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From June 1st 1874
to

Nov. 20th 1875

By

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June 1st 1874

I commence this volume under more pleasant circumstances than I did Vol. 222 for from being a poor sheep-farmer hunted day & night by a dead of being murdered by fanatical Haulans I am now a well to do manager of a station of 16,000 sheep and able to give myself satisfaction which was not always the case during the writing of Vol 3. And as far as I can make out I am giving satisfaction to my Employer

Was knocking about home affording tree seeds Am. and packing 14 bags of grass seed across Clutha with Hamilton & O'Malley, fine. Showing at dusk. About 8 P.M. saw a beautiful Lunar rainbow the first I ever saw

I wonder if that is any omen concerning with the begining of a new volume
Tuesday 2nd Sowing grass seed on River flats with 4 men

Wednesday 3rd Same as yesterday day got letter from Mr D. Milnes (about potatoes & flood) Cady & Manoy

Thursday June 4th 1874

Rode down to Milnes, saw him about the parts and had a long talk with him about the way he tried to cheat me out of the sheep he sheared & rode down to Tara Dale & slept there

Friday 5th Went by the Coach into Napier. saw J G H & Shield about Patea and other roads. Missed coach & slept here
Saturday 6th Left Napier 11 Am. and rode on to Bicknells, found I had to go back again to Meance. Went to Dolbels & slept there. Saw Mr & Mrs Logard from Jersey. Mr James D & F very kindly made me a bed mate. Spent a very pleasant evening

Sunday 7th Rode to Tara Dale. Saw Antoni & his grand with him to land the parts high & dry for £3 each. Rode back to Dolbels & slept there. Ph. Sick
Monday 8th Paid Dolbel for potatoes & rode up with Bicknell. Mr W Hallett outtook us on Milnes flat. first time I have seen W H

Friday June 9th 1874

Rode to BH with W. W. H. to point out to him the Lake country, looked through the prismatic compass & sextant for the first time. Came home again at frost

Wednesday 10th Was all day correcting Bicknell's etc. Heavy rain Am. fine P.M. Messrs Hallett & Comrad went off to put water in the heavy rain

Learned from Mr. Hallett how to strike an average line along a winding creek also how to construct a triangle equal in area to any right-lined figure

Rule Extend the line adjacent to the longest angle side, number the point of extension 1 and the other points 2, 3 &c in rotation, then lay the parallel ruler on to 1 & 3 and slide it on to 2 and mark the place on the extended line 2' then from 2' on the extended line to 4 on the figure. slip the ruler on to 3 & mark the place on the extended line 3' & from 3' to 5. slide on to 4 and so on round the figure

Wednesday June 10th 1874 (Continued)

and a line drawn from the last mark on the extended line to the last angle on the figure will be the triangle required

Thursday 11th Finished Bicknell's etc writing to him, also to J. G. K. concerning the Manawhau sheep shorn at Tanarua

Friday 12th Making up neighbours shearing etc and measured across a Ravine for the length of a rope required to reach across it. measured it by trigonometry. by actual demonstration & by my own method & found it to be 240 feet

Saturday 13th pegged off House pole & grounds round the House but get's fearfully hampered by my own ignorance

Sunday 14th E. O'Malley went to Taradale for a spec. Thermometer 6° below freezing point but turned out splendid day

Monday 15th Drawing plans of new sheep-yards and counting stuff. very cold

Tuesday 16th Fixing scraps in Album seeing men. Laying off new road to woolwash very cold & showy weather

Wednesday June 17th 1874
Helping J. McDonald to lay foundation
of mens whare chimney and laying off
new drayroad through Manuka flat in
front of House. *Joe Majure & his wife*
came to stay a month

Thursday 18th Doing little or nothing, very
bad with a gathering in the palm of my
right hand, a thorough wet day

Friday 19th With some men repairing
road to Baracade and commenced
deviation to avoid the hill going to wash

Saturday 20th Duncan & I mustered the
Nimw flats to take the teams out of
the Euse. *Showery wet day*

Sunday 21st Came in from B.H. examining
the way for the road through the gorge
and the more I look at it - the better I
like it - I can see no difficulty in the
way whatever

Monday 23rd Finished road to wash
W. Moorehouse went down, I did not
see him

Wednesday June 24th 1874
with 2 men jab jamming up old gate-
-way & opening new one to wash
Thursday 25th With Majure hanging pots
Am. & repairing post fence p.m.

Ed O'Malley came home about 4^{PM},
he brought the Mail - I did not see him
Friday 26th A thorough wet day, did
hardly anything the gathering in my hand
preventing me from doing much. O'Malley
seems all right after his 12 days spee

Saturday 27th *O'Malley is in the horrors*
he came to me late last night & asked
permission to sleep in the unfinished part of
the House as he said they would not let him
sleep in the Whare (he is alone) I told him
to sleep in the store, and about 7 am.
McDonald went into the store *and*
caught him in act of cutting his throat
he did not tell me, but Burke told me
at dark. I saw some plaster to put on

Saturday 27th June 1874 (continued)

After dark P.M. made a bolt in the Manuka & we all turned out in the pouring rain to find him. Got him near Otaumatihutangi.

Sunday 28th Burke & Magee started down with P.M. to Napier to give him in charge of Scully.

Monday 29th With James cutting firewood but did not succeed well on account of my hand. Found a piece of undecayed wood imbedded in solid sandstone rock about 150 feet below the surface. George.

Tuesday 30th at Sebastapol repairing road.

Wednesday July 1st 1874. Helping to cut wood.

Thursday 2nd Same as yesterday.

Friday 3rd With Magee repairing fences.

Saw Mr. Donnelly going through to Patea with sheep first. Mob ever came this way.

Saw Dick Hollis & was on to him about

how he served me about the Mustering

he said & it was because Casswell was

coming and I called him a Liar

Friday July 3rd 1874 (continued)

and called Donnelly to witness my saying so. He could not give me the lie because Casswell himself did not know he was coming to Muster until after Hollis had sent me word he would not come & I had gone to Pukititiri to get Macintosh.

Saturday July 4th Helping Donnelly to start with sheep & Cattle. Took the cattle through the paddock and they returned me the favor by leaving my gates open. I intended to have gone through with him to show the road but through the gates being left open I had to turn back & shut them.

Sunday 5th Harrison & Hamilton came

in from BH & told me Donnelly had put his sheep into the paddock all night.

There is nothing like check

Monday 6th Went with Burke to Bicknells

for a pack load of things for Carpenter

then on to Taradale & slept there

Tuesday July 7th 1874

Went to Town by the Coach and came out again to Taradale. Could hear nothing about the posts & went back to Meance to see Maney but did not succeed. Came back to Taradale & slept there.

Wednesday 8th Went down to Mr. Murray with coach saw Maney & came to the conclusion that he would write either to me or to Gilne when he could give me anything definite. Walked to Taradale and started with the intention of coming home but it got so profoundly dark that I stopped at Shields.

Thursday 9th Could not find my horse & walked home. - counted posts that can be had for fencing Hour park.

Friday 10th Made a Wire "Man" (by the way) think that implement ought to be called a "Woman" for it has nothing resembling a man about it and its most important part is a

Split. Turned a gad into a cold chizze repaired 3 or 4 dog chains & other Blacksmith work

Saturday July 11th 1874

Laid off & assisted to form a road through a swamp near corner of Hour park

Sunday July 12th My Birth-day

Gilner mounted a Merchants pipe with Zinc by way of a birthday present to myself and made a very good job of it too

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Monday 13th Making up load for BH showing where to fence at back of Kitchen seeing to new roads getting in & killing wetters

Tuesday 14th Helping Maguire with sheep-skins & doing other jobs. Found that Royal was trying to be Bops. Keeping what tools he wished. & not sending the tools I sent for

Wednesday 15th Clearing water tables. seeing splitters & exploring for a new crossing on the Otukarara. found it. Sent a letter to Royal

Thursday 16th Getting & killing wetters (2) Killed a Boar at Excavator. Jarne Tufuason cut his foot badly - on his toe joint

Friday July 17th 1874

Rode to BH. (just side on Kati) to see whether Dyal or I should be Bof

I made him carry the axe down and give it to Hamilton and carry the other one back again Slept at BH

Saturday 18th Piled & counted the posts in BH bush - found 818 out of 1700. the rest having been burned by the Gentlemen shepherds

Sunday 19th Rode home by the River flats very cold & squally

Monday 20th Killed 2 wethers & walked to Shields for mail & walked back

Tuesday 21st Maguire & I blasting posts & house blocks in Sebastapol. I find that Powder is far cheaper than Maul & wedges fine

Wednesday 22nd Same as yesterday fine

Thursday 23rd " " "

Friday 24th " " "

Duncan McDonald came to me for a character to give to H W P Smith but as I had not found him A I I could not give him an A I character. I ~~at~~ wrote that he

Friday July 24th 1874 (continued)

had been 17 months on the place & during that time I had found him to be sober but further I declined to say

Saturday 25th Finished splitting house blocks got a letter from G Bee telling me that all the 2nd Bush at Kakariki was not bought. I must see to that

Sunday 26th Rode down & had Tea with Mr & Mrs Bennett & Mr & Mrs Dolbel (at Bennetts) Spent a pleasant evening at D: & slept there

Monday 27th Walked (or rather run) to Tara-dale to catch the Coach, got into Town & bought 20 acres in the 2nd Bush - Went to the Spot & saw W. Peniop. I asked him to look at my books, he said he certainly would look at them if I wished it. but as it was he had every confidence in me, I thanked him for the confidence he placed in me & left him. Came to Town & bought £2.2 worth of books - Got a note from Dormully (who is very sick) asking me to supply his men with Mutton, got on the

Monday July 27th 1874 (continued)

coach (late) and started for Taradale
& return Mr. Murrys & the ^{2nd} ~~first~~ bridge
it being dark we could just see a
young man holding a young woman
on to a horse, the coach pulled up &
the driver & ran back and found that
the young lady had taken a fit: we got
her off the horse and laid her on the
road side. I could see by the moonlight
that she was young & not bad looking
we did everything we could think of to
bring her round but she was a long
time (about half an hour) she lay on
the road moaning, struggling & grinding
her teeth, at times it took three of us to
hold her down. She came round
suddenly & said "Oh take me home"
we assisted her on to her feet, she seemed
very weak, while the others were getting the
horses, she was left entirely to me, I was
supporting her by one of my arms round her
waist, when she put one of her round

Monday July 27th 1874 (continued)

my neck & began ~~care~~ ^{care} caring me
in a very wonderful manner, I thought
her conduct was strange but attributed
it to the fit, But she put her other
arm around me & kissed me & said "Oh
My Dear - do forgive me this time for
I am beastly drunk again" The last
part of the performance knocked all the
romance out of the subject, so the driver
& I mounted the box again & drove off.

got to Taradale. Harry Allen & I played
a game of Billiards, the first I have played
since I was in Dunedin 11 years ago, ^{Taradale} slept.

