst. Top, Gus & John gone Wakej. Church


MON 16 Mowed grass round house & some at Greenhouse.  Another cloudy day & some rain. 'll paid a £10.00 Cheque to Mr. Beckell on account. Top drove Gus to Station & brought back 1 1/2 wool bales, paid rail age 2/6 Top & the mother at dawn service meeting in library tonight. Wrote W^o & Kettle about a bundle of skins sent them Oct 13.


TU 17 Made entrance at first old bridge for calves to go into gully plantation. Put two calves in there today, two at Sheepyard, one in ridges & one in shed for a dock.  Put in pane of glass in a wretched window. Thuman shower in afternoon. Fearful heavy rain continued a long time. Top has three little ducks in a box. Clear weather.


 Walked through paddocks. Saw all woolly sheep & cattle -
 close but cloudy forenoon. Afternoon heavy constant
 rain. Takapan Cricketers came to Warramoo, only played
 for half an hour or so, game postponed. Drove up to school
 brought tea & John home in buggy. A letter from J. Thomas
 to say they are not going to Palmerston show. Letter from
 Wm & Kettle & cheque enclosed for proceeds of 14 skins ^{£ 8 7} - 3-11
 after deducting 3/6 for goods supplied. M. Top & John at
 Laura Tennis Social tonight. Not raining but very dark.


TH 19 Tried to do some work at repairing fence. Flat
 back, put in only one post when rain came on
 Chopera & made track to her an posts near
 beehive main. Got two hind shoes on mares. Got
 Wm & Kettle's cheque changed by J. Collinge. Got 10/-
 out of it to give John to go to Palmerston with tomorrow.
 Got parcel of roses by post from Gus had to pay 9/-
 them. Rain Rain every day. Weather much colder

FR 20 Another wet forenoon, to wet to go to Palmerston.
 Snow low down on the hills. The weather looks better tonight.

SAT 21 Got Factory cheque this morning = £ 1 - 21 - 6
 for 26 days in Oct. after deducting 12 lbs butter & 1 lb
 some showers in the forenoon, afternoon fine. John
 split & sledged in some good firewood off Flat.
 Made bundle, tarred onto next ground. Letter from J. Kettle


SUN 22 Walked out over back. Lou rode Chassy. A fine forenoon
 John went in uniform to Ericksons. Volunteers
 got their Photos taken by Oliver. Showers in the
 afternoon, meant to put in a few sheep tonight to shear
 tomorrow, but no chance. Sheep wet since Monday the 9th
 Miss Ranserson & Ralph Grant for dinner & tea, then all had
 tea & I went to Presbyterian church a service in Gospel Hall


MON 23 Put Cheque to Cottrell & Humphries £ 14 - 5 - 6
 Their charges £ 3 - 0 - 0 Interest £ 2 - 6 - 0 John got in
 firewood. I mended fence Flat-Back. Got in 53 ewes Oct
 one half in shed tonight. John at Laura Tennis. John at Erickson
 A Sudden del

 The sheep were not dry before 10 o'clock. We show the 53 which we had in yards & shed, had to shear. Got in remainder of flat = 34. In shed tonight 15.


A Snyman brought 2 bushels of fowl-wheat. John & Alf in Kerswood at Tennis & Cricket. A fine day.

WED 25 Up early show the sheep in shed last night 34


 Then went to see cricket match Kerswood 195 v Takapan 39 then light rain which turned to

 heavy & continued all night. John rode out to back see this morning & brought in Star with her young calf, a very big heifer red & white calf.

TH 26 Processed on bale of wool, cut in 60 ewes of fleeces. Show out in a half bale & left it = 30 fleeces. A wet day.


 John rode to Oron^o at night in connection with Volunte^{ers}


FR 27 This has turned out to be a fine day. Got all sheep off back onto flat. All shown ewes on

 Ridges & Widgeups. Found a ewe caught under a log on back near boundary. John went back & shored her & left her there. Got in a woolly sheep off O'Hara's

& one off J. Schmitt's through fence. Fine afternoon


SAT 28 Yarded woolly sheep & picked out ewes 50 & their lambs = 55. Dugged them & put on ridges


 Put all the others, wethers, hogg, etc on flat 334

 El. Top. & was left at 8.30 for Mannivick & got home about 3 or half past. A very fine day.

SUN 29 All at home. Afternoon got in the 50 ewes off Ridges. This has been a wet month. Abundance of grass everywhere



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 Show the 50 ewes & got in off flat dry sheep 39



 J. Hous callha with his entire horse & tried the mare, will call again on Thursday.

TU 1st Show the 39 in shed. & got in off flat for ewes 47


 John rode to J. Arthur's & brought back rooster Buff Orpington. Paid for him 7/6. Went cricketing & bought a saddle from J. Colling for £2.10. Yesterday docked 4 lambs two of each sort.



  Show the 47 in last night & got in 65. Dagged them & put 50 in shed 15 outside. Very fine day. They are cutting good fleeces & are in good condition. Many fat ewes amongst them. Gertie went to Maketaka with Edy Martin & Mr. P. G. Grant this evening. Eva said she was sick in school this morning and her mother being there with the buggy drove her & Ella Grant home here. John Cricketing this afternoon.


TH 3 Show the 65 in last night & say 5 others = 70

  Came on rain & thunder storm, reached in 65 or 66 & show 4 or 5 of them. The remainder of them are in the shed tonight, not dagged, 61. John milked 5 cows this morning & Gertie one. Eva at school today. I have called with Entire today.


FR 4 School childrens meeting in Waipawa today

 Mr. N. Luckman & her 4 children came here early

  I was driven to Orm^s with Pop & Eva. We dagged & shorn the sheep in shed 61. It took the whole day to do it, some of them very heavy & hard to shear, some fleeces over 11^{lb} weight. Many prime fat ewes. A couple of shows today here. A wedding in Maketaka yesterday Mr. Jessop to his third & Hoopings to his third.


 John took Chasin to Entire at Orm^s tonight.


SAT 5 Pressed 3 bales before dinner, put in 24th

 fleeces. John went Cricketing after dinner. Rain set in & continued all the evening. Push out again.

SUN 6 All at home. Misses Randerson & Learmont for tea

MON 7 Pressed one bale of wool 2^d 7 containing 72 lbs

 A High carted to Orm^s 7 bales.

 Chasin in the lead. Rain & thunder 200

Got in & dagged 81 sheep off Flat & put them back.

They are very wet. All in box all day & part of yesterday.

John went to Orm^s with second load of wool & paid 2/6

to Sugden & sent for goods out of Cheque for £3. 0. 0

Put all Reserve sheep except the 4 rams into ridges & Widespread



Put in carrot seed in garden where the seed sown before did not grow. Hord up small patch of potatoes. Got in wolly sheep & daggod now in air. 117 total now on Flat waiting to be shorn. They are still wet about the bricket & belly wool. John put big calf out on



back. He is Buttercup's calf 5 months & nine days old. 3 small calves in gully plantation

one in shed paddock & one in sheep yard, one in ridges. Put a sledge load of hay in shed, that cut in garden and around house, not very sweet after all the rain. This evening John & Top at cricket & Tennis. Ella here.

WED 9

Stouwood & Cricketers this morning went to



Play Waipawa & got beaten by nine runs. 62:71. Walked over paddocks. Did some weeding in garden.

TH 10

Weeding in garden all day & earthing up to Cabbage & potatoes. More heavy rain today.

FR 11

Weeding in garden. Castrated the horns of two heifer calves. Mr P. G. Grant called. John caught



a nice fish (trout) for his mother. He went at night with two other boys to see Montgomerie's



entertainment at Orm's. Miss Garry came late at night. Walked up from Orm's. We did not get her letter in time to go with the buggy. (Tolly)

SAT 12

Finished weeding in garden. Sheep not dry rain more or less every day. John got in the



three two year old heifers from back. Top Miss Garry Eva & Ella drove to Ormond

to get new potatoes at Sugdens. Mr P. G. Grant called. At night Top & Miss G. & John at Montgomerie's.

SUN 13

John rode to Maketaka with a note from Mother to Dr. Mc Gavin to come see her which he did and he left her all right & left medicine & so on.



Mr The doctor was in attendance with the Doctor. Mr Grant took Ella home. At night the young people went Presbyterian service in Gospel Hall.



Cut the grass between gate & fence along road
& mowed some in corner plantation.



Got in 66 shuck off Flat & shorn a few of them.
A light shower fell, got them in shed dry.

TU 15

Up early. John milked. Heavy rain last
night. Shorn the sheep in shed, hard



to shear. Got in remainder & put them in shed.

M^{rs} Beckett called & Miss Cunniff at night.
A letter from George. He is coming at 2 o'clock.

WED 16

Shorn the shuck in shed last night, the finish
torrents of rain nearly all day. 8 Coloured fleeces



A cricket match was to be played at Koroowood.



M^{rs} Owen started but was postponed.

The first Wool Sale of the season in Napier

Gus Lufford sent a box of Gooseberry's by post.

TH 17

Took Kenion's heifer to A. Hugh's ball this morn
with Buttercup as company & left them until



milking time this evening. Passed two

bales of fleeces wool. Bale N^o 8 contains 67 fleeces

Bale N^o 9 contains 72 fleeces. Agent for dips,

Little Sheep Dip called. John got 2 fore shoes on

Mare. He is at sail at 8 o'clock tonight. M^{rs} Grant

& M^{rs} Thudon called this evening. Windy tonight.

FR 18

Got in all ewe shucks off back on to Flat.



Shorn 20 lambs this evening. Letter from

Wm & Kettle to say the 7 bales in Napier was
passed in at 6 o'clock. They valued it at 7. I wired to

say accept price offered. A very fine day, no rain.

SAT 19

Started early. Shorn 60 lambs. John ploughed



in what hay was dry & mowed some in

sake plantation. Charlie came on his bike

SUN 20


Put all dry shuck, wither, hogg's, into front paddock





into back. Charlie biked back to Te Aute at 1-30





Got in & put in shed 67 lambs. Warm day.

 Started early to shear lambs in last night
 Show 65. Finished about 3 o'clock. Let two
 black ewe lambs go unshorn. Rain last night
 & some light rain today. Could not get in any
 more lambs. John mowed some. Maon got up today


TU 22 Got Factory cheque this morning £ 2 8 - 0



 after paying for butter & a sum of 4/6, in order
 to complete payment of two full shares.
 John got in some hay, firwood & mowed some in
 Oak plantation. Half a "dilly" round today. Bert's bull
 in Reserve with him. Got in & picked out the
 remainder of the lambs & show some in the afternoon.
 Picked out 83 lambs & left two black ones unshorn.
 Poor Mr. Jack had his favourite bitch poisoned today.
 Mr. Beck came for his bull, but decided to leave
 him here for a week or so. He got letter from Mr. Garry.


WED 23 Finished shearing the lambs before dinner time


 John sheared in what any hay there was &
 then went to practice shooting. At night he went
 away on Chasin to fish in the Manawatu.

Received 2 mas cards from Te Aute & Agincourt.
 This afternoon killed three lambs for Christmas.
 He Eva & Top drove to Newwood this evening.

TH 24 Finished pressing a bale of lambswool. John
 drove to Orm^l to meet George. He sent a telegram
 to say he could not come. He tried the man
 at House's. John took half a lamb over to Mr. Chudson.
 Mr. Larson took half lamb. All drove to Newwood.
 I got peyph handle at Meebelle. Collinge fixed it on
 to blade. Sent a lamb to Rosebank this morn 1/2
 train. Got vegetables from there yesterday, four sorts.


FR 25 John took half a lamb to A. High & went with him to
 XMAS Nicholaisen's Factory. Top & I went to Orm^l Church.
 attended for sacrament. The Bishop officiated today.
 John & Top at Orm^l & Tommie took 5 show lambs to Ag's ball.
 Got Top at Wesleyan Songa concert. A nice Xmas.


 El drove John & Edwin Engelbreen to Oron to go to Waipukuruan to play cricket against the latter township. Waipukuruan beat them.


 Keroswood all out for 35 first innings. 48 runs Waipuku. It was decided by the 1st innings Sent Pass Book to Union Bank Napier. Moved some at top garden. Shifted ewes & lambs off Flat on to Ridges & Midreps. El Top & Eva drove up to Sunday School picnic (Wesleyan) in Koraby's paddocks.


SUN 27 All at home. Hot day. A quiet Sunday.


MON 28 Mowing in corner, nearly finished. John shaking out & turning. Eva in bed all day

 She feels drowsy. Mother gave her a pill last night, think it contains Opium. John rode up to Martine this evening & got her the two remaining bananas in the shop. Hilda & Gribble & little Ella for dinner. Letters from Nellie Towne & Mr. Francis

TU 29 John took 4 bales of wool with mare & A High's  bush waggon to Oron - made two trips. Took the poly heifer after tea to High's bull. Cocked some of the hay. Put in a row of Cabbage plants in front of house. Eva better this evening.

WED 30 Windy in the forenoon. Hay blown about. The  took some weeds out of carrots in top garden. Mam & I went by express to Hastings was met at the train by Henry & driven to Rosebank. A cool dull day. Met Charlie

 Oron's railway platform & he came back here with Gertie, on his return from Christchurch.

TH 31 John & Charley carted in the hay from  the top garden which quite dry. John carted up firewood to Town Hall for the Tea meeting. Rain set in in the afternoon here and after midnight at Papakura. A small attendance at tea meeting. Taken throughout a rainy month. Mr. Towne came out to Napier. I walked to Spit.

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Rain all day here and at Papakura. We did not go out anywhere. Charley went home to Te Aute.
Sat 2 Alice came up. John went to Danvirik sports.

Bram & I drove from Rosebank on rather high ground down us to Hafian to Green meadows to Wallace's.

SUN 3 A fine day & we went out with Mr. Fournan for a drive. At night all hands went over to Tullfords.

MON 4 Came with Mr. Fournan to Hastings, present at two horse sales. Mr. Fournan & Nellie drove main over to Hastings & gave her a case of fruit vegetables flowers etc. We arrived in Ormondville after 7 o'clock.


John was in the Volunteer Camp at Amundson's

TU 5 John helping F. Schmidt to get his hay in. I turned & shook out hay on hill & small orchard. Got wool cheque when I came home £ 51 4 7 after deducting goods supplied or also 30 advance.

The nett amount of 7 bales & two places £ 22 10 1

WED 6 John home for breakfast from Camp. Top has done the milking for him & at night too or rather in the evening. We get the cows in at half past four, six cows. We mowed some in the forenoon in the paddock where the sheep have been running along the Drain near fence. Sent cheque to Bank & one to Dr. Mc Gavin 2.2.0 Also sent cheque, payment in advance £ 1.6.0 for Herald. A showery day. Becks bull running here.

TH 7 John home for breakfast after Top & I finished milking, she milks 3 cows. Put in row of Cabbage plants in front. Sent cheque to P. G. Grant £ 20.0.0 by Bram Top & Eva, they are walking up to town. Miss Chessie is home, she was kicked on hind leg in a small paddock at Amundson's when John ran down to Camp. Sent Cheque to W. M. Bickell £ 15.0.0 On to Ross River £ 4.16.0 County Council £ 3.2.0 Biting weather. Sent cheque for Herald yesterday £ 1.6.0 Took some weeds out of carrots. Wind & rain all day.

 A squally, rainy day. Gathered up all the sacks about the place & mended some of them. John whistled in fernwood off the Judges.

SAT 9 John & I mowing on brow, afternoon John gathered & cocked hay in small orchard and after milking he went to Camp (Volunteer) He also turned & shook out hay near garden on brow.

SUN 10 Walked over track with Eva. Met S. Neal & a younger brother at far corner, got home for dinner at about 1 o'clock. John came home from Camp in the afternoon. Arrived his blankets, rifle, etc. A very fine day. Youngsters gone to Lutheran Hall to see a Christmas tree adorned for Sunday School class.

MON 11 Mowing on Look-out. John cooking & turning. A hot day, very good for hay. He sent telegram to Mr. Wallace to say, "no eggs. hens not laying. Norman came by coach, brought Nuggets medicinal to John, tomatoes, flower cuttings. Sent Postal Notes for 4/6 to Proprietor of Dairyman for past year & asked them to stop the Paper.

TU 12 Finishing mowing on lookout. John hay-making. Started to cut about spring. A very warm day. Every one busy with hay.

WED 13 Mowed some on Hill. John did something to hay at garden. In the afternoon Cricket match Ori: v. Norwood, it ended in favour of latter. Also Lawn Tennis Ori: v. Nora latter won. Big smoke, it rose beyond Waitopire hills. Norman W. left by afternoon coach. At night Whistling Post Ori:

TH 14 Gathered up & cocked hay on lookout. A dull day. Mr. Grant & Marie Mr. & Miss Grant from Carterburg here this afternoon. Ella staying here. John helping A. Beigh with his hay. Rec^d pay 7/6.

FR 15 John drove Mam & Eva to catch 9.30 train for Agincourt with Mr. Deatons man & then sled grain in at the hay in cocks. Shed rammed full. 7 boys helped

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FR 15 The biggest boy for tea Edwin Olson. John gave him a shilling. He is a tiger to work. I snowing on hill. Gert got a letter from Pop & one from Gus.

SAT 16 John change in two loads of light firwood & with ~~W. Puckette~~ W. Puckette mare & then took her home. Got in ewes & lambs, latter not fat, many look small & miserable. Picked out 26 of the fattest & put them on flat. Turned out on ridges & Widesups 420 ewes & lambs. Mowed some on hill. Bashed & poulticed Chesey's leg. Got at Mr Puckette tonight a bottle of Elliman's Embrocation. Another very warm day. Mrs Larsen brought from Factory 2 tin butter & a bottle to hold some of Widdy's milk to be tested.

SUN 17 Sent some of Widdy's milk to Factory to be tested. John at Manawatu bathing etc. home at milking time. Hot day. After tea cleared flat & opened handle at Gundersons. A Hegg came at night to ask for John at haycarting in tomorrow. Top at Wesleyan Church tonight.


MON 18 Immediately after breakfast, mastered back ~~W. Puckette~~ Had them in the yards by 8.30, they did not travel well, after it began to get hot. Spot knocked up, John took Primrose & Hegg's bull. This makes 4 cows gone to Hegg's ball. John working with A Hegg today. I turned some hay on hill. A young man representing Hegg & Killa called. After dinner started to pick out the fattest of the sheep.


Picked out wethers fat and forward 52 (52)
Picked out ewes fat and forward 86 } Total
Young ewes 2 & 4 both, reckoned maidens 14 } 100
Put them on flat, total there now 144 Put all the ewes & lambs off Widesups on to back this morning. Put all culls, stores &c into ridges this evening 265


TU 19 Bashed mare's leg twice today & rubbed in embrocation. Coked hay on Hill. John took Maffie to Hegg's ball & worked with him today. Widdy's milk 4 1/2


Youngsters gone to Cricket match Dannevirke
 Nilly Torkelsen came with a horse & took the buggy
 for some of them to go in. Top went away in the buggy
 with him, John went in some other convenience.

Got in the fat sheep off flat & put in yards 152
 I Neal walked over to see about the buyers. He
 helped me pick out the fat wethers 52 from
 amongst the Ewes. About 11 o'clock M. M. Kingie
 came & picked out 46 wethers at 4/6 32 4 0
 81 fat Ewes at 12/6 14 maidens at 10/6 57 14 0
 Total 141. I put them on flat & at 6 o'clock Perry
 Bengtson came & took them to his place. He is
 intended to truck them at Oron^e tomorrow.



Put 11 rejected sheep on the ridges making 276
 The Polay heifer round today. Becks bull
 with her. Mowed a bit on hill in afternoon


 Youngsters home between 8 & 9 o'clock. Beaton
 Kerswood Chicketers got one run each & 3 byes
 in the first innings. did fairly well in second.


TH 20 Mowed a bit on hill. If all round house
 John got a bit of firwood on flat & slept.


Alic & Miss Ferguson came by coach at
 midday. Hattie came in the evening & stayed
 the night. John & Bertie Engel between walked
 to Oron^e to the volunteer drill. Marie leg improving

FR 22 Got Factory Cheque today £ 3.- 14 "
 Deducted for butter 17 lbs, Share 7/6 Left 3. 3 &
 3. 4 & 3. 5 John borrowed M. Beckett's mare
 & Alic & Miss Ferguson drove to Oron^e & met
 Mam & Eva. John sledged in a bit of firwood
 & got a third bottle of Embrocation. Another
 "Dairyman" paper came altho I wrote to stop it.


SAT 23 Took Keromiti heifer the 2^d time to Hugh's bull.
 Sledged hay together & built a small stack.
 Sent John's insurance money yesterday £ 1. 17. 10
 John caught 7 trout last night.

All at home. Fine warm day. No one came today
 MON 25 Put all hay together & sledged in a load firewood
 John took Mr. Beckett's mare home to him &
 got 2 fow shoes put on her at J. Collings.
 Alice & Jessie went by coach to catch express.
 J. Howes called & I paid him for service £2-10-0
 of Entire. Mr. Spackman called to see about
 piano tuning. Mr. Olam called to see about
 buying a quarter of mutton, none. Mr. Fortescue
 came at night when Top returned from Lawson
 Ferris. John caught a trout today a pound weight


TU 26 Pulled weeds out of Carrots in garden & we pulled
 some out of top garden & thinned some drills.

Walked in part of back see, long green grass
 everywhere, lighted a log amongst some rubbish
 Bede Bede in & about the scrub. Portable boiler
 arrived from A. & Gordon's Dannevirke. Another
 warm day. Sharpness Crosscut saw in woodshed.

Tonight received a cheque from Abraham & Williams
 in payment for 81 fat ewes at 12/6 and 14 maiden ewes at 12/6
 picked out a week ago by Mr. McKenzie. Cheque £7-14-0

WED 27 Shifted big boiler over to dip. Cleaned dripping floor.
 Had an early dinner. John went away in his
 uniform with rifle to shoot at Arundson's.

Top went with Misses Martins & others to a Picnic
 up Bricks's way. Cut some ripe oats with hook
 over near far gate and some lying down at plantation
 OOOOO Emptied the sack of pollard which Pyden left
 yesterday, into dip tins, so that rats & mice cannot
 get at it. 2nd Wool Sale in Napier today. Good
 prices expected. We have 2 bales & bred 1 bale of Bellins
 with locks and small pieces & some dead at bottom,
 and one bale of Lambs wool in Napier for today's sale.

TH 28 Reaped & mowed some ripe oats. Rec^d from Mr. & Mrs. &
 account of wool sold yesterday 2 bales & bred 1/2 one
 of Lambs 6 1/4. One bellins piece and 4² - Satisfactory



John took the milk to Factory this morning with Chesey & buggy, so as to get back early with skin milk to feed calves &c and get away early to Danewick. We had a free going smart mare from Carl Schmidt for the trip. When we got to Mataman saw mill the tire of one wheel came off & we had a job with it until we got to Mataman blacksmiths shop where we stuck it on temporarily and at Danewick we got it & another wheel done properly at Mr. Collett's & paid 9/6. I met Mr. Kenzie who brought my fat sheep & went with him to Abraham & William's office & got a cheque for the 46 fat wethers £32. 10. 0. Our accountant thought he had sent the cheque some days ago. I got it cashed & paid £2. 10. 0 to A. L. Gordon for portable boiler, he allowed 10/- because the amount was paid before going into the books. 2/6. Bought boots at Darrows 15/6. Tapes 10/6 for shoes & Johns 8/6 Boots. Discount allowed 1/6. Paid away altogether over £8. 0. 0. Rose's sale going on, sheep selling well, ewes fat & forward 12/6. Came by coach this afternoon a box of plums from Agincourt & a box of plums from Rosebank. John took Carl's mare home & paid for use of it 6/2.

SAT 30 Mowed all the oats which was ripe, much



of it was partly lying down. Tied & stook all that was mowed. The two pigs got out two or three times & we put rings in their noses.



It walked up to Post Office & put £50. 0. 0 in the Savings Bank. Also put in for Eva 7/2. She took up with her a cheque for £28 & £22 in Bank notes. I sent Abraham & William's cheque to Union Bank £57/4.

SUN 31 All at home except John, he is at Nikolaisen for dinner & tea home at 9 AM. Rain in the afternoon - a good month. Good prices for Wool & Stock.



Poor Eva started to go to school this morning after her holidays. Cut most of the oats in front

Put all sheep off Widdrups & Ridgway on to flat.



M^{rs} Epible M^{rs} Parsons & Miss Neilson for lunch



Eva yesterday evening milked 2 of John's cows dry.

John at Cricket practice this evening. Top at Tennis.



John created two tiers of wire netting at the end of the wash house to hold a cock & hen of the Buff Orpington breed to be fed & looked after

for the forthcoming show to be held on the 24 inst.

TU 2

Finished cutting & sticking oats in front of house. A representative of the "Dairyman"



paper called. A Photographer called to "take" the house, did not agree with him. He did not photograph it. The Rev W Lambert, the new Church of England Clergyman called on his way round to visit his parishioners.

At night Attended Horticultural so meeting in Library. Did not finish until 11.30.

WED 3


John went this morning to a cricket match Norewood v Takapau, former won. Went with El to Agincourt today. We were driven to Station by Top with M^{rs} Becketts mare. We were met between Railway Station & Hornstead by Annie & Myrtle. After dinner I went in train to Woodville & walked out to see the Show. M^{rs} Francis was there & took 2 first prizes with his fowls, one for a white cock - Wyandott and a first prize for 6 well grown Wyandott chickens for table use. Came home with him in his spring cart.


TH 4

At Agincourt until after our school. Rain




Came on, not heavy, and continued all day. We came to Danwick in slow train and then came on by express, brought a heavy case of plums from Ag^t Alia here. Came home by Coach Picked up plug & emptied Dip. Tank half full.

 Took Chusoy up to blacksmiths & got a hind shoe put on her. Got Mr. Beckett's mare & El drove Alice to station to catch midday train.


 John raked up oat straws in front of house. Drove round Ngamoko way with Church Subscriptions list for year ending 31st Dec^r. 1903. Myself £1. W. M. Beckett £1. F. Martin 10s. Piddell 10s. promised. Mr. Hutchinson 5s. for Stipuna & 10s. towards purchase of Gospel Hall. Mr. Oldenham 5s. Cantley 10s. Stipuna & £1. for purchase of Hall.

Hill promised something. Mr. Dunning away from home, left both lists with her son for her. This has been a fine cool day after the rain last night.

SAT 6 Walked up to J. Collings' blacksmith's shop & got a staple drawers made 1/6. Settled up for everything today included. Paid for saddle 2-10-0 total paid £3. 7. 6

 John went with A. Heigh to cart in his oats. Our oats in front Heigh carted in. There were 3 or 4 loads, we put it in the woolshed, then John went back with him & they carted in the remainder of his oats. A very fine dry day. All hands this evening gone to the Townships. Alas Henry & Elia

SUN 7 John walked across the paddocks to J. D. Tuckers & the latter lent him his mare & a pair of spurs to go with 3 or 4 others up

 through Rushing Mountains. He lost one of the spurs in the bush. At half past two in the afternoon there was service in the School by the new clergyman, Rev Lambert, went with El. Mr. W. & Miss Grant drove down & spent the afternoon & had tea. At night Top went to Bulayan church. Mr. Grant milked "Buttercup" this evening. Eva milked Pimrose. John came home after we finished milking. A nice day.

A little rain fell in the morning. Eva & Ella went to school. John went to saw logs for firwood with A. Hight. I did some work about the place. A young man named Mr. Polhill called to enquire about fat sheep. He is buying for the "North British". John Top & Mary gone to hear blind musicians in Town Hall. Fine night.

TU 9 Poor Eva cries when having her hair combed in the mornings & does not like going to school. She will be at Ella's Birthday Party today. Tonight John is gone up for her. Put three of the calves

up on the hill today. John getting firwood on Flat. Mary's leg much improved. Mam got another large bottle of Embrocation at Erickson's today. Did some work about the place. Sugaen left 12 lbs rice and fowl wheat.

WED 10 Put some water in dip in the morning. John afterwards put in more making up 400 gallons. We put Mr. Beckette's gun more in the baggy and I, El, Top & Mr. Beckett drove to Takapan Sports. Bought the Koroone Kettle & boiled it & had a good lunch before the sports commenced. A little rain fell but soon knocked off. Left the ground 5.10 o'clock, home about 7. A good drop of rain fell whilst coming home.

TH 11 News today of an action at sea between Japan & Russia in which Japan succeeded in crippling three Russian ships. John walked down & saw S. Arthur about ploughing the stables in front. Stacked up the oats in end of the woolshed. John got in firwood with Chasie & Aray. Some heavy rain fell with thunder & lightning. Ara & Cooper came. Received cheque for 4 bales wool from H. & K. 47.0.8. John gone in uniform to drill tonight at Nowawood.

FR 12 Worked preparing & straightening approach to Dip. Piano tuner yesterday. Sent cheque to Bank 47.0.8. Some heavy showers. A papering & painting small rooms.

SAT 13 FEB 1904



Finished working about 5 p.m. Some rain fell today. John raked up amongst the stables.

SUN 14 All at home. Wind & rain. A rough wintry day.

MON 15 Light rain all the morning. John mares & I went with mare & tray to Township & got 4



drums of Little non-poisonous Dip £6 - 8 - 6

RR Got a suit of clothes for John at Campbells 1-5-0 a waistcoat for me, table cloth etc. £1-17-5



Shifted sheep from Flat on to Ridge & Widdowson.

Walked over back plenty of grass & water everywhere. Found one of our lambs on Mortensen's side. Put it back.

Saw some mushrooms in paddocks. "Thaffie" gave symptoms today of coming round.

TU 16 Light rain in the forenoon. John helped A



Hugh to fall down into lengths a matai standing dead tree in Reserve. Jimmy Arthur

AA came with his horse & plough & ploughed some of the stables in front. At night went to Horticultural meeting in Library. Rain has cleared up

WED 17 B O'Hara called wanting to buy fat sheep, none.



Slidged in some posts from back, John gone to cricket match Waipawa & Norsewood, made

13 runs was bowled. Waipawa won. Lawn all ploughed

TH 18 Got some "March Mallards" at Engelbreitson's



& put a poallice on mare's leg. Not easy to keep it on. John took away wire netting

between Oak plantation & Flat, we put along road fence in front of lawn to keep out poultry. We slidged some posts & rails to fence where the wire netting was taken from. Mr Bickell sent down a pound & three quarters of purple top turnip seed. J Arthur did not come today.




RR We got a box of plums today from Agincourt.

FR 19 Slidged in some posts from back. J Arthur's Harrowed &




Push harrowed lawn. I shook 1 1/2 lbs turpentine on it. Paid J Arthur £1.5-0. Did some 3 rail fencing, Flat - Oak plantation. Mam got up 6 jars for show

 Put up some panels of 3 rail fence at Oak plantation. Heaped hay stack on hill. Mr Callender & two little girls came in the afternoon. Mam Eva Ella Top & John gone to see Kinemacograph.

SUN 21 A fine day. The Grant family for dinner & tea. At night I stayed with Eva & Ella. The others went to church & afterwards went to see Biblical pictures in Town Hall.

MON 22 Did not milk the cows last night, sent only one can of milk (not full) to Factory this morning. Received Factory cheque today £4-1-4 drawing for Shares 7/- & butter 12/- Worked at fairs, finished the end next ridges. Saved some material for firewood on flat.


 Spit caught a young hare on flat today.


TU 23 Sledged in some firewood & hewed & split some. The others engaged in getting up exhibits for show tomorrow. Attended meeting in Hall tonight. Many beautiful flowers arranged on the stage sent for exhibition by Weightman & Sons. Mr Goddard from Haverlock sent flowers & his foreman Mr Abbot is here to judge flowers etc.

WED 24 Took up some exhibits to show. A basket of flowers (2nd prize) Top, Buttonhole, Dahlias six singles, Mam 1st prize. Cook show Boff Oxingtons 1st prize. Rain in the morning. Cleared up about 11 o'clock, remainder of the day very good. A great crowd of people. Takings about 70/-.


TH 25 Mr Gollan gave a sheep for a guessing competition. It brought in a couple of pounds & the carcass was sold for 12/- I bought the timber for 30/- Calico was purchased by Painter Olsen for £1-1-0 The Dash (red silk) was awarded to Painter Olsen as he succeeded in gaining most points as an exhibitor. The mare we left in school paddock. We came home at 11 o'clock, borrowed Mr P & Grants buggy lamps, as the night was dark, but no rain.

Star came round, could not take her away.


 Went with mare & dray to Town Hall and took down planks & benches & carted down three loads of heart of riven inch boards, most of it first class timber. Gave W. Martin cheque £3. for timber £1. 10 pence on £1. 1 and got change.

FR 26  Had a day digging potatoes in garden. Mam gone to Agincourt by 10 o'clock train. Top drove her to Station. Got in sheep off front paddocks, picked out 53 young ewes & put them back on ridge. Put withers etc out on back.



John gone tonight to Ormondville to drill.

SAT 27  dug out some of the potatoes in garden. Put the eating potatoes in big trough in the buggy shed. John went away to shoot at Amundee's, came back after dinner time with Harold & Norm. They stacked the show timber and then went away fishing in Batchers Inners Creek & caught a dozen nice trout. At night went up to Township & paid W. Beckath £3. 14. 2 the amount of her Bill. Gave her a six pound cheque & got the change £2. 5. 10. Hulma wants to dip on Monday next if fine. Put in totara gate post going into flat yard where pigs are fed. A hot day.

SUN 28 A very hot day. Reading & sleeping most of the day. Ernest & John caught some fish. Edy Martin in the afternoon, and after tea She Top & Eva went to Church in Gospel Hall. I went also, ^{7 people} A very well built good building. A large congregation. W. Tarkelson walked down after Church. A beautiful moonlit night.

MON 29  Dipped Hulma's sheep before dinner 4.25. John ~~and I~~ went with buggy to Sheal's & brought home one of our sheep - a woolly one, which I shorn. John goes up to practice Cricket. He & Top gone tonight to Leap Year Social in Hall. A dry month.



○ ~~THUR~~ Rebecca Gortense is 19 years of age today. I gave her a ring as a present. Pop Townsend sent her a brooch. Rain set in this morning before daylight and continued until near midday. Heifer "Kosmick" came round again for the 2nd & 5th time & we took her to Hegh's bull. Threw out pigs bedding of straw & saturated the place with kip water & threw dips on the pigs as we blame them for the number of fleas in the house. We put the shorn two both wetter on the pigs. He did not do much work today.

