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July 12th 1872

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31st May
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July 1872

12th Note re Commencing Vol 3

15. Tea party at Bees. Collectm for D. Boyd

16th Held wheel plough for first time

18th To Kakaniki

21st Power made a Slashing Stew

23rd. Began making Salting trough. Skins

25th. Back to Mohaka

26 Carpentering at Manjiri et seq

.. 1st Head of the Provincial Bondy Keeping

31st f. Kakaniki

August 1872

2nd Measured from River to back of 2nd Bush

5th Stark Power & I to Mohaka

6th Decided to accept Provincial Bondy Keeping

7th Leased Kakaniki & sheep to George Bee

.. Got letter offering Manager Gwanas

8 & 9th f. Bee & Kakaniki

9th Saw 1st Aurora Australis

10th Started for Napier

August 1872 (continued)

- 12th Got into Town
13th Decided to go to Carlyons
15th Arrived Guaras 3 PM,
16th Note re Badly conducted Station
17th Missed Donnelly, Fearful Cold
19th Fearful Cold
23rd No satisfaction yet. Donnelly arrived
25th Dinner with Major
26th Doubtful whether I can stand it
27th Got some understanding
30th Took delivery of 115 ponies

September 1872

- 1st Heard Church of England Service pasture
21st 1st Goats in Blossom
22^d Blue Soap Bubbles instead of going to Prayers
26th Philip Dolbel Jored by a Bull

October 1872

- 1st Found & Lost Sheath Knife, Note re Curse
5th Earthquake
12th H Duff & K S Clarke
13th Saw Ghiblin Letter from K S C, & p D
16th 17th & 18th Show & Note
21st Saw N D. Douglass M Lean
31st Old M^r Master, Note

November 1872

- 1st Drafting at Howards
- 2nd Got Watch No. 32042. Arthur Burdon
- 8th Duffo Drafting 5th & 6th Heavy posts
- 11th Hunting ponies at Marakaka ho
- 17th Began Musting, Welly Puffed on Round Hill
- 21st Got Sheep into yards. Note Miserable lot
- 24th Told Major he had a Miserable lot of Sheep
- 25th began to shear, Short Handled

December 1872

- 1st Bees of Havelock
- 2nd A long ride looking for Mowing Machine
- 4th & 5th Ground white with frost
- 6 Mowing Machine broke
- 13th A Rams Boil burst in my face
- 17th Account of a fair average days work
- 19th Note re amt. of work & amt of money 9.92
- 21st Considered killing 6 Wethers as a spell
- 23rd Note re Cook, who Bolted
- 24th to 31st Notes re Retrospect

January 1873

- 1st No Satisfaction
- 7th Held 28 in Cribbage for the 2nd time
- 13th Ground White with frost
- 15th Wind blew Saddle round under Horse
- 21st Began Sheafing Mustu. Sheep ran lead
- 23rd Heavy frost. Sheep ran very lead
- 24th Sheep ran fearfully lead
- 25th Sheep ran D^m lead
- 27th Playing Cribbage with E & Carlson for money
- 29th Hard frost
- 30th play Crib. won 2/-

February 1873

- 4th Played Gussay the Conquer being won 3 games
- 5th Earthquakes (2) Rain at Sey Nain
- 9th Note re Shearing &c.
- 11th Frost.
- 13th Earthquake
- 23rd & 24th Paddock fences laid. Sheep getting out
- 27th The World 1000000 years Hence. Mr. Mawkin
- 28th Note re Sheep Inspections

March 1873

- 7th Commenced to Shear after 7 weeks Rain
- 10th Finished Shearing
- 13th With Mr. Duff. Keesu
- 15th " Cartmore & Bryson
- 16th W. T. Guinness in Texas
- 19th Ate Horseflesh 1st time
- 21st A Night with Angus Mr. Master
- 27th Got into a Row over Gussays Keys
- 31st Killed a Rat

April 1873

- 1st Gave dead rat to Maggie McLennan in a parcel
- 6th Major spoke first time for a week
- " Aikmans Wharf burned down
- 8th Started Subscription for Aikman
- 18th Saw Rainbow Complete circle
- 25th Entered Notice to Quit in Station Diary
- 26th Note re above, 27th do
- 28th In Town, tried to see Joe Vaint-home
- 29th Slept at Springfield
- 30th Bees of Havelock