Tuesday 28th Walked to Dobbels for breakfast
rode down & had a yarn with Mr. G. Condie
went to P. Mahu & left a note for R. D.
Maney about the posts that went by the
flood, rode on to Mr. Beamishes had a glass
of Whisky with him. He showed me his new
woolshed. Whitehead overtook me on the
way to his wharf, I had a glass of Rum with
him and passed on to Matapiro and

Tuesday July 28th / 1874 (contd)

Stopped all night. Mr. Bray was very kind, that being the first time I had ever seen him, he told me that "old Young" had been dead for some time and after Stajo News

Wednesday 29th Rode on towards home overtook Rejjer & Carmichael with two loads of timber for New Woolahed. I got home about 1 P.M. & the drays about 4 P.M. Rejjer promised to have all the timber drawn in 2 1/2 months. Lost 1/2 a dozen American axes that I got from R. D. Collet fine thing

Thursday 30th Got in wetters & killed two went to James bush to show Majuri where to clear track then walked to Blowhard to tell (Dugal to come in & keep Shields shop of the Incline & walked back. Showery

Friday 31st Went with Majuri to the Konini for a pack of things viz: Lamp, Cuet. &c Had a long talk with Shield about his shifting me about with the road. Saw at the Konini 4 teams of horses, 2 packers, 1 rider in all 13 horses in harness & 8 men, it looked well

Saturday August 1st / 1874

Helped Majuri to catch his horse to go to Matapiro. stacked some timber, fixed fallow ropes & Am. and laid off two cuttings on the Konini road p.m. fine but threatening

Sunday 2nd A wild & wet morning or else I intended to have started for Petene to get a pack-horse that is at Capt. Carrs I dug up my room, put two sights on my spirit level for surveying roads with

Hamilton came back last night from a tea (10) day spree and he is very bad today. I hope we will not have a repetition of Red O'Mally with him - very showy

Monday 3rd Started for Petene, meant to have gone over the ridges, but rain came on at Petka petka yards & I was afraid to try the ridges, turned back & went to Taradale Had 2 or 3 games of cribbage with H. Allen

Tuesday 4th Left Taradale & went the old road to Capt. Carrs, Had lunch with Messrs Mr² McKinzie - Mr. Glashan, Bullock & others got the pack horse & came to Napier &

Tuesday August 4th 1874 (continued)

rose into higher company than I ever was before, a very few years ago I would not have believed that I should dine off the same table - with the same company and on the same footing as the Governor of New Zealand did only a few days ago, but such is the case and I went through much the same sensations as Burns describes in his meeting with Lord Deare and summed up in the end as he did viz:

*"Then from ——— I shall learn
Hensforth to meet with unconcern
one rank as well as another
Nae honest worthy man need care
To meet with noble ———
For he but meets a brother"*

Left about 9 P.M. & was invited to Breakfast and to look over the pleasure grounds

Wednesday 5th Had Breakfast where I dined last night - then Mr. ——— This nephew shewed me over the grounds & gave me some rare seeds & cuttings. Left 11 1/2 Am. Transacted Station

Wednesday August 5th 1874 (continued)

lustrous, selected about £70 worth of clothes packed same to Tara-dale & slept at Poddie's

Thursday 6th Had breakfast with Mr. Roachfort - C E and Dinner with Mr. & Miss Howell & got home at dark

Friday 7th Layed off road down to Shields to be ready for Mr. Webbers inspection

Saturday 8th Layed off 2 cuttings on Main road & marked the price of slops on them

Sunday 9th Went down to meet Messrs Kinop & Webber but they sent Mr. Hallett in their stead. Shewed him where I thought the road ought to go. he altered some of it in detail but none of it in the Main. Mr. H turned back at Baccacia

& I came home, found Mr. Bray had come for Maguire & his wife - they had just gone to Town - I McDonald & I went to Sebastien & James bush

Monday 10th Pegged off the road according to instructions received from Hallett i.e. Pegged all the angles with pegs brander R and laid off a cutting this side of becher culvert
raick a.d.

Tuesday August 11th 1874

Finished cutting begun yesterday it is 540ft long & 202½ yards require to be shifted

Wednesday 12th Layed off the main deviation cutting. Saw 2 Newchums going to B H but they did not like the look of the Pukaara & turned back. Fin with light showers

Thursday 13th Much the same as yesterday

Friday 14th James & I laid off Newchum cutting & measured Shields deviation. Bicknell came up with the first Horse Drays ever came to Mangawhau - 15 people sleep here

Saturday 15th Weighing goods & making plans of road cuttings Wet

Sunday 16th Shields came & stopped me from doing anything more to the road

Monday 17th Went to Taradale on my way to Town about road. Spent a pleasant evening at H's.

Tuesday 18th Went into Town by the coach saw J. G. K. Webber. Hallett & Shields & gained the day over Shields completely as I knew I would before I started I slept at Taradale

Wednesday August 19th 1874

Left Taradale & came home by Rollets took Milnes & Shields mail up. Showery

Thursday 20th Layed off road into James Bush & explored for a new road to the Korini found one far better than the old one On top of hill all the way

Friday 21st With James I lugged off the purchased land on river bank preparatory to sowing grass seed. & tried to roll shingles down to wire - v windy

Saturday 22nd James & I tried several plans to get the shingles down to wire & found the best to be to fill a wool-pack full & tie it with a rope & roll it down. the pack holding about 1600

Arman came saying he was from R. D. M. D. he certainly brought a letter from him he said he wanted a Mare & a dog but the letter said nothing whatever about the matter so I decided not to give him the mare at any rate as I was always under the impression it belonged to the Station

Sunday August 23rd 1874

McDonald & I went to search for the bones of I. Duncan's mare, we found some horse bones but not the right one

Monday 24th With McDonald splicing Bullock dray pole & rivetting yokes

Rain from 10 A.M.

Tuesday 25th Helping to shift grass-seed from old shed to Kevandah - Wet Am.

Wednesday 26th I came & I took last of Shingles & piling down the hill & began taking them across wire, at the third trip the rope parted and left 1000 suspended in mid-air, left them there all night

Thursday 27th Got the 1000 shingles across & continued until 3 P.M. when all the wire parted & landed 700 shingles in the bottom of the Ravine, spliced & lightened wire before night

Friday 28th Finished taking shingles & piling across & took tram rope home

Saturday 29th Helped to shift some of the sections of shed with Bullock driver and Carpenters

Sunday August 30th 1874

Reading - Felt an Earthquake 4.20 P.M. Cold Monday 31st Out with Grasseed sowers fire - in camp & shearing them when to sow

Tuesday Sept 1st 1874 Packing grassseed "to Detectoe" Mr. Williams came wanting me to lay 1 ton of wire & standard on the Boundary line of fence, I promised to lay the wire, Cold & showery

Wednesday 2nd Went to Detectoe with James & 4 bags of grass-seed & back to Pt. Karara, loaded James again & started him off then went to Schastpool & loaded Bullock dray with house blocks & came home & helped carpenters to lift some sections of woodshed

Thursday 3rd Burke & I explored the Pt. Maori for a road to lay the wire Am. & helped the Carpenters P.M.

Friday 4th Did exactly the same as on Wednesday

Saturday 5th Went to Korini to see the new chain road men & gave them all the instructions I could

Sunday 6th Made a scale for my Hygrometer

Monday Sept 7th 1874

With Bullock's Arvis removed all the
old sheepyards to new shed - Wrote
to Peter Miller objecting to line of fence as
laid off in Ptunaoone

Tuesday 8th Went to Matapis on my way to
Marachakaho but river too high. Stopped
with Mr. Bray all night - pleasantly

Wednesday 9th Chopped the Meararoro at
Catheralls. Saw Nigjir about the Tindler
forwarded a pipe to Mr. Duff. Saw Mr
Condie. settled Catheralls & recrossed
the river & got home before 5 P.M. v. cold

Thursday 10th Went down to see road men
took them a sheep & brought back 22 lbs
nails. Saw Barnes who told me he got his
shed burned down last night.

Friday 11th Shifted prepared sowers. at Deton
Mr. Burges came & spent a pleasant night

Saturday 12th Rode down with Mr. Burges
showing him the ins & out of the roads
& went to Bicknells to see about the
shifting of road men. & back home again

Monday 13th - September 1874

I have just been one year here last night
and on the whole I have not been so badly
used, but I am beginning to fear I will
not be able to get all done that I intend
doing before shearing, for this has been
a fearful winter with rain & bad weather
My Ballocks are done up and the roads
are in a fearful state & I have four miles
of fencing to put up, & 12 miles to cart the
stuff over an impassable road, so how
it is to be done I cannot see. Rain all day

Monday 14th Burke & I shifted the last of
the shed to the new place - cold & showy

Tuesday 15th Burke & I commenced to erect
the sheep yards round the new shed, gave
a false alarm of the Whare being on fire at Tea

Wednesday 16th Repairing tent am. Rode with
Barnes to his own place & slept there

Thursday 17th Went with Barnes to examine the
Peaks boundary for a fence, & examined seed sown

Friday 18th Rode to Komin found Newhums
doing as little work as possible. came road
to Bys hole to take pack horse home

Saturday Sept. 19th 1874

Burke & I erecting sheep yards - Saw Macintosh who tells me he has done nothing to the garden. It is surprising to me how men can live & draw their full pay & do nothing at all. But I have got two perfect Gentlemen now

Sunday 20th A wet day. Barnes came again on the borrowing lay

Monday 21st Pegged off whar footed posts posts are required round the House park & drained same. Transplanted an ever-green shrub in front of door

Tuesday 22nd Wet morning rain coming down same as if it was no trouble to it Writing & making up a/c. p.M. went with 2 men putting up sheep yards

Wednesday 22nd Sowed 10 acres of New vig: Golden & Silver Wattle, pines (2) cyprius (5) Red Blue & Peppermint Gum & Stringybark

Thursday 23rd Sowed House park with grass

Friday 24th Finished erecting sheep yards & started men to fence House park & Plantation got a letter from Carey tells me Maggie is up

Saturday 26th Sept. 1874

Driving sheep over & over the plantation & transplanting poplars & willows ploughed out

Sunday 27th Reading & painting prints

Showing Charles Harrison Arithmetic

Mr. Hallett came at dusk & stops all night

Monday 28th Found Morgan putting posts in crooked. told him so & he demanded his money. I gave it him at once, & he went. It took 2 men & myself nearly all day to alter his posts, fine windy

Tuesday 29th Finished fence round plantation & House park fine day - wet night

Wednesday 30th Draining & forming road at Entrance gate & fine

Thursday Oct 1st Much the same as yesterday John Beeson came about wool-scouring - I let it to him at 1st per lb (on the scoured weight) 3rd per lb for skin wool. 25/- per 1000 for clearing & 5/- per day for erecting his boxes. & I finding all provisions & apparatus for scouring

Hamilton came home about 10 p.M.

Thursday Oct 1st 1874 (contuse)
from taking the pledge but alas!
for the frailty of human nature he
he came home almost "Horizontal"

Friday 2nd Examining & covering place & drying
green with Beeton, draining green & repairing shed

Saturday 3rd Finished draining drying green &
began to repair road to Wash Am. & helped
to put a cover on the well P.M.

Sunday 4th Made a model of a lift pump
& just finished & washed myself when Messrs
Kinross & Saunders came up. I had met
Mr. A. before at Kyeburn

Monday 5th Rode with the above to Detective
& Blowhard. to Kuupapanja flat & along
Berches back to limestone range. along same
r. Lakes & down watered home. taking
Elevations & bearings, acquitted myself to own satisfaction

Tuesday 6th Rode with them again across to
P.H. & Barnes. & near to Shields & turned back

Wednesday 7th Went to see Pulne drafting
Lead they were delivering posts at the Junction
Went there & home. during my absence it blew
very hard. blew down Water closet & with damage

Thursday Oct 8th 1874 (c
Put the water closet to rights & sowed
seeds of Mixed gums, alder, Birch
Larch pinus Maritima - Mountain ash
Scotch fir. Beech - Norway Maple - & Litchi.

Friday 9th Rode to Woodthorpe & took delivery of
2000 7ft posts & 50 staves & then right on to
Napier for Sam H. M. Lean who tells me he
is about leaving Gwavas. Wish him success.

Saturday 10th Sent Money & Letters to Sweden
did Road & Station business & was so busy
that I had no time to compare my watch
with Town time Rode out to Tavadale to
meet Mr. Downie as appointed. slept there

Sunday 11th Mr. D. & I rode home fine

Monday 12th Intended to have gone to Blowhard
but it blew so hard that it was unsafe
to remain in the house & impossible to
stand outside 10 Am.

12 Noon Hygrometer 33° Thermometer 79°
blowing a full gale lashed down wool-
shed & put out all fires (kitchen & all)

2 P.M. Kitchen Chimney blown down

Monday Oct 12th 1874 (contd)

Stones 12" x 10" x 5" carried 80 yards
loose boards were smashed up & battered
against the back of the stone & breaking
the weather boards 1 piece 9 feet long
3x1 was carried 330 yards

6 P.M. Wind moderated. 8 P.M. rain came
on & laid the winds

Tuesday 13th Mr. Downie & I walked to BH by
gorge & back by ^{the} tram track, I believe he will
decide for the gorge. tried to find several places
by primitive bearings but failed

Wednesday 14th Went to see Jones about his getting
some Horoclean from Mr. Kimof & on to Oadde
& as I was giving my home to Hostles. Mr. Carey
rode up. I waited for Magas come to find him my
man to take to Kingfisher & followed Carey to Napier
where we slept in one bed at the "Star". but
we went to a concert before that. I saw I got the

Thursday 15th Saw Mr. Webber about roads
tried to buy more land but failed Holiday

11 am. Carey & I rode out to Mr. Murray. Had lunch
^{The last time I ever saw poor old Gussy}
Saw Gussy who wanted to play Cribbage rode
out to Hastings to see Shew. did not think much

Thursday Oct 15th 1874 (continued)

of it. Retired to Havlock. played a few games
of cribbage & lost 2 drinks. got letter from
G. Bee who tells me his wife has had a
daughter on 9th last month. 252 days after
they were married. so they have lost no time

Friday 16th Rode with Carey to Bridge Pa. Heard

Nekera (shearing chief) was at Pakipaki, turned
back to see him & was all day knocking about
Pakipaki. Saw the Gwai ihukaka for first time

Saturday 17th Rode to Bridge Pa. saw Nekera who
made the modest demand of 3/- per 100 for
shearing & would not reduce his terms to be
back to pakipaki, got Hamie to come for
2/- per 100, but 5/- extra for cook & fleece
boy. Rode to Marekaka. saw Mr. A
A. Cathcart told Cath I had been on the
spree, he said he was very glad of it for
he said he had a Gallon of Brandy only
his wife had it & he could not get it. but
now since I'd come he would get it & did
so nearly to the extent of his getting right

Monday 18th Oct 1874

Crossed the river & came home. Saw a man who is driving cattle into patea & is camped at Tenuapapanga. I told him if he did not remove his cattle in three days I would impound them

Tuesday 19th rode down to see road men barrowed 24 lbs sugar from Shuld for them & came home measured 1 load of timber for Riffir 830 feet. The second horse drays came up with Chuning pots

Wednesday 20th measured house part of plantation with Busmile & mapped it down & built 2 sets of kitchen chimneys with James

Thursday 21st Walked to B.H. showed May as come a spur that I paid Macintosh £40 for looking at. & he didn't. Paced from Baracade to B.H. 11,230 paces. Baracade being about 1300 paces from home makes the distance say 7 miles & 210 yards ^{the} way. Steven Child came about Rymers colt I would not let it go without payment.