TH 2 Did not do much work today. After dinner John went to play in a cricket match at Ormonville.   He hired a horse from Carl Schmidt & at half past one Pop & I and Edy Martin drove to Dannevirke to see the Horticultural Show which was something similar to that of Newwood. Picked up Mamm & left Dannevirke at 6 o'clock. It was a nice day & not too hot. Rain by p.m.

TH 3 A wet day Eva did not go to school. Picked up a small lot in woolshed over lathens to hold some dries. Thrashed some of the oats in shed. Yesterday Archy McLeod left Junction Hotel & Christian Jameson took possession. This rain is causing the creek to rise.

TH 4 The white policy heifer seems to be round today & will not take her to a ball anymore. Rain nearly all day. Took some "Garson Sued" turnip seed in garson. Thrashed some oats. John shook a little ripe grasses on a burnt patch on back. I and Martin called with John's Volunteer hat which Frank Hutchinson borrowed.

Another dog belonging to Mr. Luck poisoned. Lying near road

SAT 5 Light rain forenoon. Shifted meat safer.   Helping A. High saw firwood in Reserve. Jim Neal brought sheep byer (Longburn) here no sheep ready. Hedged in 8 totara posts from back.

SUN 6

MARCH 1904

All at home in the forenoon. Walked round back after dinner. Went at night with Mam & Eva to Presbyterian Church in the school. John & Top went to Wesleyan. Some rain fell while in church. W. Torkelson came down.

MON 7 Got in all sheep off back - Ewes & lambs etc.

~~Went~~ Did not finish picking out breeding Ewes for the rams, daggged & put on Reserves 79 lambs & with them 7 poor old ewes. Put about 20 of the best wethers with 100 breeding & fat Ewes on the ridges. Some sheep tonight on flat & some in yard - culls. Only a few fat lambs. Mam & Top in Newwood today, got one a pair of Blucher boots at Ericksons for 8/9. They paid Road Board Rates for Neal Brook, £1-2-11.

~~Went~~ Put the 4 Lincoln rams out on Ridges with the Ewes
TUE 8 Dipped & put on back 82 Culls, stores etc.

~~Went~~ Daggged, picked out & put in Reserve 109 lambs & 3 old culls. Yesterdays lambs 79


~~Went~~ There are some fat lambs out with wethers & breeding ewes. Culls in the yards tonight.

~~Went~~ Put breeding ewes fat wethers & fat lambs all together on Ridges & Mearns. Gilbert McLeod called today about dipping. Paid Singsons bill £2-9-4. Top & Mam left this morning for Woodville Show.


WED 9 We dipped the remainder of the Culls 100 and ~~Went~~ put them on back. Dipped 200 mixed



~~Went~~ sheep for G. McLeod. Found a & a tooth wether dead in Sids paddock after dipping. Poor Eva did not sleep well last night, complained about a pain in her stomach. She stayed at home from School today, was sick this afternoon, threw up a clear watery fluid. She did not eat a morsel today. The cause of her sickness is that she ate some strong rank cheese with her dinner at school once or twice. John went to Township after dinner and is not home yet, It is after 8 o'clock. Windy tonight.

TH 10 MARCH 1904

 Got in all sheep off Wieraps Bridges and picked out wethers of fat ewes for sale & a dozen lambs the fattest, total 70. In the evening Mr. Aldworth, a sheep buyer for the Gear Company called wanting to buy enough fat sheep to make up a truck load. We got in the 70 off Flat & he had a difficulty to pick out 20 fat ones, 5 or 6 was 2 or 3 four tooth wethers & the remainder two tooth wethers. The sheep were light & he paid one shp. per head all round. He gave me a £14 order on the Wellington Company, which I endorsed & sent to Union Bank. At night attended Horticultural meeting in Library.

Mr. Martin called in the afternoon to see about purchasing Mr. Quintrell's organ which he offers for £18. Ten pounds to be paid down and the remainder after 4 or 6 months. Mr. Buckle advanced £5 out of the tax & I gave a cheque £5 to Mr. Martin this money is to be refunded from the proceeds of Concert or tea meeting or something of the sort. This morning Mam & Top came home from Agincourt by 6 o'clock train, walked from Drm^{Co}.

FR 11 Got in & dipped the Ewes 228 - 1 wether &  one lamb & 4 Lincoln rams. We then dipped the 50 mixed sheep on Flat & put them on Back. Killed a two tooth ewe for home use. We are having splendid weather for dipping

EAT 12 Cut up sheep & salted half of it. Put on  new wire netting with small mesh between road & yard to keep in chickens from going on turnips. Got in & dipped 196 lambs and 10 cull ewes & put them back on Reserve. John washed buggy at Crak. A Hegg took out of Reserve two bush wagon loads of matai firewood Annual Harvest Festival in Town Hall by Wesleyans. All but Top & Cox went. Had charge of sheep - Successing  25% result 10% clear. Pair boots for John 17% Ericksons

All went to church in G. Hall. Mr. Quintrall's Sunday
Afternoon Top went to see Eddy Martin. Ralph for tea.

John Top went to Wesleyan Church. W. Tankelun called.

MON 14 Eva off to school. Light showers. Started to saw a
log for firewood. Came on heavy rain & continued un-
til the afternoon. Sent letter to "Farmers Advocate"
Marion. John met Eva with buggy & drove down to
D. O'Hara's. Got his bridle which he lost on the road
a couple of months ago. Wanted to buy some fat
for soapmaking, but there was none. Very cool night.

TU 15 A very fine day. Sawed Split & carted in firewood
John & Top at a church meeting at Mr. Beckette's.

Caught & shut up the six chickens or young
fowls which go scratching on turnips in front.

WED 16 Manned & put on flat on good grass two steer calves.

Sawed another length off big matai log for firewood

Washed mares leg yesterday with gum leaf water.

We bailed down a keroseene tinful of leaves. Sent
letter today to Mr. Princes Longburn Freezing Works Shop
buyer to say I have no sheep fit to sell as freezers.

Bleached one of the big matai logs. Paid 2/6 dog tax
today to collector & exchange on cheque as I had to
give him a cheque for £2. & got for change 1-17-0⁺⁵⁰

Mam & Top went to Makotukew to see Mr. Whitson

& Top went up from there to see Ada. John practicing

Cricket this afternoon & tonight gone to Ormondville

to a social in some kind of send off to Cap. Forbes.

Three weeks today since Star was round. Becks ball with her

TH 17 dug the ridge of potatoes in front. A good

crop of white clean potatoes. John shifted


the lambs off Reserve on to flat, where there


is good clean fresh grass. Mam drove to

Ormond & met Uncle & Auntie Frances every one quite


pleased. A very fine day. Mr. Tucker & baby


missed the train & Mam brought her back home
I drove back to catch 7 o'clock train for Victoria.


 Picked up the small potatoes on ridge dug out yesterday and got a good deal of potatoes suitable for seed. Got last night at Sagsduns a basket of what's called 2/6 worth of blasting powder (5 lbs) and a shilling's worth of fuse. John splitting firewood on flat. I put up a few panels of fence, three rails.


 at Corner plantation, near brown gate, took some garden seeds turnip seed on ridge where potatoes grew & sowed it. Painter Olsen called to see about dipping his sheep. A very fine day.


SAT 19 High wind last night. Heavy rain in the forenoon. Blasted a metal log on flat for firewood. John mended a few sacks in shed. Finished the 3 rail fence at Corner plantation.

 Mam cut John's hair & mine this afternoon. all at home. Spring & Hapelle Olsen from (later 19).

SUN 20  Repaired fence at Corner plantation. John splitting firewood on flat. Blasted a hewn log on flat. Auntie & Mam walked up to see the log blasted. Sawed some matai on flat for firewood. Split some hewn posts.

 Tonight John & Pop gone to see some sort of a play in Village Hall. Very fine day.

 Mr. Christianson called for a few heads of cabbages for Salvation Harvest Festival. Rather cold night.

TU 22  Walked up to Townships to see about getting some wheat & oats to sow in front at the turnips which we harrowed in did not do any good.

Washed the mare's leg with gunn leaf water. Nils Larsen brought Factory Cheque this morn^g £ 2.15.7

I got a pound of unsalted butter for Auntie at Factory. Parted out manure from stockyard & put it in front.

Mr. Prentiss Longburn sheep buyer came today. We had no sheep for him. A box of apples came by Coach from Agincourt. John & Gertie gone tonight to Mr. Damages to attend a meeting about Church & Carpent account in U Bone £ 5.13.11 matters.

WED 23 MARCH 1904



Took Polly heifer for the 3rd time to Hegie's
bull & also young cow "Painrose" for the 2nd time



we are not sure about her coming round, as
she was with the bull on the ago & did not come
round since. Washed mare's leg with gum leaf water.



Mam + Auntie drove with Eva to township
& got at Buckette a bushel of barley instead of a
bushel of wheat for seed & two bushels of oats.

John got mare shod all round. Finished carting
manure from stockyard to front of house.

Put broken stones & load of gravel at road cut-
out beyond road gate. John rode up to township
at 3 o'clock cricketing & tonight is in Ormond
about football or something of that sort, with
Jimmy Olson, he is also to see Jimmy Arthur
about harrowing in oats & wheat in front.

Got in yarded lambs off Flat & put 20 in Reserve,
a few old cull ewes amongst them. Very fine day.

TH 24



This morning Auntie took her departure
for Agincourt. Mam went with her
& came back by express train. Mustered backs and



we got in breeding ewes & rams & put them 232
including rams on Flat. Picked out 45
inferior cull ewes, are in yards tonight. 204

lambs in Reserve including 5 or 6 old ewes. Picked 120
two tooth wethers & put them with lambs for the night.




Picked out to keep & put on back with lambs 68
good ewes. Sig + Harold Olson dipped 100 sheep today.



Put all sheep off Reserve out on back, also the
mob of good ewes picked out yesterday 68

Benny Bengtson came & bought 40 of the best of the
poor culls picked out yesterday and 6 culls picked
out from lambs this morning (51) at 8/6 per head.


He paid £3 & will pay the remainder later on. Mowed
the grass round greenhouse. Put in Reserve 10 cull


ewes very poor & 3 poor lambs. Killed one for dog.


 Sleazed in a little cock of hay which has been
 on hill alongside the big cock. Hans Mortensen
 came about dinner time with his lambs to dip.
 brought them across back section & flat 113
 left two weak ones behind. Jimmy Arthur came
 at dinner time & I shook oats on lawn next road.
 then wheat from middle oak up to Holly tree
 near house and barley between drain & plantation
 which I Arthur harrowed in & cross harrowed
 with a harrow having bent teeth. He made a good
 job of it. Paid him 5/2. He paid Skinner bill \$1-16-0
 The cow "Maffie" came round today. She is too poor to
 take her to the ball. Mom got a letter from home
 Devonshire a couple of days ago, from Mr Lane
 with her photograph and also that of her husband
 and son Harry. Another very fine day. Good moon.
 Took one of our lambs out of Mortensen's & put it in Revenue.


SUN 27 John & Fussy Mortensen killed & skinned on old
 ram which the latter dipped & left behind
 on back yesterday. Hospital Demonstration
 at Ramondville today. Dammie's band went by
 on big brake with 5 horses. John & other Volunteers
 were there & amount collected about or over £17-
 Flossie & Harold Olsen in uniform, for tea. Eva & I
 at home tonight the others in Church Hall. Rain
 set in about 8 o'clock tonight & is still falling.

Mom wrote two letters today for friends in Devonshire
 one for Mr Lane and one for Mr Warren. & 2 newspapers.

MON 28 A wet morning. Paid F Schmidt for used bull 2/6
 & paid Carl up for bringing box of apples from
 Station. Posted 2 letters & 2 papers to Mom's friends in
 Devonshire. Willie 10 rods up on J Bovanas house and
 race back in afternoon. Attended Factory meeting
 in V Hall. William director resigned. Was nominated
 with me & 8 others. I got 211 votes. The lowest was 18 votes
 Jop & John at meeting in Church Hall. Re Tabler.

 Went with mam & Eva to catch 1st train leaving Orm for Napier. Got excursion tickets for Hastings, was met at station by Nellie & driven to Rosebank where we had dinner. The busy time for fruit gathering was over, they were shelling oranges.

WED 30 M^r: & M^r: Fournau drove us into Napier &  we did some business - got cheque book, left bank pass book in bank, got 1 lb prairie grass some lucerne seed & a little Thomsona head. I had Kale to experiment with, paid for it 1/6. Got me coat & red hat for Eva. Got home in time for tea. A fine day & a very nice trip.

TH 31 Some rain fell in the night, but the morning  looked well. Mam & I drove Tommy into Napier. Eva preferred to stay with the boys as she saw enough of Napier yesterday. After tea & cake we went in a bus up on the Hill and walked through the Cemetery and through the botanical gardens and down to Carlisle Street & had more tea Cate etc. There were one or two heavy showers during the day. We met Andrew Shugar who is on the staff of the Daily Telegraph. We met M^r: & Miss Mary M^r: Kutt in Hastings St. We walked up Roslyn Road & paid a visit to M^r: Cumming. We started for home at half past four o'clock and got home before tea. Yesterday in Montague Saxeles auction room M^r: Fournau bought 5 lbs tea at 1/6 per lb and I did likewise. The night was pretty cold driving home. We did not go to bed until after eleven on either night. We had a most enjoyable trip and good weather. Some rain fell here while I was away. John got in some firewood, went to M^r: Quintrells social to Orm's on Tuesday night, did something to fence the chickens from going on sale in front and bought 8/6 worth of cartridges.

GOOD

APRIL 1904

TRIDAY

1st April Left Rosebank this morning. Mr. Fowman drove me to Hastings and I came on by Special passenger train which came on an hour behind the regular express. Mam & Eva stayed in Rosebank. I came from Orm^l in Miss Thodsons buggy. John & Ernest Parsons out shooting.

B. Dingleton paid John in my absence £13-1-0 the ballance of the price of the 40 cows sold to him.

SAT 2 John walked out to back & shot a hare & then took A. High's filly home to him. He mowed some grass on flat & sledged it in to

sharp grass to experiment with a small silo heap. Dug the remainder of potatoes in garden.

Prised wheat with Murton's poison disc, boiled it & shook it in front for the small birds as they are numerous on the newly sown grain. Drove John & Top to Orm^l to catch express for Hastings

Paid Mr. Beckett's bill tonight £7-9-0

Got demand for Rabbit rates - -0-7-11

EASTER SUNDAY Up at 6 o'clock, a very fine morning,

3rd Milked the six cows. A Kerosene tin chock full held the milk of five. N. Larson did not go to the

Factory this morning. Remained indoors until late in the evening, walked off over part of back and

over flat. Flocks of birds in front. They pick off the birds & get at the grain underneath. Mice &c. &c.


MON 4 Had the two cans of milk on road just in time for Mr. Larson. After getting breakfast, feeding calves

fowls & pigs &c it was half past ten o'clock. A few buggy's & vans went past to the races

at Waipukurau. Numerous small birds in front of house pulling up the buds of the oats wheat & barley,


and burrowing down for the grain. Had to remain on the ground nearly all day keeping them off. Cut some

of the grass along the drain with a reaping hook. Washed the mares leg with gum water. Fine day.


 Nearly the whole day trying to keep the birds away from pulling up the young oats and barley. Hans Mortinson & his two boys brought their second lot of sheep across the paddocks to be dipped - after dinner - we dipped 159 and one ewe died through the effects of the dipping & one ewe was drowned. Got telegram from Mam to say "Met Seven train". Middleton brought it. Met her at Om - Steady rain and very dark.

At Mortinson's shop dipped this afternoon will get a thorough washing. Total number of his dipped 272

Wed 6 Steady rain all day long, sometimes very heavy

 Attended directors meeting at the office of the Dairy Factory. All directors present except Pinewiddie from Matamoras. Paid £1.9.0 the amount of Mr. Campbell's bill. No poisoned wheat at Ross Board office, but Mr. Martin had some on hand & gave it to me. Got one gallon of kuirgar & ten billy at Becketts. Shook some poisoned wheat in front. George came after dinner, he walked up from Ormond².

Th 7 Rain up till midday. Saw two sparrows

 fall down from the effects of the poisoned wheat which I shook yesterday, they very soon recovered & flew away, one of them I caught & put in a box & after an hour he flew away as if nothing had happened. Skinned the two ewes which Mortinson lost yesterday at the dip. Cut them up & boiled them with a barrow-ful of carrots in the big boiler which I set in its former place. Killed a good turkey gobbler for meat Sunday dinner. Mr. Skinner came up & left a large barrel.

Th 8 The spotted heifer round again. D'O'Hara was riding by & I showed him the heifer, & for £4.10 each

I sold them to him. He is to take them away on Wednesday next. Picked up old posts & chips alongside 3 rail fence on flat & lugged them in for firewood. Gave the pigs a feed in the middle of the day.

Accounts in the Herald about floods down Taradale Papakura & Meane way. Four feet of water on the road. Nilons had 800 shuck drowned, and others lost also. Damage done at Palmarston the Storms


SAT 9 Whaled dogs into garden and mowed some cabbages. George drove to Ormⁱ & met John & Eva. Carl Schmidt brought a sack of pumpkins in his Coach. John shot a hare. Shifted cures & rams off Flat into Ridges & Widesups. Attended meeting of Farmers Union in L Hall. A small attendance


SUN 10 No milk sent to Factory this morning. Chopped one wing feathers off each turkey. All at home. Mr. & Mrs. Beckwith came in the afternoon & went home about seven at night. Fine night.


MON 11 Jimmy Arthur came with & dipped 223 shuck belonging to A. Nicholaissen. I attended a meeting of the Directors & Secretary of Factory & had 13 samples or 14, of Matamau milk tested. Went on to Wellington for a like purpose. Eva went to school this morning. Top came home from Rosebank, came from Ormⁱ by Coach.


TU 12 George went by fast train to Te Aute & saw Charlie & Flice & his sister Sarah happened to be there from Hawera. Killed a buff orpington young rooster & John shot a quail. We thalched the little haystack on hill. Got back tonight

WED 13 O'Hara took away the 2 hifers & paid £9. Cheque. A Windy day. We did not do much work today. George left today. John drove him to meet express. Sharpened crosscut saw. Eva at school & afterwards at Bonnie Pickett's birthday party. John gave up for in at haff past six. Mr. Watson road by & called.


 Another windy day. Repaired some bridge in Reserve. Sledged in a little firwood. Sam burned off 3 or 4 lawyer bushes. Got in "Dalia" from back, she followed Chicasio. Rubbed half a pot of blistering ointment around the hump on mare's leg. Rev. Lambert called.


FR 15  Land Valuer called to value the sections for Rating purposes. Mowed some in small paddock sledged it in to make ensilage in sheep yards. Young traveller called selling tinned soap material to clean clothes, remove stains etc & promises to deliver 2 doz caps & saucers on Monday next. Gave 2/- to him. Top drove up to P.G. Grants twice today for Velvet. Top & mam Dressed making these days.

SAT 16  Drove stakes & fixed up wire netting at plantation at garden on Flat. Sledged some bonan posts from scrub where John split them over to gateway at plantation. Mr. O Erickson's two little girls playing with Eva today. This morning we put out on back, "Lilly"





 the white heifer in calf & three weaner heifers. There are now on back 11 head of cattle Counting Calous besides Carl Hansen's year & a half filly & ours of the same age. Gave Mr. Bickell tonight 1/- towards the Man over ship N. D. To D. Barnards 10/- News of the death of Anton Anderson's son at Matkotah in a gravel pit. A fall of gravel killed him.


SUN 17 A very fine day. All at home. + 1 10


MON 18  John & mam drove up & paid Erickson's 2.16.10 bill & bought a pair of strong boots for John & also planned to at P.G. Grants. Attended the monthly meeting of Directors at Factory office.

 Anton Anderson's son buried today Went with Mr. Bickell & got from Mr. Webb 5.0.0 from Miss Patterson another 5.0.0

APRIL 1904.

- MON 18 towards purchase of Gospel Hall in Rosewood
John & Christense Jensen took Filly today up
to Carl Schmidt to be broken in. Paid 10/-
to Mr. Bickell towards Dr. Barnard's Fund.
Sent John's Insurance money today 1-17-10
- TU 19 Repairing fences - Back - Widereps. John got
 2 teal duck on far pond, Caught one
& shot one. Made fire at big logs at 3 gateways.
Mr. A Olsen called at night for subscription or
something for Lutheran tea meeting Mam gave a
Coin
- WED 20  but John went to show at Hastings in A. J. Jensen.
A very fine day. S. M. Grey, paid £1.15.0
for the dipping of his sheep last season and
A. Nicholaisen paid me for dipping his, 15/6.
Arrived in Hastings or rather on show grounds
after 12 o'clock. Had lunch with the Tournour
Jep is staying for the night with them. After saying
good bye to Mr. & Mrs. Tournour we came away
as the train left a few minutes after 3 o'clock
& arrived in Orms at 7. John sent us with buggy
- TH 21  Some rain fell today. John went to Orms with
dray for the 4 sacks of potatoes sent from
Rosebank but they were not there, he rode the man
back & left the dray & harness at Orms. We strained
up some wires & put in a few posts, back - Widereps
John drove to Orms met the 7 o'clock train & brought Jep.
I was tonight that an accident has occurred between
Rosewood & Mataman where a motor car met
a horse & trap driven by some girls. The horse
took fright, the trap capsized & a little girl killed.
- FR 22  Got Factory cheque this morning £.16.5
after deducting better etc. John got up the 4
sacks potatoes, paid 3/9. Strained up some wires.
Sent to Collin Wanganui Registered letter with £2.
Left with P. G. Grant introductory note for Mr. Nudby for
Jensen, also donation for Cricket club - 10/-

 Did some work to fence, but rain came on, and we had to come home. Got in sheep


 off Reserve and killed ewe for the dogs.

John brought home small pig yesterday from Hegg's, one instead of the small pig which Hegg took from here some months ago.

M^r. Webb received from Napier & Dent to M^r. Beckett the following Cheques: M^r. Tanner 3.3.0
F. W. Williams (Williams & Kettle.) Cheque 10.0.0
and one from J. H. Coleman — 5.0.0

towards the purchase of Gosful Hall. Tonight there is a tea meeting in the Lutheran Hall.

SUN 24 All at home except John who went away for ferns & spent the day at M^r. A. Olson's. Harold came back with him at night. Intended to go to Church with mam but showers prevented us.

MON 25 Drove Mam to catch the 1st train at Osmond's  for Hastings & from there to Rosebank, to stay at Forreman's for 6 months.


Heavy rain last night & this morning. It cleared up & was afterwards a fine day. Picked up a Salvation Army Woman, M^r. Cook & her baby at Osmond's railway station & took her back here and John drove her to Township. Borrowed a big glass bottle from M^r. Skinner to be used at the Children's Concert. Mam was not at all well last night, and was not in good trim for travelling or staying away from home just now. Did a little to fence in the afternoon. Sent the Cheque to Bank. At night went to Social at Lutheran Hall, held on the departure of Messrs Nordbye & Anderson to Europe. The Hall full. There was a school Committee election, did not go. Hans Mortensen paid me a pound for the dipping of his sheep. Eva home from school today.





Top & John drove down to Ormondville to meet express train & see M^r & M^{rs}


Fourman on their journey to Wellington to go home by the steamer 'Athenia'. Willie goes with them as far as Wellington. A very fine day. Three or four Vehicles go past to Orm^l with Messrs Nordbye & Anderson going away today. Cleaned up & tidied the buggy shed and spread out the 4 sacks of potatoes also did some work at the fences. John took home Willie Torkelsen's gun tonight. Eva at school today all right again. A Sagan brought bag sugar, box soap, Macaroni.

WED 27 Worked at 3 gateways. Put in penaw Strainer. Dig


 out old Rimus Strainer which was put in, in June 1886 by August Schaw and was. Mowed some long grass at stockyard, ridge side & put on top of Ensilage stack. A very cold afternoon.

TH 28 Finished at 3 gateways & worked down the fence  putting in posts etc. John made mouth piece & find up a representation baby-bottle. Received a demand for 5p from 'Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation Limited'. District Office Napier. District Manager - John Parker. Re R.H. Potts.



FR 29 Split some swings on back & worked at fence  between Eva's gateway & precipice. Willy Fourman came to Orm^l from Wellington by express. John met him. All went to school Concert. A beautiful moonlit night. The Town Hall packed.

SAT 30 Slidged boards etc into old shup yards to make temporary pig sty. Got in mouse shup & daggid them  & killed one for dog or pigs. John gave to J. Neal 17/6 to pay a debt to C.C. Smith for fishing rod which he bought off him more than a year ago. Eva at the school Concert tonight again. John Willie & Top went. Letter from Mum. Top paid Skimmers bill 10/6. This has been a good month. Plenty grass in all paddocks.

All at home in the forenoon. Flossie came down
that dinner here, after church. In the afternoon
Top Eva John Willy & Flossie went in the buggy
to Browns mill. John drove fast over some rough
ground & broke the back part of the buggy.
The leaves are yellow on the poplars and have
mostly fallen off. They are green on Elm & oaks.
Milked three cows this morning, a small bucketful

MON 2^d Drove Eva as far as Rivers on her way to
 school. Showed the buggy to A Collins &
a Collins. Received on last Saturday night from
Mr. Beckett, a cheque for £5.0.0 donated
by Mr. W Nelson Tomoana, for the purchase of
Gospel Hall. Erected temporary pig house for
one of the pigs, whilst the other is being fattened.
John filled the boiler with turnips carrots and
a sheep for the pig we are about to fatten. John
drove Willie Towneas to meet the express at
Ormond. Filled up sheep return - 600. Filled
up a return of cattle in my possession - 17.

Hans Mortenson came over to enquire about a turkey
gobbler, on behalf of a Mr. Toahy of Takapau.
Mr. Beckett sent Top & I an invitation to go up
tomorrow evening. Another very fine day.

TU 3 John washed the buggy this morning & took it
 up to A Collins to repair. He got a shed
put on his rag. We did not send any milk to Factory
this morning, not having any to speak of. Milked
only 3 cows. Got in ewes off Flat sagged hives & took
 out the 4 rams. Put Ewes 229 on wedges &c.

Put rams & 2 or 3 weak lambs on Reserve. Sargent
brought back pollard & bushel of oats. We have one
pig shut up to fatten. Sent to Mr. Horton £1.0.0
for fruit trees, strawberry plants &c. At night Top &
I went up at 7.30 to Mr. Beckett's & spent the evening
left at 12. Mr. & Mrs. Watson the 2 Miss Learmon to.

WED 4

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Sent some milk to Factory this morning.

Milked the 6 cows, but will not milk Buttercup ^{again}

John went away this morning with Willy
 Torkelson beyond Ngamoko to shoot. They
 shot a pheasant each and some quail. Worked at
 fence at Precipia. Returned number of sheep as
 225 Breeding Ewes. 105 wethers. 96 dry Ewes 170 lambs
 4 rams. Letter from Cotterill & Humphries, re insurance of

TH 5 White frost this morning. Put potatoes which were
 spread out on buggy floor into boxes, & pulled
 Impound sheep track at precipia & worked at fence.
 John gone to Ormond ^{to} tonight to drill. Fine day.

FR 6 White frost this morning. Worked at fence at the
 garden plantation. Eva got a letter from her Mother.

SAT 7 Put all cows on flat this morning, they are on the
 flat tonight and also the mare. Put "Buttercup"
 on the back this morning. There was a hare
 caught in the trap last night at the top garden
 but pulled off one of the jaws of the trap and
 got away. Eva found a ewe dead today on the ridges.
 Skinned her & sledged her home, died from diarrhoea.

Working at the fence at plantation gateway. Dipped
 the red pig & the little one & let them run about together.
~~The cats~~ The cats killed a rat under the house
 today. He has been on the ceiling & inside the living
 for some weeks. A white frost this morning again.

SUN 8 Top Eva & John at church. I Hutt conducted
 the service. I stayed at home. Ernest Parsons for dinner.

MON 9 Filled boiler with Carrots & mutton & boiled for
 pigs. Did some work at fence. Rode to
 cattle sale at Frank Smiths. Bought
 a cow "May" which is supposed to calve in
 Spring, for £7.0 and two young cows lately calved
 at Fincon's for £7.15 each ^{for me off of for 2 cows} drove them with others
 as far as Botto bought & left them there. Scott
 bought 4 of Fincon's. We drove all together.

TU 10

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Rode up to Scotts (at C E Petersons place):

and drove home our three cows "May" bought at Costas sale (Frank Smiths) John walked up and helped me get them home, "Violet" and "Roany" bought at Finsons, paid for ^{7-15 in value} ~~with~~ 7-50
Dinner at 12 John went to repair fence & I went with mare & dray up to Finsons & brought home my two bull calves which went with the 2 cows and a grindstone I carted to Becketts for Scott.

A letter from Mam for one of us to go to her with some clothing tomorrow. John milked the two new cows tonight and says they are very easy to milk. He and Gerty are gone to a meeting tonight at the Church Hall. Edwin Hanson swept two of our chimneys today. Paid him 2/-

WED 11



John rode to Ormond & paid Susan £2-
the amount of his bill & brought back £3 out of a £5 cheque (W. Nelson). Went to Ormondville by coach & got excursion ticket 4/6 to Hastings, return and I went on to Tomoana & walked to Fourmans. John Top & Mr. Beckett went to Ormondville to Bishop Ridleys lecture & left Eva at Becketts until they came back.

T 12 I and Mam drove from Rosebank to Napier, a very fine day. Paid 5/- Mortgage Insurance. Bought ring, grindstone, spectacles etc. Walked up to Mr. Metalls & stayed half an hour. Met Mr. J. McNalt. left for home at 3 o'clock. Fine drive.

FR 13 Left Rosebank at 8 o'clock in gig with Tommy.

Mam came to Hastings & brought back the horse & gig. A cold drive. brought back apples & wallnuts. Came up in coach. Heard of Yorksleys Bakehouse, sheds etc being burnt down with Contents, two byekels, two sets of harness, a dressed pig, tools etc altogether a heavy loss. Did a little to fence with John after coming home. Showers.

SAT 14

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~~WED 14~~ ~~14~~ Got in back sheep, two weak hoggs left behind. Spot ran home, will not work much. There is something wrong with him, he casts all right. troublesome to get in the sheep without him. Picked out the poorest lambs & put on Reserve 22 & then some all lambs there now makes 26 besides the 4 Lincoln rams. Duggie & put on back 376 This includes the two that stayed behind today. There is plenty of grass on back and in all paddocks. The back sheep are all sound & in good condition except about 30 lambs, 22 of which we put in the Reserve today. Abraham & Williams' account was in the house when I came home. The cow Violet 7-15 "May" bought at Costers sale £7.5. Roansey £7.0. Gilbert M^o Lisa paid for his dipping 14/6 today. Number of sheep dipped 672 and 40 of this number sold to B Denton. 1 ewe died and 1 wether died, but two weak lambs belonging to H Mortensen take their place to make up the number now - 632

SUN 15 All at home. M^o Martin called & paid 0/6 the ballance of Biddell's 10/6 Church subscription Edy also & a young lady visitor. John gone to Church tonight - Wesleyan. The two new cows "Violet & Roansey" give about a small bucketful of milk between them. They do not seem to be any better than my own cows. They are quiet & easily milked.

MON 16 Sent a full can of milk to Factory this morning. ~~WED 14~~ ~~14~~ Rode up and voted for 100 members of R Doona. Received from W. Beckett a Cheque for £10-0-0 donated by J. N. Williams to Church purchasing fund. Sent it to Union Bank to be placed to my account. Also sent my Rabbit notes - 7/4 to E Gilbertson, Waipukurau. Did some work to fence John shags in some firewood. Top washed early. Eva lost a purse & 1/5 or so coming from school, it was pilfered by other school children. John at Moly's children's social in Lutha Hall.

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John took Cow "Rooney" to Hugh's bull.

Boiled carrots for the pig on one fattening.

Medged in firewood & worked at fence. John & Tom gone tonight to a meeting at Church Hall.

Eva started to write a letter to her mother but got tired of it and did not finish. She is now as usual.

WED 18 Sent another full can of milk to Factory this morning and had some good milk left for calves and dog. Eva finished her letter & posted it to her mother. Swilling ground along by Yew tree. Attended meeting of Directors at Factory at 11.30. Boiled carrots in big boiler for pigs. Cow "Digger" had one of his paws ~~broken~~ caught in the trap last night where it was set at the carrots. He has been lying down sleeping on a sack all day. His front paw is bruised & swollen. John got in some firewood & went to a football match in Ormond. Did a little work at fence.

TH 19 Cows on flat for a few days. A lot of good feed ~~on~~ on it which wants eating down. Worked at fence. John took man up for buggy and had to wait until dark before it was finished. A Collins promised to have it done yesterday. John at drill at Ormond. ~~at~~ Yesterday at Factory I got two milk testing bottles. I put a little milk night & morning from each Cow - Violet & Rooney - into these bottles for the purpose of testing their milk. Another very fine day.

FR 20 Up early. Left here for Dannevirke at 9.30 ~~in~~ in buggy. John took his gun to get ripples removed & a new one put in, got this done for 2/6 arrived in Dannevirke after two hours driving. Stock sale on. Lambs medium fetched 4/6 Ewes in lambs fetched 17/6 and 13/6. Young cattle also fetched big prices. Bought at Marana & Abraham's for 13/6 a sack of fowl wheat. Adze & handle at Gordons 7/6. Paid A McKenzie for 3 cows bought at Sale ^{for} 22/6 & Received his cheque for £2 making mine 24.3.0.

SAT 21 MAY 1904



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Sent a full can of milk to Factory. Cheque 0-19-11
 Received for last month. Oct 4.3 - Nov 4.5 - 10/2
 worth of butter received. Slidged in a weak lamb from
~~back~~ back, gave it a bottle of milk & let it go in
 front. Killed the black pig this afternoon. He
 seems to be over two hundred weight. Poor Eva is troubled
 tonight as well as last night with a tooth aching.
 Jackold Olson an old settler died suddenly today.