May 1873

- 2nd Major wishing me to stop
- 8th Made my Will, Major offered me his room
- 9th Ploughing out Potatoes. Left at Williams ^{Keesu}
- 13th Note re Major wishing me to stay
- 15th Notes re Notice to Quit 16th ditto
- 18th Note re Maori Murders
- 22nd Race & footrot trough pointing West, sheep run ^{badly}
- 31st Note re Major wishing me to stop. Snow

June 1873

- 3rd Letter from R. D. McDougall
4th Others want me. & Note
5th Average weight of wool per sheep $4\frac{1}{4}$ lbs
12th had fences again
20th Had another offer of a place
25th Rum and Butter
29th Trunk enough down to split 50,000 posts
" Got into a Row with Gussy over the Cook
30th Another Row with Gussy

July 1873

- 2nd Note re Wishing me to stop
3rd Cooking for all hands
6th 16 Cooks in 10 months
7th Carey got a months notice. Did not leave
10th John Devern Missing. 11th Body found
14th Woods & Alic drunk by daylight
21st Earthquake & Snow
26th Measured Navine at Double crossing ^{Bridge} for
29th Beging of Great Spee et seq

August 1873

- 3rd Shed burned down
5th Gussy tries to fix the blame of Baring on me
6th 16 gallons of frog had been drunk
7th Slept at Howards
12th Measured Double crossing Navine for Bridge
14th Boot hurt my foot. Was carried
" My year expired
16th Tried to Poind Maori Horses
18th Mr. Atkinson of a Daughter
19th Gussy Clearing out the Majors Rubbish
21st Major came back from Town - 11 weeks away
22^d Started on a Moving Commission, Waiapu
23rd at Russells. Jollands &c
24th Saw The Farm, Newmans. Notes
25th Called at Eustace Fannins & Home
29th Note re Accounts. Slept at Condies
31st Got a Mug of Beer for Major for men

September 1873

4th Laid of ground for New Shed

" Pees & I killed a Bullat. in an Hour

Estimate of Cost of fencing

5th Slept at Giblins

6th do " Amahu

7th To Lowry. Saw W. Beamish 1st time

10th Left Guaro. Parting from Major

" Had Tea with Miss Holburn (now Mrs. Blyth)

11 Node to Naukawa. Saw Mr. McDryall

12th Node with Mr. M.D. to Mangawhau

13th Agreed to manage Manga. for \$45. less the culpr.

14th Slept at Spryfield

15th Signed agreement. bought Books &c &c

16th Went round by Maraekakoko home

18th To Nilnes rain all day

24th Old Korini cutting laid off by Turley

26th To Kurapapango & through the Run

30th Cut enough furrow for Shearing

October 1873

1st Began making Drayroad to Korini

3rd Note re Road work

12th Looking for Steers in Mangatutu

18th Milne Shield & Buckland's Horse bogged

19th Warren. To Naukawa

29th Finished Road note

31st Road through Whana

November 1873

1st Note re Catheralls Bill

5 N D M D. 6th P. pupu haur auroa

6th Slept at Dolbels

10th First Bullock day to Korini

11th Commenced to Muster

16th Bill Irwin in Sulks. Cox

20th On the Kawekas. Note

23rd Let the Woolsewin,

25th Began to Shear

December 1873

- 4th Docked & earmarked 180 Wild Sheep
8th N D M^d Came
11th Note re Learning
12th N D M^d Went home
18th Stopped a sheep from Kaho
22nd Finished Xth Shearing before Xmas
23rd Kitchen chimney blown down
24th Slept at Dolbels
25th Saw 1st Horse Race. Note re Hollis
26th Began X^m Muster peaks
29th Got sheep home just in time
31st George Bees Marriage
" Retrospect

1874 January

- 1st George Bees Marriage
3rd Finished 1st Shearing
6th In Town
11th W^o Warren went to Milnes
12th Began Strayling Muster
13th Grassed in my eye. Blindmans flat
15th Lay point
17th & 18th at Dolbels
20th 1st Load of Wool down to Korini
28th Earthquake
30th Letter from HMP Smith re Overseer