Mr. Common came about sundown with a letter of introduction from J.G.H. found him to be an interesting & intelligent Scotchman

Friday Oct 22nd 1874

Showed Mr. Common the woolwash & other places. Barnes came about Rymers colt. I charged him 1/6 per week for 38 weeks. Spent a pleasant evening with Mr. Common

Saturday 23rd Walked to B.H. with Mr. C. via Deton & to back of park & home through the gorge

Sunday 24th Put looking at the cattle with Mr. C. find him to be a good companion. Measured Riffir's timber. Partial Eclipse of moon

Monday 25th B. looked over with snow. showed Riffir the steers to break in. Walked to Mungahua flats. with Mr. C. saw roadmen there

Tuesday 26th Helped Riffir off with steers. had a row with him about his dogs

Mr. Common started for Napier after dinner. Spent the time very pleasantly with him

Wednesday 27th Walked to B.H. & back. brought 2 fossil oyster shells from top of hill. 3 of Mr. Bolds men came to lay off Patea road & about 7 PM. Mr. Bold Downie & Kennedy came. Spent a very pleasant evening with Mr. B. & got some very good & useful information from him

Wednesday Oct 28th 1874

Went with Messrs Bold Downie & Kennedy through the gorge to B.H. & on to Kurupapanga taking Barometric bearing &c. I named "Bonnie Mary" Camped on Kurupapanga flat.

"Captain" turned dead lame & I had to leave him after side of Devils gorge

Thursday 29th Examined the ins & outs about the Ngauroro, & came through Warrens gorge to B.H. & down Detective spur home, found Cassell here, Had another pleasant night (until 3 in the morning) Mr. B. paid me a compliment I little expected from any man & left from him: he said he was surprised at the extent of my accomplishments & general knowledge. He promised to make me a chemical Barometer and invited me to his house

Friday 30th Rode down to Tara-dale with Messrs Bold & Kennedy. On Woodthorpe flat Mr. B. gave me a small pocket flask. we parted at Tara-dale & he reiterated his invitation to his house

Saturday 31st Went to Town by the coach was very busy all day bought 40 acre land at Kakaiki. Called on Mr. B. at his

Saturday Oct 31st 1874 (continued)

office, but he was not in, was sorrow I had no time to call at his house, came out to Tara-dale. wrote him a letter apologizing for not calling & telling him I intended to take the wrinkles out of the flask by swelling dry peas in it.

Sunday November 1st Rode over to Dobbels to pass the day as I expected the Patea mail man. Saw Dobbels sister & her husband ^{Henry Ridgeway} & family. Saw Mr. Bennett with another child. I wanted ~~to~~ to bet Mr. D. that Mr. B. would beat her 2 to 1. but she would not take. Saw G. Cordie & was made very comfortable as usual

Monday 2nd Came home did not see mail man

Tuesday 3rd Layed off a small pocket round woolshed

Wednesday 4th Started pack horse to B.H. Mail man came started him. Mr. D. M. D. sent a boy for Mr. Grahams mare & foal & his own dog. Bicknells 3 drays came from

Thursday 5th Bicknells went off. Boy took mare but not dog, Jones came with 133 posts. Mr. Moorhead called on his way to Patea.

Friday November 6th 1874

Shewing Craig where to fence roads to Bicknells
to see him about carting posts. Made home again
without anything to eat. Saw Shield who is be-
-ginning to be quite affable, he asked me in to
have a glass but I declined.

Saturday 7th James & I flayed off part of Shield's
bonydry skin

Sunday 8th Went down to Taradale to get
up McDonald went down on Petone in 3 1/2 hours
to Peddie slept there

Monday 9th Today I intended to have begun
to muster but as the shed is unfinished I
will wait another week. Made home with McDonald

Tuesday 10th James & I finished flaying fence

Wednesday 11th seeing cattle & creating woolshed for

Thursday 12th Dug the Hoarhound from old wharf
& mended in Nursery

Friday 13th Went to Shields for an auger
he is getting particularly affable. gave visiting
to men about mustering when I came back

Rigger came with the last of the timber

11. 988.5" he has carted it for 14. per 100. & is
cost 1/2. at the Mill. Lobbel & Guppy called

Saturday 14th Nov 1874

Helped to lift some of woolshed frame
12.35 p.m. saw Planet Venus with naked
eye. & the sun shining strong

Sunday 15th preparing for Mustering Magasconi
gave me a weeks notice because I would not
give orders to the men that his dogs must
sleep in the wharf

Monday 16th Commenced to muster
did the river flats to B.H. very hot

Tuesday 17th Mustered Herricks long point &
slept in Henri wharf

Wednesday 18th Mustered Limestone range to
B.H. post. a good muster

Thursday 19th Mustered Castle rock flats &
camped at Waihekekei very fine

Friday 20th Macintosh Magasconi & Mustered
far end of Kawitua. Camped in storm and

Saturday 21st Mustered in but Dugal made
a map of it & we got a bad muster

Sunday 22nd Mustered Kurupapanga home to
B.H.

Monday 23rd Magasconi left. tried to muster
cattle hill but too windy

Tuesday Nov 24th 1874

Wind blown at B.H. repaired yards

Wednesday 25th Drafting at B.H.

Thursday 26th finished drafting Royal & I

brought down 2908 dry sheep no shears

Friday 27th Went to Whana to see Maoris

find they wont be ready for 6 days

Saturday 28th Mustering & cutting Calves

Sunday 29th Reading & knitting about home

Monday 30th Went to wash & to bush

Tuesday Dec 1st 1874 Went with four

men to repair Kononi road Hamilton went
off by his own accord because he disobeyed
orders

Wednesday 2nd Went with Burke for a load of
firewood Am. & repaired yards p.m.

Thursday 3rd Went again to Whana. found the
Maoris wont come until after Christmas
went to Matapis to try & get some there
but without success. came home

Friday 4th Went down to Madale to get
shears. got promise of them. had dinner
with W.W. Colenso. got Innocents aboard
from A. Mercer

Saturday December 5th 1874

Trying for more shears. Went by

Dollis home. saw Sam Holloway at Phillips

Sunday 6th Very anxious to begin shearing

Monday 7th 4 others & self erected a cook house
for shears

Tuesday 8th Commenced to shear with

3 shears but hourly expecting more

Wednesday 9th 4 Maoris came p.m. at

to the seven shears

Thursday 10th Attending shearing

Friday 11th " " "

Saturday 12th " " "

Sunday 13th Mr Moore house came after
dark & stops all night

Monday 14th Attending shearing show

Tuesday 15th " " "

Wednesday 16th " " "

Thursday 17th " " "

Friday 18th Sheep met. Guiding pupas

A Craig had his first fit on station

Saturday 19th Helping M. Donald & James
to build chimney (at ~~the~~ house)

Sunday 20th Decr 1874

Reading - sheep wet

Monday 21st - Jobbing about - trying to get the sheep into shed dry - put them in wet

Tuesday 22^d Sheep dryed in shed, attending

Wednesday 23rd Stopped again with rain

Scott, his wife & boy arrived 2 P.M. after

stopping a week at Milnes. Donnelly

camped at back of both with 5000 sheep down

Thursday 24 attending shearing

Friday 25th Christmas day - spent it

rather miserable as I am anxious to get

on with shearing, filled the shed

Saturday 26th Attending shearing

Sunday 27th Lounging about, filled shed

Monday 28th Attending shearing, owing to a

Misunderstanding of Scotts 2 of the shepherds

came in with sheep & I am afraid ill be stop

Tuesday 29th Attending shearing sheep come

out 3 P.M.

Wednesday 30th The first load of wool

went from the station by horse drags

making up after all day

Thursday Decr 31st 1874

Rode up to BH to see shepherds. Missed the

& outtook them again at Baracada. began

to shear again at 3 P.M.

Retrospect

I have very little to say since the comman-

-ment of this vol. only this that everything

seems to be going on as well as can be

expected, with the exception of working

men and they are fearfully independ-

-ent and very much inclined to ram-

-ble. Never remaining more than one

month in one place, because owing

to the prosperous state of the country

they know they have only to go to the

next station & they are sure to get

a job

D. B.

1875

Friday January 1st 1875 Started the Shears at 5 Am. as usual but rain came on 9 Am. & stopped us

Saturday 2nd Money wet day. put up Money fence
I now gone off Kamikas. been on since 24th April 1874

Monday 4th Very windy 1 Am. parlor chimney blown down. 2nd Am. Kitchen chimney blown down. It blew very heavy during the night but the wind fell as the sun rose - attending shearing & drafting for Peter Miller

Tuesday 5th Attending shearing. Dicknell up

Wednesday 6th do do Dicknell down with wife

Thursday 7th do do Shields came in a great way about his Donald

Friday 8th Attending shearing. Bob Craig left

Saturday 9th do do Macintosh came & said he would not stop any longer. I did not settle

Capt. McLean came 3 P.M. about old Clerk's money

Sunday 10th Capt. McL left 10 Am. The finger that got bit with a spider on March 3rd 1874 is paining me very much

Monday 11th Attending shearing. Jones drays came up with Moore house. stores

Monday January 11th 1875 (continued)
Mr. Sturm and his son came in the evening on a Botanical expedition I find him a very intelligent & instructive old Gentleman.

He proposes to get me elected member of the Philosophical Institute

Tuesday 12th Attending shearing. Mr. Sturm & son left. I was in hopes it was to be a wet day to weather bind them

Wednesday 13th Attending shearing. Messrs Downie & Kennedy came & got Photo of Warrens Whar

Thursday 14th Attending shearing very hot

Friday 15th do do ^{in the sun} clo ~~130~~ clo very do

Saturday 16th Finished first shearing 10.3/3. & settled with shearers. I am short a good deal

Sunday 17th Very hot. Writing Exp 193.5

Monday 18th Making up a/c &c

Tuesday 19th Commenced to Muster Stragglers Mustered Gushet neck to BH

Wednesday 20th Mustered Spring hill

Thursday 21st Tried to Muster short speck of Blowhard. but it blew too hard altogether

Friday January 22^d 1875

Mustered Herricks long point

Saturday 23^d Mustered along range to BH

Sunday 24th Melling at BH

Monday 25th Drafting out wooly sheep & stags

Tuesday 26th Mustered longspurs beside Cattle Hill

& camped at Herricks long point

Wednesday 27th I was very bad with Colic

I do not remember being so bad before

In fact I was something like what is described

as being in the Horrors at one time I

could see Eternity staring me in the

face and I did not like the look of it at all

certainly it was not such a bad place if

once I could get on it. But the difficulty

seemed to be the getting on

I thought I was walking over some rolling

ground and was impelled forward by

some unseen power. And directly in

front of me was a Terminus cliff

rising away out of sight. It was all

chambered out in very nice doorways &

nice Gothic windows. and at every door

Thursday 27th January 1875 (continued)

& in a low then were people beckoning me

to come & making signs to me to jump

when Behold! I found that I was impelled

towards the brink of an enormous chason

over which I had to jump. & if I were

to miss my hold I would fall down down

down - probably for ever. I could see that

the farther down the doors & looked were

as the farther up the looked the better

I thought I was not able to jump across

the chaste & by a superhuman effort I shook

off the nasty sensation & thanked my stars

it was not just now I had to jump

Thursday 28th Mustered Romans hill &

camped with the sheep at the Mahaka

Friday 29th Royal & I drove the sheep along

the range in very heavy rain & thick fog

Saturday 30th Writing nearly all day C. D. Kennedy

took 2 photos of the House

Sunday 31st Scott & I walked out to BH

Monday Feb 1st Mustered Castle Rock flats. Sent

John to McLeans for my Mac Katie

Tuesday Feb 2nd 1875

Scott Dugal & I mustered Kawaka in one day
was 12 hours doing it.