SUN 22 Walked all round back today, could not
 see a weak lamb which we left behind yesterday
 week. Fence must be repaired between me and
 Matheson and a log lying close to the fence at ~~the~~
 Schmidt's corner must be burned away, also a
 log which has rolled on to Fred Schmidt's wires
 from my side must be burned off. Afternoon
 visitors, Edy Martin & Fred & Miss Linton - Marton.
 After tea all went to Church but Eva & me.

MON 23 Worked about the place until dinner time.
 Afternoon worked at fence. Yousoon shifted Ems
~~from~~ from Widesaps & ridges on to Flat. Got in
 lambs off Reserve & put 3 of the weakest on
 lawn with the other weak lamb. Four on the oats
 now. Put 21 into Stockyard & oak plantation.
 At night attended Horticultural meeting in the
 Library. Young ladies in Town Hall preparing
 for next Friday night Tableau. Showers tonight.


TU 24 Contin day. No work done today. Met mam
~~at~~ at Ormondth sapses Alas Nellie & Pop.
 a basket of thins went on in Guards Van. Not much
 rain during the day. In the afternoon drove to Town
 Hall & brought up mantle shelf & a bit of scantling
 helped Mr. Beckett to put up wings so to represent
 a kitchen. A good many in Hall, a good rehearsal
 Heavy rain. Went into Mr. P. G. Grants, had cake and
 coffee & borrowed a coat, mainly 11 when I got home.
 Sent 4 years interest to Colterill & Humphries £7.2.6

A thorough wet day. John drove Eva to school. I went to Becketts & gave chequ 40-40-0 payable to E. H. Lee Waipawa for the purchase of Gospel Hall. Mr. Beckelt to send the ballance Rain & accounts of floods in South Island.


TH 26 Rain & wind all last night & this morning & [] The meat hogget died in front of house last night. The contents of intestines quite black and numerous small white worms in it. The lamb was in good condition & plenty of inside fat. Sent [] 2 bottles of milk to Factory to be tested. One of Violet's milk & one from Reanie. Sent £ 2-1-0 to Union Bank to be put to my account & £ 1-1-0 a chequ of Kinross White & one chequ for £ 1-1-0 drawn by Mr. Webb, total £ 2-1-0 John drove Eva up to school this rough morning, & sledged in some firewood. At night went to Tablan rehearsal in Hall. John & Eva drove up in buggy.


Mam Pop & Nellie stayed at home. Watery night.

FR 27 A Showery sort of day. Not much rain fell.

 John took up firewood to Town Hall.

I skifted a heap of dago at end of big Street Roads muddy. Soon rain fell just as we were about

 to start in the buggy for the Hall. Rain poured in Omondaville. It is not a favourable night

 it turned out to be a fine night after 8 o'clock. The Tablan's were splendid. John

Fora Martin & Jimmy Hutcheson - 3 diagrams. Pop & 2 others 3 graces, all items good. I took

the chair. Mr. Sloan singer did not come. A dona afterwards to be paid by gent

SAT 28 Did not do much work today. Ground very wet. John went up to Hall & lit fire to warm washing up

water. I drove Mam up & Mr & Mrs Beckelt was up. Carried some seals back to Gospel Hall.

Miss Hill gave me a pound on Sunday night for Church


All at home in the forenoon. A Turkey for dinner. John drove the girls to Waikopiri, to M^r. Lucas's. In the afternoon Flossie came, M^r & M^{rs} Grant, Marie & Alf Neal. At night all went to Wesleyan Church but Eva come. A few light showers. A cold night.

MON 30 John got a horse from Carl Schmidt & drove the girls to Ponsonby. He got his gun fixed up. A fine day. They got home before dark. Boiled some dog meat in big boiler. A M^r Touby from Takapau

came & got one of the Turkeys for 5/-. Did some work at fence. Split a small totara log near fence & put in some totara posts on side of hill over Rabbit gully. Set 2 traps in my garden for hares.

TU 31 A surprise party came tonight a little before 9. A calm moon lit night, frosty. They left about 12. John took Carl's horse home & paid him 6/.


W 31 The girls drove up to Rangere & walked a mile or so along mountain road when rain set in. It turned out to be a rough but enjoyable afternoon. We did some work at fence before the rain set in. Put the dried off cows, four out on back this morning. They all have been running on the flat for the last fortnight, as there is a lot of rough fua there. Maffie is very poor, looks as if she will not get over the winter. Put her, Strawberry, Wildy and May, the red cow I bought at Costers sale, into back pen today. Have 3 lambs & 2 calves on hill. Plenty of grass on hill just now, and a stack of hay thatched. This has been a good month until lately, has been like winter today.

A rough day. Heavy showers & windy. No work done today. Attendance meeting of Directors at Factory Office
 Nellie & Pop went home by express. Top drove them to Orm^o John got in two dray loads of firewood off flat. & shot two quails. Sent letter return asked for to Commissioner of Land and Income Tax Wellington.

TH 2 A breezy sort of day. John at Drill at Brown^o tonight. Rode the nag which he is grazing for Hugh. Top met Ellice at 7 train. Worked at fence & split some posts. Sent list of those who have donated sums of money to purchase Gospel Hall, to M^o Hunter Porangahou. M^o J. Martin called about renewing insurance on Furniture. Paid M^o Skinnors bill 12/=-.

FR 3 A very rough day. Top drove Ellice to catch 9.30 train for Palmerston. John met Henry & Alfie at train (express) Got tests of the 2 Cows Reamy 3.7 The test of Violet is 5.2 Eva at home from school A holiday today, Prince of Wales day. John at football

SAT 4 Another rough day. Cold & heavy showers.

 Cleaned up shed, tidied up straw etc. Drove up to Koroowood & met the O'Hara's we drove on to Matamau as delegates to meet settlers there - milk suppliers - with the view of closing Creamery there for the winter as the supply of milk does not warrant the expense of running the Creamery any longer. Met 3 settlers. Young Rowan. Hevers Halliburton & Dinorddie. It was agreed not to run the concern after today but if the settlers agreed among themselves to take their milk to Koroowood an extra penny per lb for butter fat would be allowed them for carriage. It did not rain on us coming home. I am requested to meet Mr M^o Cardin at Orm^o on Thursday evening, as he is coming by train.

SUN 5 JUNE 1904

John & the two boys drove up towards mountains & Mr. Torpelson went with them. They brought back a hen pheasant caught by a dog, some Kuka's De. Tonight they with Top are gone to Wesleyan Church. I walked over to J. Neal's & back. He was not at home.

MON 6 John carted in load of matai backlogs. In the forenoon got in & made a start to crutch. 80 Ewes done today, amongst them 2 withers. J. Neal came at dinner time. He also is dissatisfied about his land valuation. The ewes on flat. As we crutch them, we let them go on ridges. They are all good ewes, look well, are well Woolled and are in good condition. Have in shed tonight 53. Henry shot a good hare today on ridges.

TU 7 Started early to crutch the ewes in shed. Finished the ewes & all are in Ridges & Withers. Got in the hams & 21 small hogg^s off Reserve and crutched & put them back. Killed a small crawler for "Spot". Mam went by 1st train to see Dr. Ross Waipawa. Came back by Palmerston train to Orm^{ing} and home by coach. Top at Lawn Tennis Meeting in Library tonight. The 3 boys went up with her. Grand day.

WED 8 Worked about the place. The boys Hen & High and Top drove to Waikopiri. Ross Watkins came up by coach and is staying here tonight. Alick High called a few days ago & left us his Chaff cutter.

TH 9 Drove up with Mr. Watkins to Roswood & got from Miss Learmont some blue papers to Object to Land Valuation. Paid 19/6 to Mr. Martin for Furniture Insurance. Gave him a Three pound cheque & he gave me as change two Pounds. Got donation of £5 from Mr. Hunter for purchase of Gospel Hall. Bought manure & staples at Eickens & caught 4 mice. Mr. Watkins came to Cam^{bridge} with me in buggy when I went to meet Mr. M^r. Curdy, Organiser Farmers Union.

M^r Watkins distributed leaflets, & acted as Commercial traveller for a New Plymouth Chemist - Sykes & went in express towards Napier.

M^r M'Curdy came from Dannevirke by the 5.30 train had tea here & delivered an address to a full audience in Lutheran Hall, stayed at Beckells. A man in Waikopiro, Arthur Elliott, thrown from his horse at Mangarangi ^{mangarangi} bridge, found unconscious and died, carried to Diamond Hotel.

FR 10 Henry, Alfie & Top drove Chassey to Dominion.

Home by H.P.M., Sawn & split battens on back. White frost this morning. A very fine day.

SAT 11 Mamma and the two boys went back to Rosebank by express train. Split some posts & battens, laid them & stapled on most of the battens. Top got buggy lamp repaired for 2/- yesterday, Dennis

SUN 12 Dull day all at home. I & Top Wesley church yesterday we put in a bunch the trees sent by J. Hutton. ~~Planted~~ ^{Planted} Cabriatus 6 gooseberry bushes, 7 other & six very small strawberry plants, this was a pounds worth.

MON 13 A thorough wet day. John drove Eva to school. She brought this evening a letter from Alice & a present in the shape of a silk handkerchief. W. Jorkelsen brought tonight a bagful of strawberry plants.

TU 14 Put in the strawberry plants which Willy Jorkelsen brought last night. John drove Eva to school.

Worked after dinner at genes. A box of apples from Agincourt left at gate by C. Schmidt's express. John & Jim Town Hall tonight with many others practicing for an operatic play. Home at 11 P.M.

WED 15 A wet morning, heavy rain. Drove Eva up to school. Got at factory butler 2nd sent by Carl the box of apples which came from Agincourt yesterday. Sold catchings to W. Watson at 4/4 per 100 black fleeces included. Good fleeces 7/ per 100. Small bundle skins 4/- to be delivered to P. Watson.


WED 15 JUNE 1904


A letter from Mason today. John at am^l Football
A letter from W. Rex Watkins to forward his letters to
Napier. Wool buyers address W. F. A. H. Watson
Buyer of Wool & Skins. Korarua Road Hastings
Dug out Prickly Acacia & planted it on the side of
the road near the bridge. Am told it throws up too
many suckers. Agreed to let W. Watson have crutching



TH 16 Eva's Birthday. Seven years old today. She has
received some Birthday presents. Walked to
school. Sharpened crosscut. Sawed some firwood
with John on Flat. Drove up to Bicketts and to
Factory. No letters for W. Watkins at either P. O.
Stopped the coach twice to see if W. Brodie Vet.
Surgeon was inside. He did not come. John at mill


FR 17 Word sent me that Mr Brodie, Veterinary Surgeon
and Organiser of Farmers Union was in
Korowood. Drove up & found that Anton Christopherson
was about to drive him up to Ngamoko to see two of
his bullocks whose jaws are swollen, he is also
to see a cow belonging to J. O'Hara and one belonging
to Alfred Olson with a sore eye. Took his horse home
here. Worked a short time at fence, too much rain.
At night there was a good muster of settlers in the
Lutheran Hall. W. Brodie gave a lecture on diseases
of Cows, after the lecture Coffea & sandwiches and
15 or 16 joined the Union. W. Brodie slept here


SAT 18 Up at daylight or before & got breakfast for
W. Brodie. He rode up to Magnusen's to see a horse of
his which is ailing also an animal of H. Matson's
& a cow of Dumnage's & one of Hells. He enrolled
3 members at that and this morning. Arthur Olam
Hall & Dumnage. He left here for Ormonville
at dinner time. John did not ask him to come
in & have dinner. I was at a meeting of Directors
at Factory. Cold showers. John pruning fruit trees.
Sent no milk today. Only 3 times a week now.



 Walked over to S. Keale, got there at 11 left at 3 on
Found a ewe dead on ridge lying down in a natural
way, much swollen. Skinned it. John filled shed with
sheep got in off back. A fine day but like a change
to night. John & Top at Church in Gospel Hall.



MON 20 Crutched the sheep in Shed last night 94 and
 then mustered back and put in Shed 107
The others on Flat, the hurd at 3 gateways open to
let the crutched sheep go off ridges on to back.
Two daggly weak hogg! I carried to fence & put them
across on to flat. Attended a small meeting in
Gospel Hall to square up about proceeds of enter-
tainment (Tableau) re purchase of church Organ
After deducting all expenses including 2/6 for
rent of hall, there is a ballance of £ 5. 17. 9
out of which is to be sent to W. Quintrell £ 5.
A letter from Mam today. A dull calm day.


TU 21 A shower this morning. Crutched the sheep
 in the shed & put them through ridges
on to back. Got in another mob of 106
 Put a weak hogg on hill & one in Reserve.
Skinned a hogg found dead on Flat. John & Top
walked up to Hall. The Play "Pinafore" to be continued

WED 22 Crutched the sheep in shed last night. Had
 them out before dinner time. Very hard frost
last night. Heavy drops coming down in shed
through iron roof. Got Factory cheque £ 1. 6. 12
Drove Eva & Top to Station. Got them excursion ticket.
Got in remainder of sheep off Flat & put in shed 65
and a weak one which John wheeled in off Flat, 66.

 A fine day after the frost. Traying tonight.
John has brought home a single barrelled
breach loader which he is buying or swapping with
Willy Hopkins for a fishing rod and a pounce to boot
to go with rod. He has sold his leggings for 3/6. This
goes towards price of gun, also a roll of cloth to Hugh.


  Hara frost last night. Outed the remainder of the dry sheep. Put some weak ones in Reserve, also those few on hill. Only the 2 calves on hill now.


 Skinned the weak hogg^t. we put in buggy shed last night. John got Meg's jilly shoe today. He tried his new gun & shot a hare. He borrowed a weighing apparatus at Engelbreton's to weigh the fleece wool - 73 lb wet - He pressed a bale, outchungs below dark wool next and fleece wool on top. Boiled dog's meat in big boiler. The 2 last hogg^ts that died  could have been saved if taken out of the mob on back & put on the oats in front or on the hill a fortnight ago. The 3 weak lambs which I put on the oats a month ago & then on the Hill I crutched today, they are lively & strong, would be dead if left with the others, must divide the back section into three paddocks, one to be kept clean with fresh feed for hogg^ts to be shifted on to every week or fortnight. John at drill tonight at Norsewood. Cloudy night. These are the shortest days in the year. Not much work.


PR 24 John took the bale of wool & bundle of skins  (52 lbs) to Cronulla. The bale was over 4 cut. so it could not be weighed at Cronulla.

Cleared the ridges & let the cows come back from Widamp. The cows on 7 lat. We send milk 3 times a week now Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays. Top came home by last train. John met her with buggy, he is now gone up to Post a letter to G. A. H. Watson about the bale.

EAT 25 A fine day did a little to fence at Gunderwood

 Drove round to Collect Ministers Stipend
 Mr Beckett Martin Carllay Self 10/- each
 Mr Hutchinson 5/- Oldshaw 5/- promised. Keadell promised to leave his at Martin. Damage not at home. Received Church Collection £4.19.9
 Paid Tuckwell 2/6 for repairs, also John paid Christian Postman 9 and a hare for repairing his boots.

 A fine calm dull day. Flossie came today & spent the afternoon. Fred Martin also for tea, after which they with John & Top went to Wesleyan Church. Walked across paddocks to Mortons & on to Dunnagi's where M^r. D. gave 10/- towards Ministers Stipend fund. Called at Gannaway's. M^r. & M^{rs}. in bed sick. Walked to C. C. Smith's & stayed an hour or two, walked across Neal's land & found two small dogs worrying a wether of theirs which was cast.

 JUN 27 Talked over to S. Neal's & told him about the 2 dogs worrying his sheep yesterday. He came over & saw the sheep & took it home. John shot 3 ducks on back pond with one shot. Shifted cows on to Flat. Widdups paddock very dirty. Showery day. Paid Sugden's bill today. £1.6.6

JUN 28 Worked at fence, a fine day. John shot a hare. He & Top going to townships tonight - Pinafore. They are posting a Registered letter to J. Bourne containing the year's Church money for Stipend $\$114.9$


JUN 29 Rainy round this morning. John took her to High ball but he was at Ethie's must look out 3 weeks from now. Worked at fence, sawed & split battens enough to finish. Showers. John rode away at dinner time to play in a football match at Makotukia.

JUN 30 Finished stapling on swingars on fence near Gundersens corner. A good fence now from O'Hara's to Gundersens. Started to repair 2 Calverts, one on flat & one at Rabbit gully. John took Meg's animal home to him as he wants to drive a pair to Takapanu, had ridden the mare to Ormond's to drink. A heavy shower fell after dinner so we came home & cut two packs of chaff. The mare will not eat the chaff - not enough oats in it. The sheaves are mostly straw with little oats - Dun. She comes down the sheaves gradually. A good deal of rain has fallen this month. There is enough feed at present.




Worked at culvert on dray track on flat put in 2 new main sleepers. Repaired culvert at rabbit gully. A fine day, frost last night. John & Top gone to Library - a meeting to start or revive Social Club.


SAT 2 Anniversary of our marriage. Twenty years today. Saw a split the new 4 ft slabs for culvert. A very fine day.

SUN 3 A few nights ago about 10 o'clock I went on front verandah & counted 4 hares on the cats & harby in front.  Last night none came. Today walked over paddocks.


Stock look all right. Buttercup & springing of act. Plenty grass on back. Front paddocks not bad. On back cattle of all sorts 16 head 2 fillies sheep. At home 2 calves two months old & 4 milking cows. Tonight John & Top gone to Wesleyan Church. A fine calm night. W. Torkelson came back with them.

MON 4 Tidied up washhouse, unearthed a rat but he  got away. Finished culvert on flat & put

some wide main slabs across some of the watercourses. John pledged in old posts, broken for firewood & carted a load of gravel to be put on

 track leading up to front & back verandah from farm yard. A second hen, Orpington started to lay yesterday or Saturday. The first to lay was a small Black topknot hen and now a Buff Orpington. They get a fair quantity of wheat twice a day besides pickings of meat & a little oats.


John & Top gone to upper township to "Timafon"

TU 5  A very hard frost this morning. John drove me to catch the 1st train. Took ticket 4/6 to Toronto walked to Floorbank. A very fine day, a frosty night again.

WED 6 Drove with Mam & Eva to Napier, went to Soda Office Price for a plan of sections with 84 of chains around area marked - 2/6. Plan to be sent on. Saw M^r Wallace in Hastings St. Went down M^r Telford. She looks well & healthy.

TH 7 JULY 1904

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 Started early from Rosebank to Catch Kupuas. Mom & Eva came home. Alfhey drove Tommy & the gig back. Called on Mr. Watson Karamu Road. Rec'd \$7 from him (a cheque) for a bale of wratchings & a bundle of Skins (52). The bale weighed ^{at 4 1/2 lbs} 41 23 or 25. These weighed 75 lbs net. at 7. No time to cash the cheque, as the safes came in as I got it. We got pumpkins from Mr. Telford, parsnips from Rosebank. In my absence John shot 2 large trout a rabbit & two quail up Ngarewa way. The Piana tuner Mr. Pearce came & stayed a long time working at the Piana. Buttercup calved yesterday or today. John got her in & milked her. a heifer calf "Rosebank", very small & like the mother. Mr. A. Owen & Mr. Cantlay called at night & we three walked up to Beckett's & met Messrs. Wrench & Campbell & had a talk over the amalgamation of Farm Union & Social Club Messrs. O'Hara & Mortensen also present. It was agreed to postpone consideration of subject until after Mr. Curdy's meeting on Thursday night.

FRI 9 Drove to Dannevirke in our buggy, Cantlay, more with Cantlay & Beckett, left Kerewood at 8.30 arrived 10.30. Assessment Court did not sit until 2 o'clock. My case was the first called, Court crowded. Mr. redress, valuation upheld. J. Neal, valuation upheld. C. C. Smith ditto he had a lawyer employed, this case lasted until half past four, We left then and came home.

SAT 9 Shifted some off Flat-on to ridges & Widenups. John & I got in loss of back legs. Put gravel on walk from back verandah to yard gate. Paid 7-5-0 to Mr. P. G. Grant the amount of his bill out of the cheque received from Mr. Watson - 11-3-7


Mom bought a razor for John at Mr. P. G. Grant's. Heavy rain came on & lasted a few hours. At night attended at Factory Office to consider tenders for firewood.

SAT 9 JULY 1904


- Carl Leopold 13.00 per chora lowest accepted. Beckell
& another man tendered for 14/3 & 14/6 respectively.
- SUN 10 All at home. Fine day. Flossy for dinner & tea. Mr.
Beckell came in the afternoon & waited for tea. All went
away together. John, Pop & Flossy I think to Wesley Church.
- MON 11 A dull calm day. Eva started for school after her
fortnight's holiday. John getting firewood. Made
 a plan against fence near stockyard to feed
the cows in. We give them 5 or 6 sheaves of oats
night & morning, it is nearly all straw, not much ear.
 Five have laid today that we know of. Paid
Sugden's bill for last month £ 1 - 9 - 6
Raining tonight & very dark, bad for hoggets.
- TU 12 A thorough wet day. Eva at home from school.
Gave the cows a good share of oat sheaves today.
- WED 13 Eva went to school in buggy. Snowy day. Got
 plan of sections from Survey Office, not done
right. Michelmore's Dec traced instead of my
own. Sharpener saw John walked through sheep.
He shot a hare on back. Raining at present.
- TH 14 Sawing firewood with John. Mr. Thompson came
 with letter from Mr. Curay. I drove to Bun.
 & met him when express train came in. He
had tea here, also Edy Watkins came up with Coache
& had tea here & left her luggage. Mr. Curay lectured
in Lutheran Hall to a good many settlers, there was
Coffee & refreshments. Miss Matrine stayed at Martins
& Mr. Curay at Beckette. I drove Eva to school in
the morning. I took boiled Corn baf for sandwiches
& a sack full of dry firewood for boiling water for coffee.
- FR 15 Sawing firewood on flat. Staged in one load.
 John shot hare. Mr. Grant & Maria called. Ella
here tonight. A very fine day. John put 'Spot'
 out on back yesterday & walked thro' sheep.
Paid Skinner's bill for last month 12/6

SAT 16


JULY 1904


 Drove Mam to catch 1st train.

She took with her two horses. Sledged out to far dam
 & & & three willows & planted them, also two poplars
 planted at "Poplar Culvert" in gully near where
 back road comes into back section. John shot



 two horses in O'Hara's section after milking
 Paid O'Hara's butcher bill 5/6. & got shoulder
 of mutton for 1/6. We pay cash except very seldom.


Egy Walkins came back from Martine today.



 John found foal on back Sec. tied up in vines.
 Must see foals occasionally - ours and Carl
 Hanson's, the latter's not caught in vines so far.


SUN 17 A wet day all at home. At night J. Top & Egy
 went to Gospel Hall church, but Mr. Lambert did not
 come, so they all went to the Lutheran Church.

MON 18 Front paddocks open to Ewes. A very fine day.


 Castrated the 2 calves on hill & earmarked
 them. John topped some trees & started away the
 limbs. Attended a Directors Meeting at
 Office. Mam sent a copy of "Kuggets"
 to John. He drove Eva & Ella to school this morning.
 Sent quarterly Premium of Johns insurance 1. 17.00
 to A. B. Gibson, Agent Napier this morning.

TU 19 Carted tops of trees to heap near woolshed, also

 carted cow manure near gully plantation
 into stockyard. Egy & Top walked to township
 and got letters, one from Mam. Showers in the


 afternoon. Two swaggers are sleeping in big shed tonight.
 The Rev. Mr. Lambert called in the forenoon &
 very much wants me to attend parishioners
 meeting tomorrow night at Ormondville.

WED 20 John took our can of milk to Factory in biggy

 & then rode Heg's mule to Danvick to a foot
 ball match. Put wire netting round haystack
 on hill to prevent calves from pulling out too much

of it on the lower side. John home at dark. He went up to Mr. Beckett's with mare & buggy and Mr. M^r & myself drove in to Orm^l to Parishioners meeting. We put the mare in Skinners stable & the buggy opposite the stable door. When the meeting was over and we came to harness Chessey the whip was gone out of the buggy. There were 12 members elected on the vestry, Mr. Beckett and myself to represent Norewood. Showers when going in. Fine & moonlight coming home. A young man called late to say that a hare was caught in the trap at the road & cleared it



TH 21



Carted out on flat some willows & planted them along a gully & carted in firwood searched over Ridge & Wideryps for hare & trap but could not find either. John chopped down 4 large Willows growing on hill just beyond small orchard and near plantation, we dragged them away with Chessey & a bullock chain. Ground saturated some rain nearly every day. John at drill tonight in Ormond^l Edwin Engelbretson & Freddy Christian - seen before the Court today at Ormond^l charged with placing tacks & an obstruction on the road the night before the bike race was run from Woodville to Napier, both confessed guilty. The tacks we put on the road near first river & an obstruction across road beyond Gollans.

FR 22 A stormy day. Rained Factory chips 11.12. & Dipped a few gun trees. At night Top Edy Watkins & self went to Social in Hall on Hill. Games. Cards, reading of poetical pieces Composed by 16 or 20 persons, guessing how many Coffee beans a bottle contains. Refreshments, dancing Home after 12 o'clock. Night fine.



A showery day. John got more shod.

Chopped down Macracayra tree near garden & dragged it & other limbs on to heap. At night attended Directors meeting at Factory. I shot 2 hares.

SUN 24 All at home. Very fine day. J. G. & Eddy gone to Wesley Church. Writing a letter to Mam.

Also John is posting one to her tonight. Arrive Tuesday

MON 25 Carted cow manure from alongside fence of Gully plantation into stockyard. Planted



3 willows up gully in Pidges & walked over back & saw cattle & foals etc. No shortage of feed this winter, stock look well & contented. John



dug round fruit trees in garden & small Orchard. Put a few posts in fence at back of Long plantation. John & other boys at football in Newwood cricket ground. Moonlit.

TU 26 John left here this morning before day light

to go pig hunting with W. Torkelson and Pomerantz up towards the ranges, but when he got to Torkelson's they were gone. So then went

on towards the ranges by himself across De Ohu and brought home two pigeons after being out all day. This has been a perfect day.

I dug some near front verandah. A letter for Eva from Mam. John at football on school grounds.

WED 27 John took the can of milk to Factory today

& then carted down 3 loads of gravel to gate going into buggy yard, I wheeled it from there on to walk coming to front door.

Finished levelling in front. John white-headed some nail heads on roof over front bedroom. Then went shooting with Ernest & Charlie.

Tonight J. G. & Eddy Watkins gone to surprise party at Tova Torkelson's, a beautiful moonlit night.

This has been another perfect day. Tiny Olam came to grief on his bike, broken fellow boys & Ole Nordbye's horn fell on him & hurt him badly.

WED 27
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No surprise party. When J. J. & Edy got up on hill they were told that poor Ole Nordbye was dead. He never gained consciousness. He was trying to hunt a beast on the road near their house when pulling up short his horse came down and fell on him. He and his sister were both to be at the surprise party tonight. A sad occurrence and his Father away on a visit to Norway. A highly esteemed young fellow was Ole Nordbye.

TH 28 Widened & levelled road at Brown gate cutting. W. Campbell called about a meeting at Factory tomorrow at 10 o'clock. A letter from Mam & one from England for her. Another perfect day. John shot a hare on back & got in small hogg^s off Reserve 31.

FR 29 Worked at Brown gate cutting. Carted 2 loads of gravel down here for walks to house. Went to the funeral of Ole Nordbye. A large assembly. Had afternoon tea at W. R. G. Grants. A Factory Meeting in the forenoon. A dull calm day, not cold. Miss Cunningham took farewell of the children today and left to go to Gistone. Children gave her a present.

SAT 30 Worked at cutting widening and leveling. In the morning bought 1/2 worth sausages from D. O'Hara's cart and 3/2 worth beef from J. Breckley's Cart. A very fine day. John Carted in 3 loads of good matai firewood off flat and after dinner rode up and got a letter from mother. She is not coming home for a while longer. A little rain in the evening.

SUN 31 Walked over back, found a hogget tied up in the lawyers man scrub. Found a ewe under a stump on Widespread, dead skinned her, (near 3 gate ways) A dull dark day. A good month. Fed fairly good on back. No hogg^s dying. Stock not looking bad. W. Johnson came from Wesley Church with J. J. & Edy. W.

MON 1st AUGUST 1904



A fine morning but it turned out a rough wet windy day. John started to chop down lawyers on back, but had to come home wet through. A Telegram from Mam to say "Must catch train" I drove to station & brought her home, not raining.

TO 2nd Walked through snow on Widenups. John



Chopping lawyers. Went to Annual Meeting in Town Hall (Factory) Ballance shut road & 3 directors elected. J O'Hara 234 Painter

Olsen 250 James Keale 235 also Gillichan from Matamoras & Williams 4 I had dinner at P. G. Grants. Sent Reserve Rent yesterday to Receiver of Land Revenue Napier Cheque £ 2.0.6 and also a Postal note for 5/- Got the book "Priests & People" from Martin's Lent same to M. Beckett. This has been a fine day, some rain.

WRO 3 John took a full can of milk to Factory 99 lbs



& then sledged in firewood. Went thro' snow.

Top & Eay drove up on Mill, brought back



Eva. A fall of snow, it is two inches on

on the ground now, gave cows extra feed We give them, 4 cows two sheaves each night and morning. The mare in draychid tonight with hay and oats. The letter I sent to Receiver of Land Revenue was returned today as I forgot to put my signature on cheque, was in a hurry to give it to Eva to post.

TH 4 A heavy fall of snow last night snowing the




greater part of the day. The poor sheep can

find nothing to eat. All the other animals well enough off, the mare in Cart shed with plenty of hay oats & chaff. John snowballing in the evening The Top township against the lower. Eva at home today Sent the Reserve rent away today. Top drew out of Saving Bank today the sum of £ 2.10.0 A good deal of snow on the ground today.


Poor Kaia Laurvig died yesterday.

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FR 5 Snow on the ground all day three or four inches.

 More inside for 3 days. Very big fires this weather, plenty of back logs. John has shooting. The wess this evening can get a pick from under and about the logs. I'll meeting in Lethall. Mr. Brodie gave a nice address on "Diseases of Horses & Cattle" in a sideroom, a good fire on. Only 10 or 12 people there. He stays in John's room tonight.

SAT 6 Sawing & Chopping given tree boughs which

 The weight of the snow broke down. We dragged them on to the road & heaped them near the bridge, after dinner we went through ewes & chopped lawngas & heaped dead wood on them. Mr. Brodie rode away this morning. John goes to Factory with the milk three times a week - Monday, Wed and Friday.


Paid Mr. Skinner's bill today for the month past 10/6
Paid Secretary of Farmers Union my yearly Sub 12/6
last night after the meeting. This has been a fine sunshiny day, not much snow on ground.


SUN 7 A mild day after the snow, none left except a little in the hollows. S. Neale for dinner, he gave me his subscription to Farmers Union 12/6 and 8/6 he allowed me for one of my lambs which they took to Ngaparuru with their sheep in a mistake.


Flossie for dinner & tea. Willie Torkelson for tea and after tea all of them went to Wesley Church. John & Ernest Parsons over at Ellis's section. Saw a rabbit there but did not get it.


After church there came back Willy T. and I Hutchinson



MON 8 John took can to Factory & brought groceries. We ~~left~~ at Beckett. Saw a rate log for firewood from Top & Eddy Watkins drove up to Hutchinson E. W. staying there. Walked over back & front sections. Nothing wrong. A very fine day. Fed fair on back.


 Sawing firewood in the forenoon.


 Sledged some home in the afternoon.

 A very severe earthquake took place in the forenoon, John & I were near a fence on the high peak near my garden. We were standing on the back section & saw the dead tree shook about & swaying & the tops broken off. The cattle & sheep running about frightened near the scrub, three of our vases knocked down & broken. Mam ran out & fainted near woodgate. Many chimneys in Ormondville knocked down & much damage done. Mr. Skinner says most of his goods on shelves were knocked off and all of his big lollie bottles and other large bottles were knocked off the shelves & broken.


WED 10 John took milk to factory & then carted in  firewood and gathered up the cow manure along fence & put it in stockyard heap. Paid Mr. Buckell £1-6-0 for years insurance in Phoenix Office for house.


News of broken chimneys and damage to houses over the greater part of the North Island. Miss Edy Watkins came back again this afternoon from Hutchinsons after a day or two's stay up there. Attended a meeting of Directors at the  Factory Office. Saw a ewe on the top part of the ridges lying down with her lamb along side her, the first of the season. John & Ernest out for  the afternoon. They shot 3 hares. Put the small calf on Hill with the other two. - leave

 The Willow trees are about to, or just sending out -


TH 11 Mam went with Carl to catch the 1st train  for Waipara to see Dr Ross. The doctor says she is improving, he gave more medicine & pills. She came home by the Palmerston train & up by coach.


Worked at 3 rail fence on Hill Orchard today.

 John drove white heifer out on back & shot 2 quail, tonight he is gone to Arm⁵ to give up his rifle as the Volunteer branch to which he belongs is about to disband. He gave to Mr. P. G. Grant tonight subscription 2/6 for the benefit of Mrs Pawson the widow of the late Pawson, Cricketer who has been left in poor circumstances, a subscription list is going round and Norwood cricketers are giving a little. Eva found the 1st Lamb today. No others. Went through Ewes.


 A letter from Pop & Kelly Fourneman. They are all right after the Earthquake fight. Summers day.

FR 12 Finished the 3 rail fence round Hill Orchard

 Planted fruit trees along fence. Apple, Peach, plum etc. John took milk to Factory and got a full can of buttermilk besides skim.

 Ezy Watkins left here by afternoon coach for Napier. She came here on the 14th of last month. Tonight in Town Hall there is a strong band called the Austral^{guards} Band. ^(Selwyn) Willy Jorkelson came down and Top is gone away up to the hall with him. John went first by himself. Mam & Eva gone last. A sheepskin buyer called, he is buying for the Loan & Mercantile Co and I sold him four skins at 8 pwt. The amount he paid me was 9/-

SAT 13 Saw a rata leg near my garden for firewood.

 Helped Mam & John put in a box board between the two gravel walks leading to front and back door. Another very fine dry day.

John saw sheep cattle & the two foals on back.

SUN 14 Through ewes saw another ewe & lamb. Top found a ewe cast on flat near big willows. John & some more boys went to Moari's old burying ground. Mr. W. Bickell came this afternoon. Rain. Top & John at Gospel church.