February 1874

- 1st 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hours without food. Burnt Hills Hill
- 3rd Docked over 100 Wild Sheep
- 4th Mr. & Mrs. McDougall & Miss Best
- 6th above all left. Note
- 7th Was glad Warren gave Notice
- " Matai Beer & Shielded
- 9th Saw Dr. Carswell for first time
- 10th at Delbels
- 11th at Norm fair Note re HMP Smith
on a Manjauhau Mr. Knows & c. & c.
- 14th Mr. Warren & Sugar
- 17th Peers & Maggie Married
- 19th Found the Warrens had burned 600 Sheep
- 21st Docked another 100 wild Sheep = 380
- " Shields & McDonald the Carpenter
- 23rd Mr. Milne of a Son
- 24th Note re footroted Sheep
- 25 finished 2nd Shearing, 26th Springfield
- 27th Parted with P.D. before going Home
- " R.D. McDougall

March 1874

- 1st Note on 30 Years from Home
- " Census of Manjauhau
- 3rd Bit with a Spider
- 4th Note re John McDonald
- 6th Settled with Warren
- 7th Donnellys footroted Sheep
- 10 & 11th D. Giblin & Wana dieing
- 14th 825 Sheep from Wana. 350 Shorn then
- " Far gate of Dispute Shifted
- 15th Pat. M. Mahon
- 17th At Springfield. 18th Dick Burke
- 19th Mr. & Mrs. McDougall came for good
- 20th Planted Greens behind the Kitchen
- 22nd Milne Sheared 333 Sheep without ~~cutting~~
- 28th Tupperen & Wife arrived
- 29th The McDougall left for Poverty Bay
- 31st Dispute sown with grass

April 1874

- 2nd Found Moa Remains top of Incline
5th to Puketitiri
7th Found Quartz Reef
17th Last Load of Wool down
18th Mr Dougall left Manawatu for good
" 19th at Dolbels
20th Head Mr D. had sold out from Manawatu
leaving me without an employer
21st Shipped with Mr Vinniss
25th Tod & Morrice, Dick Hollis
26th Got Carrull to help to muster
28th Began Mustering

May 1874

- 1st to 10th Mustering and drafting
10th Tod & Morrice
14th Sold Culls to Mr Tod. Note re Morrice
" Rain Rain Rain
16th To Puketitiri to Muster Rain Rain
20th Put melted Lead in Tin dish. Stuck
22nd Was on Top of Kalkaka range
30 Came home from Puketitiri
31st End of Diary
Retrospect

July 12th 1872

" 12th I commence this volume under very unpleasant circumstances, which is detailed in the retrospect of Vol². I live most of my time at the Block house at Mohaka and only go home occasionally for a day or two at a time. The Rumour that Te Kooti has gone to Mokau is now supposed to be only a blind, for him and Titokowaru to recruit their respective forces and make another raid somewhere or other. But whether I escape for the third time remains to be seen. I only wish to God I may. This is my Birthday and I thought it a good omen to commence a new volume with a new year. Spent the day mostly in knitting a sock for Mr. Starks child.

" 13th Knitting nearly all day

" 14th Sunday I Bee and his cousin Frank went off to Napier Milk

" 15th M There was a tea party at Mr. Bees in the evening. 14 Adults and 8

July 15th 1872
 Children sat down to tea, Dr. Boyd officiated, we spent a pleasant evening and 29. 12. 0 was collected for the Doctor
 " 16th Tu Nil. 17th W McBurney ploughed a Bee garden and I held a wheel plough for the first time
 " 18th Th Power and I rode to Moutana and got 5 1/2 lbs salt and 4 lbs tea then rode to Kakariki, got 15 fleeces wool
 " 19th F P & I Burned off scrub in Peiripaka
 " 20th S Killed a Boar 2nd Bush, washed a bag of wheat and burning scrub
 " 21st Sunday Power and I killed 4 pigs in Hinikini and 1st flat took 3 home skinned and salted them, Power made a storking stew
 " 22nd M Washing A.M. Power split a matai log for firewood, Both crossed Tawa off the ^{river} Road and carried staves from the P.M. Engraving Razors & B
 " 23rd W P & I commended to make a salting trough
 M. Stark came 2 P.M. he went Pigeon shooting
 " 24th Th Stark, Power and I Pigeon shooting and pig hunting, killed 7 pigeons and no pigs sheng
 " 25th Fr S. P. & I rode to Mohaka