Wednesday 3rd Saw McDonald taking up sheep
to Patea gave him a blowing up for spelling.

Thursday 4th Mustered Cattle hill

Friday 5th Drafted out wool shup & strays.

Saturday 6th gave a straggling drafting

Sunday 7th Piggie came with three steers

Monday 8th Commenced straggling shearing

Tuesday 9th Attending shearing

Wednesday 10th " "

Thursday 11th " "

Friday 12th " "

Saturday 13th " "

Sunday 14th Robert Dugal met me in

the evening & during conversation about when
we were likely to get a few more sheep

he said he thought he had done enough
and wanted me to settle up with him

which I refused to do as he was engaged
for one year and had given me no intima-

-tion whatever that he intended to leave

Sunday 14th February 1875 (continued)
in fact I had not the slightest notion
that he intended to go even if his year
was out.

Monday 15th Finished shearing through
Dugal refusing to out, tried all I could
to get him to finish the Mustering - another
week would be sufficient - I believe.

Tuesday 16th Tried Dugal again if he would
go & finish the muster, but he would not
nor forfeit any of his wages. He told me
some one had promised him £1 per day &
he would not stop so I ordered him off the
place & go & summons me, when it then
could be tried whether a yearly servant
could leave at a moments notice because
some one else offers him more wages, and
at the same time claim his wages in full.

I then went to Blowhard and then found
Dormell's sheep in the paddock & for the
check of the thing I charged him 1/2 per head
before I would let them go. I did not
get the money but I got James Chase
word for it & let them go.

Wednesday Feb 17th 1875

Mustered Spring hill

Thursday 18th Mustered the Spur that I gave Macintosh £28 for exploring & he never was near it, so I named it "Macintosh".

Friday 19th Mustered the Blowhard Spurs Am. & took the sheep home p.m.

Saturday 20th Scott & I Mustered broken ground Am. & bush spurs p.m.

Sunday 21st I came & his wife went to the old homestead for a pack load of Peaches

Monday 22nd Recommenced shearing with two men & was attending the same

Tuesday 23rd Scott Chalmer & I started 4 Am. & Mustered scrubby spur & home by 7 Am.

Spelled until after dinner & Mustered Nabalis

Wednesday 24th Writing and posting ledger Joe Maguire came late & told me he was bringing some sheep from Naukawa

Thursday 25th Maguire & Wilson brought the sheep 839 of Naukawa 2 of Williams of 2 Ants. 1 of H McKeans & of W. Stokes & 1 unknown

Finished the shearing sheared 7 more than I thought I would get

Friday Feb 26th 1875

Seeing sheep off to Macintosh &c

Saturday 27th Went to Bush to see what firewood there remained. Got a Puckly Phasma (Nofia?)

Sunday 28th Cold day - Hawes covered I started for Town 1/2 past 10 P.M. & got to Dalbeles before sundown. Saw Philip's first time since he came back from Europe

Monday March 1st 1875

Rode to Meance left man to get shed and took coach to Napier, was very

busy all day. Bought a silk Dress for Mrs. D. (I had great difficulty

in selecting one & I am afraid the one I did select is not right) came with

Coach to Meance. Rode to Taradale, had tea & on to D. presented Mrs. D with

a stereoscope and some views. Had a very pleasant evening with the Dolbeles

and their relations from Jersey

Tuesday 2nd Presented Mrs. D with the Dress & rode home Messrs Bold & Kennedy just got here before one

Wednesday March 3rd 1875

Mr. Bold sent his man back to Town for some Rubate of Silver & he & K remain all day waiting for him. Mr. B. gave CDK & I some lessons on the Sextant and I found that even I was better at it than CDK

Thursday 4th Messrs B & K went off just after Dinner & Mr Downie came at Sundown having missed each other between this & BH. A man came with a Despatch for Mr. Bold, one of his children sick

Friday 5th Burning off all day Mr Bold went down 3 P.M.

I was forcibly struck with a passage in Andrew Combes Principals of Physiology. 15th Ed P 250

Saturday 6th Went with two others to Beppo Hole for a pack load of Peaches & Burning

Sunday 7th Earthquake 5 1/2 Am. Reading & eating Peaches all day

Monday 8th Was trying to find how many trees there was in the Plantation but found it too tedious

Tuesday March 9th 1875

Transplanting Junos at back of Whar am. I went to scrub cutter p.m. found they were getting on very slow so I will have to go at it myself

Wednesday 10th Shearing Maguire & his men over the new line of Fence (Shields Boundary)

Thursday 11th Serving out stores to Maguire am. & cutting scrub p.m.

Friday 12th Cutting Manuka all day hands (Busting)

Saturday 13th Same as yesterday

Sunday 14th Reading

Monday 15th Cutting Manuka. Mr Pherson came with 2000 Ewes from Moctotatia

Tuesday 16th Carmarked 2086 sheep. Making 4172 cuts with the Knife

Wednesday 17th Cutting Manuka 4 of the hands went to see the Naces

Thursday 18th Cutting Manuka

Friday 19th Walked along Whana Boundary to Whana, saw Peter Miller about some of the Moctotatia Caves getting through the fence & walked home again

Saturday March 20th 1875
With Chalmers repairing Whana fence &
burning Disputa padd. face

Sunday 21st Windy a. £280. 8. 0 1/2
I seem to my self to be a very heterogeneous
Mass. I am very comfortable, yet very miserable
I have all the necessaries of life & some
of the luxuries, yet I am not satisfied. I
have plenty of company around me yet I
am very lonely

Monday 22nd Very Windy, was all day
looking out for the place

Tuesday 23rd With 2 men laying off pack
track across Waerim creek

Wednesday 24th Propping up sheds ^{very windy} Dinning room

Thursday 25th Guiding carpenters, Laying of drains

Friday 26th With Harrison Shingling. v. fine

Saturday 27th Much same as yesterday

Sunday 28th Reading & writing letters

Monday 29th Laying of Putkarara fence
with Mr. Shield & making arrangements
about erecting same

Tuesday 30th Went to Taradale to bring
up McDonald slept at Peddie's

Wednesday March 31st 1875
Find McDonald very bad from drink
go into Town & back by Coach

Thursday April 1st 1875. Waiting at Taradale
trying to get M.D. away. Went to Napier to
get advice about Dugal. I find I am in
the right. want him to summons me.

Mr. Infurson took Fever
Friday 2nd Trying to get McDonald up to Station
got him as far as Woodthorpe but had
to stop there. took Delivery of 1000 posts
from Peddie at Junction. Lost "peteni" at
Taradale & got one from Peddie to ride upon

Saturday 3rd Got M.D. up at last & Peddie
with us. Fell sick with Fever 9 P.M.

Sunday 4th Got 2 men to muster cattle for
Shields. was too sick to go out.

Monday 5th Was very sick all day

Tuesday 6th Felt better & went out to repair
Pack track. tried to sweat off the Fever but
took worse & had to go to bed at night.

Wednesday 7th Was very sick & sometimes delirious

Thursday 8th Better but not right

Friday April 9th 1875

Went to BH clearing road for Donnelly's
shup. was afraid of taking up Fever

Saturday 10th Walked from BH to Kurupung
& back to Incline & killed 2 wethers

Sunday 11th Started to Eradale to get
"Petene" for packing. Called on Milne
to compare tallies he would not see me
at least he certainly saw me but refused
me to Messrs Russell Bros. Which I thought
was rather a poor about way of doing business

Monday 12th Came home with "petene"

Tuesday 13th Helping Mark to pack grass seed

W. Downie called going up. very dry

Wednesday 14th Helping to paper Canning
Bedroom. Weighing grass seed

Thursday 15th Helped to take out a load of grass
seed & a load of wood home. & the last of
the potatoes. the crop was very poor. only seed

The weather is very dry so dry that the fern
& young Manuka is dying a thing I never saw before

Friday 16th Making up accounts & Dog
= Kennells. fine mild rain last night

Saturday April 17th 1875

Commenced to pain in Nursery. Made arrangements
with D. McDonald that he should kill
Pigs @ 6 each. he finding everything

Sunday 18th Reading & Writing letters &c

Monday 19th Transplanted gums. back of Whare

Tuesday 20th Divided the 1000 into three parts

Wednesday 21st Helping McDonald to put zinc on ching

Thursday 22nd Started for Shields Drafting

Friday 23rd at Shields Drafting

Saturday 24th Finished & brought the sheep home
630 in all. 91 of which was Whana & Shield
had shorn 308 of Manj when sheep. Hadly counted

Sunday 25th Got a letter from G Bee telling
me I will likely have to go to Mohaka to
the Election, I hope so. Went up & reading

Monday 26th Transplanting trees - light rain

Tuesday 27th Same as yesterday - Wet

Wednesday 28th Packing & sowing grass seed Dispute

Thursday 29th Laying off gates for the different roads

Friday 30th Rode to Shields to try & borrow wire. could
not get any

Saturday May 1st 1875

With Carpenters hanging gates. Bormdy & Donnelly

Sunday 2nd Started for Napier to see if I
will have to muster old Wethers. v cold

Monday 3rd A Bitter cold day. Went to
Town. Saw Mr. K. told me he did not want
Wethers mustered. but advised me to go to Mohaka
to the election as I want to get Dobbel in

Tuesday 4th Hunting to find Donnelly about B H
timber. slept at Dobbels. a deal of sickness then

Gave Miss Le C a chance to blow on the whistle

Wednesday 5th Came home

Thursday 6th Getting & killing a wether and
preparing to go to Mohaka tomorrow

Friday 7th Started for Mohaka got to D. & slept

Saturday 8th Mr. N. D. and started up & had
Dinner with Mr. Campbell & rode on to
Wapawani and slept there

Sunday 9th Had breakfast late. got stopped
by a shower at Moerangi. Called on Murdoch
& W. Sait. found snow too high. had to
go round by Waitaha bridge. it got
dark on top of Lewis hill. had tea at Stevens

Sunday May 9th 1875 (continued)

Went down to G. Bee & saw a goodly collection
of youth & beauty, the younger portion of them
had grown tremendous since I left

Monday 10th The day of the nomination a tearing
wet day. the opposition did not put in
an appearance so we had a walk over
I proposed him & G. Bee seconded him

Tuesday 11th Messrs Dobbel left in the heavy rain
I sauntered about the river went to Sticks & did
me teary & spent a very pleasant day

Wednesday 12th G. Bee & I rode up to Kapaniti
saw E. Farnie who looked miserable
Went up to the house but had the door shut
in our face. went to Pirirakau & planted
some osier willow & rode back to Mohaka

things seemed improved a good deal

Thursday 13th G. Bee said he would come down
with me if I would wait till tomorrow
which I did. & took quiet stock

Friday 14th Started after breakfast. got to
Fridaysons for dinner to Mr. Kinross for
tea & slept there

Saturday 15th May 1875

Stopped all day at Apawanni had
a walk in the afternoon

Sunday 16th Started for home, but would
have liked to stay another day. Came by

the Spit and along new road to Dalles
got my photo & sent it back by Philip D

Monday 17th Rode home. River high

Tuesday 18th Took 44 Hams to B lowland

Wednesday 19th Started the Mob to Muster

Castle rock flat & came back to the

Wharf. I have got a bad cold.

Thursday 20th Went to stop sheep coming off

Kurupapanga fine

Friday 21st Went with Shepherds to Muster

Cattle hill.

Saturday 22nd (Drafting)

Sunday 23rd Drafting all day

Monday 24th Found all the sheep mixed
again - so much for Sunday work

Tuesday 25th Was seeing the different mobs of sheep
off to their different Kairias

Wednesday 26th A wet day. Mail man came
I came down to answer letters

May 1875

Thursday 27th Seeing Donnell off with
his cattle, round poles. Commenced giving
evening lessons to the men

Friday 28th Mustering Noctotona pens and
drafting

Saturday 29th Drafting. School at night

Sunday 30th Frosty morning fine day 103° in sun
58° in shade. Reading &c

Monday 31st Wet morning writing, shifted
books into Book case

Tuesday June 1st 1875. Not doing much yet.