MON 16 AUGUST 1904



John took can of milk 100 lbs to factory
Showers fell all through the day. Rev^d
Mr. King came in the forenoon & dug out box
shrubs and some laurel trees in garden and
a few young wattle plants. John took them
home for him with mare & Bray. One more Lamb.

TU 16



Walked through ewes, a black faced ewe
with twins on Widdrups. Only about 5 lambs
so far. John split Keta firwood & walked
through sheep on back. The catch of fodder
about done, gave hay to Cows today.

WED 17



John took milk to factory & got can of buttermilk
was out shooting all the afternoon with Everett.

Mr. Kille from Napier drove up to see us
walked out on the back where John & Guy
Callender took him to find me. He could not
stay for dinner as he had to be in Waikopiro
at Elliott's sale at 12.30, so after having a cup
of tea he started for there in an Ormond's gig.
& north wind set in in the forenoon and after
dinner rain set in & continued. Mam felt bad
in the afternoon & went to bed. I went up to the
girt hotel & got her a bottle of Messer Whiskey & p.
John & Top gone in the rain to Social, Top Hall,
in aid of Tennis Club. Letters to the Editor
part of the program tonight, & crib playing.
A couple of Ewes lambed today, a bad night for 'em
Mam has pains tonight. We are putting hot plates on her.
John & Top home late - after one o'clock a.m.

TH 18 A very rough windy day. John rode to Ormon

to give up his Volunteer Rifle & pay for his
uniform (5/6). Altina's Directors Meeting
Mr. Nathan a Wellington & Palmerston merchant
& better buyer present. Heavy rain with high wind
nearly all day. John saw 3 or 4 newly dropped lambs
Mam is much better today & tonight.

Slept in this house for the 1st time 18th Aug: 1891

Paid W M Thompson for S. Neal 12-6 as
a years subscription to Farmers Union.

Mam suffered a great deal of pain tonight.
We had to use hot plates on her. Very little sleep.

FR 19 Very high wind & rain all last night and
high wind all day. John at Factory &
got buttermilk. Willy Torkelson this evening
got some young accasias on oak, holly, &c.

15 or 16 ewes with lambs. All of them in shelter
and behind logs this morning. None dead.

A letter from Rosebank. M^r & M^{rs} Towne
sailed for N. D on the 17th August. All well.

SAT 20 High wind all day long. Mam suffered a
fearful lot with pains all night until two
o'clock this morning when a premature
male child was born, it was alive & very
diminutive, we were astonished, never expected
anything of the sort. John got up & went over
for M^{rs} Thodson sen. who came & did everything
necessary. Pop got up also and got things
in readiness. Mam's agony was over. She
felt relieved & much better. After breakfast
M^{rs} Thodson came over again. About two
o'clock or a little before the little one died.


I went to M^r Beckett's. I met the coach on the
road & gave a letter to Carl to post at Orm^{ns}
to Dr Ross written by Mam giving particulars
of the affair. M^r Beckett advised me to go
& see Constable Butler at Orm^{ns}. I did so &
reported the case to the Constable. A case of
Oranges came from Montague Lasells by
train & coach. John & one of Cantlays boys out
here shooting, they shot four birds. Windy
tonight again. M^{rs} P. G. Grant came today.
also young M^{rs} Thodson. Found a single
lamb dead in the creek at O'Hara's corner.

SUN 21

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
Sheep all right on Widesaps. On ridges
 one two tooth east with a very big dead
 lamb alongside her, had to carry her home & put
 her in sheep yards, she is all right now. Two dead
 lambs like twins on flat. Another 2 tooth
 a good mother had a weak lamb in an
 exposed place, the lamb too weak to get
 up or suck, got them home & put the lamb
 near the fire & gave him cows milk; he is able
 to drink & knock about. John & I had a job
 to take a big lamb from a two tooth on flat
 after dinner, she could not lamb by herself.
 Got them home to sheep yards, they are all right
 Very bad weather for lambing this month so far.
 M. Thomson sent for us to help get a newly calved
 cow out of the creek, she was in a bad place
 we put the horses on to her and a rope round
 her neck to hook on to and with help we
 dragged her out. Top & John at Church.
 This is another showery night. The little stack
 of hay on hill was blown over last night.
 More lambs came last night & today than any
 day or night up to this, hoping for a good week.
Mon 22 Fearful rough weather still. John got 1st 6th 3rd
 Factory cheques this morning. Put two ewes
 & a lamb in front on the barley &c. Another ewe a
 good mother with a small lamb in woolshed
 tonight. 3 or 4 ewes lambed last night. They are
 mostly in shelter of logs, behind hills &c. Mail
 & rain today enough to perish lambs. Letter from
 Alice & one from Dr Ross saying there is no need
 of using a Registrar of births &c. M. Thomson calls
 We picked up a lamb on Widesaps & gave it to
 Albert Gunderson. This is the worst August I
 have seen in New Zealand for ewe lambing.


† Through two lumps, some fresh ones. One ewe with 3 lambs, gave one of them to a Thonet tin boy.

 John rode to Ramonville & got dogwood sent by Charlie from Te Anie.


A lecture tonight in Gospel Hall by W. Lambert on "Persecutions of Early Christians" John & I went.

This morning I buried the poor little mite in the corner of the new flower garden in front, in the angle between the rows of boxes. A very fine day this.


WED 24 John took milk to Factory & got buttermilk  & exchanged ganders with D. O'Hara.



 After dinner he rode to Makotaku to a football match, home late. I attended a meeting of Directors at Factory to meet Mr. Philby a Government Dairy expert, for the purpose of finding an estimate of the cost of reconstruction. After dinner walked over


back, found a sheep tied up in some lawyers in fur scrub. Saw the cattle. Enough feed on back. Fine day.

TH 25 Some ewes lambed last night steady, mostly  twins. There are a great many poor-looking twins already. This has been a fine day altho

some showers fell & saturated the ground again. John rode up to Newwood & paid at P. Office 12/- sheep tax. Trimmed & lopped some lambs off time.

FRI 26 A few more fresh ones mostly twins, one dead  single lamb, a good big mother standing near it on Ridge. Helped John saw firwood



 on flat. We also saved a length of henau posts. Dug out some carrots in my garden. The small  from got up today for a while. Mr. Thoden ^{son} came

SAT 27 Found on Wierups a ewe with a dead black lamb  & another with a single black. Buried 2 dead lambs found under a log on flat. Took lamb from Ewe & put them in yards, they are all right. Not much work done, heavy spring showers.

John went to Factory & got a can of buttermilk, and got in some matai firewood, not a good time to cart firewood, as the ground is saturated and gets too much cut up. John & some small boys made a four-wheeled little cart. Moon up today again - improving. Got half or 3 parts of a sack of pollard & a bushel of wheat at Beckwith's.

SUN 28 A good many lambs came last night.

~~For~~ more twins. John had to take a lamb from a young ewe, she could never lamb by herself. We had to get them in she is in a bad way, the lamb is all right. Rev Lambert called going home from service in Norwood. The two Miss Darmon's called this afternoon. Top & Billy Thadson went to Wesley Church tonight. John & Ernest rode to the mountains or over beyond Gollan's in the forenoon & afternoon on Ellis's section looking for rabbits. This has been a very fine dry day, also last night no rain fell. The first day & night without rain for weeks. Moon up most of the day. One of my teeth troublesome these 2 days.

MON 29 Found 3 ewes down near three gateways. One  a two tooth ewe down, took away from her a big single lamb dead, took twins from a ewe lying down and sledged her in, left one lamb with her & John gave the other to Hegh. Found one  lying against log, with her lamb close by. She took to it at once. Dragged logs with mare to old stockyard bridge. Left mare in Ridge tonight. Mr Campbell & Billy came this evening, also Mr P. G. Grant & children. A good many lambs came last night and today, more than half the ewes have lambed now. This has been a perfect day. A white frost this morning. Letter from Nellie Fournau.

TU 30 A U G U S T 1904



Not many fresh lambs last night
But two cows with their lambs on sale.

After they are on the sale a day or two, we put them
them on the Hill. Placed the logs on the old
bridge and carted a couple loads of earth
spun it on top of the logs. Went through the ewes
& lambs in the evening again. A beautiful day.

WED 31 Another very fine day. August goes out
like a lamb but then has been rough weather.
No losses amongst the stock so far. But a
great number of lambs lost as yet and
no ewes. There is a Town Social in the
Town Hall tonight, but none of us is going
as Maon is taken bad with pains in her
head. From six until after eight o'clock
the pains continue and after that there is
relief and a good night's sleep follows.

TH 1st SEPTEMBER 1904




Very few lambs coming now. John
Carting in firwood off Flat. I went

to Directors meeting at Factory. There were
2 or 3 offers for the seasons output of butter
at 9³/₄ per lb. Directors want 9¹/₄, the price is
low all over New Zealand and the market
is dull in London. Messrs Nathan, Wellington
is to have the refusal of the butter and the
first offers. We are making up the old bridge
at the stockyard. Mam better today. Fine day.



FR 2 John through ewes & lambs & then chopped
down some lawns. Finished old bridge.




After dinner slugged in the hay
which was on the Hill & was
blown over some time ago. The hay shed is full again.
Very fine weather. Willows half covered with green leaves.

 Only one or two fresh lambs last night. Made a fire at 3 gateways to burn off some logs and another fire in scrub where we chopped down lawyers and heaped dead wood on them. John drove to Station with Alice at 7 train. There was a meeting in Library last night on Horticultural affairs. Mr. Watson elected President. P. G. Grant, Beckett & self Vice Pres. - onto. News that Mr. M. Leary at Waipukurau is dead - died 2 days ago. Some spring showers today. The grass is giving some symptoms of growth.

SUN 4 All at home. Very fine day. In the evening Miss Learmont called. At night John & Top went to Wesleyan Church. Top came home by herself.

MON 5 Only one or two fresh lambs last night. Sawed  the boughs off some trees. Mr. Larson went to the Factory this morning & took our milk. Poor Top  went by midday train to Agincourt. John & Alice went to Brmth with her. After dinner a heavy shower of hail fell - fearful heavy & rains after that, about half past 3 it was fine again, it was quite hot before the hail fell. John at a Cricketers meeting in Library tonight. Mr. Beckett sent 50 yards - a bundle - of wire netting today. It requires 70 yards of it to go round my garden to keep out hares.

TU 6 No fresh lambs last night. A very fine day.  Made 2 fire near the 3 gateways & showed a human log on back. Mr. P. G. Grant called in the morning with Subscription list to build a Presbyterian Church in Norsewood. Promina 2.2.0. A great many donations of £10 on his list. John drove Alice to catch express going to Pukahou and he brought back Gerby coming from Agincourt. Mr. Beckett & Mr. Watson called in the afternoon. Mam got a letter from Mr. Willy Sturrock. A good growing day.



John went to factory with his horse

this morning & got a can of buttermilk. I went through all Ewe flocks. Two fresh ones singles. The grass giving symptoms of growth. Logged up some with mare on Neal's track, back after dinner rain. John went shooting with Ernest, shot 2 rabbits on M^cLeads. Miss Leamont called at tea time & kindly handed Mam £20. out of the Savings Bank's Money, thus saving Mam the journey of going to Post Office as she is not yet strong. Gladie & her 2 sisters called. John & Ernest fishing for eels in the creek tonight. This has been another very good growing day.



TH 8 John & Ernest last night caught a large eel & a trout. Did not notice any fresh lambs.

Put in a row of peas, a row of potatoes and a row of carrots in top garden, John digging out small carrots for the pigs. The carrots grown in top garden very small, as they were not thinned nor were the weeds taken out. We carted up two small loads of manure for vegetables and used some of it. Mam walked over today to Thodum and made M^{rs} Thodum see, take £1-40 what she did for mam some time ago in the middle of a rough night and also the following day. She did not want to accept anything.


FR 9 Found a ewe cast in Widenaps after lambing.

The lamb was dead and very large, the Ewe could not stand. John & I whistled her into woolshed after dinner, gave her grass, no other fresh lambs. The grass growing and the sheep beginning to scour. Dragged some logs together on back before dinner. Rain came on, heavy rain, the ground sodden. John got rooster at D O'Hara's. Ground too wet to put in vegetables.


A lot of rain fell last night & today is wet & sloppy, heavy showers, the ground sodden.

 Cleaned up shed, took out chaff &c. The cow which we wheeled in yesterday & put in shed last night is on her legs today & feeding. I put her in the oak plantation this afternoon. 5 or 6 cows lambed last night & this morning, one with twins on Midwaps. John shot a hare for dogs on back. A strange black dog on Midwaps amongst trees & lambs. We chased him in the direction of Hans Mortensen's. Paid Skinner 10/- for his last months bread. At night attended a directors meeting at Factory. Paid Larson 12/- He is now paid up to the 1st September. 

SUN 11 A very fine day. After dinner walked over to H Mortensen. No one at home only the children. Walked round to C C Smiths, stayed a few hours & home across the Paddocks. W Forkelson called. Floreni stayed for tea & we all drove to Church. Used the buggy lamps

MON 12 In the forenoon worked on back getting stringers  re for culvert at Poplar gully. I Neal

came at dinner time & afterwards came out on back and we made a sweep. He gave me a cow & calf for two steers. We got the cow home & milked her & took the calf away. El paid £8- to Mr Beckett the amount of his bill. Ada must have called when no one was home, for Cecil's Photo was left on the kitchen table. This has been a fine day.

TUE 13 One or two fresh lambs last night, singles. The  new cow does not give much milk. She is twinid. Wren & Top drove to Ada's in the forenoon. They were back before dinner. Left. John & I worked at culvert near back road. Put stringers across &c. John shot two hares late this afternoon in Reserve. This has been another good day. The ground is drying up fast. The grass is coming on.



The new cow gave such a small quantity of milk this morning again, that we let her go with her calf, after castrating the latter.



John & I worked in the garden today. I put in a long row of peas and broad beans, also a few potatoes, afterwards John & Ernest went out with the two dogs & shot 2 hares. Mam, Top & I drove up to Lawn Tennis Social at night & left for home about 12 o'clock. Fine day & a good night's amusement. Mr. Brodie Vet surgeon did not come owing to sickness. Several Makotaku settlers showed up. C. C. Smith, & Mal. etc.

TH 15



Mam went to Papakura or Rosebank by the 1st train, Top drove her. Planted wattle in corner plantation & one in top garden.



John took a dead lamb from a ewe on flat. He cleared round gooseberry bushes in garden and grabbed out some of them. Attended meeting in Hall at 11.30. Business not finished until about 3 o'clock. Reconstruction of Factory Carried to be done in the Winter of 1905. Put in a few potatoes in garden. John shot another hare this evening.

FR 16



One fresh lamb last night. John found a dead lamb on flat - a fresh one, another dead one yesterday, buried both. Rain set in before dinner & stopped work in the garden. Shook some manger feed & raked it on 3 patches near 3 gateways. I got 5 lbs nails at Beckells. Sizes 3 inch 2's inch 2 and 1 inch, one pound of each also an Auckland Weekly news. Eva tonight wrote a letter to her mother. Raining hard now.

SAT 17




Ground too wet to do anything in garden. Went out to back, saw a split semi-human skate for cult. At night went with John to Wesleyan tea meeting.


SUN 18




The 20th anniversary of the opening of Wesley Church. Bought 2 tickets for S & T to go to the Pearson Concert on ^{Wednesday} next.


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SUN 18 One fresh lamb last night. Warm forenoon
 Flossie for dinner & after tea went with J & G
to church (WEELEY). Walked across to J. Meale, Paid £1.
to him which I pay annually for a bit of land
along the face of our boundary, it is mostly slips.
The evening turned out cold, it is raining at present.


MON 19 No fresh lambs. Went out to back road and
put logs & limbs in heaps with manure, between the
 back road & culvert. John then went on to
Widnups getting firewood, but whilst
out on back dragged horse & plab to Culvert.
I went to Directors meeting which began at half
past eleven. A very fine day. In the afternoon went
and worked at Culvert. John shot 2 more hares.
He is in Lutheran Hall tonight at a meeting
connected with Cricketing. His feed in paddocks
for stock. I am going to write a letter to Maam.


Today in Factory Office I paid W. M. Thompson 4/10
and this amount with Factory bonus, & interest
and previously paid up shares gives me 8 fully
paid up shares. John home from meeting at 9.30

TU 20 Did not go through Ewes & lambs this morning.
 Two wild ducks lit on dam up the gully this
morning and John shot both with one shot.


 He has been splitting matai firewood on
Widnups & wheeling stones off onto. Eva
Posted a letter & a paper to her mother. Finished
the culvert & put in onions in garden (seed) and
wheeled 2 or 3 barrow loads of manure on to bed
also put in some potatoes. A beautiful day.



WED 21 Put in some lettuce seed & some potatoes. One ewe
 with twins on flat. Went out to back with John
& manure & dia a little before dinner, heavy pain put in
Mr. W. M. Thompson's boy came with Factory cheques to be
signed. Jop & John at Parsons Benefit cricket concert
in Hall. A beautiful evening. Fred hogg in Reserve League.

 Heavy rain last night. Heard young geese come in from Concord late last night or early this morning. John got con of buttermilk at factory & \$1.50. Factory cheque, Feet 3.8 and 3.7 and the last 3.6 very poor cows, not worth their keep, must fatten them & not take them to bull again. Heavy rain fell today. Started to make a heavy 9 ft gate in woolshed. John paid Carl Schmidt = \$1/4 for paying at Station & Carriage of Case of oranges & bundle of trees from Crononville. His teeth are very troublesome today & yesterday. Eva has a slight cold.


FR 23 No fresh lambs this morning. Went out on back  with mare & dragged some logs together at dinner time sledged home 4 hewn posts.

In the afternoon saw a passage through on back. Another very heavy shower about 5 o'clock.

 Gave the 3 calves on hill a small bundle of hay & they enjoyed it. The remains of the little stack is done, that is the portion we left after carting or rather plugging in the main part, or best of it. A letter from Mam tonight, the

 first one since she went to Rosebank a week ago yesterday. A Horticultural meeting in the Library tonight I believe. Continuous heavy showers  Found a good sized lamb dead up the gully this evening. Diarrhoea seems to be the cause.

Do not know whether he was a twin lamb or single.

SAT 24 A Wet day. Finished the making of a 9 ft gate  in Woolshed today & swept out shed & left it clean. Skinned the big lamb found dead yesterday. A very small ball of matted wool in the stomach. John found a ewe cast in Wairangi. He posted a letter this morning to his Mother.

SUN 25 Light rain last night & this morn. Ground muddy. John & Ernest out hare-hunting. Eva at afternoon Church. Horrie came back with them. Wild ducks stuffed for dinner.

MON 26 SEPT 1904



Fenced Poplars (2) at bonan culvert near back road. John staked in some firewood and made a dog kennel. We saved a couple of logs on back. No lambs coming. White frost this morning sent letter & paper to Mam this morning. Eva posted one of hers yesterday. Tonight went to hear a lecture delivered by Mr. Egitt in Town Hall, a good lecture. Audience not large. A fine dry day.


TU 27 Worked all day in the garden. Put in potatoes a few but not a few mangel seeds. John got a can of buttermilk this morning. Pulled carrots & mangels & put them in garden. Tilly & Mary came over tonight for a while.

WED 28 A very fine day. Prepared old yards for docking. Yards & surroundings at woodland too wet & muddy. Found ewe lying dead in water in gully on flat, Continuation of Rabbit gully. She seems to have fallen off a log when crossing. This is the first ewe we have lost since lambing commenced.

Got in Flat ewes & lambs, docked 46 EWES 46 WET lambs, 99 ewes. Then got in off ridges 57 EWES & docked 52 lambs 30 WET 22 EWE lambs & put back. Found a good sized lamb on flat with swollen knees, he cannot stand, also a small motherless one had to kill both. Oliver Christopherson called and he John & Ernest went hunting in the evening. Mr. Randerson & Flossie called in the afternoon the latter stopped for tea also Ernest & for fishing.


TH 29 Cared in the dead ewe off flat & skinned her & boiled her for pigs or hens. Put ewes & lambs off ridges on to flat & got in those off Widdowes 65 ewes & 70 lambs 38 52 total lambs 214 and 219 EWES. 2 withers amongst them 221 Jonaki them 5 or 6 ewes short. Put withers 230 ewes, there may have been 2 withers amongst them.



 did some weeding in garden after docking.

John carted in some pine wood to be used under boiler to boil the sheep, and carted old gooseberry bushes & limbs to brush heap at Woolshed. Eva got a letter from Mother, comes home tomorrow by express. Another very fine day.

FR 30 Rain last night. A good deal of rain

 fell this forenoon. No work can be done outside





John got a set of shoes on man & tidied up the washhouse. I drove in to meet mam at the station, she came by the express with her many kits parcels & portmanteaus and presents from M^r & M^{rs}


Fournesau who arrived home in good health after a successful voyage out & a pleasant experience in the Old Country. John & Gerty have received an invitation from M^r Beckett to spend the evening at their place, both are going M^r B's home from the Synod. Some thunder today and soft rain. A good growing day. It was lucky that we docked yesterday & the day before. The yards are now wet again. This morning I opened the two hurdles between the ridges and Midwings and also the hurdle between flat and ridges and all the front paddocks are now open to the Euro & lambs. During her last absence M^{rs} on two occasions went to the Chemist in Hasling's M^r Bates and got most of her tush extracted. At a future time he will draw the remainder. He injected a fluid round the tooth before drawing it, and she suffered little or no pain - nothing to speak of. His charges are very moderate.




On the whole this has been a good month, an early spring, and at present there is good picking for stock, especially on back fication.

I was out since some put in. Benjamin says 42 or 3 pigs did. No sheep did this season to speak of.

SAT 1st OCTOBER 1904

 Went out to Poplar track & logged up with more
 rolled logs together. Came home
at half past ten & got ready to go to Norwood. I
 to Factory meeting, when it was agreed to pay 8
 for to for better fat for the month & other business.
Mam Eva & John drove to P. G. Grants to buy
a suit for John which came to £ 2 - 19 - 6
Left the township at 1 o'clock & got home before the
heavy rain came down. It rained very hard
during the afternoon, not a cold rain.

SUN 2 Nils Larsen was in the yard with his waggon
 this morning before we finished milking.
This is the first Sunday Nils went to factory
this season. We all have been inside today.
It has been a coldish day & wet. No one called.
Vegetables very backward in garden this season. The
only thing showing up as yet is a row of peas.

MON 3 Sixty One years today since I landed in Wellington
 Walked over Flat & found a cow with a young
lamb, one since they were docked, 215 now.
 Walked over back with John & we found the
white heifer "Lilly" & her young calf, heifer
like herself. Got them home & Gertie
 helped John to drag her into the tank with
a rope, we milked her & took away the calf.

She does not trouble about losing the calf. She
is very quiet. Gerty & Eva have shifted out of their
small bedroom & taken possession of the front room.
After dinner went out again on back & saw some
human logs for posts - on back track. Much rain fell.
We saw Jens Schmidt's bull with our heifers on back.
One of them round, I think "Stars" heifer. Tonight
John has gone to Norwood to a Cricketers meet-
ing. The night is calm & cloudless after the rain.
We are afraid it will freeze & destroy a tree in bloom.



Put the cow & her calf out on back Sec.
also the two steers. Found a big cocked



lamb dead in creek under a culvert in
the water. When skinned & opened, dirt and
some wool was in the second stomach. F. Schmitt
came on back feed with his dogs & took away
his bull. Saw a split stumma & some human
poets. John sledged in firwood off Widrup.
This has been a very fine day since feed about.

WED 5 Took "Buttercup" to Hegg's bull and then



went out on back with Carl Hanson and
got in the 2 fillies & helped him take



his horns. He paid for paddocking 1-11-0

We worked in the garden until dinner time



Put in 2 rows of parsnip seed, & rows potatoes.



Mr Hegg and his daughter Patti called in



the evening or rather afternoon. John went



Cricketing this afternoon and at present



he & the Parson boys are having tea after doing



some fishing & they intend to do more tonight.



We got the heifer in the bale tonight without roping her.



TH 6 John finished picking off the stones in barley,



oats & wheat in front and wheeled out weeds &



rough grass out of garden, split human posts



& walked over part of back. He is gone with his



boots to Christian Vosteen tonight to be half



soled. Today put in more potatoes, mangolds, but



Carrots and a row of Maize. Stirred around straw



berries & put a little manure around them. John



wheeled a couple of barrow-loads of manure



into garden. I wheeled one barrow-load from under



outside battons at woolshed. Mam busy with her



flowers, weeding & planting. Paid Skinner 10/- for

last month's bread. Today has been windy. The heifer

goes into bale without much trouble. The young calf

takes her milk quite easily.



John white-washed Kitchen, his mother went to Mr. Becketts for paint brushes and

43 I walked over paddocks & found a big dead lamb, & a good mother along side with plenty milk. Got her in, also a ewe with twins. Put the skin of the dead lamb on a twin & the ewe took to it at once. The big wether lamb looked as if he died from the effects of Castration, altho there was a little dirt and wool in the second stomach. Heavy rain in the morning & forenoon. Fine and calm now. John torching & fishing with other boys.

SAT 8 Docked two lambs yesterday, a ewe & a wether lamb.



These two make up for two deaths.

Today logged up on back road track during the forenoon. John tried on two suits of clothes which Mr. Grant sent him as the previous suit was too small. One suit fits all right & he keeps it, the other one Mam takes back. The price is £2.15.0 of the suit which he keeps. He started this afternoon to cut down the laurel hedge, with a bill-hook.

The day before yesterday, a goose & four goslings made their appearance near woolshed. Boiled a lamb for dogs in big boiler. A very fine day & night.


SUN 9 Walked over back. Sheep rubbing & scratching against

every thing they come in contact with, under links & against logs and fences, they are very much troubled with ticks, also the lambs. The dip "Little Non Poisonous Dip" was not good enough. Egg Martin


Called in the forenoon. John & Willy Torkelam drove to Kopua to see some crickets. Afternoon Mr. M^r. Beckett called, did not wait for tea. Also Mr. & Mrs. P. G. Grant & also Mrs. Willy & Sivia Erickson & Alf. Had for tea after we all went to the various Churches. After Church Willy Torkelam & Ernest came down. This has been a very fine day. The grass is not coming on quick.



Worked on back in the forenoon. John laid posts rails at dam to fence 3 Willows from Cattle knocking them about. We also dragged some logs together with mare. Afternoon John was clipping laurel hedge & I put in a row of peas in the garden also some carrots. Mr. Callender came collecting for Maria Mission. Mam gave her 2/6
~~was~~ A lawn Tennis meeting tonight Gerty & John must go up to Library. It is windy tonight.

TU 11 Dressed & put a few logs together on back & then put  in 8 posts round the 3 willows at dam. Soft rain fell after dinner. Did not do much in garden, put in a few maize seeds in for sheltering corner of garden. Put 3 rings in Tamworth pigs nose, as she was rooting under fence in pig paddock.

Mam & Top drove up town & drew out £5 from Savth Bank. Gave Mr. Beckett 2/6 to be sent with his subscription to Mr. Webb at Osmondville as she has started a subscription for the purpose of procuring a Bible or something of that sort to Mr. J. Hutt, Lay Reader. Sent the following advertisement to Samson Advocate per Mr. Callender. For Sale. Four Manly Lincoln rams. Six teeth. Price two guineas each in the wool. Apply J. P. de South Norwood. To appear 6 times. It is in the paper now, was sent on Saturday last.

WED 12 Finished the fencing of the 3 willows at dam  then rain came on and continued all day. John & another went with a bush waggon and brought from Gollan's bush 4 logs to be chopped in Hall tonight by local axmen at the Social to be held in aid of the Cricket Club. I drove up with Mam & John but found no one there. A few men coming away from the Hall told us that the Social was postponed. The roads are very muddy. It is like a winters evening.

Very heavy showers last night and all day. John oiled the harness & walked over back, also emptied dip as the crank is up. Put up in girls bedroom a corner cupboard or place to hang clothes underneath, also a shelf in our bedroom. Rain seems to be general all over.

FR 14 Another thorough wet day. Did a few little jobs inside. Mam complains about a pain in her left side. After tea tonight she took a bad turn. Poor Eva crying. The bad turn soon passed off. Gertrude & John gone tonight to a birthday party, invited by Miss Learmont. Youngster brought her a pair of vases, as a birthday offering. She is now 21 years & Postmistress.


SAT 15 Rain today again, light rain most of the day. Walked over back & flat. Found the remains of a sheep on hill opposite Magnusson's. The fleece will do to go with the pieces. Put up clothes hooks in S.S.S. bedrooms under curtains. Cleared under & about battens in woolshed. Had a look at cattle. No cow looks as if she will calve for months.


This morning got a bag of sugar at Buckette for 11/9. A rack and a shoulder of mutton from O'Hara's Cart 2/8. We always pay cash for meat, back bread & groceries.

The leaves coming out well on Poplars and Elm trees, in Oak trees the old dried leaves of last year are on them still. Willows green, Ash trees bare.


Only midling grass for this time of the year. Our cows do not care very much about hay. We have plenty hay.


SUN 16 All at home, nothing happened today worth mentioning. A bogget on the road this morning. John put it back into Reserve. A goose which has been sitting up the Creek on "Goose Island" for a few weeks has been flooded & her eggs spoiled. Cracked down today. Arthur Engelbater came with tickets to sell for Lutheran Tea meeting. Mam bought one. Walked with Eva out on back to see Thrush's nest. A perfect day Gertrude gone to Wes^o-Church. W. & I came back with em

 John drove Mam to catch the 9.30 train for Agincourt, and afterwards finished cutting down the laurel hedge.


 Sledged in some hinaw posts, also bar saw wedges & from back. John sledged in ginaw off Widemaps and afterwards fired at a rabbit in the Reserve. Opened hunt at Gundersens Corner & put ewes & lambs off flat into Ridges. In the morning mended old bridge by filling with timber the hole that was washed out, and put some gravel on it. John & Ernest fishing tonight.

TU 18 After breakfast got all sheep off back onto Flat & put ewes & lambs on to back. Attended meeting of Directors at Factory, home about 1 o'clock.

 Gave Factory milk with a handful of pollard to the young calf at dinner time & some good milk from the cow at night & morning. John drove Gerty to Orm to catch the express for Hastings (on to Preboston).


 and met Mam & drove her home from Agincourt. Mr Francis not at all well. A sabb at Ormondville the W's & Kest & Raver. Put in a few posts in fence between the Flat & Ridges. Another perfect day. Plenty sunshine.




WED 19 John rode Cherry to Ormond to catch 1st train for Hastings Show. He rode with Ernest and the latter led Cherry back at midday, after he closed the show in Ormondville. He did not take a water-

 proof coat and heavy rain fell here nearly all day. The new Baker came up with his basket and we took a large loaf. His terms are 6 cash or 7 booked. The bread is very white, clean looking & good to eat.

Mam has been painting about dining room & kitchen. I put in some carrot seeds before the rain & manured it. Good news from the war these last 3 days. The Russians have been defeated, lost a great number of guns and from 20,000 to 50 or 60,000 slaughtered & driven back by the Japs. The Japanese lost heavily, but Russia a great deal more so.

Showers in the forenoon, but it turned out a beautiful day. A few people but not a great many went post to the show. Walked up to Buckette & got a bushel $14/3$ of fowlsheat. Sledged in a few posts & stakes from back. A painted roof of Kitchew Co. Eva late home - Sewing.

FR 21 Took more & sledge out to Back & dressed the  remaining liman posts, two stockyard posts amongst them, & raked up chips and sledged in all but 9 posts, they are big & heavy. Saw all the cattle out there - 18 head big & little. The cows very backward in shaping to spring. We milk only 4 night & morning and get a little more than half a canful for the Factory. Sledged out to my garden a few posts & stakes for wire netting to keep out hares. After tea Mam & Eva drove in to meet John coming home from Show in 7 o'clock train. Train late. They are now gone to Cricketers Social in Hall, Eva & I at home. This has been a perfect day. Calm & very hot.

SAT 22 Dug a bit in garden & put in some carrot  seed. Mam & Eva worked at their garden & tonight they are gone to Lutheran Tea Meeting. John in bed early tonight, his teeth are aching. Got Factory Cheque this morning, amount $17/3$. Put in a couple of posts in fence, Flat - Riagus. Put netting round my garden & plantation and  planted 3 or 4 young accacia's instead of the ones the hares ate and destroyed. Drove stakes for netting etc. John washed buggy. Shifted the  one safe over to one of the house. Mam Eva & John drove up and paid Helena £4.15.0 for Chest of drawers for Gerby. She also got a pair of white blankets for Eva, Cricketing ($11/6$) pants for John & pair of shoes. John walked through dry sheep in front paddocks. A fine cool day.


A very fine day. Walked over paddocks around back Sec. Saw cattle at Fred Schmidt's corner. Bull Schmidt's side of fence. None of the cows anywhere near calving. Morn tea & John drove to Afternoon church and at night the 4 of us walked to Wesleyan church, a lady preacher - Miss Hughes conducted the service & preached a good sermon. A very fine night.


MON 24 Some light rain fell in the forenoon.


Spent the day in the garden putting in carrots and a few potatoes and manured them. John digging his mother's side of the garden, and after milking went practicing cricket. He has just come in & says that the new baker's horse was today frightened at the train in Ormondville and ran away, smashing the cart. This forenoon young Mr. Ross from Danmurrumbidgee called and we let him book 40 fat ewes for the next Orm^l sale - tomorrow week.

TU 25 A Thorough wet day. Sent John ^{£ 5 0} 1-17-10 away today - two one pound notes enclosed with demand. Washed out woolshed floor.


Pruned mare's collar. Saw a strange dog in Reserve and ran up to Brown gate and heard a dog barking in bushes near big willow tree, went over and found two dogs in the act of worrying a sheep on the ground, they had a quantity of wool pulled out and both ears eaten off. Left the sheep on the ground and with John followed the dogs through Becks and on to the road near Hotel, through township and home to their owners, C. Peterson's. Subsequently came home through Reserve and found a hogg cast, sagged & carried it home. Pulled a drowned hogg out of creek in Reserve where I saw one of the dogs. Got home the worried hogg & put it in sheep yards.