July 26th F P & I carpentering at Rangiri
 1st Just heard of the Provincial Boundary
 " 27th S. Carpentering at Rangiri
 " 28th Sunday. Waiting for G. Bee
 " 29th M Rode with G. Bee to McRory
 " 30th Tu Carpentering at Rangiri
 " 31st W Waited for the Mail then Power and I rode to Kakariki
 " August 1st Th Killed a sow outside
 " 2nd Bush and burned scrub in Piripaka
 " 2nd F Measured from the River to the back of the 2nd Bush (7664) burn scrub
 " 3rd S Transplanted two Almond trees
 A two cherry trees and an Apple tree,
 " laid off a new paddock of 33 1/2 chains
 " 3rd M penning, burned scrub and planted ^{wait left me} Hoop
 " 4th Sunday, Power and I killed 3 pigs on 1st flat. Stark came about 2 P.M. and shot 6 pigeons. I washed and prepared to go to Mohaka
 " 5th M Stark Power & I rode to Mohaka got "wait" all night
 " 6th Tu Making a shade handle at Rangiri
 G. Bee came home from Napier he lost his

6. ^{My first} ~~can~~ came with W McKinnon, he brought
L a letter from the sheep inspector about
the Provincial Boundary, I will accept it
" 7th ~~th~~ Leased my sun and sheep to
George Bee, the Mail brought me another
L letter offering me a billet as Overseer on
Carlyon's Station to Samford like the Donkey
between the two bundles of hay
" 8th ~~th~~ G Bee and I rode to Kakariki and made
out an inventory of the goods and chattels at Kakariki
" 9th ~~th~~ G Bee and I rode to Puhaka and
drew out an agreement and otherwise pre-
paring to start for Napier tomorrow
" 10th ~~th~~ I saw the first Aurora Australis
" 10th ~~th~~ I started for Napier sat
N to McKinnon's
" 11th ~~th~~ Sunday Saw W Camble at
Tongoria and rode in to Reekers
stopped there all night
" 12th ~~th~~ M Crofted to town saw Jervis
N and Carlyon
" 13th ~~th~~ Decided to go to Carlyon's
" 14th ~~th~~ I visited business and look

out as far as Puhaka
" 15th ~~th~~ Arrived at Suwas about 3 P.M.
" 16th ~~th~~ I saw Major Carlyon, but he did not
decide about showing me over the place
went to look at the sheepwash and spent
rather a miserable day, my position is not
defined I am given nothing to do everything
seems to go on without order or system, 500
things commenced for one that is finished, food
appears to be poor and badly prepared. The men
appears to be quiet and civil
" 17th ~~th~~ I & Mr Donnelly and I was to ride over
the run but missing each other in the start
we never met all day, I went to the garden
where, down the winter range, cross country to
F Cashmores and home, terribly cold & frosty
" 18th ~~th~~ Sunday Walking about round the place
" 19th ~~th~~ M Rode right round the run with
Hickman, terrible cold weather
" 20th ~~th~~ In Rode with Hickman to V Whare
R flat, hung some flood gates, took some Rams
from wood paddock. A.M. rode round the
Hampton boundary P.M. had a long talk
with Major C. very cold 5

1872
August 21st M^r rode up the 600 acre flat
saw Woods and explored a creek for a
fence, found a sheep killed by the dogs
rode round the Boomer Paddock last
for pigs. Went to the top of Top Paddock
to listen for dogs Ad Buy broody fine
" 22nd Th Laying off a line of fencing in - creek
and laying off a dray road in creek saw Woods
and contracted with him ^{to} fence at £ 14 per mile
with 10/ extra for side cutting on. Broody fine
" 23rd Th Laying off and cutting (with Bagley)
Dray road in Upokoro creek, went
to Hampden, bought 1st Mole houses 10/6
dull cloudy day with slight showers
" 24th F Having a general examination in and about
the place, and one way or another I think I have
walked at least 30 Miles, shot a Turkey outside B^o
I have had a little more satisfaction this week
but I have not got delivery from Mr. Donely yet
Mr Donely arrived at dark brought a letter from K S C
" 25th Sunday, doing nothing much had dinner
with Major and A Carlyon, and a long talk
with A Melean, R Carey came back
from town