Wednesday 2nd Got Summons from N Deegal
so I'll have to go to Town

Thursday 3rd Making up ^{John} McDonald's acc and
preparing to go to Town

Friday 4th Started early, got into Town by 3^{PM}

Went 2 or 3 times to the Herald office

Had dinner with Mr. Knierp & Miss Goudy
and promised to get her some ferns

Saturday 5th Called again at "Herald" office
saw Lee about my case, nothing to do there

Sunday 6th A very wet coarse day. Church
blown down. Saw Carey. W Campbell. Stopped
& spent the day in Maypo

Monday June 7th 1875

Spent the day in Napier with the "Gentle Shepherd" and call again

Tuesday 8th Walked to Tara dale, rode to Pownall & back to Redcliff spent the night with Condie

Wednesday 9th rode to Springfield & got Fitz from W. D. rode back to Tara dale & walked into Town slept at Mayors

Thursday 10th Saw Stark, Sim I Bee, Power & Campbell. Campy Stopford &c

W. Bold invited me to see his Magic lantern & chemical experiments which were really beautiful. I enjoyed myself immensely

Friday 11th This is the day of the trial of

Dugal v Balgorn. it came off satisfactory but will not be decided before next Tuesday

Came out by coach & slept at Tara dale

Saturday 12th "Captain" is lost, Harry Allen &

I walked to Dalbels looking for him, had

dinner & went back to Tara dale slept there

Sunday 13th Started up with Bill Chalmer

and had a job with him. got home

4 P.M. & fixed up books a bit

Monday June 14th 1875

With the men a good deal. & arranging my papers a bit

Tuesday 15th Fixing up accounts fine

Wednesday 16th Started to collect Ferns for Miss Goudy & slept at B.H. Cold. bad

Thursday 17th collected more ferns & took them down by a pack horse fine

Friday 18th Measured Boundary (Shells) & other fences & made out Joe Maguire &c

Saturday 19th A thorough wet day fixing scraps in album &c &c

Sunday 20th Shifted my quarters into the back bed room. ^{out Rams} Shepherds came in to Mustard

Monday 21st Mustard Gasket took up to B.H. to take out Rams W. D. looks needy

Tuesday 22nd (Drafted out the Rams. rough sheep & strangers & took them down

Raised Scott wages from £75. to £80 per annum

Wednesday 23rd A thorough wet day sent W. D. & Anne to B.H. to help Mrs. Scott

though her difficulties

Mekie came with a letter from Lee

as over

Wednesday June 23^d 1875/cont

W.P.

Napier 15th June 1875

Mr. & Mrs. Gougeon

Dr Sir

The case of Dugal & your-
self came on today and judgement
was given in your favor, that nothing
is due to Dugal as he forfeited his
wages and your note to him was
no release of your right. This will
teach your men to keep their contracts

Our fees are £5-5-0

Yours Truly

(Signed)

Lee & Cornford

(P.S.) I did not apply for costs under
the circumstances.

For particulars of above see Feb 14th 15th
& 16th 1875

Made out my expenses over the above
& found them to be £13. 14. 6. Wrote to
Lee & C. enclosing Cheque for £5:5:0 I was surprised
at Dugal losing all

Thursday June 24th 1875

Another wet day, reading, making
up accounts & rather miserable

Friday 25th A cold morning, walked to
Shield to see him about the taking over
of fences, & also to take a sketch of his
yards, walked home, planting Draughty &

Saturday 26th Planting cypress & pines
in front of house

3 PM Dr Peacock came down &
told me that Mrs Scott was safely
delivered of a Daughter last night.
She (the child) being the highest born
Beauty in Fawkes Bay, as B.H. is the
highest inhabited place in the Province

John D.P. a cup of Rum which made
him drunk so that he was not able to back

Sunday 27th Making plans of yards
for B.H. Mrs Howel went to B.H.

Mr. Goudy came about 3 PM. spent
the time pleasantly with him

Monday 28th Rode a cross Goshet-Heck to Bars
with Mr. G., saw Dr Carnwell very bad
through Warner

Tuesday 29th June 1875

Saw Carswell & Barnes off. They each got 6 sheep that I shorn. Scott came in for Tobacco & gave me the particulars of the late interesting event at BH

Wednesday 30th Seeing drains, getting Manuka pruning & planting poplars a.d., held school. Find that the English language is very hard for a Foreigner to learn so many exceptions to any rule

Thursday July 1st 1875. Meant to have gone to Barnes, but had to till a winter then measure land both ploughed & unploughed. Rain P.M. Carswell came at dark spent a pleasant evening "Their smiles would fall upon me like the Sun beams on polar ice, very bright but unable to melt"

Friday 2nd A wet Scotch misty day showing John & Dick to build fowl house New plans & specification of a woolshed for W. Carswell, same principle as this but smaller. This one for 10 shears is 60 feet long x 33 feet broad. Carswells 40 x 33 for

Friday 2nd July 1875 (continued)

for six shears. He seems surprised that I can draw plans.

Mr Barnes died 4.30 P.M.

Saturday 3rd With W. Carswell seeing drains & ploughing. John Campbell came at noon. showed him plans of BH yards and he approves of them very much.

Shells fencer came for Board enough to make a coffin for Mr. Barnes.

Sunday 4th Rain again. Read to Carswell he told me the particulars of Warner & gave him "Cabbie's advice" for Maggie & Johny

Monday 5th Started for BH with Carswell, Chalmers, Mc Leman, Joe & Johny to Muster peaks. Saw the Highest horn beauty in Hawks Bay

Tuesday 6th Started to Muster the Peaks. Mustered to the Saddle & walked to Carswells. Little Jamie was very sick. Spent a pleasant evening

Wednesday 7th Mustered Birch ridge & took sheep to Carswells yards. very very cold. lost a lot of sheep through cold

Thursday July 8th 1875

Drafted the sheep in putative yards
got 180 rough sheep & turned the others
back on the Birch ridge

Friday 9th Started Chalmer & McLeana
off with the sheep & hunted for
ferns in the Bush P.M.

Saturday 10th Casswell & I went & mustered
the Barnes spur of the pears but did
not get the sheep into the mob altho
we got them within 30 yards of them
Slept at Barnes. He seem very much
cut up about the loss of his wife

Sunday 11th Mustered Barnes pack & drafted
the sheep. Saw them across river &
came home with pack load of Blue gums
Saw Campbell on the road

Monday 12th My Birth Day. Larged
off road in broken ground bush. Jones
May came with stores. John Casswell
came P.M. & I showed him my Mathemat-
ical instruments and how to use them

Tuesday July 13th 1875

Showed J.C. how to keep business books
and instructing him in the use of the
instruments. Scott came p.m. & Palor

Weather very windy for the season

Wednesday 14th Kept John all day
amused him & myself with Mathematics &
made up his away viz: 1 chimney pot
& cowl, 1 pair of wooden boots, 2 books
(32 lb No 9 wire & some candle wick for Barnes)

Plan of Woolshed, spurs, whip & Windy

Got letter from Mr. Common telling me
to sell his horse for £15. & keep £1 for
self. He also mentions Dr. Filhol again

Thursday 13th Walked to BH to see splitt-
ers & strolled through the bush looking
for trees to split. Weather v. fine

Friday 14th At BH exploring the Bush
found some fair timber, saw some very
wonderful places. I was walking up a
spur in hopes of finding a road out at
the top, when suddenly the spur

Friday July 16th 1875 (continued)
terminated in a point of rock & I
looked down on a scene that I will
not forget. on a hurry, it was like
looking down on some fairy land
with enchanted Castles & Gardens &c.
I went down to the bottom (about 80 ft)
and found myself in a place that is
utterly indescribable (at least by
me). It looked like what I often
imagined the bottom of the Sea
would look like, huge rocks
tumbled about in all fantastical
positions imaginable, intermixed
with straight alleyways and all
covered by a bright green moss &
trees, shrubs, vines &c all nicely covered
with the same, and the subdued light
of the hush gave the whole a somber
appearance. It is in such places, where,
alone, I can meet, and talk to my
Creator face to face undisturbed by

Friday July 16th 1875 (continued)
any sublunary considerations whatsoever
I wandered about in the place for some
hours as if I were in Heaven and only
left it as darkness was coming on.
Saturday 17th Exploring again & spent half
the day amongst the rocks as yesterday.
Scott came up with the pack horse & I
took him down. v fine
Sunday 18th Reading & made 12 stars from
3 points to 14.
Monday 19th Mustered Mid path. & drafted
CSB came & told me the road men were
making road on Deviation flat. I went
down to see them, very hot for time
of year. Therm 9 P.M. 64° outside
Tuesday 20th Went to BH to see splitters found
they were getting on very slowly
Wednesday 21st Exploring the Maiden Bud
found some more extraordinary rocks
not like the others but cut up in squares
Scott & I began laying off the yards

Thursday July 22nd 1875

Nickie came up & left my letters at station so I walked down & back again

I snow at BH but fine

Friday 23rd Scott & I laying off yards

but can't get enough level ground

to put them on. Very cold wind

Saturday 24th Too windy to lay off yards

walked to station to see men making

road into Broken ground bush. slow

Expected N O C Carey but he did not

come, felt dismal in consequence

Sunday 25th fixed a selfacting bar on

the well road gate, & Posted Ledger

Wrote an order on J. & Co for £80 &

sent it to U. B. A. as I have been

using my own money for want of orders

Monday 26th Waited for N. O. C. but he

did not come. Ned O'Malley came

again I gave it pretty sharp. I don't

think he will come again

Tuesday 27th Explored for a dray road to

BH. found one that the empty dray can

go up. Walked to BH & with splitters

Wednesday 28th July 1875

Was nearly all day repairing the small

park to hold wild sheep so that the

shepherds can do something for them

Thursday 29th With two men laying

off the yards at BH. they are very

difficult to lay off there being so

many circles & each with a center of

its own & no level ground to work on

Heard Mr. Bold was at the station

Friday 30th Started early from BH & was down

in time to join Messrs Bold & Downie at

Breakfast. it was a better cold &

stormy morning but turned out fine

Went to Disputa with Messrs B & D

& skinned a papiable road via Browns hill

Spent rather a tame evening till about

10 P.M. when we started & kept it up

for about four hours

Saturday 31st Saw Messrs B & D

off. Went to see men at Road. they

are getting on very very slow &

trying to introduce the Eight hour

system which wont wash her

Sunday August 1st 1875

Was making up accounts all day
made up Jones, Shields, Milnes, (and
a duplicate for Cap. Russell) Donnelly
& Whana. Went to Horse park with John

& Mrs & caught Dickey to go to Town

Monday 2nd Cook had a job to waken me
this morning. Started for town. Detmud
Shields & Milnes etc. had a glass of Brandy
with Milne. first time he has spoken
for more than a year, got into Town

by 3 P.M. did a good bit of work, and
bought Mathematical instruments for John
Carswell. Saw Mr. & Mrs. Beda perform

Tuesday 3rd Did a good deal more work.
had my head examined by Dr. Carr
he asked me if I was married, I
told him "no". "Well you may consid-
-er it a private Calamity" said he
"but I don't, I consider it a public
calamity" I asked him why and
he said I was capable of shewing mine

Tuesday August 3rd 1875 (continued)

Men out of every ten how to respect
and treat a wife. He did not say

much more as he is to write it out

Came out by the coach got my
horse & rode to Dalhousie. Spent a very
pleasant evening. Miss Roberts sighed
very Much which caused a deal of
merriment

Wednesday 4th Rode home by 3 1/2 P.M.

Thursday 5th Mustard Dispute Am.

I went to see Road men P.M. had
an understanding with men about
the eight hours system

Messrs Bold & Downie came down
and I got them to witness a codicil
to my Will and spent a very
pleasant evening with them

Friday 6th Walked to B.H. with the
government road men. Stopped
about 2 hours at the wharf & came
down again. G.B. Barnes came

Saturday August 7th 1875
Went with four men & made a
dray track to top of Table hill (across
the Ptukara). Did a splendid days
work & was home by 5 P.M.

Sent a letter to Ph Dolbel
about transfer of Deeds, but the
letter contained this passage. "Tell
Miss Le C that I don't pity her a
bit, she could have had the whistle
for the blowing of it, And tell
Miss Roberts that I hope she will
get what she was sighing for"

Sunday 8th Fixed some scraps in my
Album. Made up Chalmers & I
raised his wages £5.

Dropped across a Receipt for a Love fit
that I got from Mr. Guinness, the ink
is very much faded, so I'll copy it
Fix one end of a rope fast over a beam
And make a slip noose at the other extrem
Then just underneath & let the cricket be got
On which let the lover most manfully get

Sunday August 8th 1875 (continued)
Then over his head let the cricket be got
And under one ear be well settled the knot
The cricket kicked down let him take a fair swing
And leave all the rest of the work to the string
Peter Pipkin.