 Shifted outside to underneath verandah and put a boarded top on it. Skinned drowned hogg^t up the Reserve creek. Fenced the willow at W.C. Mam & Gert did a big heap of washing. John cricketing in the afternoon. A little rain fell today again. At night went to Vestry meeting to Ormondth Vicarage with Mr. Beckett, home late. Sent to W^{ms} & Kettle for 10 bales, twin 4L 10-0-0 to be placed to my account in Union Bank. Leaves coming out on Oak trees. Elms green also poplars well on, ash trees bare. Good growth weather

TH 27 John painted outside & capboards and  Sledged in some firewood, put foot out on back. Some rain fell today again. Cannot get sheep or yards dry. Did some work in top garden. It is now wire netted all round and here proof. Hoed up a row of potatoes and put in two rows of carrot seed. There is too much soil in it, must lay it down in grass & clover.

 Great indignation these last 2 or 3 days all over the British Empire at the action of the Russian Baltic Fleet firing on English fishing boats - killing & wounding some, & sinking some vessels.

FR 28 Rain in torrents nearly the whole day.


 John painting the underneath part of the iron of front verandah. Some rain came down in front bedroom. I was all day in cartshed shifting a stack of white pine boards. Some of the boards very much damaged. They were stacked when the timber was green and nothing put between the layers of boards, today I placed strips between the boards. Tonight there was a great conflagration in the direction of Ormondth the sky was red it looked as if there was a house on fire. John went up to Beckett's to enquire, after telephoning they discovered that the cause was some logs burning.

Creeks up, rain a great part of the day. Made drain
 of wool from sheep yards across in front of woolshed.
 John finished painting, went through sheep on a
 shot 2 hares. Hudsona sent chest of drawers chairs
 (4) and small table. Walked up township, got 2
 small bottles bulldog stout, cheese coffee beans. A.W. news,
 Union Bank slip acknowledging £10-0-0 placed to
 my credit by Messrs W^m & Kettle. Tonight sent a
 letter by John to C Peterson telling him about the
 damage done by his dogs on Tuesday last and asking
 him to pay for one sheep 14p & destroy both dogs.


SUN 30 Squally today all at home. After dinner there
 came W^m & W^m Beckett and Miss Learmont.

They left for home at 9.30 No rain, but cloudy.


John went to Wesleyan Church. Home at 9.30

MON 31 A little rain last night or this morning. Got in
 all dry sheep into old yards & picked out 31 fat
 ewes & dogged the few requiring it & put them on
 Flat, the others on ridge & M^dumps Some very
 big heavy fat well woolled ewes amongst the 31. Some of them
 not near good enough for freezing. M^m got me a
 bottle of "Allen's Lung Balm". John making a garden
 up the creek in Reserve. Gave a subscription of 5/- on
 W^m Beckett's list towards a Brass Tablet to be placed
 in Ormondville Church in Memory of the late Canon Webb.
 Received demand for Road Rates from O' Eingsay
 today, a rate of $\frac{4}{10}$ of a penny on 1832. Come to 11-5-5



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 The mare foaled last night or this morning. A filly.

Took the 31 fat ewes to Orm^d sale. Put a reserve of 18/-
 on them. They fetched a 18/9. A M^r King's Abraham W^m


 bought them. After coming home I got in some &
 Remond's Hagg^t batten in yards, rams in shed. 3 turkeys

put in enclosure today to fatten. Harry Maitland Auctioneer sold
 the fat ewes. Bunny, Auctioneer, was selling for W^m & Kettle.

 We dagged & shored the 4 teams and 30 hoggets today.
 The small hoggets in Reserve are all healthy and strong but light fleeces, rams in good condition. Mam & Gerty gone tonight to Choir practice in Church. This day has been windy, but fairly calm at present.

TH 3 After breakfast got in all sheep of Widemere & ridges and started to dag them. light rain came on & we put 27 in shed & shored & put them on ridges. The woolly ones on flat, not so many ticks as I expected. Got sheep ^{cheque} from W Rose £27-17-9 for the 31 fat ewes. Amongst the 27 shorn today. 12-4 took wethers & a few good ewes. Mam today went to see Mr Mulholland about annual Church Tea-meeting. Very high wind last night. An elm tree broken off at ground & blown over in buggy yard. Not very much rain fell today.

FR 4 A good many vehicles went past this morning for Palmerton Show - the People's Day.

 John & Gerty went with Mr Pockett in his gig. Shored 2 hoggets & killed a poor wether for dog. dug a bit in my garden & put in Cowgrass and raked in some lucerne. Sent cheque 27-17-9 to Union Bank this morning. Walked over part of Back & saw most of the cattle. Straw long is only beginning to spring. A good day for the show. News came last night that poor Anton Anderson died. He has been ailing for a long time.

SAT 5 John drove Mam Eva & I to Ormondville with Chessy to catch 1st train for Hastings. The fare was 4/6 return. Mam had the whole of her remaining teeth drawn by Mr Bates. On arriving in Hastings we went & had lunch at Staricks. We come home by the late train & arrived in Ormond ^{Co} after 7 o'clock. We had a very fine day. The mare went in the buggy all right five days after foaling.




SUN 6

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Another fine day. Today the ranger paid a visit to John & Ernest over at the creek in Tucks. All of us went to church at night. Very windy.


MON 7 Sent letter to El House to come here on the 9th


 with his entire. John got in sheep and we dagged them until a shower came on. We then put 60 in shed & 40 more until 4 o'clock - 30 of them, the other half in shed tonight. John went cricketing at 5 o'clock. We heard a dog barking  out on back & we saw the ewe & lambs running so I went out beyond the far scrub I found  a ewe cast her lamb standing by her.


I also saw a dog running & smelling about - a thickset sporting-looking dog, liver colour body, white round the neck & chest, he went in the direction of Magouson's. A letter from L. E. Pedersen agreeing to ^{pay for} damage to sheep done on the 25th of last month when he gets his pay. A letter from Agincourt asking Marn to go up for a while as Mr Francis is still sick. A letter from the Union Bank acknowledging the sum of 27 47. 9 less 9 exchange to be put to my account.

TUE 8 We shorn today, besides dagging some 42 and  put some dagged ones back on flat. 30 in shed tonight. John gone cricketing. Garty went practicing tennis. Marn & her went to a Ladies Church meeting this afternoon at Miss Learmonts. Hoed up some potatoes in garden and put in two short rows of mangold seed. The carrot seed has not showed up yet. Think it wont grow.


WED 9 Shorn the sheep in the shed last night, 30. Some heavy shower fell today. Nooswood won cricket match  with Arn's poor play on both sides. Put more to House's  entire in shed paddock. Found 2 dead ewes on back, skinned one. Marn Garty & John at cricket trial tonight. Shorn now 4 some 139 shuck -


30 Put in cabbages plants & put in a few in top garden . Shook in some turnip seed. John sledged in firwood & got in 50 sheep & dogged them. Shove 20 of them. In shed tonight. 30

FR 11 Shove the sheep in shed last night - 30 & John  got in 35 & dogged them & we shove 25 of them and put 30 in the shed tonight. Gave £ 3-11-0

Cheque to Mam to pay Malena's bill 2-11-0 - and get some change. Pulled the wool off a dead ewe on back. A goose sitting on 5 eggs alongside sheepyard  came off this morning with one gosling. This has been another very fine shearing day.

SAT 12 Shove the 30 in shed last night & 15 others. 45

 John got in the lot, 95, off Flat & dogged them and put back 80. We knocked off between

 half past 3 and 4 o'clock. Weighed some of the fleeces - a few of the wethers weighed 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs besides belly wool, weighed one ewe's fleece 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Many of the wethers fleeces weigh 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ nett. Many of the hoggets fleeces are matted. We are not skirting the fleeces.

Many of the fleeces - most of them - are discoloured from rubbing under burnt limbs & legs and they are broken on the back. Three little girls have been here today with Eva. Bonnie, Ella & Olive Nordby. Mam went up to O Erickson's & paid his bill 3-17-9.

Rain set in at 6 o'clock from the west. Raining now.

SUN 13 Last night was a nasty cold windy rainy rough night. Very rough on the poor freshly shorn sheep. Windy all day but not so cold as last night. John walked over Gunnarson's end of back. I walked over the other end.



Brought back a sheep skin. Only John gone about tonight

MON 14 A showery cold miserable day. Mam did not go to Alan Agincourt, the day too rough. He passed No 1 bale 84


mostly hoggets & matted No 2 - 64 No 3 - 66 No 4 - 66


Mr Brodie came & had tea & stayed for the night.


Went with him to Hall's Factory where medicine bottles was opened.



 John found a hoggie cast on Flat. He drove Bram to catch the 9.15 train for Agincourt. Mr. Brodie went up to township. Windy day with some showers. Got package of peas at Beckells. Sowed the fourth bale of Wool & branded them, only one fleece in shed now except the four Colonus ones. John dug a bit  in garden. He got a letter from Charley at Le Aute to say he, Charley, took only one coat away from Palmerston. John's coat & Mr. Beckells were in one parcel & left in the cloak or parcel room on show day & John's coat is gone. Another severe night on storm struck. Tonight a meeting is to be held in Library for the purpose of getting up a social in aid of C Olsen's family. The mother very bad for some time past, gone to Macpikurau hospital today where one of her children is already. Neighbours have taken the other children. John is to be at the meeting in library tonight. Windy & rough.

WED 16 Another rough day. Went through show sheep none dead, they are behind legs & tumps & under banks. John got sticks & stuck the peas. Put in some of our own ~~own~~ Cabbage plants here & a row of peas in top garden. Got a post card from Mr. Towne wishing many returns of yesterday, his birthday also. A letter from Commissioner of Land & Income tax demanding Land tax on £212 after £500 exemption and Mortgage of 300[£]. The tax is 1 in the £. Amount comes to 17/8. We got a holiday from school, bits of sport at Ormond ~~the~~





TH 17 Sent Post card to Rosebank. Moved some grass round house. Sharpened crosscut. John went  over back & after dinner got in 119 sheep off Flat. We shorn 26 of them & put 23 in shed tonight.



FR 18 Up early shorn the sheep in shed & got in remainder 31 and  finished dry sheep today 360. Went to Factory meeting ~~was~~ Paid J. Collinge's bill 1[£] 6^s 6^d & Colling's Land Tax 17/8. Amongst the dry sheep there are 114 four tooth wethers.

 A rough forenoon, wind & rain. Put in a bale 63 flowers
 did not press it, as it will hold more. Put ewes &
 lambs off back on to Flat. Put show shuck on back
 John met Mam with buggy, coming from Agincourt.
 She brought Cabbage plants & I put some in. We got up
 yesterday from Ormond = flower roots from Mr-
 Waightman - Dahlias - Mam put them in today.
 Sent to Sec Farmers Union Hastings (Fraser) 10/-
 All but one in Nowwood tonight. Fine & moonlight


SUN 20 Walked over back with Eva. We found May
 the cow with with a young calf in scrubs
 and brought her home & John milked her.
 She gave a lot of milk & did not trouble
 much about taking away the calf. Eva
 took from a Thrush's nest with 4 eggs in it, a fifth
 egg got broken. Gerty went in Mr. Beckett's express
 to Ormondville church to witness a confirmation
 Service. 20 were confirmed & the church full.


All of us went to Nowwood Church at 2.30
 The Bishop preached, after the service we
 stayed for tea at Mr. P. G. Grant. John came
 home & milked &c. We all went to Presbyterian
 Church in the school from Grants. John & John
 went to Wesleyan. W. J. came home with Gerty.


Mon 21 Sent cheque by Eva to Mr. P. G. Grant 4-2-6
 for £2 got yesterday from Mr. Grant & 2-2-0
 as a subscription to New Presbyterian Church.
 Put in some seeds in garden where the early seeds
 did not grow. Put in parsnip, carrot & a few man-
 gold seeds. After dinner got in some ewes & lambs.
 & had time to put into shed only 19 ewes.
 when heavy rain came on and continued
 for a long time. There was no time to do the ewes.
 A lamb had a hump broken & I killed it for
 mutton. Gerty has a letter from Mr. Barker Kaituma
 gave the young calf a drink & is nursing.

  Got Factory cheque this morning 1-13-1

Garty drove team to catch 9.15 train for Agincourt.


 Shove the 19 ewes in sled last night that them
to go back on Flat. John sledged in a load of firewood


 We passed Dale St & that in it 78 fleeces. A letter
from a Pakiatua wool buyer offering 7 1/2 pence for the wool.

 Put in more mangels & carrot seeds in the garden
where the first lot did not grow. Opened out the pit
in the garden where the carrots were pitted, but
they are all rotten & useless. John went Cricketing
this evening & Top at Lawn Tennis. W J came back
with Top & Ernest came with John. Billy here too.


Eva passed in all subjects today at the examination

WED 23 Sent cheque to Colterill & Humphries 7-2-6


 as 2 years into John W & J Forkelsen went in our
buggy to Ormondville en route to Waipukuruan
to a cricket match. Scored won by 6 wickets.



 Garty bought back the buggy. Put in a few cabbage
plants & shoots & sowed in a few cabbage seeds.


Cut & mowed some of the long grass near gran house.
After dinner got in & dogged 38 ewes. A lamb got
his hoof down between the battens & in twisting round
broke or disjointed his hip, must kill him tomorrow.
Top got the cows home & milked two of them.

 A very fine warm day & a beautiful calm
moon lit night. Top drove to the station
& met the cricketers. Willy Forkelsen & Oliver
Erickson for tea. In shed tonight 22 ewes, the
remainder 16 in yard. The cow "May" has
turned out much better than we expected. She
is very quiet, easy to milk & gives a good quantity



TH 24 Shove today 53 ewes, good heavy fleeces. On 12 too



 In shed tonight 20 ewes. A Mr. Felt, Thompson
organiser called, gave him 5p out of factory cheque. He
was short 1/6 of change, gave it to him. Man came here
from Agincourt. Skinned lamb ^{John shov a east one} on flat, a weath one.



  Shorn today 41. Knocked off early. All hands down in the evening to the Social. Over 9⁰⁰ was taken. Left for home after one o'clock. A beautiful calm moonlit night.

SAT 26 This morning Mam & Top went in 1st train to Kaikora & went from there in a  Springcart out to Mr. Parkers. After staying there for an hour or two came away again. I and Eva out there at station with buggy another very fine shearing day. Shorn 40 and knocked off early. A sheep buyer came Mr. Alloworth. The ewes today again cut heavy fleeces, 9 to 12 lbs. and clean. Eva slept until 10 o'clock this morning.

SUN 27 Walked over back with Eva. A very fine day at night John & Top went to Wesley church and Jimmy Hutchinson came back with them.

MON 28 Got in all the ewes & lambs before breakfast   and put them through the race. 60 ewes & one hogget. Shorn 41 and in shed now 20.

  Found a good shorn ewe dead on flat and her lamb standing alongside her. Skinned the ewe this evening, she is in prime condition. Top at lawn tennis & John at cricket this evening.

TU 29 Shorn the last 20. One wether amongst them   Prussia Bale N^o 6 - 60 fleeces N^o 7 - 53 Put all ewes & lambs off flat on to ridges & Miderups. We have lost one wether, he has been with the ewes & lambs all spring & was crutched with the ewes. I also make the number of Ewes short by 9. There were 228 Ewes when the rams were taken out & 213 shorn. 6 I found dead. One four tooth wether - marked is gone. If I find the marked wether dead or alive later on I will mark it here.

WED 30

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Cricket match today. Norsewood 108. Dannevirke 104.




Pressed Bale No 8 = 54 fleeces 199 = 56

and 9 coloured fleeces were put on top of No 10 containing

pieces at bottom, neat bellies (the bulk), 9 fleeces on top

TH 12 3 NOVEMBER 1904 DECEMBER
 John got Nils Larsen's mare & bush waggon &

took 3 bales to Ormond. Our mare & foal got out on road & ran up German line as far as Finsbands. Thunder in the afternoon & terrific heavy shower. It was a wet afternoon John could not go with a second load of wool, owing to the rain. He had a tooth drawn by a dentist who

 visits Norsewood weekly - stays at top hotel. John

he charged 5/- for injecting fluid round tooth & pulling.

John then took Larsen's waggon home to him.

Eva today bought a new 2nd standard reading book - 1/6.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1904 DECEMBER



John made two trips to Ormond with 6 bales

today with Nils Larsen's bush waggon & got in a bit firewood in the evening. Mr. Curriek called about Little Dip, Ormond

2 cases of Powder dip to be sent through Mr. Bickett agent

A watchmaker from Dannevirke, Woods - called. Mr. Thorsen

& children & two nieces from Palmerston called. Mr. Collins

called about a surprise party to be held at J. Turkeloms

We are unable to go. Went out on back, saw 17 head of cattle.

Hoed up some potatoes in garden & put lime round Cabbage

plants, many slugs. Hot forenoon, a little rain fell.

John paid Mr. Callender for advertising rooms in Adva 4/-

SAT 3 John took the last bale of wool to Ormond in Nils



Larsen's bush waggon. Nils took the milk to factory

in his express. We have more skin milk than we can use.

We have over a can of milk for the factory. Mam makes

butter. The wool went to Napier today. John consigned it.

Sent letter of description & to Wm. & Keller. Did some


weeding in top garden. John drove mam to Mr. Fried's

Boiled mutton & mangelos for turkeys. A very fine day.

SUN 4 Drove to Orau's church with Mr. Bickett in his gig &

with his mare. At night went to church. All hands

off. Keat for tea. W. Turkeloms in the evening. ^{got night, also} _{met}

 John helped Mr. & Mrs. Hudson take a cow down the road to ^{Yea Schmidt's} Foot-Block's, with a halter. A rough cold squally day. Started to make a gate in wicket.


Arthur Sugden called and I paid his bill 2-5-1 I gave him a cheque for 3-5-1 & he gave me a pound note


News tonight that poor Johnston died today in the Asylum.

TU 6 A squally miserable day, much rain fell in the evening. Cut some grass along by Wellingtonia.


John put in seeds & potatoes in his garden, and sledged in a good load of matai. Top got a letter from Mr. Barker. She need not go there. Cold wet night

WED 7 Drove some of the cricketers to station - 2 Tockelam's

 I Collings & John, they were beaten by 13 runs, and only had 36 to bat in the 1st innings. Showers all day. Did a little work in shed. Made scare crow & stuck it up in barley to keep the sparrows away.


 Got some groceries at Sugden's this morning.

Mr. J. Tockelam & Willy for tea tonight, after coming up in the buggy from railway station. Got wool tonight


 "Rooney" came round today, there is a bull with her a strange animal, must have jumped fence. There is a bill from that wretched doctor in Waipawa


Ross for £1-5-0. He should be prosecuted for malpractice

TH 8 Got in Reserve sheep 4 rams & 27 hogglets and put



~~24 rams~~  out all ewes & lambs in Reserve after tagging the lambs - 209. Put the 27 hogglets on back & 4 rams on Ridges. Got in the 3 heifers off back & put them on Reserve with cows. Tacey Beck came & took the bull away. Mr. Beckatt went to the Hospital yesterday.

FR 9 Mam took Chesey to Collings & got show on her.


 John cut grass along road fence & at Greenhouse I mowed plantation at top garden and after dinner went to poor Johnston's funeral. A hot day

 Arthur Sugden went to Ngamoko for some small pigs he got three & I got one from him. He took 3 to Benoni.

Mam & I got down to Mr. Hutchinsons & on to J Smiths.



 Drove the 3 ma kippers to Highbury, the bull at Ellis' had to drive them home again & then over to Beck's and left them there. Got in and shooed 22 lambs. too many ticks on them. Little ~~was~~ Poisonous Dip no good to keep sheep free from ticks. Some light rain came on. After tea walked up to Ericksons & bought a pair of Sunday boots 17/6 a pair 8/- for John 9/- also 2 hooks to keep cammels open. Called at Brownsons to say good-bye, they are leaving for the South Island on Monday. Mr. Rapderson & Claude have done well in the South since they went there. Received 10/- from W. Cantlay instead of a 10/- subscription which I paid towards ministers stipend for him 6 months ago.

SUN 11 Walked with Eva over paddocks. She found a Thrush's nest with 4 eggs in it. She took away two of them. John went to Manawatu with Ernest to fish.


 After dinner C. C. Smith, Ada & 3 children came. Also for tea Ethel, she, Bert & John gone to Wesley Church.

MON 12 Mowed some in bay paddock John got in some firewood. Went by coach to catch train & on to Te Aute. Stayed at F. M. Mallet tonight. Ellis or McKenzie the supposed murderer was taken to Wellington.

TU 13 Arrived in Napier about 10 o'clock. Bought a watch chain & expansion for John and a book Tom & Browns Schooldays. Two brochures for Bert & Mam. Nuggets & fruit for Eva. Spectacles for self. Went in Bus with James Thompson to spit. saw wool in store & reserve prices. 9/- piece 6/- Bellus per oz. At 4 o'clock went out to Clive from Tarnan with Sam Thompson & stayed at his place tonight.

WED 14 Left Tarnan by 9.15 train for Napier. English buyers very eager to buy. Great excitement among them for good lots. Mine fetched 10/- Bellus 8/- 6/3. Went out in Hart's coach to Pakowhai to Roselank. Rough day. Mr. Tournear has a touch of Sialia. Boys making hay. Went down & saw the old people & W. & W. Fulford.



Mr. Farnham after dinner drove me to Hasting to catch 3.5 train. He put in a sack for me, Cabbages lettuce, peas, one potato & a ham. Saw Dan O'Keilly. Came back with I Kiel, M'Grawney and Jack Storak got in train at Takapau. Gert & Eva met me.

FR 16



The school children between Woodville & Spit with their parents & teachers met at Waipukeman & had sports drill &c. &c.

All went from here except me. I drove them down & met them at 7.30 Windy & some rain. Not a day for hay making, but it kept fine until evening. Saw a duck today with 2 little ones. She had seven yesterday. Lost 5. A hen brought out 4 chicks today. Rain & wind tonight.

Carl Schmidt agrees to keep Dablia for £25 cash, me allowing him £ for breaking her in - equal to £27.

SAT 17



A rough showery squally day. Shifted Ewes & lambs out of Reserve into flat. Alf Neal called to see the 4 rams, offered them to him for six. He must take a week to make up his mind.

Gerty gone in 4.30 train to Agincourt. Mam & Eva down

SUN 18

Waltera over back with Eva. A fine day. Blowing.



Went to 2.30 church. Mr. Lambert preached.

MON 19

A dull cloudy calm peculiar morning. Mam



up at 4 AM. ^{to wash} John & I at half past. milked early. John went at the hay to turn it. Light rain came on & we got in 79 lambs, shorn 66 of them. 13 in the shed tonight. Could have shorn the 79 only I went to Directors meeting at Factory. High wind most of the day & tonight. Can do nothing with hay.

TU 20

Shorn the 13 before breakfast John milked & fed us.



Got in all sheep of ridges & run off 71 lambs shorn them. Light rain came on & we could not get in the remainder. Spit refused to work. Paid up to lemonade man for case of mixed drinks. Letter from Gert Agincourt.




"Spot" refused to bring in the cows this morning, he wandered along the road to Cromond - John picked him up at J Brown's & tied him up to the buggy & brought him home.


Mum went to Waipukuruan hospital & saw Mr Beckett & came home by 7 o'clock train. Mr Beckett called tonight. We carted in the hay, dry, this forenoon. A letter from Dr Barnard's acknowledging annual 10/6

TH 22 Got Factory cheque this morning 2. 12. 10

Two of the 5 cows do not give much milk. They calved last May. One, "Buttercup" calved in July 7th "Lilly" calved 3rd October & "May" Nov 20. A poor cheque for 5 cows, we may reckon them 4 cows. We got 8 lbs of butter & 6 worth of cream during the month.





Mr Sharp sent his boy for 2 geese. He paid 6/6 for them. We killed 2 gobbles this morning. John plucked & cleaned them out.



We tried this morning to get in the sheep off flat but "Spot" would not work, then rain came on & continued nearly all day.

Mr Erickeons 2 little girls, Hilaa & Olva here today playing with Eva. John sledged in a load of firewood. I did some weeding in garden.

FR 23 I walked over to Bucks & brought home the 6 hinds & spaid Henry 10/6. "Pat" was served on 22nd Stars hinds on 21st & "Lively" on the 10th. John rode to Cromondville & sent a dressed turkey to

Mosebank by 1st train. He called at Pompton & bespoke a ~~piece~~ a week old for 10/6. We got in the ewes & lambs & finished shearing them & put them on the ridges & Widenups, left 2 woolly ones to be killed later on. Charley came by midday coach. Gert by late train

TH 24 Last coach. Received from Carl Schmidt £ 20. 0. 0 for "Dahlia", 3 year old mare. John brought me a silver locket for watch chain from Woodville. Killed a very good lamb this morning. This has been a splendid day.



Gave half a lamb to Nils Larson & a quarter to Mr. Thodson. Mowed the remaining grass ^{at} my garden and in Oak plantation. John mowed some in gully plantation. After tea all except Mam went to Township on hill. Crows moving about. A very fine day & night. I came home early. Mam put in Savings Bank in Nowwood today \$ 25. Eva also put 10¢ in Bank making for her $\frac{1}{2}$. For Mam 50.

Charley Gerty Eva & John got home about 10.30



About half past 12 we were entertained by a number of Carollers from Township who played some nice music at front veranda.

There seemed to be 10 or a dozen of them. John gave

Nov 25 A beautiful hot typical Xmas day. Eva &

Xmas day. went for a walk. going over flat we found

a birds nest with a young one. We went over back

& had a rest now & then & a drink of ginger ale

out of a bottle which Eva brought. We saw the cows

which are springing & got home at 10.30. Nils

Larson called for the can of milk before we were

up & took last night's to factory. We kept the

morning's milk. Our Xmas turkey was nicely cooked

for dinner & was tender. nuts & fruit was very nice.

Tonight all gone to church except one. Fine night.

Nov 26 Mr. Nils Thodson has been sick for a few

days. Dr. Zimble saw her last Saturday

but did not know what to make of the case

So this forenoon she sent for Mam who advised her

to go to the hospital, which she did with Nils &

Mam accompanying her. They returned by

the 7 o'clock train & walked. Mam, Top & John gone

to ball on hill where the Wesleyans have a "service of

Song". Today John was at Wesley: fine nice at 9 o'clock. Charley went in coach to catch 4.30 or 5 o'clock train. This has been a very hot day. We did no work.



Moved some on Hill. John mowed in gully plantation
 + turned what was mowed last week. A hot day. Put all
 empty bottles in 2 cases - 92. Spoke in O'ville none of
 us went. Mam drove round + got 4 loaves from Baker's Party
 + 4 from Skinner + meat from D. O'Hara for Tea meeting.

WED 28

Carted in all the made up hay from my garden
 + oak plantation. Heavy rain set in at 3 P.M. +
 continues all this evening. Ella here tonight. 2-
 little girls - Wilkins + 2 miss Shugars went home in coach.
 after the rain set in, also Billy Thomson Esler + 3 little ones.
 John had a letter from Carl Engelbreen in Auckland.

TH 29

Rain the greater part of the day. Raised up some
 pictures in Woolshed + pressed a bale of lambs wool.
 + brand it N: 11. Mr. Brodie here tonight. Was in
 Lutheran Hall, but very few members turned up.

May was round today. Did not know where to take her.
 A Hagh called tonight to see Brodie + joined Union
 Mr. McCalland called with Hagh, wants a black lamb.

FR 30 Went with Brodie to Forkelbons to see a lame cow
 and from there in a spring cart to see a lame horse
 at M^{rs} Roberts. We were driven back to Factory.

John got meat at D. O'Hara's for sandwiches.

We split a great number of pea sticks and
 stuck the peas. Ella went to see her Aunt + Uncle +
 stayed at home. Edy Martin called. A very fine day.

SAT 31 John turned the hay on Hill. I walked out on back

+ found that the 2 cows had calved - Straw berry
 + Primrose. The latter has a nice coloured heifer
 calf. Straw berry's is a bull calf. In the afternoon


the others went to Hall getting ready for the tea meeting
 I got in some of the sheep + killed a woolly lamb.


Was doorkeeper at the Hall. A good crowd took, 10. 5. +
 Paid Bridgetta £1.1.0. for the Hall. About £9 cheer.

a stormy night. Saw M^{rs} McCalland home to her gate at 10.
 On the whole this has been a successful year. Receipts £351.

SUN 1st JAN 1905



A fearful rough morning. Torrents of rain & high wind. All sorts of stock seeking for shelter. None of us went from the house. Walter Tilley & Ester came after tea & stayed the evening. Not quite so rough now.


MON 2. Drove up to Town Hall & took our things away. Paid 2/6  to Carl Schriest for chaff which he lent for using in Hall as a substitute for bran for diving for articles, some sawdust got mixed with it & made it unfit for horses to eat. Greenwood Tennis players go to Denmark to play & got beaten. A rough day for its windy but dry. Sent 2 cans of milk to factory today.


 Morn & the 2 girls gone by midday train, the girls to Rosebank. Morn to Waipukuruan Hospital to see Mr Beckell & Mr Thodson, both improving.

I went to meet 7 o'clock train but owing to the race down country the train did not come in to Armona until 9.25 A long time to wait. Vivian Parsons is staying here tonight with John. A thorough winter night.

TU 3 At home. Did a little in garden. Blowing nearly all day. Settled with Mr Larsen for carrying milk. It came to 12/- two half lambs deducted 8/- Paid 4/-

WED 4 A fine day, a bit breezy, turned naked & erected the  bit of hay on hill. John with Ernest fishing in Tuck's creek. The latter has a licence. He caught  3 or 4 trout today. Fitzgerald's Circus in Armona tonight. John rode down with Ernest. A good many vehicles have gone past from Struwwel.

TH 5 Another fine day. Went out on back & found "Star"  with a young wild calf. Had some trouble in getting him in as the calf seemed to be a week or more old. We had to catch the sledges him home. We cut the barley in front with reap hooks.

FR 6 John mowed the corner plantation & after dinner went with Ernest & Cyril fishing. Ernest brought us 5 trout today. We had fish for tea. Light rain.  John shot a rabbit yesterday in Reserve.

Received Williams & Kettle cheque today for 10 bales of wool. After deducting for wool packer's [£] 15⁰ advance 166.5-10 of a ballance was sent to me. 177-12-8 was the net amount of the 10 bales. Paid Mr. Grant's bill, amount 20-2-5 less a pound allowed for discount. Gave cheque 25-0-0

Paid A. Malina for Eric's bedstead, wire mattress on 24-12-0. Quiver & mattress previously purchased, included.

Light rain this evening. The boys fishing tonight.

SAT 7 John & Cyril took "Lilly" to Hog's bull. Ernest came down & the 3 boys have been fishing and shooting all day - shot 4 hares.

7 I walked over & around back - did some stapling. Saw a rabbit at the edge of scrub opposite Eric's gateway. Sent cheque to Union Bank. To bear interest, 100 for year. The remainder to be placed to current acc't 66.5-10. Mamma sent a letter to Gerty at Rosebank.


SUN 8 All at home except Eva & Sep. Ernest & John went to Wesleyan church at night. I wrote to Eva. Mamma John paid Palle Jensen for black currants 5/6.

MON 9 A note from W. B. Thomson asking me to go as a delegate to Waipukurau (Farmers Union) with A. Olson on Wednesday next. Walked up to township & paid 5/6 to Christian for mending boots and left him another pair to half sole. A fine day. John out with the boys. They shot 2 hares. A letter from Gerty. Killed a lamb.


TU 10 Cut up lamb. John (& Ernest) rode to Oroua and sent 2 hares to Rosebank by 1st train. Freight 1/6. Cheque ~~in~~ in all hay & put it in hay shed, which is now full. put the barley into sacks & put them in wool shed. Cut only a few sheaves & made a stack. Ernest caught a few trout. A letter from Eva & one from Mamma 13 and stating that they have placed to my credit 100 bearing interest at 2 1/2 per cent for a year. I thought they allowed 4%. One from Dinwiddie Walker & Co for 1-6-0. Pub' for "Herald" for ensuing year. Suggens bill for 3-5-6


WED 11


JAN 1905

 Went by 1st train to Waipukuruan. 4/2 paid for return ticket. Meeting of Farmers Delegates in County Council Chambers. Between 15 & 20 members. Subjects dealt with - Freehold & Leasehold. Antinous Dinner in Hotel 2/2. Left before meeting was over to catch 2.50 train. Came home in coach. John working at Fred Schmitt's getting in his hay.


TH 12 Some light rain last night & this forenoon.

 Thinned & took weeds out from Carrots in top garden. Young Mr. Monteith representing W^{est} & H^{ill} called. John dragged in a heavy henau gatepost for new gate going out to road from yard. Sent 1⁰ 6⁰ Cheque to Binwiddie Walker & Co. Buy a few potatoes in top garden, a good size. A fine calm afternoon.

FR 13 John took a bale of lambs wool & bundle skins  - 9, one of them a very small lamb skin, young & 2 cases of empty bottles (92) to Peljohus & Sons. Dressed henau gatepost & dug hole. Put a wire across oats in front of house & tied 4 Karosone tins on it.

SAT 14 Put in wood rammed henau gatepost.  Sledged one load of firewood off Widenups. John all day helping Fred Schmitt get in some hay and head his stack. Mam Milked some of the cows. John paid Christian 4/6 for half selling my boots. At night the 3 of us and Esther went to township & to Library. Another fine hot day.

SUN 15 Another hot day. The 3 of us went to Church at 2.30. No one came today, only Ernest for tea.

MON 16 Carted the heap of boards that was lying by  the side of the buggy shed, and stacked them in cart shed. Found underneath them nine broken eggshells taken there by rats & broken & eaten. Drove up to township & paid £ 11-17-8 amount of Mr. Beckett bill. Gave him Cheque for 18⁰. Got letter & photo from Eva & sent her a letter. Warm day.



Finished the new middle gate. Mam went to the Waipukurau Hospital to see Mr Beckett and Mr Thomas, came home by 7 o'clock train.

I walked up with the tea-meeting money 8-18-1 after deducting expenses, Only Messrs Martin & Beckett attended. Three pounds to be sent to Mr. Quintrell the amount owing to him for Church Organ. £3 each was given to Mr. Beckett & one being part of the money (£5 each) which we advanced to purchase the organ. Mr. Beckett came down to enquire about Mr. B. John when in Remondth tray paid Saggans bill 3-5-6

WED 18



John mowed a bit on Hill & sledged in firewood. Put bar on top of 2 human galposts, the middle and road posts & covered tops, one with a board and one with tin. John took May to Hugh's bull and after tea went to township.

Breezy today & a great deal of smoke about.

Attended a meeting of Directors at Factory.

TH 19



Worked most of the day at stockyard. A Windy day.

The 3 of us went at night to see Steel-Paine family. Sent John's insurance money to Gibson £1-17-10

FR 20



Drove up on Hill. Bought 2/6 hat for me & 1/6 straw hat for John's left buggy at J. Collinge's for new tires to be put on. Worked at the hay on hill. A warm day.

John wrote a letter to Garty at Rosebank. I dig some potatoes in garden nearly every day, they are first class.

We had green peas two days ago for the 1st time this year.

SAT 21

Got Factory cheque this morning £3-0-11 and 12 lbs butter. Leonard With walked up here today.



A letter from Mr. Well to mam re "Garden Party". Mr. Golden jun delivered Photos of Mrs. Bicklers 2/6 to John. Cut a little of the oats, not quite ripe yet.

Mowed a little on Hill & put together the driest of the hay.

SUN 22




After dinner drove round the block in Mr. Grant's gig called at C. C. Smith's but did not stop. They were about to go to Oronth to get their baby christened.


MON 23

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 Finished making up the hay on hill. Cut some of the oats in front. A sale in Ormone the 11th of Mr. Webber drove past, was speaking to them of letter from Gerlie, coming home on Wed evening. Attended a meeting of Horticultural society in Library at night. Another fine hot day.

TU 24

 Sledged in the hay off the hill nice & dry. Put one load in hay shed & remainder on battens in woolshed. Tied & stooked oats that was cut. Ella Grant & Mavis here and a little girl named George. Miss Hagg came in the afternoon. Mavis drove them all home after tea. John went up to practice after milking. Received from Rob Johns & Sons 4/8 for empty bottles returned to them on the 13th inst. Another fine hot day. bottles broken in transit.

WED 25

 Cleared away some rubbishy growth in front. Dug some good potatoes in top garden. After dinner drove up to see cricket match Newwood v Waipekia but the latter team did not come for some unknown reason. A garden party at J Bovains place to raise funds for the purpose of building & repairing chimneys at the parsonage knocked about by the late earthquake. The 2nd wool sale of the season today in Napier. Some rain fell this evening. John drove to Orm^o & met Gerty & Eva coming home from Rosebank after 3 weeks holiday.

TH 26

Torched a lot of Southwicks weeds & rubbish across fence to pigs. Mr. Ellis called to see about buying sheep. Sawed log for rails on back Sec. Rain came on & continued all the evening. Mr. Henry Grant Miss Grant & Mr. Grant Ella & Mavis drove down & stayed an hour or two.



Mam drove up for Ella and the lot of them went in the gig - Gerty Eva Thirny too - all went to catch 20 to 10 train at Ormondth for Agincourt.



It saved & blasted a good winter log for rails, on back. Mam took the gig back here. The others went over. John rode up this even to practice

SAT 26 Rain a great part of the day. Made a small

John shifted the slabs out of milking bale there was a bad smell from them. Cherry ran away with the pledge. & smashed it up, the foal pulled the winkers off her head. I Neal took away the 4 same paid £5

and will send the other pound. Last night got Wms & Kellie's letter to say the bale of lambs wool fetched 9¹/₂ per lb. Also a letter from C.E. Smith to say Comford a Longburn buyer offers 17¹/₂ a head for wethers & maiden ewes, 15¹/₂ for fat Ewes & 16¹/₆ for average sheep &c - & asking us to come over on Sunday. This morning I wrote A. McKeuzie buyer for Abraham & Williams offering them to him at the same figure anytime next week.

SUN 29 At home. Rain all day & is raining now. (Light)

MON 30 Made a sledge for mare to drag in firewood &c

posts, rails &c. John wheeled in earth into crubale instead of the slabs he pulled out.

He also sledged in a load of rails from back.

Put up a panel a more of stockyard fence.

A letter from Top at Agincourt & one from A. McKeuzie Sheep buyer for Abraham & Williams Danvershals.

TU 31 Got in ewes & lambs, printed out & put in Reserve

27 ewes & 1 wether. Put back on ridges 392 all told. Got in dry sheep off back & put them on flat. Sent 5¹/₂ by G. Calender to Mr. Webb towards Garton Party funds.

Mr. D. Grants father buried today. Skinned a poor ewe for day & salted salt. Some of our lambs on D. Oxtora's Section

~~WED 1st~~ Light rain up to 10 or 11 o'clock. Got in mixed sheep off flat & daggd until dinner time. Soon after one o'clock A McKenzie came & picked fat wethers (some maiden ewes included) 119 & ewes 44. There is a drop in the price of 5 p per lb. He picked a total of 163 fat sheep and agreed to get for me the highest price going.

We put on flat 215 young sheep, nearly all two tooth ewes & wethers and with 402 ewes & lambs makes 617 after the fats are gone. Mrs Collinge & 2 children called. Ernst for tea.

TH 2 Mowing reaping & tying the oats in front. John put all ewes & lambs off ridges & widdersups on to back. The 163 fat sheep in shed haddock still.

FR 3 Staked the oats in front all of it is cut & laid. Did some work at Stockyard. John sledged in some rails. John got in & daggd the 215 sheep off flat (2 of them lambs) & put them on ridges & widdersups & put the 163 fat sheep on flat. Hot day.

SAT 4 After breakfast went up to township & paid 10/6 to Saddler for whips & mending britching.

Sent telegram & letter to A McKenzie re fat sheep to the effect that I turned them out and did not expect him to send for them. Finished working at Stockyard & then sledged & put in woolshed a sledgeload of oats. Mamm went by coach & rail to Dannevirke & got at Chemist a tonic for Eva. Met & came back with youngsters from Agincourt. John met them at Rail Station. John & M. Thoden led Hag's bull into Reserve

to one of our cows but the one which I thought required the bull did not just then. Fred Schmitt's bull gored & killed a mare in Engelbritsons paddock. Tiny Olam came here for donation for Cricket game 10/6

SUN 5

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Walked over to Hulena's & got there about 9 o'clock. We drove to Potts at



Takapan in quest of Lincoln rams I wanted 4 or 5 & Hulena 3. Potts had

none nor Hobson Tolson Prescott or Ellis. Went to Sander's & he had 5 two tooth to spare out of 15 which he bought at Hastings ram fair, price $\$4.75$ each. We saw the rams - Reid's from South Island. Mr. Sander kindly agreed to let me have 4 rams & Hulena 2 any time between now & putting the rams out with the Ears. He will give us a run out. After I left for Hulena's & John for a form where else a Drover from Dannevirke came for the fat Sheep (H Brooker) with a note from A. McKenzie to say Please let bearer have sheep, price 17/6 for wethers and 18/6 for ewes, viz 44 Ewes at 18/6 119 wethers at 17/6. Mam delivered a sheep & got an acknowledgement from Drover. Mr. Grant & Miss Grant called and left Mavis. Flossie here this afternoon. She & Mam John & Mavis gone to Church tonight. Mavis cried for having to go away from here. Mam carried her.

MON 6 School commenced today. Eva Ella & Minny



went to school from here this morning.

Pulled down part of old sheep yard & changed



in rails from beyond 3 gateways. Rain fell at midday. At night walked up to Library to attend Horticultural meeting & a meeting was in Contemplation for getting up a Social for Tiny Olwe on his departure for a Gistone School in a few days. I waited until 10 minutes past 8 and then came home as no one turned up.

TU 7



John pulled down remainder of old sheep fence & dug post holes for new fence. Drove with Mam in gig to C. C. Smith's



got home for dinner. Paid Skinner 6/6. Staged in load of Roman posts. Sam practicing cricket.



Mam went to Dannevirke this morning with Cricketers. An unlucky day. Norsewood lost by one run & John slipped, fell and had his collar bone broken, was taken to Dr. McKay had it set & is to stay at Benzies boarding house for 3 or 4 days. At night went to Social got up for Ting Olsen on his departure for Gisborne school. Worked at sheep yard fence at home



Mr. Wallace from Waikopu called. Star now today but could not take her.

TH 9 Worked at sheep yard fence. Got went to Dannevirke to see John. Collar bone break painful all last night, got no sleep. Not so much pain today. Lying on a hard bed. She came home by express & coach. Went to sale at Ngamoko.


Cheque for fat sheep - 44 ewes at 15/ 116 wethers 17/ 3 maiden ewes 17/ total for 163 fats 134.3.0 At night went to Backetts, Cards & others there.

FR 10 After breakfast took the bull from Thodesen's to

~~to~~ Lilly in Reserve, and after service led him back again. Sledged in the stacks of oats in front. Mam stacked them up in woolshed.



~~to~~ Got in sledge load of firewood off reserve. A Longburn man called about fat sheep.

SAT 11 Reaping the wheat in front of house, nearly one half of it oats self sown. Top drove mam to catch the train at Orm^{ly} but was late. Then drove up to Maketika to catch it there or wait for next train but discovered that she was missing her bag and five pounds, drove back home and met Coach, asked Carl if he saw it, came to house & found it lying on flour box, drove back & went in express to Dannevirke, paid Dr. McKay's bill 2.2.0 & Benzies 10/ and brought John home. Letter from Arthur Hunt offering to keep a pup for us or give one 3 months old or send up an old dog.

 **MON 12** Walked out over back with youngsters & had pic nic in a shady place. Found the birds nest, young ones, or eggs gone, wings & remains of old bird in nest, the nest was visited by cat or nighty prowler. Hot day. A good many people came in the afternoon. Mom went to Waipukurau Hospital with Mr. Beckett & Gerald. Mr. Beckett up & doing well. Got home here about 10 o'clock. Mr. Hudson called

MON 13 Mr. Lucas from Waikopiro came about 10 o'clock & I drove him round to Judge's garden for a prize of £3. 3.0 Mr. Army Alan's line 1st prize Mr. Frie 2nd Mr. Harris Highly Commended got home at 2.30. At night attended meeting of Horticultural Society in Library. Hot day.

TU 14 Cut a bit in front & went to Ormond² to meet Alf Bunt who came in the 12.30 from Dannevirke. Went to J. Howse's & paid for Entire's service 2-10.0 Picked up a Mr. Gibb at railway station, a commercial traveller & drove him this far, he had dinner with us & then went on to Township. I had called & paid £. ballance of money for 4 pams. Tied & stook in front.

WED 15 Got Mr. Beckett's guy mare & drove to Takapanu  Sports with man & Gerty. Met the Townman 3 boys & 2 girls. Nelly came back with us. When we got home Eva had the cows bailed up &  3 of them milked. A calm cloudy day.

TH 16 Busy getting tools set together for boys Competition tomorrow. Took them to schoolhouse numbered them up to 27 & hung them up Got cheque for bale of lambs wool £ 17. 6 7

FR 17 Took up exhibit for producing Butter Fat **SHOW** Got 1st prize. Maize, 3 stalks, lucerne, clover &c. **DAY** Crushed barley & milage bucket of water &c. Mom 1st prize for basket flowers &c John 1st Hollyhock Got J. Barclay to put a set of shoes on mare Jessy Ferguson, & Aute came here last night.



Drove up to school with John & Alf. also Mr. Engelbreton. They brought back their exhibits, tools etc. Paid 2-4-6 J Colling's bill. Paid J Barclay - 6-0 for shoeing mare. Helped to clean out school. Paid Mr. Martin yesterday donation of 10-6 Attended meeting of Directors at Factory.

Kelly Fournman went home this afternoon by express, which was an hour late. John gone tonight to see Montgomery's Show. Olga & Hilda Erickson here today playing with Eva & Minnie

SUN 19

Put the two tooth chaps running on the ridges & Widraps on to back. Two sheep on O'Hara's gave a lot of trouble, come across ridges & could only get one of them out after they separated. Mr. Miss Grant & Marie called & stayed only a short time. Mr. Gray & Miss Rauderson spent the afternoon & after tea all went to church but Alf, the 2 children & me.

MON 20

Sledged in some firewood. Reaped remainder of wheat in front. Another fine hot day.

Walked over back and saw the gilly dog. Sent letter to C. E. Pederson drawing his attention to non-fulfilment of promise to pay for a sheep destroyed by his dogs here last November.

TU 21


Got in the last bit of crop from front.





Emptied & cleaned out the box at spring. Mr. Watson wool-buyer called. Campbell Factory Manager called to ask me to go to Makotaku in the morning for samples of milk. Sent letter to Williams & Kettle about a bundle of skins.


WED 22


Milked Buttercup & then rose to Makotaku Creamery & got 24 samples of milk, one out of each cellars, which came to Muriel under lock & key & was tested in the presence of several Makotaku cellars & the Creamery Manager


 Horsewood cricketers with John & Buggy went to Dannewick this morning. Factory cheque 6-1-11 received this morning. John Alf & W. Torkelson got home here between 10 and 11 o'clock. Horsewood won the match 100 runs. Dannewick less than 60.

TH 23 Small white heifer taken today to F. Schoniats  bull. Dragged 2 strainers with mare to Reserve - Flat fence, dug strainer hole at Pockets for M. P. G. Grant & family gone away with coach & train to take their holiday in South Island. M. Beckett called.


FR 24 Put in 2 strainers, Reserve - Flat. Youngsters  at a Birthday Party tonight. Guala Becketts. Mam & Miss Ferguson drove to Hill. R. Paton's 8:5. Paid out of Factory cheque. A fine hot day.


SAT 25 Miss Ferguson went back to Te Anau by 1st train. Mam drove here. Worked at fence Reserve - Flat  We have inquired from many people about finding a suitable lad for Sam McVat but without success. We have allowed all hens ducks & turkeys to go on stubbles in front. No hens laying.


 John cut the cocksfoot in Stockyard plantation SUN 26 All at home. After dinner Miss Kelly, Maarten Flossie, Melly & Piory Erickson Middleton & Bonnie came & stayed for tea. All gone to church but Eva Minny & myself. Another fine dry cool day.

MON 27 Mam & John went by express to Agincourt &  off to Dannewick. John stays there to see a cricket match & goes on by late train. Worked at fence. Very heavy rain fell tonight, tank was nearly empty.

TU 28 Wrote S. McVat. Sent Pass Book & cheque 17-6-7 to Union Bank & asked for cheque book to be sent to me. Top lodged in P. O. Savings Bank, Horsewood 50-0-0. Worked at Fence. Rain fell today & is raining now.

 Star gave symptoms of being round today. Too wet and too late to take her away tonight.

 Gertie's birthday. Twenty years of age today. Many happy returns of the day. She has milked four cows this morning and this evening in the rain cooked the meals. Chopped wood, fed the calves, went up to townships and when the coach came in got a letter & photos from Pakowhai & a vase from Rosebank & a letter this evening from George. She is at present playing the piano. It has rained in torrents this afternoon, is at it now.

 TH 2 Finished digging potholes in Reserve fence. Sledged two loads of posts to fence from back & some battens. Minnie's Mother & father came home today, she is with them tonight.


TH 2 Sledged posts from back to fence. Sawn overhanging limbs of acacia near firwood. Rain.


FR 3 Top met Mam & John coming home from Agincourt, with buggy at Railway Station. They brought a box of plums home with them. At night a small meeting of Farmers Union Members met Mr. Prodie at Lusheran Hall. He is staying here tonight. Sent to Union Bank 1-3-9

FR 3 Mam drove Eva to school & bought her a pair of boots at Ericksons 9/-. John & I drove to Mr. Sanders at Kopua & got four two tooth Lincoln rams & one old Romney ram 10/- & two Lincoln for Helena. The Lincolns are 4 guineas each. I gave cheque for the lot 25.14.0. Put the 5 rams on Hill. Miss Dora Webb and Mr. Callender called. John gone to Wahls for his guns.


SAT 4 Finished putting in posts in Reserve fence & strained the wires. Eva at Ericksons today. John & Gerty washed the buggy. Went up to Picketts to enquire about Dips. It has not come. One of Mathison's sons called to say that 3 of our sheep at their place.

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

 All at home. John rode to Mathieson's & brought back a ewe and two lambs of ours. Eva went to Lutheran Sunday school, afterwards came with one out on back. She rode.





MON 6 Went to back & sawed & split battens for fence  sledged home & put them on. Strained the wires on Reserve flat - Shea paddock. Rain came on & lasted for an hour or two.

TU 7 Sawed & split some posts & swinglers on back sledged them in & worked at fence - Reserve flat - Shea paddock. Sent 3-13-

 Cheque, crossed, to Clark County Co. Waipara as rates. Mam & Gerty drove up Ngamako, got 9/- on behalf of Church requirements. Little Pawan Dip did not come, Mam wired to Williams & Kettle to send 2 cases of Coopers Dip. Attended Horticultural meeting in Library. Very fine weather set in now.

WED 8 Finished Reserve fence. John making water-proof draining pen at dips. Mam & Gerty drove Garfield way & collected 6/- They took some cakes to Jennie's people - a match is being played between Rosewood & Ormondville. A social tonight for Tennis players. I am going up with Mam.

TH 9 Mustered back flock. John went to Mathieson's & told them we would have all sheep in yard today. Picked out the best of the ewes for breeding & put the same with them. Put 200 mixed sheep in reserve this evening. The ewes & lambs in yard tonight. Got up 2 cases of Coopers Dip. Little Dip  did not get here as I expected, so I got Coopers  Harold Olson called tonight about dipping.

FR 10 Dipped & put on Ridges & Widespreads 221 Ewes & 4 lambs  Lincoln 2 tooth rooms. In yards tonight 47 older ewes with a Romney ram. Winded ones in Reserve  A good hot day for dipping. We like the appearance of Coopers dip. Miss Sorenson & Mrs. Anne Olsen  Tolstuen  called.

SAT 11

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Dipped 47 ewes 1 w lamb, 1 Horn 18^{1/2} and put them on Ridge. Dipped A Olean 18^{1/2}




John fired a shot at a rabbit on the back, did not get it. Gerty

& Eva gone to Agincourt this afternoon, Mam drove them. Poor Eva is taking a dislike to school. She gets punished & threatened for trifles. Mam is going to bring it under Mr. Watson's notice tonight.

Mary Prabazon succeeds Miss Grant in the Ormondville school. Another very good dipping day.

SUN 12 John went away fishing with Willy Jorkelson




They brought a bundle here & had tea before milking. Drove Mam to Church, not marry.

Drove down to Nicholls's no one at home.


Lom went to the Hospital yesterday with a sore leg. We milked only 4 cows this evening. They are not giving much milk now. We will continue to milk 8 in the morning for some time longer.

John & Mam gone to one of the other churches tonight




Put 100 gal's water in the dip before breakfast.

MON 13 A fog this morning, heavy clouds, rain came on at intervals. Adjusted the iron on the



roof of cowshed & put up a piece of spouting. Threshed some barley and other sheaves in


shed. John went out on back & saw a rabbit



Mam did a big washing & got the clothes dry.

John gone to Army harvest festival.

TU 14 Put in some new rails in old sheep yard fences. Threshed remainder of bit of barley



Shifted all sheep off Reserve into flat. Rain R.A. nearly all day. John met Gert and Eva

Coming home by express from Agincourt.

WED 15 John drove Eva to school & got show prizes money from Mr. Martin. Did a little threshing

Young Mr. Rose called. John Ernest & Cyril shot 2 hares.

Eva got letter from A Hunt. Light rain today.

TH 16 MARCH 1905



Found remainder of path coming up to back verandah and carted a few loads of gravel to put on it. Mam took Gerty & John to Mr. Cooper had their teeth examined. Only a few showers today. A good many mushrooms now.

FR 17 Halona + 2 sons came and dipped 496 sheep

~~many~~ many lambs amongst them. He got away from here about 3 o'clock. Is to pay 10-8-0

Eight guineas for 2 Lincoln rams which I paid to Mr. Saunders on behalf of Halona + for dipping 2. A fine cool day. John shot a hare + a rabbit on the back. Mam got a home letter from an Uncle.

SAT 18 Got in the mixed sheep off Flat + dipped 342

~~sheep~~ sheep on flat again. Attended meeting of Directors at Factory. At night attended Harvest Festival - Wesleyan - in Town Hall. Had charge of sheep in the guessing competition. Weight 57 lbs. I had guessed the weight. A beautiful calm cool day.

SUN 19 John went to 2nd river fishing with Ernest



+ Willy Torkelson. They caught a good many, gave him 5. All had a late dinner here. Mam + Eva drove to the Mountains + walked to end of road. Last night all of us went to the tea meeting.

Mam + Eva stayed at home tonight, the other 3 of us went to Wesleyan Church which was nicely decorated and a good + appropriate sermon preached Messrs. Gray + Jimmy Hutchinson here tonight.

MON 20 Took Star to Alick Hegh's bull + left her


~~until~~ until evening. Put up wire netting in front of house + let the 3 pigs run over stables.

~~John~~ John got in the 14 head of cattle from back this morning and we put a mixture of Little's Non Poisonous dip on one or two of them which had ring worm on them + put them back again. There are 14 head about here, total 28. John practicing at cricket this evening. G. McLeod called about dip.

 Took "Lilly" to Hugh's bull. G M Leod came & dipped 59 sheep. Paid 4/6. Dug the potatoes in the garden, a good crop.  John wheeled them into Buggy shed. Mam & Gerty drove over to Ada's.

A letter from A Bunt, hardly legible, to Gerty. An old lady from down the road called about a Lutheran tea meeting to be held next Saturday but W. Magnusen called yesterday & Mam gave her 2/6

WED 22 Got in sheep off flat & picked out 2 black lambs & a few weak ones. Got Factory Chegs £ 5-0-3 highest test 8.8 Put dry sheep on to back

 Dug the remainder of the potatoes, very good ones in a couple of drills in my garden.

The pigs got underneath the melting in front of the house and I shut them up. Top & John drove to Ormond ^{to} see a cricket match played between ladies & Gents in skirts, former won. Sent an order to Wms & Kelle for paint oil &c &c.

TH 23 John went up to Dentist Cooper at Crown Hotel. Had one or two teeth stopped &c must go again next visit, no time to get any snow done to them today. Sold 2 black woolly lambs for 6/2 each to Mulholland. Worked at footpath in front of house. Mam digging for flowers at yew tree

FR 24 Carted a couple loads gravel to footpaths leading to front & back doors. Finished the footpaths. John rode round to some of the Parishioners & got subscriptions to Ministers Stipend

SAT 25 Slugged away straw stables & rubbish from front of house to bough-hole. Sowed a lotara log in bed of creek for a gatepost.

Mam John & I went to Lutheran tea meeting. Top & Eva stayed at home. A big gathering. Bush scenes & pictures of religious subjects shown.

SUN 26

MARCH 1905

Flossie here today. W. & M^{rs} Beckett for tea.

John away fishing. Allan Grant with him for tea.

All hands at church tonight. Good congregation

MON 27 Paid M^{rs} F Schmiat 2/6 for one of our cows



which was with her ball. B Bengtson

came & dipped 88 mostly lambs. One fat

big ewe died, he got it carried home on a

timber waggon. Went with Top to Library

at night, a meeting to form a Golf Club &c.

Dog Tax Collector Douglas registered Spot & Ugly.

John paid him 5/- Killed lamb for dogs on Saturday.

TU 28



John went to Railway Station with buggy &

got 1 cwt oxide of iron 18/6 28 lbs wh. lead 8-2

one drum raw oil 16/8 one of boiled oil 17/1

one 6 or 8 oz paint brush 7/6 = 8-17-5

total including 2 cases Coopers Dip. besides the

railway freight = 4/8 for dip and 8/- today for oil

& paint. Attended Directors meeting at Factory

to meet Mr. Percival & arrange about reconstruction

John started to paint roof of house.

WED 29



Rain last night, clearing, continued all right.

Sent cheque to W^{ms} & Kettle amount 8-17-0

Bought the timber left after show for 7/6 from

Mr Martin, carted home half of it. Cricket match

between Norsewood & Darnwick. Former nonessily

TH 30



Rain last night & this morning. John at Dentists.

Hans Mortensen came across paddocks with

part of his flock & we dipped them 245 dry sheep

John did some painting on roof. The weather took up

W.P.G Grant & Ella came home in coach.

FR 31



Wheeled bags into garden. John painting end of

house. Ella came down here with ewe from school.

One of the breeding ewes had her bearing out.


Put them 275 all told in yard, put the bearing

back & stowed the wool, saddled blue on back.


A good dry month, plenty of feed in all paddocks.

SAT 1st


APRIL 1905.



 Went with mare & dray to school & took away the remainder of the timber. Paid 7/2 to Carl Schmidt for carriage of dip & paying 4/8 freight on it. Gave a donation of 10/2 and also W. P. G. Grant gave 10/2 to Dr. Bernard's fund. Left the money with W. Beckett, who gave 10/2 also. Hans Mortensen came across with 2 lots of sheep & finished dipping, total number 465. Paid 36/2. Eva & Ella went to a picnic this morning, at Rev. Peterson's — Lutheran Sunday School children.

SUN 2

 John away all day on the Manawatu fishing with Ernest & Willy Torkelson, brought home some. Hans Mortensen came across with a big fat lamb to dip. W. P. G. Grant for dinner and spent the evening until church time. We with Mam & Ella walked over to back Section. At night went with Gerly to Lutheran Church.

MON 3

 Very high wind. Fire & smoke, dense westward. Willy Torkelson & Ernest came down here expecting the fire was hereabouts. They with John went out to the hills on back and saw fire & smoke in Painter Olsen's but none beyond. Thick smoke about Gundries. We cleaned out the tank & spout leading to it, and heavy rain coming on a good deal of water is in the tank now.

 ^{Falls} a beautiful day after the storm yesterday. News of W. M. Thomson's chimney being blown down also one of A. B. Hanson's. Many houses burned in Mataman & three sawmills. The ^{train} express took away many people from Mataman Flag Station who were suffering from the effects of the fire & smoke. Paid Nils Larsen this morning for milk carrying £1.  Land since last Sunday morning only one cow. Milking 3 cows at night. John painting house. He Mam & Gerly at an entertainment in Hall tonight. Eva & Ella at a Party at Erickson's — Baby's Birthday. _{after school.}

WED **A P R I L** 1905.



Drove up to Matamoras Town Hall with Gerty & had a look at the place after the fire. Saw where a few houses had been burned down. John on the Cricketground



about 10 o'clock. After dinner all hands went up to see match with Waipukuruan

Two innings played, a close exciting game. Home team won by one run when time - a quarter to five o'clock was called and two wickets to fall. Sent John insurance money £17.10 to G. B. Gibson.

Alice came by last coach from Woodville.

TH 6

John went to Dentist & had another tooth stopped. I called upon him and had my teeth examined. They require cleaning and so ought to be stopped. Mam & Gert drove Alice to catch express. Set fire to heap of boughs & rubbish in hole near woolshed.



Set big boiler in its fire place to boil mangolds & carrots see tomorrow for pig to fatten for killing.

Winnowed a quarter of a sack of barley.

FR 7

Bailed a barrowful of carrots & mangolds for the pig we are going to fatten (Samworth said) We separated her from the other two pigs this afternoon.

Sharpened the scut saw. Walked over Whierups and back see. Plenty of feed everywhere & sheep looking well. John on the roof of house painting. Mrs Lovel, Torkelsen & her sister Miss Sorenson called.

SAT 8


Mam working amongst the flowers. John did some painting on roof but some of it




got washed off in the afternoon & night as there was some rain. Put two cuts through a matai log on Whierups for firewood, John & Ernest went out for a shot at a hare but did not get anything.




Put up a temporary shed for the 2 store pig's in pig-paddock. Mowed some of the rubbish weeds along grass in front along drain & to the right.


John walked to Jimmy Arthur's to see if he would
 come & plough the lawn. He cannot come
 as he is about going to live at Unstora.

Caught the mare & went out over back with
 Eva & Ella. All hands at church at 2.30

youngsters at L. Sunday School. W. Grant
 came down with us from church & after tea
 Mam Got & John went back with him.


MON 10 Sawn & sledged in matai for wood from
 Misrup. Paid Suggens bill £ 6-5-10

Mam was in the buggy about to go to Agincourt
 when a Telegram was put in her hand to say that
 George was coming by express. She did not go then
 Went to meet George. John out shooting with Cyril
 & Ernest. Not home in time to milk any cows tonight.


John painted front roof of house & some of
 back verandah roof. Boiled mangolds &c.
 for pig. Mowed some of the rubbish in front

W. Oldershaw & her two girls called. She took home
 two or three young accacias to try & grow them.

WED 12 John painting ends of house & tonight rides to a


Methodist Social at Ilakotiku. Mam Got & George
 went by 1st train to Hastings Autumn Show.

Eva & Ella at W. Grants tonight.


Finished mowing the high stubbles rubbish &
 weeds in front. Old George Grace called this
 evening. He stays in the woolshed tonight.


TH 13 Inacia most of the day keeping house. John


with the Dentist, got another tooth stopped.


John met Mam Got & George coming home
 from the Show by last train. Winay most of the day.

FR 14 Shifted Eves & frame off flat on to Ridge & Mumps


All hands with George dragged a big totara
 & a strainer up out of creek opposite woolshed


& another one out of gully on the back with
 the mare. It drove up & brought down Ella

 Drove 2 dry cows "Violet" & "Rooney" and five weaners, (2 of them good sized heifers which have been weaned a few months) on to back. George John & myself it required the three of us.

 Sleaged a strainer from my garden to the Laurel hedge across stables in front and laid it near where the broken strainer is. Burned some heaps of stables & rubbish in front & hedged away some of it. Olga & Mildah Crinkson with Eva & Alla today. Mr King Mr L. Anderson & children called this afternoon. John finished the red painting of houses. George made a small reservoir up at the spring.

SUN 16 Drove down to Ormond Church by myself.

 A tablet was unveiled by Canon Eccles in memory of the late Canon Webb. A big congregation. A shower or two fell whilst coming home.


 We had a goose for dinner. Mr Grant called in the forenoon & took Eva & Alla in the gig with him over to Mr. Pettersons near Smiths Siding. Brought them back here before tea. After tea took Mam to Church in the gig. George John & Gerty gone to Church tonight.

Carl Hansen came today with his foal & it with our foal & filly was put on the back. We have only one calf on the hill to feed now with milk & pollard once a day. News today of the end of poor old Mr Schaars.


MON 17 A thorough wet day. Boiled carrots in washhouse for fat pig. Drove round to Schaars's to the funeral of Mr Schaars's son. Raining all the time.


TU 18 Another wet forenoon. John washed harness in Wash-house. We boiled carrots & mangolds for pig. Eva & Alla did not go to school today.

Attended a meeting - the usual monthly - of Directors at Factory. Mr. Ewen of Wellington gets the Contract of supplying & erecting machinery in the Factory A80 - Mr. M. Gowan their representative present.

 Sharpened wet crosscut saw. Sawed some firewood on Widescreps. Got down carrots from top garden & boiled them for pig. John cleaned & oiled the harness. Ella not well today, did not go to school.

TH 20 Boiled more carrots for pig. Got 4-6-8


 Factory Cheque this morning. Test 3-7 John with dentist today again. Went to D.


 O'Hara's house & he promised to come on Monday next & kill our fat pig.

Benny Bengtson promised to come & plough the stubbles (lawn) in front of house. Got the factory cheque cashed in the Bank & got 2 postal notes for 6/- to pay rabbit rates. Ella at home from school today. Heavy rain all the afternoon. Eva rode the mare home from school.


FR 21 Carried down from top garden & boiled

GOOD Carrots for pig. Ormondville school boys & Norsewood Billo played football at N. Wood the former won by 18 points to nil. John was referee. Messrs C. E. Peltoram, Beckett

 & Campbell came down here in the afternoon & we played a game of Golf on flat. Mr. P. G. Grant came after tea. Ella much improved.

 Poor Eva sick all day. Did not eat any.

SAT 22 Boiled more carrots for pig. A cricket match was played between High School Boys

 & Norsewood. Latter won. Alf Bunt walked up from Ormondville, he & George Beckett & Campbell played Golf on flat. Mr. Hulena gave me a cheque for the sum of 11-14-3 in payment for 2 rams & dipping 10-8-

I owe him £1-6-3. Mr. Grant & Mani arrived from Wellington. Mani got a new suit for John at Mr. Grants. Poor Eva sick in bed all day. John & George got some bananas for her tonight. Ella at home tonight

John killed two of the ducks.

SUN 23

A P R I L

1905

EASTER

Poor Eva sick in bed all day. There are signs of measles coming out. Went to Church in the afternoon with Gerty. John & Bunt went at night to the Lutheran Church. Mam with Eva day & night. I sleep on dining room sofa. Mr. P. G. Grant called this afternoon.

Mr. Lambert had only 5 of a congregation this afternoon, besides Miss Dora Webb who drove him out. A little white frost this morning. Sent a return of land & valuation to Wellington. Sent to Gilbertson Rabbit rate 6/3. Sent to Dr. Ross the man who made such a dreadful mistake in Mam's case last August, when he treated her for what he considered "Change of Life" and when his treatment brought on a premature birth, — He sent in his bill twice for 25/2. I sent him a cheque for the amount.

MON 24

The white hifer was in the creek this morning and John & George had to chop a log out of the road to get her out. Sledged in 2 loads of firewood & some pine to put under the big boiler. George & Gerty at Golf. Alf Bunt walked to Ormondville to catch the first train going to Dannewitz. D. O'Hara & his son Johnny came in the afternoon & we killed the big fat pig. Dave made a splendid job of it & only charged a couple of bob (2/6). Mr. & Mrs. Beckett came on to golf ground. Mr. & Mrs. Campbell W. Torkelsen & a lot of youngsters. A very fine day. Mr. Grant called to see Eva. Poor Eva better today. A rash has come out over her body. She ate a little.

TU 25

Mam drove George down to catch 1st train for Napier. We cut up & salted pig. Drove up with Mr. Prodie & others to witness washing out a cow as a preventative against contagious abortion afterwards drove Mr. 10 to Station. Eva better.



Sledged up to blackberry clusters in Reserve 3 drums of liquid which was left after sharp dipping and sprayed the blackberry bushes. Sawed some material for firewood. George came back by midday coach. He is laid up with measles, has not eaten anything for 2 days. He wired to Breakwell the manager at the camp near Shannon. Eva up today, lying on a sofa in dining room most of the day, eats only very little as yet.