Monday 9th With Scott, Chalmers & Campbell
(from Sheds) Mustered the Ptukara &
drafted out Shield sheep & the rough ones
Got some splendid fossil Mollusks in
the Ptukara,

Tuesday 10th Began branding the cattle
with four men, got a wild Heifer in
just & branded her & was about letting
her go when she broke through the
yards and made us all clear out
she had just as much rope & reached
the Eastern side of the yard and she
kept us on the que veve for our lives
until noon when we managed
to get her so gairned as to get at her
with an axe & knocked her Brains out
skinned her for meat & went on branding

Wednesday August 11th 1875

Branding successfully. The Mail-
-man came & brought my chart from
Dr. Carr. He gives me a very good
reading. He says "Sir the greatest
Measurement in the circumference is
around the base of the brain is only
Moderate. The other Measurements
over the dome of the head, over the
reflective organs & preceptor regions
are nearly all that could be desired
and illustrate a well formed brain
of Moderate size but of superior
Moral & Mental structure, that is
the organs important to a good
Moral character, to a sensible under-
-standing and a well regulated
character are very well balanced &
better than average in size and influence"

Then he goes on to say that I often
try to do more than I ought and as
it is impossible to do it I often
get over it; which I can't say is alto-
-gether correct

Wednesday August 11th 1875 (contd)
- but he goes on to say "Your conscien-
-tiousness is large - Your Fidelity un-
-questionable - Your energetic powers
commendable

"Your occupation and isolation from
sympathic female society is against
the higher perfection of your character
it is contrary to the finer instincts
of your nature to be single, to be
without a good kind wife, to be
without offspring - Your nature
longs for domestic society; you
ought by all means to avail your-
-self of it &c &c

"Marry that is my advice to you"
(underlined by the Dr.)

"You are capable of being an industrious
and pains taking Manager & a successful
Farmer of sheep &c you are practicable &
thoroughly in earnest, sensible, con-
-sistent and pushing. To all concerns
you will do your duty whatever
Pursuit you may be engaged in"

Wetherby August 11th 1875 (continued)

"To render this chart of value I have
to urge the one thing that will bal-
-ance your nature, seek a help-
-mate and find that spiritual
solace for which your nature craves
"See other particulars in chart

(Signed) J Guthe Carr"

He also mentions to beware of Intemperance
but I fancy there is not very much danger
for I have been drinking spirits over
20 years now, and never felt any
liking for them, but I am thankful
for the hint, and I give him great
credit as a Phenologist

Peddie burst in on me just after dark
and went to sleep as usual

Thursday 12th Got up 2 hours before day-
light & made out Shields etc. & went
down with it P.M. - K. Hollis came 9 Am.
& stopped for Dinner.

Steady rain all day

Friday August 13th 1875

Started men to their different jobs
posted ledger. &c &c
Saturday 14th With five men made
a Dam across gully near end of
Kitchen to save water in case of fire

It will be 13 years since I first
landed in Napier on my way from
Auckland to the South & it is
9 years to-day since I landed last
time, but what I have gone through
during that nine years I scarce dare to look
back upon. The first year or two was
right enough, i.e. to August 1868. but
from that to this very day 3 years ago, the
day I went to Guavas, was very
very miserable indeed, that includes
the Crisis and all the evils attending
to a civil war. & my own private
struggles to free myself from that mill-
-stone Debt: which I honorably did
Then the year 1872-3 that I spent at
Guavas was very indifferent indeed

Sunday 14th August 1875 (contd)
and had it not been for the kind
companionship of Mr. Carey I would
have been more uncomfortable still;
but then last two years I cannot
complain.

Sunday 15th Wet & showy, reading &
writing.

Monday 16th Started all hands off
to Blowhard. Made out my own
a/c & preparing to follow tomorrow.

There are none at the Station tonight
but Mr. Jufunen, E. Chalmers & I, but
there are eleven (all told) at Blowhard.

Tuesday 17th Walked up to Blowhard
& worked amongst the men.

Was thinking frequently about my
relations in Victoria, if there are any of them
alive. My poor old Father & my Sisters
is strange that I stand here alone, no
one to care much whether I live or die
prosper or go to ruin, But I may hear
from them yet, or some one may care
what becomes of me yet.

Wednesday August 18th 1875
Was working among the men all day
splitting - Road making, morticing
driving gate heads &c &c

Capt Birch called on his way
to Town. it is the first time I have
seen him, I found him to be a very
intelligent young man, nothing like
what I pictured him to be. We
had some very earnest & sometimes
animated conversation, we touched
upon Geology, Botany, Anatomy
Electricity, Mesmerism, Phenology
Odic force, Politics &c &c and I spent
a very enjoyable evening, turned in 11 1/2 PM.

Thursday 19th Capt Birch left & I went working
in the Bush along with the men, getting
stuff for the yards.

Friday 20th Was helping first one &
then the other all day, Burr &
McDonald went to station for the
day, Mrs J. told me that
Nursing Susan would do me good
she meant, the child cry would do her good.

Friday August 27th 1875

Pulled down the old yards. Messrs
Carswell & Barnes came to BH the brown
letters from J G R about *Macrocarpa*
and A William about sheep. Ed & 2 boys

Saturday 28th Helped Burke to zone
up. started the others to put up the
yards, went three trips with May
and walked to Incline and planted
43 *Macrocarpa* out of 60 that Mr. J G R
sent me. settled with Carswell to date

Sunday 29th Did not hear the bell
this morning. Saw Carswell off
gave him a "Cock" this time.

wrote to Mr. W. Common. Had
roast fowl & Plum pudding for dinner
and rode "Samuel's" to BH & fine

Monday 30th Helping first one &
then another all day, and making
good head way considering the inexper-
-ienced hands I have.

Mr. Leman went to Town to try
his case against Seal of Ripington
very fine weather like summer

Tuesday August 31st 1875

Much the same as yesterday only
I discovered that I want 400 more
rails. that will tend to ~~throw~~
throw me late. very cold

Wednesday Sept 1st 1875. It was so
very cold that I got a fly of a tent
to work under. got a letter from
Mr. Stumm. telling me that the fern
I sent him was *Gleichenia circinata*
, Swartz or *Gleichenia semivestita*
common along the foot of Kawekas
he invites me to his place.

Offered Tupperman £20 for one year &
time to go and look for another place
if he is not satisfied

Thursday 2nd Got a week's notice
from one of my hands. I'll have to
go & look for another. Told Scott &
Mr. some of Con Crejans doings. long ago

Friday 3rd Blasted some timber
Burke gave me notice to get a driver
to replace him. I am afraid I will get
into a mess yet. so this is the time of the
year for men leaving

Saturday 4th Sept 1875

Hung two gates & put fastenings on to 4 more, helped to load & unload the dray Am. & came to station P.M. and sowed two beds of Cupressus Horizontalis & after dark wrote to Mr. Sturm, made out two a/c. & took list of things brought by drays & preparing to go to Town.

Sunday 5th Started for Town after Breakfast, got to Springfield 11 Am. had dinner & two hours talk with P.D. and rode on to Taradale. Had a long talk with Harry Allen. and turned in pretty early. Got disgusted with drunken men, Antoni in particular was very nearly shifting my quarters to the other side of the Road.

Monday 6th Engaged two men before Breakfast and bespoke another.

Went into Town by the Coach and waited three hours in the store for Mr. Kinross. patient got ex-

Monday Sept 6th 1875 (continued)

—hausted, and went back to Town saw Mr. Bold, who told me where to find Mr. K. found him. had a talk with him. went back to Spit. with him. told him I wished to leave after shearing to go back to Kakariki but he does not want me to leave at all at all, he gave me £100. rise to stop another year. The offer is good and I am comfortable so I hardly know what to do.

Bought "Heat & Mode of Motion" from Dimiroddie & several other things came out to Taradale by coach— had tea with a drunk man again. engaged John Foster as Bullock-Driver & general for 35/- per week. He finding himself spent rather a lonely evening— too many drunk men to my fancy, will wait.

Tuesday 7th Had Breakfast with Foster & his wife and started for home stopped two hours at Springfield &

Tuesday Sept 7th 1875 (contd)

P D & I rode to Schoolhouse together

Got Fido from W. D., as usual
Saw Jones & Jim at Harkaway, went
over the Terrace & at the Rock crossing
I got halfway up the Saddleflaps before
the horse was his own length into the
River. The horse quietly turned back
& came out & I quietly let him and came
overland. Saw Mickie at Mullens 3^d
gate and Milne at the first gate

Had a talk to him about the Station
ap and got the best of it. Saw one
of the men I had engaged. Edwards
& a Maori. Had something to eat
changed my ^{clothes} & walked to BH.

Heard that Jarne had got thrown
from his horse last Sunday & lost his
horse saddle & bridle. His wife is in
doubt whether he is not yet on
the Ranges. very fine

Wednesday Sept 8th 1875

Started Jarne to the Station to tell
his wife he was alive, went to work
at the yards. Lewis came at noon

Messrs Moorehouse & Begg called
on their way to Town, they had a
look at my yards & as they are
about to build new ones, they are
to adopt my plan, so I am not
to be long before I get immatators to
my yards as I soon ~~found~~ got follows
for my style of shed. Mickie came
no letter. fine mild

Thursday 9th Made & hung a gate
into circle alley - Had a talk with
Burd about his successor, he seems
very friendly with him altho' he never
saw him. Joe Cleebrook left
Jarne is going to stop so I will
have three married couples on the
place. M Lerman came back
from Town

Weather a fine

Friday Sept 10th 1875

Ground some tools. Helped to carry some rails to Road - morticed some posts for Alley-circle. Made a gate for do.

After dark reading Findals "Heat & Motion"

& find it very interesting. foggy fine Saturday 11th With men in the yards morticing for them & guiding them. Came down to Station at dark found C. Barnes there

was very busy with acct & writing Sunday 12th With Barnes looking over the place for a site for a Bullock driss whar. Four of the men came down from B.H. & went back again. Arranged with Barnes that Chalms means the boundary fence with him.

Left the Station 6 P.M. to walk to B.H. My second year expires tonight. And I may consider myself shipped for another year at an advance of £100 on last year

Monday Sept 13th 1875

Was assisting and guiding the men with the yards.

After dark told Scott my storm breaking experience in Australia

Very hard frost last night. fine day Tuesday 14th Much the same as yesterday. I am short handed of one man at the yards and that keeps me very busy to guide all the men & do one mans work besides. I am afraid Murphy will not come up - I wish he would - A.D. Reading Findals account of the Musical flame which I find both extraordinary & entertaining

Weather fine but threatening Wednesday 15th With men at the yards. And was very busy as usual.

Weather fine day - Showy 10th P.M.

Thursday Sept 16th 1875
Was with 2 men erecting yards
John & I put up eight pannel
between the Showers. We made a
great fire just thing & erected the
fly beside it & stopped under it
in the Showers.

Got a letter from E. Farnier wanting
to know if I wanted any timber cut
in Kekaika Bush

The ground was covered with about
3 inches of snow this morning and
it remained snow showers all day
Friday 17th Was much the same
as yesterday. Yesterdays snow
had all gone & more has fallen since.

Finished splitting the rails so now
I can get two more men erecting &
I think I will be able to finish in a week
Saturday 18th Was morticing posts & guiding
two gangs of men and walked down to
the station saw Foster who came up
yesterday. Wrote nine letters

Sunday September 19th 1875
Showing Foster when he can make a
garden, told him to floor his Wharve
and build a chimney to it and
gave him orders for the work. Mounted
three objects for the Microscope viz:
Strychnin, Sugar & Epsom Salts.
James came down from Blouhara
he apologized for giving me a bad
answer the other day which I had
almost forgot. he said it through
ignorance of the English language
he & I rode up to B.H. in the evening
Monday 20th With five men erecting
the Shop yards. they are drawing to a
close & this week ought to see them
completed. I wish they were finished
Tuesday 21st Went to the yards very
cold & showy erected the fly & made a
fire under it. Made 5 gates. I am
& McDonald put one layer of clay
on the new chimney I would have
wished they had done more.

Wednesday Sept 22nd 1875

After breakfast settled up with
B^d Burke & shook hands & parted with
him. Went to the yards put up four
pannels & a slip pannel before dinner
hung a gate & morticed some posts
p.m. Very fine day. frost last night.

Thursday 23rd With four men every
yard. hung one gate, morticed some
posts - took 153 lbs pork from Thomas
and Guiding the men. Shepherds
took 36 rough sheep to station being

second ⁷³⁶ instalment of 36 since 26th July
Friday 24th Very wet morning. about
10 a.m. went with 2 men to the yards
and got them all finished but 2
pannels & six gates. I am afraid
I will have to go to Town on Sunday
(if the River is fordable) about the
new way. I ought to have written
to Farnham about the timber &
have forgot all about it.

Saturday 25th Sept. 1875

Hangin gates up to 4 P.M. then walked
to the Station. Chalmers told me
about Mickie & the cook which I
do not believe. Writing &

preparing to go to Town Tomorrow for
Blowhard Monday 27th Sept. 9 1/2 P.M.

Since writing the above I have been
to Town & back. On the Road to, &
in Town every one welcomed me, but
it is only the Money-grubbers welcome
i.e. "How much money will I make
out of you this trip" (certainly they
did not make much for I only had
18/6 to start with & I brought 3/3 home
and paid my way) and when I
came home I got welcomed. The
cook made me a cup of Tea because
I told her to do so then I got
"Peter" & rode to Blowhard. They
welcomed me here but it is
servants welcoming their em-
-ployer only. One real friend

Monday Sept. 27th 1875 (contd)

that I can talk to Heart to Heart
I have not got, but yet I have been
worse off and I hope I may yet
be better. Got a Map of the
Province in Napier. Came out the
New Taradale Road in Nymus coach
being the first passenger on that route
Left Town 9 1/2 am. & was at B.H. 6 P.M.

Tuesday 28th. Finished the yards at last
they have taken equal to 305 days of
one man, besides days of the Bull-
-cock team and I estimate the cost
at £120. Tomorrow, if all goes
well all hands & I will go down
to the Station to sow grass seed.

To day I made & hung four gates & the
swing gate. Very fine

Wednesday 29th. Came down from
Blowhard. Begg came from Patea
and stops all night. Spent a pleasant
evening with him. Burned off fern
near shed & Foster's wharf. Cook my
sick with Colic

Thursday 30th Sept 1875

Commenced sowing grass seed, sowed
15 bags & I am very tired.

Got some Opium from Begg
for the cook which gave her great
relief. A fine

Friday Oct-1st 1875 With two
men Am. & four men P.M. sowing
grass seed in "Dispute" paid off
Lewis Edwards and took on Alf. Taylor

C. Barnes came at dusk and
we compared our Charts from Dr. Bar
and strange to say they are almost
exactly alike which rather surprised
me unless indeed the D^r makes
them all alike

I am getting on well with the
sowing I believe I will finish in
a week. Equinox winds to day

Saturday 2nd With 2 men Am. and
5 P.M. sowing grass seed.

Foster came up with new day
C. Barnes came back at dusk

Saturday Oct 2^d 1875 (continued)
and told me Calcutt has got some
of his Timber up to build on Barnes
place. More Neighbours, the more
the better fine

Sunday 3^d Talking to C.B. nearly
all day. I believe he is looking out
for another wife already

Studying Astronomy & Navigation
Amidie Guillimen the former
and Horrie & Beeson the latter
find them very interesting studies

Monday 4th With 3 men sowing grass
-seed. Begg came from Town & bought
me 3/4 worth of Opium in case I should
get such an other attack as I had
last January (27th)

James Peacock came about
the wool scouring he had shaved
part of his beard off and I did not
know him, he was standing on the
Verandah with Begg and I thought
he might be Mr. Walker that was

Monday Oct 4th 1875 (continued)
to come up with Begg & I wondered
how Begg did not introduce us to each
other I took them into Tea &
they came back to the house & sat a
good two hours reading & one thing or
other and if Barnes had not made
some casual remark I might have
sat all night & not known him,

We afterwards spent a pleasant night
Tuesday 5th Saw the men off sowing grass-
-seed. & Begg off to Teea, then made
arrangements with Peacock about the
scouring as under: Let the scouring
at one penny per lb on the scoured weight
for ordinary wool, threepence per lb for
felmongering. & 25/- per 1000 for classing
& 30/- for erecting & taking to pieces all
the scouring gear, I finding sheets, soap
stones & all other requisites

Went to the wash & showed Peacock
all the ins & outs of the place

Barnes & Peacock went off P.M. Wrote to
Farrin telling him I did not want timber

Wednesday Oct-6th 1875

Went with Bullock. Driver taking
out grass-seed to horse park and then
exploring for a line of fence to cut
off bad gullies in Horse park and
burning off for sowing Am. Planting
potatoes p.m.

Messrs Moorehouse & Walker came
about 8 p.m. find Mr. W. to be
very much after my other style esp.
-ecially in the reading line. Spent a
very pleasant evening with them &
Barnes. Very windy

Thursday 7th Saw Messrs M and W
off. Got Barnes to ride in "Katie" and
"Captian" took their shoes off and
Barnes rode them back again to the
Horse park

Peter Pownell came after the
wool scouring. I am sorrow now I
let it to Peacock, because Peter
understood me & the place and
Peacock don't. v. fine

Friday Oct 8th 1875

With seven men sowing grassseed in
the Horse park and finished
in but threatening rain
Saturday 9th An. out. & out.
wet day. With all hands
clearing out the woolshed

Bought a clock from Est. Barnes
he was going over for it. but the
rain was too heavy

Repaired Wool brand and
made a little box for carrying Opium
Sunday 10th A very fine day after
the rain, trying to learn the
Swedish language from Mrs. J. &
I find it not so hard after all
but I am not in a language humour

Measured a tube for glasses for
a Kaleidoscope got it to within
 $\frac{500}{1000}$ part of an inch and I think that
is nigh enough for my purpose

I am at the Seventy mile
Bush

Monday October 11th 1875

Was fearfully sick this morning. I looked in the glass just after breakfast and was really frightened at my own face, I was just like a dead man, not only pale but ghostly like. Got better by degrees & by noon I was all right. I fancy it was colic.

Wrote three cheques for £48 and tried to sleep. Went to 63 bush & found the men doing well, to wash to measure the press, making out shearing stones & preparing to go to town tomorrow.

"Katie" foaled a filly foal some-time last night. Bath doing well.

Barnes & McDonald went to town. Tuesday 12th Mickin & I started for town called at Shields & he came as far as Puketapu. Went & had dinner at Dolhels. Saw Mel Wallace there. He told me about J.S. and his

Tuesday Oct. 12th 1875 (continued)

Propositions Neil & I rode to Taradale. I stopped a bit and rode to Meane and stopped a bit there and then rode into town. I had not very much to do and spent the time miserably. Saw a Mr. C.D. Joy, an American Scientist making collections for the Californian Museum, and distributing American seeds. I gave him a promise of some stone axes for tree seeds.

I saw J.G.K. who introduced me to a purchaser for Kakariki and if we can come to terms I will sell. Saw W. Stark in town.

Rode out to Mr. Sturges and spent a very pleasant evening with him. He showed me over his grounds. Had tea with him & walked back to Elvie & slept at Caultons. Saw Bennett there & J.B. Hollis.

Thursday 14th Oct 1875

Rode out again to Sturms & stopped about two hours with him then went to the show at Hastings saw Starr again, & others

Engaged James Hoff to Muster at £2 per week for three months. spent the day pretty well & rode home with the Messrs Dolbel, Hollis Bennett, called in at Mr. Hollis' place & had something to eat; he had no saucers & the Tea was very hot so I poured it into a large meat dish to cool it. the other laughed at it. but all did the same except Bennett, rode on ^{to Springfield} home. saw that JH and M.A.N. was on very intimate terms

JH and I slept in the same room, very S in

The Weather was splendid and I think the show was better than any held here before

Friday October 15th 1875

Left Springfield after Breakfast and went to Tarsdale to meet Hoff he came about 11 am. and Mr. H. Skild he & I rode on, but H.S. went on while I was talking to Jones & we never overtook him again. overtook Jas Magum at the Konini got home by Sandown and turned in early

Saturday 16th Had breakfast alone wrote two letters. Calculated the cost of mens keep on the Station & found it to be $\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{4}$ per day without cartage but I should say $\frac{1}{4}$ per day would cover the cartage so that $\frac{1}{3}$ keep a man here (except the meat & corn)

Tried to make a Magic square up to 11 but failed, tried it up to 7 with like success

Sunday 17th Wrote some letters: i.e. Dolbel. Tho^s Williams. Geo Grant G. Ba. U. B. A., The Editor of H B H

Sunday 17th Oct-1875 (continued)

Constructed five Magic Squares
and sent them to "Herald" 3. 5. 7. 9. 11

DPB 1st 24H

Monday 18th Saw James & Geo England
of with "Kate" to "Kingfisher" then with
Foster & laid off & measured fence to
cut off bad gullies in Horse path and
made up posts & wire wanted for same
Jones two drays came up with posts
and horse feed.

Wrote to Phil Nops. found it is just
10 years & 8 days since I saw him and
10 years & 10 days since I left Mowaki &c

I heard Jones my Microscopic object
and showed a friendly feeling towards him
as I blew him up considerably last Friday

Tuesday 19th Rode down to Shields to
see him about the posts at the
Korini & to get him to pass the
fence. Got a letter from
G.B. dated 9th inst.

There is 24 people here to night & I am alone
in fact I feel alone.

Wednesday Oct 20th 1875

Rode down in Jones dray to meet A Shields
to pass the boundary fence. We walked along
his part of it - which was very inferior indeed
and when we came to my part there
was a marked difference for the better
we got on as far as the Swampy
Gully when W.S. said "Oh! I lead on
if I go any farther." So I asked him
what he would do. "Oh! I pass the
lot from here for I am satisfied" he said
"I can't get my fellows to put up
work like this unless I watch
them putting up every post." So
I told him if he wanted good
work done to get Joe Maguire and
pay him well. Give him the stuff
show him the line & leave him
alone & then he would get a fence
he could pass without look at it

Came home, had dinner, he
gave me a cheque for the fence
had a glass of beer. gave him
a fossil pen & he went off

Thursday October 21st 1875

With a man and boy erecting part
of the Putukara fence on the other
side of Maguire's gully
Heard the Pipipiuharuroa for
the first time this year

Scott & McLerman came in with 37
wooly sheep. Very fine

Friday 22nd With same as yesterday
finished other side and made a
cutting across Maguire's gully in
less than two hours, and made
a beginning on this side

Scott went to Town to bring up
Mrs. S. he took a letter to G.B.

Saturday 23rd With 3 men & a boy
at the Putukara fence

Discovered that the plant people call
the "blossoming fern" is a flycatcher
there is another flycatcher on the
Kawekas I know, but this thing
is so very common it is a wonder

I never discovered its flycatching

Sunday Oct-23rd 1875 (contd)

Propensities before, I believe it
to belong to the tribe of *Drosera*
(from *Δρσογροσ* - Dewig), of the same
Gen as the *Dionea* of North America
and probably the same as the Man-
-eating plant of Madagascar

Sunday 24. Went out and gathered
some fly-catches to send to Mr. Sturm

Mr. Moorehouse called at dusk &
had a very poor tea, he gave me a
glass of Whisky. he would not stop
all night but went on to Shields

Monday 25th Sent some specimens
of my *Drosera* to Mr. Sturm.

Was with 4 men erecting Putukara
fence. Capt. Barches Cadet called
with Mickie I did not know who he
was & gave him the cold shoulder
I was very busy at the time
told the cook to find out who
he was

Very fine

Tuesday Oct 26th 1875

The Cadet, Mickie & I had breakfast in the Dining room as the Kitchen was full. I do not even now know the Cadet's name

Went with 4 men to the Putkarara fence but came home after dinner to see the cattle they had mustered. Got only one that had not been in before

At dark Scott and the Taradeke Policeman came up. the peeler is after two of the men who are pig hunting with Thoms Had George England in to school to see what books I will have to get for him

Wednesday 27th Started the policeman off to Teneris where the pig hunters are camped. Went to the men at the fence & came back by 10 am. to see the cattle that the other men are mustering. Jones May (S) came up with W^r Scott. and some of the shearing stores. W^r S. brought

Wednesday Oct 27th 1875 (continued)

from Town 3 specimens of the Lectularia (Acanthia) tried them through the microscope. they are the first I ever saw & I don't want to see any other except in the same state i.e. Dead

Thursday 28th Was knocking about the house, unpacking stores and branding cattle &c &c.

Friday 29th Was seeing ploughman fences &c and was very busy knocking about from one thing to another Jones May came up & brought tobacco which was very much wanted. A W^r Leader photographer came up to take photographs of the Station. he fixed up his dark room in the sitting room. and made every thing ready for morning. Spent rather a tamish evening with him. if the morning is good we may expect some nice pictures

Saturday October 30th / 1875
Had a very exciting morning
Mr. Loader took four photographs
of the place 1st from other side of
Muzzy fully, taking self, ^{waiter} House
& wharf & the Blowhard range in the
distance 2nd from plantation gate
taking Woolshed, & wharf stock yard
with Scott, James, James Plowman
Namely on "Jack Ptway" & self & "waiter"
in the foreground, 3rd from inside
the nursery fence, front view of the
House with 14 men 2 women & 2
children & horses & a lot of dogs.