TH 27



The smallest of the 2 pigs found dead in the pig paddock this morning, very much swollen as if poisoned, the marks of teeth were plainly visible on his fore arm as if bitten, nothing to bite him except the other pig. John and I went to dentist, he was too busy to do mine he stoppa one for John. Walked to Makotaka took train to Dannevirke, stayed at Donzie's. Next morning went on to Papatoiwa, Agincourt.

FR 28


Saw Mr. Francis, poor Mr. too ill in bed. Came back to Dannevirke, bought fruit for Eva & a "Nuggets" book. Walked from Ormond ¹¹


SAT 29


John sledged in a good bit of firewood we sledged in a load of hay from Woolshed over to cartshed. George has still a bad turn with measles, Eva a little better.

SUN 30

Washed our back, saw catch thorns, saw plenty of gea on back and the sheep all looked well. The young cattle were troubled with ringworm have got rid of it since we threw the dip on them. "Pat" has a big patch of it on his forehead, must dress it. Arthur Hunt drove up in his gig, came from Waipukuan today. This has been a splendid month.

 John went away towards the mountains early this morning to shoot along with Willy Yorkelson. He shot a pigeon. W. J. nothing. An unlucky day. Arthur & Mam out on back mushrooming saw a sheep with blood on it. Hold on. I went out and ~~we~~ we found several worried. Drove them all ~~to~~ home & yarras them - all but 3 which were unable to walk. Picked out 8 which were badly bitten - all have their tails broken & badly torn, and part of the inside exposed. one has the gut torn out, crutched & starved 3 or four. all the back sheep in yarras tonight. John went to P O'Hara's to know if he will take them. He will see them tomorrow. I walked to A Mortemoons. C. E. Pedderem sent me 14/- this morning for a sheep which his dogs killed last October. George & Eva better today.

TU 2  Up early this morning & went out on back with gun. Walked over to Neals & saw 3 of his sheep dead & some bitten. He came back over the paddocks with me & we saw some more worried. John and Arthur plucked in 4 haggets, two of them dead, total 12 killed & bitten. I cut the throats of 2 to put them out of pain. I skinned 4 & am doctoring 8. Laid four poisoned batus on back section.

 Benny Benington ploughing in front. Put all mixed sheep on flat this morning.

WED 3 Went by 1st train to see Cricket match New Zealand & Danmerika played at Waipukurau. Dier first made 32. N.W. made 69. Second inning D made 76 out. N only made 17 for 9 wickets when time was called, that was at 5 o'clock, players complained of the light being bad after 4.30. Could not leave Waipukurau until 8 o'clock train being late. Races on.




Went up to Dentist this morning and heard that the dogs which worried the sheep were found at Makotutu. One of them belonged to Carmichael & one is owned by young Pike. I Neal has both of them in his shed tied up waiting for developments. He came over to tell me & to ask me to go over & see his sheep after coming from Dentist. Had mare shod & went to Dentist. He cleaned my teeth & I am to go to him again next Thursday. Walked over to Neals & witnessed the carcasses of eight and counted 16 bitten sheep, some of which will succumb. Gerty & A drove to Waikopiro. B Doughton finished harrowing in front.


FR 5 Shifted over on to Flat. Doctor'd the seven worried sheep (one of them on O'Hara's.) Put the 7 in reserve & left the other one on Waderaps. John & I levelling the ground in front. Arthur George & Eva went for a drive in his gig (horse)

SAT 6 Finished levelling in front. Missed a sack of eye grass seed with other seeds & took seed in front. John bush harrowed it. Eva agrees to keep fowls off it with the aid of the pups for the sum of 3⁰ per day.


The cow "Buttercup" put out on back today. A man called selling baby ointment. An insurance agent called. Mam & L^r playing Golf. Mam paid W. Beckett bill today. £ 5 - 5 - 2


SUN 7 Walked over to I Neal's, met Painter Olam and Hans Martensen. I Neal showed us the carcasses of the two dogs which he shot this morning. The owner John Carmichael agrees to pay the damages as agreed on by I Neal & the owners. In consequence of the dogs being destroyed we agree to take half the value of the sheep. John & Arthur drove up to Mountain. Mam Gert & A at Lutheran Church.


 John & Arthur drove up to the mountains this morning to shoot, got home at 3 PM. No game.

 Sleaged the hay from waulshed pens over to hayshed & cleaned up shed. Put Ewes on to ridges & got in a cut of dry sheep from back. Put into shed tonight 58. Sent no milk to factory yesterday.


TU 9 Crutched today & put on back 98. ^{& 102} found 2 more bitten sheep, maggoty. washed and dressed them with Kerosene, dip & tar. Put them with the others in Reserve. ²²⁵ John & Arthur crutched back & we counted them 225 & one da Eve left behind. The crutched sheep 102 put out on back. John & Arthur dagged & put in shed tonight 41. No weak lambs this year so far.

 Hung two pieces of bacon. George painting the under the front verandah. No milk sent to Factory.

WED 10 John & Arthur finished dagging the dry sheep,  and then helped one to crutch. About 98 more to be done now. 42 in the shed tonight John at a cricket meeting tonight. Getting up a Social on behalf of Cricket Club. George painting. Every day fine now. Grand weather for Crutching.

TH 11 Crutched some before breakfast, afterwards  went to Dentist & had a continuation of teeth cleaning. Arthur & John finished crutching the dry sheep & put them on back. Got in Ewes & rams all told counted 278.


Put the 5 rams & one bitten sheep into reserve. Put 71 Ewes & 1 lamb into shed tonight to be crutched tomorrow. We picked out the oldest of the ewes to lamb on back Dec. Put 200 Ewes back on ridges to lamb in front paddocks. All are dagged & look well. Spot refused to work today.

 Gorty went to Dentist today. Letter from Mr Francis. John gone in late train to Agincourt to bring the cow tomorrow. Took £6-10 to pay for cow.


Crutched the ewes in shed last night 70 and put them in Back Sec. Telegram from John at agincourt to "meet Palmerston train". Arthur met him, he brought shrubs, fruit & coney in cage. The cow is to be driven by Mr. Smart with 60 or more others through Howwood to Waifrava & John could not drive them on foot, so he came home again today by train. Tonight he is at Cricketers Social in Hall. The rest of us are at home. It has rained a good deep this afternoon, but is fine now, and moonlight. On back now according to our Counting 398 all told.

SAT 13 Got in the 10 bitten sheep & examined them.

Put some more dip star on the bites. John sledged in a bit of firewood out of Reserve. He & Arthur played Golf on flat. Raked & shook a little grassed on two burnt patches.

SUN 14 A great number of small birds on the grass.  seed sown in front of house. Made up some poisoned wheat & shook it for them. Used bluestone & a box of matches in which the wheat was soaked. Drove round block with Marn & George, home along German lines, paid 1.6.3 to Mr. Hulene as change owing to them.

Arthur Eva & Gerty drive out also. Messrs Smart & Borlase came about 3 o'clock with their young Cattle on their way to Lindsay Settlement. Put them in Reserve, they brought the cow "Daisy" which John went up for & paid Mr. Frances 6.10. for. They are staying here tonight. Dry weather.

MON 15 Marn up at 5 o'clock & got breakfast for  Smart & Borlase. They went away with their Cattle about 7 o'clock. Arthur went away in his gig after breakfast. Took home a hen & eleven chicks. John & I put in 2 strainers at Laurel fence. At night Mr. Bickett & Susy came.

TO 16

MAY 1905



Started for Dannevirke about 9.30 with Mam Eva George & Guty. George drove "Moses" Carl Schmidt's trap horse. It was nearly 12 o'clock when we arrived. A fine day for outing. Got home at 4.30. With mam spent the evening & had tea at Pecketts. Mr. Peckett Sen. there.

WED 17 Put in stainers & bored at end of the long plantation gateway. George & Mam dug about the flowers. John pledged manure to them. Then went to Manawatu with W. Torkelson to shoot game, came back empty. Rev. Mr. Lambert came here & walked to Ormona. Constant rain all the afternoon and at present. Mr. Watson called & bought the crutchings and 8 skins & pellets at 5 1/2 per lb. George & I pressed it. It is only a light bale. 200 Ewes to be crutched yet.

TH 18 John shifted the 200 Ewes on to flat.

Milked the 6 cows last night this morning. None milked last night or tonight. Went to dentist this morning. He operated on three teeth. Then attended meeting of Directors.

John greased dray axle & took the bale of crutchings to railway station. Cheque 5-14-7 received from Mr. Watson. From 2 the Draft 2 lbs & 10 lbs deducted for weight of bale. A great deal of rain fell today. John shot 4 quail. Mam wrote to F. Carneaus about potatoes. Hans Nordby's little girl Olav was buried today. Gave oats to cows tonight.

FR 19 Another wet day. John pledged in 2 loads wood. did not get anything to shoot at. A Book Cammason called with a £1-17-6 penny book on Stock ailments, did not buy. Boiled wheat in bluestone & a box of matches thrown in & shook it in front to see if it would poison the small birds.

John caught a goose & we killed it.





John made a temporary horse at the firewood heap to saw wood on & plucked



& cleaned the goose, also got in the 10 worried sheep out of Reserve & put more dip on them, they appear to be improving. Finished boring the strainers at long plantation gateway.



Washed hung 2 shoulders & 2 hams, bacon

George got Watsons cheque changed at Pockets. Mr. P. G. Grant & 2 children called this afternoon. Mam Gerty & John gone tonight to Town Hall to see a play. Dull calm night.

SUN 21 A dull calm day. Walked over back, found

(T) a small hogget dead on rough face on back, skinned it, saw 3 dead hawks near bait

Goose for dinner. John gone to Wesleyan Church

MON 22 Received Factory Cheque £ 2 - 5 - 6

besides 17 lbs batter. A thorough wet day. The

Creek above old gum stringers but not up

to present bridge. Raining at present.

No one could go far from house today.

John rode out to back & brought in the skin

& carcass of hogget. Ugly in buggy shed

on battens tonight. Eva gave a performance on

the dining room table, sang and danced. There

was a charge of 3 each to see her. George door keeper

TU 23 No rain to speak of today. Sharp wind & cut.

John took out old broken posts from the

causal hedge fence. Yesterday he killed

~~the rabbit~~ a young rabbit with Spot on back.

J. Neal came over & paid me 30p on account

He gave me a pound for Hans Mortenson & 10p

each for Painter Olsen & his son Harold. He will

pay us the remainder when he gets it from Caronika.

A letter from G. Francis Lewis. They are settled there

for the present. Miss Martin came to see Eva.

Mr. J. D. Nelson has a daughter.

EMPIRE DAY Another wet showery day. Sent 7-7-6
 Cheque to Cotterill & Humphries. A Sagan
 delivered a small sack of fowl-heat - 3 1/2 bushels or so
 and a few other things. John out shooting today.
 only brought home a quail. Mam sent letter to
 Mr. Francis Lovin. John pulled out all broken
 & bad posts out of fence - Ridges - Winderups. The night
 is cold, dark & mist. Gave the 6 cows a few shovels of oats

Put chassie in stockyard & oak plantation.

T.H 25 Attended meeting of 4 members of Building
 Com^{ce} at Factory to consider tenders for
 carting gravel boulders sand etc. Went
 on to Ottava's lake (Davids). Nordby's bought the
 Hornstead (Blucinus) for 22 per acre. I bought
 Christiansen's Section of 18 acres at £ 14 per acre.
 It was run up to 15 or 15 1/2 ten shillings per acre.

Gerty with Dentist getting her teeth seen to.

He had no time to see to mine. I Paid to

H. Morsensen one pound as an instalment
 of share-worrying money and a pound
 to Painter Olsen, one half to be given to Hanne
 for following the 2 dogs home. A showery day.

FR 26 Sawing a human log in Reserve for posts
 rain came on & stopped us. Before the rain
 we got in the worried sheep off Reserve and
 put bluestone & dip on their wounds which are
 healing. Eva put 5/- in P.O. Saving Bank.

Mam & Gerty gave notice to draw out 50 each.

SAT 27 Sawing human log in Reserve, finished it.

John knocked cage over & the canary got out.

Attended a special meeting of Directors at
 Factory to consider an offer from Mr. Christophersen
 to buy front site for Factory for 80. Offered 50 & 1000
 leading up to present Factory. After discussion gave 80
 Painter Olsen taking 30 worth of shares. Very fine day.

John caught & killed small rooster
 yellow.

SUN 28 MAY 1905

A very fine day, a slight touch of frost this morning. Eggs & bacon for breakfast.

Preserved eggs very good. Walked a little way over back. Saw one uncratched lamb or hog on ridges with another cratched one. Plenty of feed on back. Miss Anderson for tea & then all but Eva & I went to Wesleyan Church.

In the afternoon all but myself went to English Church. Yesterday Mam & Gerty laid down matting on the floor - the length of

MON 29 Sawed a matai log in Reserve for firewood

Put stays to 3 stainers & strained wires at laurel hedge. Mr Brodie came up in the coach at mid-day & had lunch with us. Mam & Gerty Eva & George drove up to P.O & drew out £100.

TU 30 Ewes shifted from flat on to Ridge & Wicampas

John split firewood in Reserve & dug out stainer near laurels. Four of us drove in to Danmunk - Mam Gerty

George & I. Gerty went to dentist & got 2 of her teeth stopped. George went on to Skanna after we had dinner. I went to Mr Rose's

office & we telephoned to Mr Blakiston to come to us. We explained to him about the section which I purchased the other day from

D O'Hara. We found that there is not 19 acres in it, only a little over 17. I paid over to Blakiston 100 in

notes & a cheque for £20 in addition to £26 Deposit I paid at the sale. Blakiston prepares the transfer & sees the thing fixed up. We drove Chusey & had a beautiful day, took 2 1/2 hours to go in.

WED 31 Helped to lay off site for new Factory with

B Gundersen Painter Alex Conlly, Campbell & Thomson. Sent away to Union Bank £100 Receipt

Till O'Hara stump on back & got 12 posts out of it.

John shot a hare. Mr Beckell & Gerty playing golf. Steady rain set in.

TH ST JUNE 1905



Walked up to dentist & had teeth seen to. Gerty also attended. John went with mare & dray to



Diamondville & got 3 sacks of potatoes on Railway freight $2\frac{1}{2}$ we expected 4 sacks

Went out on back & dug out totara strainer — one put in 19 years ago by Chas Fritzberg — at the corner Christianson's — Fred Schmiat's — footed it & put it in the fence in a fresh place, so as to be ~~able~~ to strain three ways, it was too late to finish mashing it. Further news of destruction Russian Navy

FR 2ND Heavy rain last night & this morning. It turned to snow & there is a heavy fall. Gave plenty of hay to cows in mangers after baling them up, six of them. Put mare in cartched & gave her plenty of hay & cut off for her the tops of the oat sheaves, the remainder of the sheaves we gave to the cows. The mare is kept in tonight the cows we let out after giving them plenty food. Two did not go to school today, too wet in the morning

SAT 3 Much snow on the ground this morning.



Clear sunny forenoon. John & me

Mam Gerty & Eva to catch 1st train (twenty minutes to ten) going to Levin, they were late had to drive home again, drove down & caught the midday train. John & other boys out here hunting, got nothing. The evening turned out cold & showery. Six cows in bales all the evening, gave them plenty fodder.

The mare in cartched, the 2 pups in woolshed. A letter from Union Bank, they have put the 100. at interest to my current account.

SUN 4 A cold showery miserable day. Snow gone.

Gave cows plenty of hay & they went in Reserve for awhile but soon came back. Mare in all day. Another fall of snow, began about 3 PM. ground white & very cold tonight. Both of us at home all day.

MON 5

J U N E 1905



A clear sunshiny day, snow on the ground all day. Feeding mare inside. Feeding the six cows on hay. Some parts of the paddocks clear of snow, some places covered tonight. New moon visible. John got a pound of tea at Becketts this morning. He & Ernest out here shooting the greater part of the day. Brought home 4.

TU 6 Snow gone today except behind the hills.



Sledged totara posts over to ~~four~~ at Schmidt's Corner & finished

ramming the strainer & fetched home a few backlogs. John drove in to meet express train & bought home Gerty & Eva. Mam staying for a few days at Levin with Mr. Francis.

Paid Mr. Skimmere bill - 8/6. Got 2 1/2 words of sausage & beef, the latter tough & a very small bit.

John at a surprise party last night. Collins's.

TH 7

WED 8 A thorough wet day. Dentist in Wellington

Went to a meeting of Building Committee of Factory Directors. Mr. Gustock there Laid out site of Factory once for all.

Shifted site 10 feet nearer to the creek.

WED 7 22 John sledged in 2 or 3 loads of firewood

After an early dinner we went out to Schmidt's - O'Hara - Back Corner and worked until nearly dark. At night went with John to Jennie Social. "The Little Portland" acted. This days doings was omitted on Wednesday night.

FR 9 A very wet forenoon. Creek very high.

Did no work today. John posted two letters, one from him to H. Fournear & one from me to Blakiston & Blakiston.

John saw & skinned another hogg on back. He saw one dead yesterday too far gone to skin. Put in washed & chickens that are always at back door. Top drying clothes at fire all day. Eve at home.

SAT 10 J U N E 1905

Did not send milk to factory this morning
Sent it only three times this week. Drying
off "Daisy" & "May". We give them a good bit of hay
in the mornings & sheaves of oats at night.
Worked at fence today, put in all tetara posts.
Found the remains of a good sheep in Thrush gully.
John skinned ^{yesterday} a hogg^s & boiled the meat for dogs.
A noxious weeds man called & spoke to Top
about removing blackberries on road. Do not
know where they are. Top & Eva drove to Ormon^{by}
& met Mam coming back from Levin.
John paid Mr. Martin yesterday for insurance on Pina's
& furniture 13/6. Amount insured for £ 150.

SUN 11 A very fine day. Went with Mam to the morning
Service in the new Presbyterian Church. It
was the opening Ceremony & the church was
full. There was a christening, the child of
Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Makotuku, David James.
C. C. Smith & Aea & Cecil came with us to dinner.
At night we went to Church of England Service

MON 12 Worked at fence with John. At night
I went to Presbyterian Tea Meeting and
from the Hall to the church, both were crowded.
Ministers of the various denominations spoke
on the Pulpit platform and Mr. C. Hall M.H.R.
was also on the platform & said a few words.
The ministers were Rev. Patterson, Corrie Whyte,
Asher King, Oliver (Methodist), Lambert (English)
The Church, Section or cost about £ 500. There
remains a debt of about £ 90. A splendid ^{one} perform

TU 13 John, Mam & Gerty drove to Dannevirke
to see Ianah. He had no time to do
anything to Johnie. They got home at
a quarter past 5, a rough day. Mr. D. Grant called.
I went out & did a little to fence at Paek. John
gone tonight to see a Salvation Entertainment.

WED 14

JUNE 1905

Partitioned off a place in buggy shed for Potatoes & spread out three sacks of them. Went out to Back after dinner & made up a couple of fires & sawed off some logs which were to our fence in corner of Back - Schmiat - Mathiesen. Letter from Blakiston & agreement to be signed to mortgage 17-1-26th. This Dec^r Costs 243 16 4¹/₂ besides legal expenses, transfer &c &c. £100 of the purchase money remains unpaid for nine months & in the meantime it is under mortgage to W Ross.

TH 15 Went up to the Dunst & underwent the usual Gerty came after me, about 12 o'clock. John drove her up to school & Ernest came back with him & they went away shooting beyond Gundries, all day in the pouring rain. Only got one duck which "Spot" caught.

Agreement between Ross & Mrs. Rejection signed by M^r. Beckett & I went to Blakiston. At night went to Vestry meeting, Business squaring up about Tablet in chanc^y to Canon Webb's memory. Got home about 10 o'clock. Rose Chussy. Rains.

FR 16 Showers nearly all day. Drove "May" & "Daisy" out on Back. Got for John a one man saw at M^r. Beckett's. Went out on back after dinner & did a bit of logging up in far corner of Schmiat. Skinned a two tooth weasel, don't know the cause of his death. it's day is Eva's 8th Birthday and she has invited a number of little school girls who have come with Birthday presents. They are having a great time tonight, games after the feast - Birthday Cake, fruit &c. All told there are 13. John drove them home about half past nine o'clock. SAT 17 John rode out for Carcase of weasel & found a dead hoggi¹ fat, dirty fluid in the intestines. Carried Carcase into yard from where cows live. All but one gone to Wesleyan Sunday school social. Full moon. Fine night.

SUN 18

JUNE 1905



All of us + Ella drove to Blaingowrie
Had dinner there in the new house. Got
home before dark. A dull dark day. Rain began
as we got home. A great deal of rain falling now

MON 19 ^{Morn} ~~John~~ drove Eva + Ella to school. Raw day.

Attended Directors meeting at Factory. No work
doing there today by Carpenters - too wet.

John paid Ericksons bill today 1-19-7

I had a letter from M. H. Sorenson on Saturday
night to say he could not find a bed for me
at Palmarston on Show night as all available
beds were bespoken a fortnight ago. We did no
work today except John made part of dog kennel

TU 20 Morn + Gerty drove in to Dannevirke to see Dentist

Worked at Back with John, a very fine day.
Young Mathison came to where I was with
his gun + whilst talking a greyhound ran past
+ through Fred Rahovist's section. After a while
a sporting dog came barking through the sheep
they running in all directions, we put "spot" on to him
and I shot him with Mathison's gun. John came
with my dinner the young Mathison went after
the dog + despatched him. I Keale came over
to where I was working + paid me the balance 3-7-0
of sheep raised money paid to him for one Painter
Olsen and Hans Mortensen. For one = 1-19-6
For Olsen 10/- For Mortensen 17/6 after deducting 2/6
each to be given to Harold Olsen for helping
to find the dogs. Morn + Gerty got home about 5
o'clock, they left Dannevirke about 3 o'clock.

WED 21 Got Factory Cheque (Butter 98) £ 1-12-9

Split + sledged in two a three loads of firewood
Got in some more + caught 1 lamb + ewe 5/11

+ put in stud 35. Set a hogg's broken leg in Reserve.

Letter from George + Mackie F. Ewe at M^r. Grants

A very windy afternoon. School examination.



Catched the 35 sheep in shed & got in 43 more & did them before dinner. Gerty went to Dentist and Eva came home with her before dinner. I went up to Dentist but he had no time to attend to me. John dug away round fruit trees in little Orchard and went golfing on Flat with Mr. Beckett Mr. & Miss Campbell Gerty Mam M^{rs} Grant & Miss Martin

Got in & put in shed remaining ewes 73 Total 200 besides 2 hoggets. Found dead hogg^t on back.

John rode to Martensons & A Olsen's to give them their sheep worrying money, & send receipts to I. Neal.

FR 23 Finished crutching the ewes before dinner 200 & 2

others amongst them. Got in the back sheep & picked out 49 of the weakest hogg^s 340 put back on back sec. The weak ones in shed tonight Charlie came by last coach, has had a months holiday

Was in Auckland, Ouhunga New Plymouth &c. Came now from Palmerston. A very fine dog.

SAT 24 Gave doses of oil & turpentine to some of the weak hogg^s & put them in Reserve = 51

Another hogg^s in Reserve with a broken leg. Set it, there are two in reserve now with broken legs.

Put 6 more hogg^s out on back, 346 there now.

Plenty of grass for sheep & cattle, plenty of rough feed

Walked round back & buried remains of 3 balt's laid for dogs months ago. John shot a young gander, washed the buggy boiled meat for dogs, played golf & tonight went to some entertainment in Hall. Finished making a Kennel for dog "Ugly". A dull calm day.

SUN 25 Rain all day. Rev Lambert called. He church He drove us far as Becketts. A very good goose for dinner

MON 26 Went to Back, sawed a few logs & made fires. John drove Charlie to Ormond's for home Mam sick nearly all last night & today.

Started to build stable at end of Cartshed.



TU 27 JUNE

1905



Mam & Gerty drove to Dannevirke to see the Dentist. They got home just about dark. There was a white frost this morning & a very fine day. John split firewood on Widespread before dinner & I worked a bit at stable. After dinner went to back

WED 28

John drove Eva to school. She is staying at M. Grant's tonight. Very showery day. John repairing fences at O'Hara's - far Section. He is at an entertainment in Hall tonight amateurs playing the "Little Sentinel" in aid of Cricket Club. A bad night for it. Heavy showers. Worked at frame of stable today. Very muddy.



Got a bundle of trees & shrubs from Gaddard at Havelock yesterday. Too wet to put them in.

TH 29


Gerty went to Dentist first thing when he came & then went in coach to Orm² for Dannevirke. I then went to Dentist & stayed with him until half past eleven. John rode to Punmagan for Subscription list & two half years subscription, but the Dannevirke's were in Pahiatua & will not be back until Friday night or Saturday. Heavy showers all day. No work except carrying in backlogs and burning firewood.

FR 30

Another wet day, light rain nearly all day. John drove Eva to school & afterwards nailed up boards in hay shed to prevent Cows pulling out hay. After dinner he & mother planted fruit trees, roses & put in 4 Camellias in the garden. At one o'clock attended meeting of building Committee at Factory. Carpenters not working, too wet. Did some work at stable. Mr. Cantlay gave 2 yearly subscription to Church. This has been the wettest June I have ever seen in New Zealand. There is enough feed for stock. A letter from Mr. Francis Levin, he has bought 1/2 acre a mile out at 30 per acre, no buildings.

SAT 1 JULY

1905


 John put 53 boggets off Reserve into O'Hara's this morning, one of the boggs looked like a little stranger. He then repaired the fence - put in a couple footed posts & afterwards sledged in 2 loads onataw firwood. A dull calm day, no rain worked at stable.


Winnie & Ella playing with Eva. Maria not well. Mam went up to see her, she is better today. John in township tonight, something going in Hall

SUN 2 Walked over part of Back. Set fire to a big log lying across a track, made a fire on the broken part of track. Saw cattle, think "Wilday" the fat cow is in calf. Light rain. After dinner drove up to Ngamokoja Church subscriptions got 10/- from Mr. Martin, a like amount from Mr. Oldshaw. 5/- from Mr. Hutchinson. John had to walk to Damagaja for sub: papers as they did not leave them at Boekbitter according to promise, neither did they give any subscription for the past year, only a promise to pay something later on. Misses Randsen & Martin

John went to Church with them tonight. £ 8. 5. 0 is the amount collected up till tonight. I am sending a cheque for the amount in the morning. At last night's entertainment Professor de Leon & a woman appeared. The thing was a fraud. The man was drunk, the woman tipsy, the audience 30.

MON 3 John pruned the fruit trees, whuled manure to them & repaired fence Waderup - O'Hara's

 Sent names of subscribers & cheque £ 8. 5. 0 to J. H. Devonia. Pair of white blankets 17/6 for Eva from Mr. Grant. Paid Sugden 4. 13. 3 amount of his bill & got a sack of pollard. Fine day

TU 4 Mam Gert & Eva drove to Dannevirke to see dentist  White frost this morn. Fine day, put shingles on stable roof. John whuled manure into garden & played golf with Milly Campbell & Mr. Buckett.

WEDS JULY 1905



Finished roofing the stable. John pledged in
firewood + cleaned up + carted into stockyard cows
manure from where they lie at night. One shower today.

TH 6

Eva had toothache last night. Today Maam
took her to Dentist + had 4 teeth drawn.



Gerty had some of hers seen to. There
was no time for Dentist to do anything to
Johns or mine. Sent to Goddard Havelock £1-
for trees we received. Has asked him to send 2/6
worth of pea potatoes in lieu of change. Paid
Mr. Skinner monthly account for bread 6/6

A small brownish hen laid, the 1st this winter
I laid up about stable. After dinner went
out + worked on back, split pieces for Calvert Oc.
Mt. Beckett for tea + spent the evening. Fine day.

FRI

Gerty drove Maam to catch ten minutes to 12
o'clock train for Levin. Worked on back,
made fire, dragged slabs to make a
calvert, with more, we sent cheque for £5-11-4
to Blakiston + Blakiston Downville. Also a
P.N. signed in favour of W Rose for £104-13
to be met in 9 months - 15th March 1906.



SAT 7

John shot a hare this afternoon. He got
a letter from Carl Engeström yesterday.
Mulholland took away his black lamb from here
this morning. His other one is amongst Mathison sheep.
This has been a very fine day. Ella here tonight.

A wet day, no work done. Paid £9-2-0
(gave cheque 10⁺ 5⁰ 0) amount of Mr. Probable's bill
Sent John's insurance money £1-17-10
Got receipt from J Goddard for £1-10 and from
Blakiston + Blakiston for transfer of Dec 7-14-10
John answered Carl Engeström's letter today. Colan^{se}

SUN 9

Dull calm day, walked over back, saw Pattercup
her time up today. Eva + Ella went to Sunday school
John went at night to church. Hoy - dead in Ottawa

Nils Larren did not go to Factory.



John drove Eva & Ella to foot of hill on their way to school. Eva staying with Ella tonight. Out on back, put hincan stringers across gully with mare & cleared up corner at Schmitts - Mathusens. Pulled away remaining portions of logs with mare, some on fire & heaped all up on another place. Made up fires and sawed & split hincan stringers for far culvert.

A. Engbretsen came with subscription list to get up a testimonial for O Erickson. Gave him 5p. W. Prodie came but I did not see him. Skinned a hogg^s for dogs. A very fine day. Mulholland look ^{with} can

TU 11



A very hard frost this morning. Last night very cold. A very fine day. John & Gerty drove to Dannevik. Mam came by last coach home from Leomin. Made up fires on back. Planted a tall poplar in Sheep yard. John has got a letter from Alice. Gerty an invitation to Pea Balls.

WED 12



Waked on back sawing stringers & slabs for culverts near Neal's corner. Hincan logs made up fires. John shifted Hogg^s off O'Hara's


into Preserve - 50. Put ones - 90 on flat, to be left there to lumber. Paid B. Bengtson 22p for ploughing & harrowing lawn, in addition to cost of driving 88 sheep which comes to 6/6. That is 28/6 is about the price paid for ploughing & harrowing front


TH 13




A wet day. John drove Mam to dentist & she had a little alteration done to her teeth & they now are comfortable. Alce Top had a tooth stopped also Eva had a drive up to school. I went to dentist after Top had a tooth stopped. A Funeral today


W. Pomeroy Sec. A letter yesterday from J. M. Boscaind yesterday acknowledging Church money £18-5-14 W. Martin sent of this sum of forties - 10-2-4 Raining at present looks like a continuance.

 Light rain in the forenoon. After dinner went out on back & saw some water. Walked over

 back & found "Buttercup" with her calf. Broke them home without any trouble & milked cow, she did not trouble at all about the calf.


John wounded a hare on Michaelson's "spot" ran him into a stump & at tea time went back & burrowed until he got the hare out. John gone to township tonight to see about a shooting party tomorrow. Trimm'd acacias & alders going to road gate.

 Ella came home with Eva & has got measles.

 They are coming out on her quite plainly.


Eva has written a letter tonight to Pop Lounsbury. We shall milk 5 cows now for a while until we dry off "Pamassi". Walk Holland took Can this morning. He only goes to Factory Mondays & Fridays.

SAT 15 John splitting firewood on back. Made up fire on back. Finished culvert & after dinner Eva rode cherry out on back & we dragged posts to where they are required in Mathison's fence.


 Ella in bed all day, ate some toast & tea tonight.


Mr. H. Phurkar called after dinner, a letter from Maon very weak tonight. Gerty & I assisted her to bed. I walked up to Sharp's for bottle whiskey.


SUN 16 Walked over back saw the 2 foals & filly. Rain most of the day. Fed young calf in shed. Maon in bed all day. Feels weak, looks feverish tonight.


 Sent John to Beckwith to know if we can wire for Doctor ^{to Spinnish} if necessary in the night. He says yes.

Mr. P. G. Grant came in the evening to see Ella. She has not eaten anything all day. Mr. Grant went after tea to see about lighting up the church.

MON 17  Half finished for culvert. Had dinner out there with Eva. She made many fires. Maon up today for a while. John carted in cord of firewood. Mr. Callender called.

 Mr. Grant called at night. Ella better. Fine day.


 M^r Thomson sent out to pay, no meeting at Factory until Thursday. Gerty did not go to the Dentist at Summit today, rain & one or two light falls of snow. After dinner went out with John & man sawed & dragged stingers to where No 2 culvert is to be nearly finished. The first or furthest one Ella better.



 Eva walked up to M^r Parsons for her music lesson. She does not go to school since Ella got measles. Mam in bed all day, feels somewhat improved. John & Gerty about going tonight to a Party at Painter Orens, but one of M^r Cantlays boys came to see John about shooting tomorrow & the program was changed. Letters tonight from M^r Francis & Kelly Fournesaw.

WED 19 John got up at 4 AM had breakfast & went up to Cantlays and with one of the boys went shooting in the bush in the direction of Urantoroa. Came home about 8 PM with four pigeons.

Just after breakfast M^r G Hunter called. He was driven up by C Leach & H Shubars. Did not go nearer township than here. Called at the houses between here & Ormond ^{He} Planted poplar in sheep yards, two there now. Went out on back. Made up fine & Mam better today. Suffered terribly last night from head-ache. M^r P G Grant called. Ella well

TH 20 Went to Dentist this morning & had teeth rasped etc. Gert went after me but could not get anything done - other before her. Got in back shop & picked out a small ewe &

 Killed it for home use. Very fine day. A meeting of Factory Directors.

 Mam in bed, only a little better. Got at shops two small bottles stout & a small bottle English ale. FR 21 Sent by Mal Holland a good can of milk. Got £1-4-0 Factory Cheque. Worked on back for corner. M^r & M^r Grant called also Rio Lambert, M^r Bonavia. Mam up a great part of the day & much better. Willy has calf 



Split some slabs for calvort on back and made up fire. Sent cheque £1-18-0 to Collin & Co. Wanganui for harness tuning.

An insurance agent Carrer - New York Company Mr. P. G. Grant came & had lunch with us.

Mr. Campbell drove over, painter Olson & Mr. Gundersen to Motarraw to meet with suppliers there, also J. O'Hara & Secretary there Jacob Nelson & Norman

Only 4 or 5 settlers up. We found that the majority had signed to supply Mealy Long & Co. with

their milk if that Company would erect Creamery. We called on Mr. Hirst on our way home.

We think Eva has measles tonight. In bed all day.

SUN 23 Miss M. Ray called to see patients, Ella up all day

Alf Neal came about noon, went to church with John at 2.30 & after tea went with John to another church.

Mr. (Rev) Lambert called on going to church. Mr. & Mrs. Grant came in the afternoon. Ella all right.

Eva in bed all day, sick sometimes. Morn up all day.



Carl Hanson took away his colt & left a filly instead. John went in to see Carl Engeström

MON 24 Saved & split slabs near Neal's fence for calvort

Afternoon dragged arone to creek with mare.

Eva restless a great part of last night. Her body is almost red & her limbs covered with great red blotches.

Mr. Grant & the Misses Martin & Huger called. A swumms day. Very fair feed in paddocks.

TU 25 John drove Gerty to Station going to Danerick

to Dentist and afterwards wheeled manure into garden. Finished slabbing calvort on back before dinner & afterwards attended Directors

Meeting at Factory. Mr. Grant here in Gerty's absence. Eva much better today, was able to eat a little.

Paid my insurance on House Gave a cheque for two pounds & got change. This is not due till 1st Aug.

Rough tonight. Wind & rain.



Finished the 3rd Culvert at Neals corner.
 Showery day. Sailed & logged up a passage
 along near creek near Mathisons fence. Mam
 not well today, Kept in bed. Made a few ^{Back} papers on
 financial statement out today. Increase in old age
 Pensions £ 81. 127. Decrease in Government Contributions
 towards coal storage for dairy produce £ 5289. Previously
 £ 7289. now £ 2000. Old age pension previously 193,975 ^{now} 285,000

TH 27



Mam Eva had last night. Eva had ear-ache, put
 warm olive oil & a little eucalyptus in her ears.
 it relieved her & then she was troubled with tooth
 ache. Today she & mam are better. Went first
 thing to dentist & he did some work on my teeth. Gertie
 went to dentist but he had no time to do anything to
 her teeth. Mr Grant came in forenoon & she & Mr Grant
 came after tea for a while. Maria has the measles.
 Diphtheria in Township. a little girl of Hans Olands
 died yesterday & another gone to the hospital.


Killed for dogmeat one of the hogg^s which was
 worried on 1st May last, a very good shuck it would make
 its inside productive. There is another in a similar condition
 Thodsons children laid up with measles. Mr Smith
 from Hastings called to ask about remedies and
 mam advised warm water bathing for feet & legs and
 hot drinks. gave her a little whiskey to take home.
 Every one is using camphor & sulphur to prevent diphtheria

FR 28




Gave one of the Lincoln rams - a very fine one -
 he was in the yard last night, a dose of raw
 Linseed oil & turpentine, he hangs about by
 himself all day & has not eaten any grass.

Rain all day. A thorough wet day. Mam & Eva
 had a good nights rest & are in bed all day.
 Cows on ridges today. Buttercup in yard shut up
 tonight with hay in her stall. Mare on Hill
 No one of us has been out today only John at Thodsons
 to ask about children. Mr Grant called going to Dr.

 Another thorough wet day. Mam not so well last night, better today in bed, Eva all right she stays in bed with her mother. A letter from George. Charlie sent 2 ducks & 2 bokkaks here or 4 days ago. David Hogg came today & bought the cutchings off 200 ewes at 7⁰ per lb. and 3 skins at 6⁰ per lb amount = £6. 16. 10 the best prices I ever got for wool or skins. Mr Beckett's express took wool & skins to Ormondville. John wrote to H. Townear & enclosed cheque 1. 10. 0 for 3 sds potatoes at 4⁰ each. The ram we dosed with oil & turpentine has not fed since, gave him oil today. Gave out the last of the oat sheaf bales to cows tonight. The skins weighed 59 lbs and the wool 184 lbs.


SUN 30

 Drove to Erick Eickens & others to know if they would support a creamery at Garfield. E. Eickens signed for 10 cows. A. B. Hanson cannot decide as he is about to leave his farm. Thos Hirst 60. Mr Anderson 10 Arthur Olsen against a Olsen on Hill satisfied with Creamery now at Garfield. H. P. Mortensen will give an answer later on.


Mr. & Mrs. Grant came & stayed a while in the afternoon. Mam & Eva got up today but did not leave house. Walked amongst ewes & over part of back. John at Wesleyan Church tonight. Fine day, rain tonight.

MON 31 Eva had earache last night again, tried a great deal & poured warm oil & eucalyptus into her ear & also a roasted onion. She & Mam all right today. The latter went to Mr. Grant's in coach & came back in same. John went early with Peter Engabretson towards hills to shoot. He shot, brought back 5 pigeons & 1 Kaka. Ada & Henry came. Signed Factory cheque in favour of Gustaf for £20. 0. 0. Repaired old bridge at firwood. Razed a few posts on back at Matheson's boundary to use as fence posts. Repaired a broken wire on Mortensen's boundary. Not much rain. This in all like June has been a wet one.

TU 1st A U G U S T 1906

 John drove Gerty to station to catch the
train for Denmark & Dentist and then got
on jamwood. Sent Reserve rent £ 2-5-6

Attended annual Gen. Meeting of Factory
Directors. Five were nominated S. B. 102 votes
J. Neilson ^{17 1/2} Malcolm 129 Toward ^{40 00} A. Schaare ^{20 00}
Had dinner at Mr. Grants. Mr. Grant here today.

 John shifted 53 hagg^s down to O'Hara's from
out of Reserve. Fine day. Morn & Eve up & all right.

WED 2 A thorough wet day, big fire. No work done.

TH 3 Another thorough wet day. Went to dentist & spent
the forenoon with him. Gerty afterwards for a
short time. Found the ailing Lincoln cow
dead in reserve just above hurl. John
wheeled him home & skinned him on batters
Put the 2 white cows & the weaner heifer out
on back must see if they require milking
again after some days. Three cows in here now to
be fed on hay - Buttercup, Star, & Strawberry. Bought
a pair of pants & vest at Mr. Grants, 2nd best clothes.

FR 4 Carl Schmidt told Gerty yesterday that Proacher has
a harness horse for sale. John rode up today to see him
did not like his appearance - at Nyamoko Creamery.
Rode home on a 3 year old harness horse belonging to
Ben Ben Hutchinson which is for sale - about £14. We
put him in baggy & drove up Guman down to Scofield,
tinned them & drove home again. He goes all right.
He & Chassis on Flat tonight. A thorough wet day.

SAT 5 Another wet day the 4th, continuous, ground sodden.
No work can be done. Attended Directors meeting at noon.
Went to Beatty Long & Co. that we would take £ 600
for Mataman Creamery. They replied offering £ 500
After discussion we accepted their offer. John found
a goose nest with one egg, & found 2 duck eggs yesterday.
Only one x bred small hen laying as yet.





Rain all last night, not much fell today.

M. M^o Grant & Marie came at 11.30

M. Grant John & Gerty drove Prince in M. Grant's trap into Omondville. After tea Ella went home with 'em.

M. Martin came with a subscription paper to get money to pay for organ & reading desk in Church. He has collected a great many 5/- gave him 5/-

MON 7



Had only a small quantity of milk to send to Factory this morning, got no skim milk back.

Got in the 2 white cows off back & milked them for the last time this season & put them back

again & put "Star" out with them, as she is nearly dry. We have only 2 cows in here now - Buttercup

& Strawberry. Tea found a ewe with a lamb on Flat near my garage and another ewe & lamb near fence on back on

"earthquake Hill," when she went up for cabbage. She also found a goose's nest with 2 eggs in it. Went through

all ewes & sheep, on more lambs. Brought in & cut saw & sharpened it & spent the afternoon sawing firewood

on Flat. Mam, Gerty & I went for a drive with new horse.

A heavy frost last night, grass white this morning. Fine day.

TU 8 John drove Gerty to railway station on his way to dentist

A fine day. Sleaging in firewood. John splitting; sent Susan & Hans Chequ for £2.00

to pay his bill, which came to £1.7.9 Paid Skinner 8/- the amount of his monthly bill. M^o & Miss Campbell.


WED 9 Another ewe and lamb on Flat. Tea saw them first



Sledged in two loads firewood & John sledged home tataria post out of Reserve. He went through

ewes & fagg^s in O'Hara's & over part of Beach. Nothing wrong. Pulled scraped & washed & boiled mangolds & turnips

for pig, time to fatten him. Only one hen laying yet.




TH 10 Wet forenoon. Went to dentist. 2 teeth bored & prepared. did not finish. Gert after one. John found a twin dead on back, no ewe near them. He got a letter from Arthur Hunt tea got one from Pop. Nothing yet from down 468 Wellington for skins & outchings

 Saw & blasted a big log on back for slabs or rails.
 Mr. Morgan came across to see Carl Hanson's filly with a view of buying her. No fresh lambs. Saw Reuben Hutchinson at Factory. Paid him Cheque £13 for 3 year old horse "Prince". Mam Gert & Eva drove as far as Lunds with him today. Mr. D. H. Grant & Miss Pearson came this afternoon. Did not send milk to Factory today. Mulholland called for it, but we had none. Butter made in New Factory today. Frost this morning. A very fine day.

SAT 12 A ewe with single on Flat. John found one east on Widerups. He got in, Killa & Kinnis a longtail lamb.  too poor for our use, only dogs meat. He took the big Buff Orpington Cock away tonight to swap with Willy Wahl for another one. We spent most of the day on George's back heaping up & burning.  Got a good telara strainer & a few house blocks. Eva & Gerty called to see Mr. Beckell tonight. She is in bed & has been for a week or so. A very fine day & moon light. There is fair feed in all paddocks. John has brought the big rooster home again. Wahl wants a hen

SUN 13 Walked over flat & one end of back. John took the other end & Widerups. Saw Blackface ewe on Earthquake hill with good twins. Carl Hanson rode out on back and led his filly home. Mully & Diny Erikson came in the evening & after tea went in buggy to church with the others, all gone but one.

Willy Wahl came at tea time with an Orpington Rooster, We are to give him a hen in exchange. The willow leaves are just making their appearance. The wattle flowers are only coming out. Late this year


MON 14 Sent cheque to Mr. Grant for clothes. cost & interest 18/9.  A two pound cheque, got in change £1.1.3.  Logged up some wide tracks beyond big pond. Eva with us. Had dinner out there. One ewe with lamb on Widerups.  John gone to Wahl's with Buff Orpington hen

This morning
 Three ewes last night had lambs, one of them we had to get in this morning & take the lamb from her, a big lamb, both are all right one old ewe left for dogs meat & very poor, had a lamb last night, washed & boiled carrots for pig. John all day in garden digging. Put in Onion Seed. Gerty went to Dentist in Dannewick. I sowed grassseed on all burnt patches on back. This has been another fine drying day. The 5th fine day. Rain has set in at 7 o'clock, raining hard now. A Mr. Clark called to know if I would support an approaching Benedicts Ball. I will not.


WED 16 Went through ewes. One on flat with twins. Worked on back, widening tracks, sewing & putting logs we together. Jim Neal came over to where we were working & we found a small steer dead in a gully where the bank gave way with him & he fell into a hole. Mr. Thadson & children & Mr. Cox's childa came over. Very fine day. Gerty got an invitation to Benedicts Ball.

TH 17 Three singles last night & this morning. *By this morning* fine growing day. Went to Dentist but he did not finish although I waited until eleven o'clock. Gerty went to him after me. John shifted hogg^s from O'Hara's to Reserve 52 and then dug in garden, after tea he took a list of cattle which we are going to offer at a sale, to Fred Schomdt to be sent to Mr. Ross Dannewick. The sale will be held at F. Schomdt's or at our yards. Mr. & Miss Oliver came this afternoon. Shaged a box full of manure up to my garden. A spring shower. 3 ewes have lambed up to this. Symptoms of grass growing.


FR 18 A cow with twins on ridges. John put in peas. Went to ^{31st in house 18th Dec 1897, for the first time} a directors meeting. I better buyers in afternoon 10th offered by Mr. Egan & Co. Outpat offered to Nathan 10th Gerty & Mam at Benedicts Ball tonight. Rain.


 Walked through ewes & lambs, three ewes lambled last night. Shook & raked grassed on burnt patches on back. Went to 12 o'clock Directors meet at Factory. John fenced Walnut tree at Sheepyards & we planted in enclosure at tree about 24 seed potatoes. Light rain. It was decided at meeting today to Open the new Factory on the 31st of this month. Mr. Shuckler Gen^l called.

SUN 20 One or two lambs last night. One on back.

 All at home, no one came. In the evening walked across flat & saw two dogs on back Dec. They were after a sheep intending to worry. Saw them just in time, they went towards township along Gundersons fence into Beckes, chased his 4 sheep. I ran home for John & gun, by the time John got up near them they had one of Beckes sheep on the ground, he fired but did not get close we followed them home to Alfred Engbretsen. The people were not at home but the dogs were under the house. After tea John went to Engbretsen one dog only belonged to him, he thinks the other one belongs to Knutsen. Fine days & nights now.

MON 21 Mam drove Gealy to Ormonde on her way to Dentist

 We killed the pig before dinner. A very good so a lot. After dinner I drove to Ngarnaka & went to Hutchings Cattle sale, dropping Mam & Eva at Friess. Picked them up when coming back. One in calf fetched from £4 to £7-10. Sledged totara gatepost to Brown gate. Noted only one fresh lamb today. Feed very fair. John got a set of shoes on "Prince" this afternoon.

TU 22  Through ewes & lambs, one fresh on flat. John found 5 or 6 fresh ones on Widesaps & ridges. Cut up & salted pig, a good deal of lard. John digging about house. We put in totara post for brown gate to shut against. Eva at school after 5 weeks. The school only open today. Got David's cheque for skins & crutchings £6-16-10



Sledged some gravel to Brown gate. John got in Eve with a lamb which came yesterday & this morning the ewe has not cleared. We gave her a dose of Sykes drench which put her right. Edwin Hanson swept or rather scraped with a hoe the 3 chimneys. Paid him 3/6. Went to Dentist and I think he finished stopping my teeth. Paid him 10/- cheque on account, this is the second ten pounds. Changed a cheque at Buckells for £2-1-6. Sent to Union Bank & Hogg's cheque 6-16-10. Got the last seasons Factory cheque 1-6-2. Sent Union Bank Pass Book to Manager Napier. Mam M^{rs} A. Olsen M^{rs} Krole M^{rs} Thomson met at M^{rs} Campbell's to arrange about next Thursday's business. Opening of Factory. Eva bought in nine Eggs today. Some geese, a duck & 2 hens are laying.

TH 24

John saw 11 fresh lambs on his beat today, some ewes have twins. A slight fall of snow last night, ground white this morning, it disappeared before dinner. A meeting of Directors to consider offers for seasons output. Nathan's offer accepted - 10% FOB Wellington Steamer. Gerty John & Milly Campbell Golfing this afternoon. John & Mam painting the facings of house green.

Cleaned & swept out woolshed & sharpened scut. Gerty with Dentist today, will finish next visit. Salted & turned bacon today. Want to get 2 little pigs.

FR 25

A good many lambs last night. John found a ewe with a dead lamb & I picked up a motherless lamb, which we put on the ewe we got in & she soon took. Got in a poor ewe & killed it for the dogs. Made gate & hung it at firwood. Took away 3 panels of fence going to firwood gate. Mam & John painting facings of house green. At 7.30 pm attended Directors meeting to sign papers transferring Moteman's acreage to Reaty, Long & Co. & drew program for opening of factory.



A great deal of rain fell last night, no deaths
 Mam & John drove to Mr. Grants, the latter got 2 pairs of
 tweed trousers for £1.0.0. Yesterday Mr. Helena biked
 down & took the measure of a pane of glass & Mam put
 it in yesterday after coming from Leonard Andersons.

Made to get in a 2 tooth black faced cow off
 flat, she would not take to her lamb, have her penned
 with lamb in shed tonight. Gerty Eva & Ella walked
 up to top township tonight. A dull calm day.

SUN 27 Several fresh ones last night & this morning, got
 in two, took the lamb from one, both all right now
 All went to afternoon church but one. A very fine day.

MON 28 Found a 2 tooth ewe cast on flat after lambing.

A pair of twins with her, put one of them on
 a ewe that had a dead lamb on Widdrups, put her
 & her lamb on Hill. At night went up, but no meat of Horison

TU 29 Got in 17 head of cattle off back yesterday & put
 them in Reserve & got them into sheep yards today. F Schmidt

brought up his mob & Benton brought some
 Fua schmidt's cows were first put up
 and all sold under the hammer at fair

prices. Our dry cows 7 & young calf included with her
 mother Wilay fetched £2.18.6 each 5 sters £2.8 each
 One heifer £2.0.0 two little sters 8/6 each Side saddle 1/6

I bought one springer for £7.0.0 every thing put up
 was bid for 2 horses sold also harness, lip dray, passed
 in, reserve was 12/6. over 11/6 bid all cattle sold, the
 Auctioneer R. Roach well satisfied also the sellers.

I should have put the heavy harness with the
 dray when offered for sale, with as so next time
 Ben & Neale when coming to the sale picked up

a ewe cast on ridges with twins, one dead. Ewe & lamb
 all right now. A summer day. F Schmidt supplied beer
 Whiskey & sandwiches. R. Roach, Barton (clerk) young
 Monteth, & Schmidt here for dinner.

Several fresh lambs this morning in all paddocks

Had to get in 3 of John's ewes & put them right.

The two Augustines came for their cows & took away 12 head. Sam Neal took away his 12 calves across the paddocks. John got the shoes removed on Carl Hansen's mare & then helped the other young fellows to decorate in front of the factory for tomorrow's opening. Ewes & lambs all right so far except one sick lamb that cannot suck its mother. Gerty gave it castor oil.

Mr & Mrs Tushy from Takapanu came at dinner time

& bought the big Gobbler, paid 7/6. Today Sargent's express & load of chaff was captured in or near the cutting when meeting a Mota car.

After Engeström bought the 7 cows & calf which we sold yesterday, from W Beck & leaves them here for a week.

Farmers Union Meeting at 1 PM in Lutheran Hall.

TH 81 John drove Mam up to Town Hall at 9 PM. Bought

up with them in buggy some greenery &

flowers. Table laid, other ladies cutting up provisions. I helped to put up flags across road & in other places about Factory. Came

home at 10.30 & changed, John also, Gerty with dentist

Went back. Saw Mr Hunter at top hotel, A Shuker

& C Leach with him. Came down to Junction hotel

Had lunch with visitors & then went to opening Ceremony

Spoke on platform after Paeta Rice, Mr Paul, C Hallman

& G. Hunter. Mam in Hall attending to children's lunch

All school children entertained. A social at night free.

Also afternoon tea, but too many took advantage of it.

Big crowd at night, some songs & addresses. Mr Hall


Watson & I spoke. Dancing started about 10 P.M


and continued until 3 in the morning. Rain came

on in the night & continued. We drove home, but


did not get wet. A beautiful day for opening the

Factory. A great many people about.

 A good many lambs coming now. The thick of the lambing over. Found a dead lamb in creek on flat, put the skin on a twin, the ewe took at once did the same with another ewe, both very fond of their adopted lambs. Got ewe in of the back & took the lamb from her, she would have died I think. Found a splendid ewe dead on back, the first she died in the act of lambing, pulled the wool off her & buried her. Found another two tooth in the act of lambing, cast, took away lamb and brought her home in the wheelbarrow. She is in the woolshed not able to stand. The Directors got an invitation to meet builders & engineers at Sharps Hotel at 8 PM. a farewell affair. Messrs O'Hara Neal Cantlay myself went, also Christopherson Sen & Alick Hegh. We met Messrs Gansted builders. Curtain Rows Short, Makotuku Creamery Manager & young. Many toasts proposed & songs, left at 10.30 or so.

SAT 2 Not many lambs coming now. John shifted the  hoggats off Reserve yesterday on to O'Hara's. yesterday morning he & mam went to Hall & cleared up everything & John took home vases plates &c to the owners. at night attended special meeting at Factory to open tenders for painting it & Ngamaka creamery. £ 0.10.0 accepted. E. G. Scott £ 20. 10. both 5⁰ per foot for spouting. John at meeting in Library - business Bachelor's Ball. A letter & cheque from W Rose proceeds of cattle 28-1906. They omitted to add the price of side saddle - £ 1. 0. 0

SUN 3 All over paddocks. Drove with Mam to River beyond Gumarau. Mam got a little sand. Little horse very weak.

MON 4 Much rain last night & today. Went to Factory and  got 100 bricks & 20 fire bricks. Ewe in shed died. Found another sick on flat with a good big lamb near her. She died & John gave the lamb to Mr. Malholland. Quietly John & mam laid down oil cloth in bed rooms and in dining room on Saturday last. Prices 1902 fresh lamb



A showery day. Only one fresh lamb on flat
Gerty went to Dentist in Danmunk. Went to

Ellis's sale. Bought black cow "Mealy" 4.14.6

Bought trowel, shovel, spade, hoe, 2 traps for 7/-

Gave cheque drawn in favour of Wm + Killa for amount.

Went to Bank of Australia cheque for 28-15-6



John got a gopher at Hegh's. Letter from George.

There was a poor sale at Ellis's. A mouse hole.

Rev. Sam Havel died suddenly at Webb's yesterday.

WED 6

Saw 3 or 4 fresh lambs this morning. John



went to Ellis with mare + tray for calf

belonging to the black cow which I bought
yesterday. She is uneasy, trying to get back home

+ does not give much milk. Alfua Engebretsen

took away his 6 cows + calf off Reserve. Paid 3/-

for paddocking. John rode up to Friis for

Cabbage plants + paid for them 2/- He dug

some in garden, is at a Bachelor's meeting tonight



Put in a row of potatoes in top garden, cut

seed, sheep manure. Grass just making start.

TH 7

Saw only one fresh lamb on flat. A lamb drowned

at spring on hill, put the skin on a twin. Eve



took to it at once. John dug up a patch

in garden + put in Cabbage plants. He rode



up to P. Nissen's to get information about a

past Benedict's Ball. He + Harold Olsen

here tonight consulting about invitations for a

coming Bachelor's Ball. They are Secretary's

to the Ball. A fine warm day. Put in a few rows

of potatoes + a row of parsnips in top garden.

Chessy whilst grazing in garden this evening


stood on Eva's foot. She was near her holding rope

Gerty with Dentist at Crown Hotel today. She


and Mr. Beckett had a round of Golf this

afternoon. Only a little oatmeal hay left.

Spoke to Inspector Harvey about cow Maffy.


 Only two fresh ones this morning. Eva did not go to school today, her foot a bit sore & not a nice morning, some light rain during the day & steady rain tonight. Shook a bit of grassseed on a burnt patch on back. Milked the 2 cows twice today. John has a bad cold, stayed inside. Received Bank Pass Book, & yearly acc. made up 46-8-11 to my credit. Got demand for Road Rates — 4-8-5


SAT 9 Thick fog this morning, no fresh lambs.

 Shoveled heap of manure in stockyard back against rails. Paid Skinner's bill 8/- A great deal of rain fell today. Fine moonlit night. Mr. H. Shukar rode up here to say G. H. comes on Thursday


Attended directors meeting. Transfer of land to Christoph.


SUN 10 Two fresh lambs on Ridge. Cow "Brindli" had a



 bull calf "Bachelor" in Reserve. She has very little milk, does not trouble after her calf.

 Gerty & Eva spent the evening & had tea at Mr. O. Erickson's. Rev. Lambert for tea here, and all went to church. A fine moonlit night. Saw the cattle, filly & foal & sheep on back. The three heifers springing. All stock in good condition.

MON 11 Saw but one ewe with fresh twins on flat this morning

 Started to saw log on back for slabs for cow bale, heavy rain fell in the afternoon, ground soaked. John pledged in some firewood. Killed little cow's calf for dog-meat. Oiled heavy harness. Letter from Alice. (Easter Monday mentioned). The grass is shaping a bit. Pies up also turnips, aschallofs, &c.

TU 12  Mum & Gerty drove "Prince" in S. Collinge's


 gig to Downwicks to Dental, got 20 lbs seed plus only 1 or 2 fresh lambs. John took a lamb from  Eva without care, had to get her in. A High got a lamb & one for Elsie Schmidt. Sold dray & harness. Alice's bitch & cat sooth at J. Hutchinson's cow sale for £11. in Crown Hotel paddock. Fine day. Heavy rain at night.

WED 13


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 Saw 3 or 4 fresh lambs this morning. A fine pair of twins on back. Drove over to school. Put the first can of milk of the season on the road for Nils Larsen, it weighed 77 lbs. Left part of buggy harness with Mr. Wilson to be repaired. Agreed with John Collinge to take his new Bush Waggon for £14. Went with John to saw a log on back for slabs for cow bales. Received invitation card to go to Obitarian social on next Monday night. Letter from Mr. Sturrock. Telegram from Gao Hunter Brangahou to say he cannot come tomorrow, as he will be in Matamou, & that he will wire later on. Tonight I went to Wesleyan tea meeting. Showery day.

TH 14 Saw one or two fresh lambs this morning.

 Split a log for slabs for cow bales & sledged them down to stockyard. Gatz with Dentist. Golf players at work on flat. Mr. Askeith called as Agent for the paper "New Zealand Farmer". Agreed to take this monthly paper from 1st Oct 1905

The subscription yearly is 10/6 paid in advance. Mr. Shukar drove Mr. G. Hunter up here from Orono. He is at Crown Hotel. I walked up to see him after tea & we went into Martins. & Sugars & down to Hans Nordby as it was a beautiful moon lit night. We called at Toukela Tokelaen's, no one at home, we went & stayed a while at Mr. & Mrs. Tokelaen's, only those 2 at home.


FR 15 Round over & over most of back. Saw two fresh lambs. Mr. Beckett sent his grey mare and harness down here & I went up with buggy & drove Mr. Hunter up Ngamoko way & round home by Eng^{er} Swainson. Got sack chaff & bushel of oats at Beckett's. Gave grey mare a feed tonight.


SAT 16 Mason & John cleaning paths. Drove up to town. Mr. Hunter saw people lower town, & drove him to catch express to Wellington. Paid Sugan's bill £2.15.10. Got 3 sacks chaff from Fred Smith. No very fresh lambs.

SUN 17


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Paid in advance for "Farmer" (Monthly paper) yesterday 10/6

 Found cow on flat coast, with new born twins one dead, got her round all night, after tying her legs & leaving her with her lamb for 1/2 an hour.


 I Collinge put his black filly on the back to be left until he gets her broken in. Harold Olsen drove down with his father, he is breaking in a good looking 3 year old filly, half draft. His father Painter Olsen had a long talk with me over W. Huntas chances. Gave mare & horse a feed each up on Flat.


MON 18

 Laid slabs in cow-bale. Attended Directors Meeting at the usual time 12 o'clock. At night went to O' Erickson's Social with Mam & John. Home at two in the morning. Raining all night.

TU 19

Gerty walked to Onondaville on her way to dentist at Dannevirke. Harms with M^r Wilson saddle to be repaired. M^r Harway & D^r Stapley. Stock Inspector & Government Veterinary Surgeon (the latter) came to see a very poor cow of ours. She is only skin & bone - Maffy. They shot her, skinned & opened her. Her bones are too thin. She is a waster, lungs sound, no disease except at the hip joint there was a sort of bony tumour. They allow a pound for her. They value her at two pounds. John boils the meat for dogs & hens. Paid Beckwith £ 6. 12. 6 the amount of his bill. Mam paid M^r Martin 15/4 the amount of his bill. Got harness from M^r Wilson it is repaired. Walked up to Parsons with umbrella & coat for Eva. She was getting her music lesson, and it was raining hard. Gerty got a ^{1/2} lb of Condor powder from Chemist in Dannevirke. He want to give it to the little horse "Princi" in his food. He looks poor & his coat is rough. It is raining hard now that sun all the afternoon. It is a bad night for stock. The grass was coming on nicely before this rain.


 Last night was cold rough & raining hard. No fresh lambs. Lambing about finished. Shifted two dog-kennels, greased buggy-axels. Willy & Ella came from Promondville in coach & went back in evening coach. Walked over back & front paddocks. Floasy & 2 Miss Martins called. John at meeting of Bachelors tonight. Eva did not go to school today. Salted hide on battens. A cold wintry day.



 We give horses a feed of chaff with oats in it every day. A spoonful of Condition powders mixed in it.

TH 21 One fresh lamb on flat. Miss Lareen goes every day now to factory. John shifted the 51 hoggets from O'Hara's to Reserve.



He played Golf in the afternoon with M. Beckett. My talk in one part of jam

 being a bit troublesome at times I went to Dentist, he did a little to them. Gerty went also to get the finishing touch on hers. Finished slabbing the cow-bats. John at Cricketers Meeting. Painter Olsen called & paid for dipping £1.1.6

FR 22 Went out to Back & took our dinovars. Dragged  posts with mare along by creek at Mashieens fence. Paved & flogged up some on back on two  places, to make wide passages. Had a box to feed mare in. Shook a bit of grassed on a few burnt patches. Mason & Gerty went for a drive to Tortkelens. A dry day. Ella & Mavis here tonight. No fresh lambs to be seen.

SAT 23 No work done today. Very heavy rain last night & the greater part of today. John hair shooting with Ernest. M^{rs} Grant came for Mavis & had afternoon tea, also W. Tortkelens, who took away a root of flowers. Shook orange seed on a patch on back. Found a good sized dead lamb at totara tree on Widesaps. Gave the horse their feed with Condition powders. The grass is not gaining in front paddocks, too much rain.

JUN 24

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A fine day sheep seem to have finished lambing. All went to 2.00 church & had tea at Mr. Grants and at night went to Presbyterian Church. A dark night. John came home & milked the 3 cows, fed calves & dogs &

MON 25 Sawing & splitting firewood in Reserve. Slugged in 3 loads. A box of flowers from Alice. C. Schmidt left 2 carts of cement a buggy & a shed door. He had 2 others on his dray for Ngamoko Creamery. John helping to decorate Hall tonight


TU 26 Found one of the 3 heifers on back with a calf this morning. She must have calved two or 3 days ago. Heifer "Lively" went into bail quite easily. One of our best springers "Star" slipped her calf when six months gone. It must have happened a couple of days ago. She has not cleaned as yet. Gave her a half package of Sykes drunch in a bottle of gruel. She gives a little milk. John & I shifted the baggage. 51 from Reserve to O'Hara's

Got a sack of oats for horses at Beckett's Bk. A cold squally day, gave horses good feeds of oats & Condition powder. Got my watch from Gauster, paid Mr. Day. Saw a ewe on back today with a fresh pair of twins. Mam Gerty drove up to Mr. Parsons & met Eva after she had her music lesson. John helping in Hall tonight

WED 27 Met Mr. Hunter & C. Leach at Road gate, had a ride up with them to Junction Hotel. Leach drove him to Schaw's & Painter O'Leary drove him to see many settlers at Garfield. Mam Gerty & John helped to lay tables etc in Hall for Bachelors Ball. The evening was fearful rough, heavy showers, cold & high wind. Cow "Star" has not cleaned as yet. Eva at Mr. Grants tonight. All hands drove up at 7. Do not raining then. I went into Mr. Grants shop & he took my measure for a suit of clothes. I came home from hall at 12 o'clock. The others stayed until about 8 P.M.




Walked over paddocks. Saw the springing
Reifers in Meals corner. A fresh lamb on Widwups.

 A windy miserable day. Mam, J. & Gerty
drove up to hall & arranged things after the ball,
others there to help. We give the mare, now heavy
in foal, & the horse a good feed of oats & chaff
every day, also Condition powder mixed with it.
No work done today to speak of. Sharp frost & cut.
Grass not making much headway, too much
rain, wind, & cold. John troubled with toothache.

FR 29 Very rough cold weather. A heavy shower of
hail before breakfast. A fall of snow after.

Eva did not go to school, it was too rough.
The snow soon disappeared & a nice day followed




 Sledged in firewood off back See.
John's tooth is aching badly. Must have
it out. Painter Olsen came after tea & stayed a while
Mam has a heavy cold & cough's a good deal.

SAT 30 John rode Pinci to Dannevirke & had his aching
tooth pulled by W. Richard. (W. Cooper away)



He suffered a good deal whilst the stump
was being drawn. Sledged in more firewood
off back & sledged up manure to top garden.

 Mowed away some grass for cows & put
in a few drills of potatoes. A Eva with twins on
flat & one or two ewes with very young lambs.

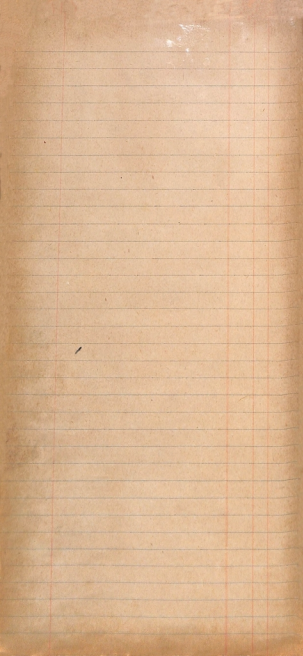
A canvassing photographer came from Dannevirke
Mam gave him an order for photos, a pounds worth



Got four more sacks of chaff, from Gus Schmidt
this makes 7- ^{yesterday} a pounds worth. He paid John 7/- out of
12/- which he owed him. Montgomery's show is on
the Town Hall tonight & all are gone up there except
one. This has been a very fine day. Buttercup round.



Yards too wet & muddy to dock. Lambs fit now.
would like to shift them to back. No sheep
died this winter to speak of. Skinned 3 ewes during the
lambing.



Receipts for 1905

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Jan ^r	6	Williams & Kettle cheque for 10 bales wool	177-12-
"	28	From Robjehns & Co. 2 Cases empty bottles	- 4-
Feb ^r	9	Cheque from Abraham & Williams for 116 w 3 ME at 17/6 and 44 fat lines at 18/6	134-3-0
"	15	One bale of Lambs wool	17-6-0
Jan ^r	28	Four Lincoln rams to Neal Bros	6--
March	23	Two black lambs to Malholman &	-- 12--
May	18	A light bale of crutchings & 8 skins to Mr. Watson at 5- ¹ / ₂ per lb	5-14-7
June	22	For sheep worried & killed by Carmichael's dogs	3-12-0
Aug ^r	22	From D Hogg for skins & crutchings	6-16-10
Sept ^r	2	W Rose cheque for cattle sold	28-18-6
"	6	A Englebretson weaks paddock ^r cattle	- 3 -
Aug	30	Mr ^r Louby for turkey gobblers	- 7 -
Sept ^r	15	W Rose Sale of dray & harness.	10-9-0