4th from near the middle of House
Paddock with 16 men 2 women 2
children 5 horses & an innumerable
quantity of dogs, in each case "waiter"
and myself was in the foreground

Every one that is on the station happened
to be at the Home station and five
strangers besides, which made a
a very fair crowd for a place like this

Saturday Oct 30th / 1875 (continued)
Mr. Loader went off by 8 am, wrote
three cheques for Thoms, impacted
shearing stones, and stirred about till
after dark. Had Geo^e in to school
Scott & Mr^s went to Blowhard, fine
Sunday 31st Mr. Leman came in from
B.H. for medicine for Mr^s Scott, as
she is had with colic (or Inflammation
of the bowels) gave him some
Castor oil, Holloway pills Opium
with directions how to use them

Read some old news papers of
April & May 1872, and got some news
out of them. Had Geo^e & James in
to school. James makes good progress
in reading. Geo^e do in writing

Steady rain nearly all day wrote to
H. O. E. Carey describing the scene of photo-
-graphing the House, and the Bull
charging the photographer. Oh! I wish
I could draw a picture of it

Fancy a photographer taking the

Sunday Oct 31st 1875 (cont'd)

focus with a black cloth over his head and a Bull behind walking up in a very menacing manner towards the poor photographer and about 20 people laughing at his predicament. Cr by £56. 13. 8 U.B. &

Monday Nov 1st Intended to have begun to Muster but the weather is too bad altogether was knocking about from one party to another had the lawn mown for hay and a gate opened between the House and old paddocks. Had the shears coo-house. Chimney shifted to the other end of it, fixed tower bolts on the sheep pen gates. Had Geo & Sammie in to school & had a "Spelling Bee" between them and the word that gave them the most trouble was "Law" but passed the evening quiet and pleasant with them.

Tuesday Oct 2nd 1875

Engaged Cashel & Grey for shearing, put them to drain wash gully. Spent the day travelling about from gang to gang and making ready for Mustering. Scott & McSeman came in to commence but the weather looks very bad I don't expect we will begin tomorrow after all.

Wednesday 3rd Weather too bad did not begin, was knocking about from gang to gang much the same as yesterday. Thursday 4th Commenced to Muster for shearing. Mustered Ptakarara took sheep home & kept them in the yard till dark for Shield but he did not come. Turned them into the middle paddock. Fri

Friday 5th Helped to Muster Detention as far up as Tareha. Sacked the pig-killers for being too cheeky. wrote drafting notices for the 17th.

Held school for the last this season. Weather. Heavy shows with wind

Saturday 6th Waited three hours
at Darwin creek for the Musters from
B.H. Musters Spring full and make
point left men at the Junction of the
spurs and came home. Barnes was
then and Peter Cornwall. Both stops
all night.

Wrote to Scott to tell the men
at B.H. that I hadn't got a blanket
left for the Shepherds when they came
in and for the future to bring
their blankets with them any time
they came in

Sunday 7th Sent Geo England to B.H.
with letter to Scott. Hoff came in for
his swag. Andrews came in for Shepards
horses. Thoms and party left. I do not
think he has bested me as he has
done nearly every one on the Station

Barnes & I walked about a
good bit & I prepared to go to
Milnes Drafting tomorrow

Monday 8th Nov 1875

Went early to Milnes Drafting
Jno Campbell and I got about 120 return
us and drove them to Shields, spent
the evening with A. & C Fenwick

Tuesday 9th Drafting at Shields
Barnes & I rode home in evening, not
finished Drafting

Wednesday 10th Barnes & I rode down
to Shields helped them to get the
sheep into the yards, and while
we was getting them up to the
yards who should come up to shake
hands but Willie Campbell
if my poor old Father had come
up in the same way I could not
have been more surprised. I put
in the day as comfortable as any
I have put in for a long time, I
tried hard to get him to come up
home with me but it was no go
he promised to call on me sometime
in the fall. Peter Muller and I

Wednesday 10th Nov. 1875 (continued)

Drove our sheep home together and drafted them. He got 32 and I got 264 between Shield & Milne fin

Thursday 11th Peter Miller and I started very early for Matapia drafting, got there by 7 1/2 Am. only got 13 & 2 of Shield & 1 of Barnes.

Was very much am- used at an Old German while a breakfast

he was talking & chaffing a newly married young Irish woman and she tried to take a rise out of him by asking in which county he got the best wife in "Oh Spain" he said "Spain by all means" and the woman foolishly asked him why the Spanish women were better than any other "Well" he said "zee Spanish womens has got hairs on their pellics s' my finger long and as so-o-oft as silk and —"

But what was to follow I have no idea for there was such a burst of laughter as I have not heard for some time. The woman went outside and we could hear her laughing behind the whar. She came in

Thursday Nov. 11th 1875 (continued)

again in a short time & said that the German was the "Komikaest" man she ever saw

There was 5 of us besides the woman

Friday 12th Drove my 16 sheep home in 8 hours & 20 minutes & spelled 20 minutes at the rocks. Laughed nearly all the way home at the Old German

Saturday 13th Got up at Daylight and started for Napier to get a pair of Boots got in by 10 Am. got a pair of boots sent £6. to Sweden. Bought 8 books from Dinurddi came to Tara dale by the Coach. got my & rode right home before sundown. being the first time ever the journey to Town & back has been done in one day and it shall be the last for me if I have got my senses about me

Sunday 14th Feel very tired and sore I will never go to Town & back in a day again. I feel just as if I had had a good hammering. Lay in bed all day & walked to BH in the evening

Monday Nov: 15th 1875

The Mistakes were tried & so was I so we spelled all day, fixed some hooks on the sheep yard gates

Tuesday 16th Went to Muster the Cattle hill but Hagg made a mess of it by stopping in the wrong place, lost nearly all

Wednesday 17th Foggy morning, commenced to draft. Rain came on 10 am, and stopped us. Let the sheep out of yards at night

Thursday 18th Fine day finished drafting the yards work splendid and I walked to station in the evening

Friday 19th Mustered "Dispute" before breakfast and "Mid post" after, drafted wild sheep, cut lambs. Caswell & Baens came

Saturday 20th Commenced to shear Caswell went off and I never had time to have a conversation with him. Shepherds spelling on consideration that they go out tomorrow

Engaged Scott for another year at the same rate & novel reading prohibited during the winter months

Retrospect

Stopped 12 miles & called at times

June 1874

1st. Note Lemar Namihou Note

6th. Got a Bed-mate at Springfield

8th. Water Hallet 1st time

10th. Rule for Constructing a Trough &c

11th. Sheep Shorn at Milnes

14th. Thermometer 26° at Sunrise

21st. Examined Blowhard jugs for a Dray road

27th. Malley in the Horrors.. Cut his throat

29th. Found Solid wood 150 feet deep

July 1874

3rd. First mob of sheep via Mangawhau to Patea

" Now with Hollis

4th. Donnelly's men left all gates open

8th. Very dark slept at Shields

10th. Wrie "Man"

12th. £201. 9. 7 in hand. all debts paid

15th. Gann Tufuesen cut his foot

27th. Note re W. Vmross' Confidence in me

" Note re Fainting Lady

28th. Slept at Matapiro with W. Bray

August
September 1874

- 4th At Petene for pack horse
- " Up in the World, Burn & Lord Dear
- 9th With Mr. Hallett pegging of Koini Road
- 14th John Peyton brought 1st Horse day to Manja
- 18th Gained the day over Shield re Roads
- 22nd Trimming Shingles et seq
- " Letter from NDM.D. re Mare & Dog
- 29th Shifting Manja Woolshed
- 30th Earthquake

September 1874

- 1st Mr. Williams & Wana boundary
- 3rd Explored road down Otumauri
- 7th Objected Wana Boundary as flagged
- 8th At Marekakahe Pup to Duff
- 11th Mr. Burgess
- 13th Note re end of 1st year
- 22nd Sowed 10 acres of trees

October 1874

- 1st Let Wood Scouring to Butson
- " Hamilton Took the pledge & came back Drunk
- 4th Messrs Kinios & Saunces et seq
- 6th W.C. blown down
- 10th Met Mr. Downie
- 12th Heavy Gale
- 13th Exploring with Mr. Downie for Patea No. 4
- 14th Jones to get Horses from Mr. Kinios - Carey
- 15th Saw Quarry early on for the last time
- " Mr. George Bee of a Daughter
- 16th At Pakipaki, Saw Red soil 1st time
- 19th 2nd Horse dray (Joneses 1st) to Manja house
- 21st 12,530 paces from Manja house to BH gorge
- " Mr. Common (of Mary Common)
- 27th Mr. Bold et seq Exploring
- 28th Named "Bonnie Mary"
- 29th Compliment from Mr. Bold
- 30th & 31st Mr. Bold, Flask - Dry pease

November 1874

- 1st Patea Mail man Harry Midgway
4th First Mail through to Patea
9th Intended to have begun to muster
13th Limer for woolshed 25/- per 100 part
14th Saw Venus in broad daylight
15th Mayasconie & his Dogs
16 began to muster
20th Camped in Sturms Saddle

December 1874

- 4th Had Dinner with W. W. Colenso
8th Began to Shear with 3 Shearers
18th R. Craig had a Fit
23rd John Scott & "Miss" Scott
30th First Load of Wool went by Horse drays
31st Note

1875 January

- 2nd Snow gone off Kaweka
4th Parlour & Kitchen Chimneys blown down
9th Capt. McLean
10th Finger bit with Spiders 3/3/74 got very painful
11th W. Sturm & son. Phil met
16th Finished 1st Shearing 10.3/3
27th Bad Colic on Longfellow. Eternity
30th Photograph of Manjauhau taken

February 1875

- 14th Robert Doyall et seq
16th Donnelly's Sheep in paddock
18th Named "Macintosh"
25th Finished Shearing
28th Snow on to Kaweka
" Saw Philip Dolbel back from Europe

March 1875

- 1st Bought Mrs. N. Dolbel's Silk dress
" Saw Mrs. Luce & family 1st time
2, 3 & 4 Mr. Bold, Kennedy, Downie
5th Passage in Andrew Combes's ship
7th Earthquake, 9th Scotch cutting Thorpe
19th Walked to Wana and back
20th Dispute pork burned
21st Heterogeneousness
29th Laying off fence down Otakare with Shuld

April 1875

- 3rd John McDonald, Peddie & caught Fever at sea
10th Walked from BH to Kuripap & to Manga & Kilw 2 days
11th Milne & the Sheep he sheared
15th Very dry weather
25th Dispute Incline & Horse paddocks
24th Shuld sheared 308 of Manga Sheep

May 1875

- 7th Started for Whaka Election
9th et seq At Whaka - Kakaniki &c
14th & 15th at Arapawamui
23rd Drafting on Sunday
26th Sheep mixed again (for Drafting on Sunday)
27th Commenced Night-School for men

June 1875

- 1st Got Summons from Robt. Dugal
& Promised to get Ferns for Miss Goudy
(commenced to study Botany)
6th Stormy day (Church blown down in Napier)
10th Majickantun at Mr. Bold's &c
11th Dugal & Bagun (also 23rd inst)
16th Started to collect Ferns for Miss Goudy
26th Mr. Scott of a Daughter. (Highest Born in HB)
27th Mr. Howell & Mr. Goudy
30th Note re School

July 1875

- 1st Quotation
- 2^d Mrs Barnes Died. Caswell plans
- 4th "Cobbitts Advice" to Caswell
- 7th Meeting Peats very cold
- 14th John Caswells Load (rack horse)
- .. W. Common & P. Filhol
- 16th Wonderful place in Blowhard Bush
- 19th Thermometer 64° at 9pm outside
- 23^d Not enough level ground for yards
- 26th Ned O'Malley
- 27th Explored for Dray road & Blowhard
- 31st 8 Hours System tried & lec introduced

August - 1875

- 3^d Dr Carr, Miss Roberts (Mr Hollis)
- 5th Bold & Downin. Witnessed Will
- 7th Miss Le Centre & Miss Roberts
- 8th Came for a Love fit. 10th Wild Heifer
- 11th Dr Carrs Character of me. Peddie
- 14th Note. 17th Note 18th Note Cat. Birds
- 16th Began making New yards at Blowhard
- 21st Taking Bullocks dry & Blowhard

September
August 1875

- 1st letter from Mr Sturm. Janus £90
- 2^d & 3^d Mens Notices
- 6th Got £100 Price of wages from Mr Kimross
- .. Foster "Heat & Mode of Motion"
- 8th Moorehouse & Begg re yards
- 12 End of 2nd year. Note re £100 advance
- 17th Snow
- 27th Note re Friendship. New Taradale ^{road}
- 28th Finished the Blowhard yards
- 30th Sowing grass in Dispute pole. Opium

October 1875

- 3^d Astronomy & Navigation
- 4th Jas. Peacock shared
- 6th Moorehouse & Walker
- 11th very sick "Katie" foaled
- 12th Mr C D Voy. Mr Sturm
- 14th J B Hollis & Miss Roberts
- 16th Keep of a man. Magic Square
- 18th Note Mil Mass. 19th 24 people
- 20th Passing Shulds fence. 23^d Drosera
- 27th 1st Lectularia acanthia
- 30 Loader (31) & the Bull

November 1875

- 1st Intended to Start Mustyng School
- 4th Began Mustyng
- 6th By Blankets to Men
- 10th Willie Campbell
- 11 "My finger long & So soft as Silk"
- 12 drove sheep from Matapuio to Maya in 8 hours
- 13th To Napier & back in one day
- 18th F. L. yards at BTH works well
- 20th Began to shear