1872
August 26th M^r Look list of stores and tools from
Donely, but "am getting fearfully humbugged
I fully believe I cannot stand it much longer
My box arrived from Napier
" 27th Th Attending to Bacon. Inspecting
S. Sheeps for Foot Rot, got some under-
standing how I am to go on, wrote to
L K S Clarke
" 28th F Looking at Mangas mate hurdles
ordered 1,000 ft timber from Coshmore
went to Hampden see Mathews about
our sheep AM. Go to A W Leans P.M.
" 29th S Saw 9 Cordie Mr Peacock & others
drove one Steer & one Heifer to Gwaroa
" 30th F Taking delivery of and branding ¹¹⁵ Ponies
P a cold wet and disagreeable day
" 31st S Getting in, Branding and taking out
Ponies. Very cold showery.
Sept 1st Sunday Was all day writing
and making up accounts. Wrote to
S B and S D. had the Church of
England service read for the first
time. Cold but fine

Sept 23rd M Sowing grass seed in Coal Hole
 A between the Whore and the Bush in a line between
 T the Whore and Cashmores, Went to Cashmores
 and ordered 2,000 feet boards 9x1.16ft long dip trough
 " 24th Examining cutting near McLeans
 Rd Bridge. Measuring gradient at Boundary
 creek cutting AM. Examining stock yards
 B with Mr. Carlyon and killing a Bullock
 B 25th M cut up and salted 1/2 a Bullock inspected
 B R Wrigley's work in Long paddock. Heavy Rain PM
 " 26th M Went with Smith to Cashmores
 B with 23 lbs Beef then showing him the
 time when to lay post & wire, tried to lay
 F off fence but it got too dark got home 8 1/2 PM
 D Heard a rumor that P Dolbel and G Bee has
 1st got foned with a wild Bull at Mooka
 " 27th F With Major Carlyon Lay off Smith Boundary
 F R fence. Frosty. Cloudy Rain after dark
 " 28th S Unloading Austins hay, seeing to fixing
 F at Hampden line, to Hampden for mail. frosty
 " 29th Sunday Reading, Cold & Windy
 " 30th M Measuring ditch round Long Paddock
 " Burning Winter large Exploring for a
 F line of fence & hard frost 10

Oct 1st Tu Correcting fence on Smith Boundary
 Δ and through the Run by Coal hole, found
 my sheath knife which I lost last Friday
 and lost it again I believe there is a
 curse on it because I did not pay G Bee
 the full price of it by sixpence forty
 " 2nd W Seeing how the Bullock drivers
 Δ were doing and altering line of fence
 " 3rd Th Repairing spirit level and working
 at the dip trough Mangold, Town L Pak
 " 4th F Earmarking cattle and dip trough
 Potatoes Planted Long Paddock
 " 5th S Showing Bacon & Hops to two graziers in Coal hole
 R to Hampden for mail. Showery AM & steady Rain
 E PM. Night Earthquake at Mooka
 " 6th Sunday Wet Unusual Day Reading
 " 7th M Dip trough giving out stores etc
 " 8th Tu Put with a man killed by wild puss
 " and kept in Garden where it had frost -
 " 9th W Out on Run after dogs with Carey
 " 10th Th Dog hunting went to Duff forty
 " 11 F Examining Long Paddock Went to
 F Cashmores about a cheese & frosty
 " 12th S. Went to Duff's drafting, had a
 long talk with the Duff about

- 1872
 Oct 12th R.S.C. Left 22 wet Ewes. Frosty morn
 head the first Pipipiwharuroa
 " 13th Sunday Mustered Bobs & Short Padd
 turned the horses out of Short Pdd and Rams out
 off Wood Pdd had a yarn with Mother-in-law
 returned 3 Panes of glass. Mr. Kede in 2 cows
 from Super Room with Mr. Carey. Examined
 Diamond who gave birth to a dead foal. Saw
 Mr. Gillin for the first time. got a letter from
 R.S.C. containing a letter of introduction to
 Mr. Hugh Duff and got another letter from
 P.D.
 " 14th M Sheving Ross Deco where to make
 Sheppards and out on the Run fine
 " 15th M Repairing Bobs paddock fence
 seeing Carey and K. Kananoff with cattle
 to the Shear Davee very fine
 " 16th M Started with Mr. Gillin about
 noon with "Alspice" to the Show at
 Havelock. Saw Bill Hodgson back
 from Nelson
 " 17th M at the A.B. A.P. S Show
 saw R. Dolbel, Bennett, Sutherland

- And a great many of my old acquaintances.
 The Show being in my opinion
 a very great success. Very fine day
 spent the evening in Reynolds Hotel
 and I think spent the most harmless
 and jolly night that ever I remember
 doing it almost beat the day that
 Harry Allen and George Bee got weather
 bound at Takariki 2 or 3 years ago
 " 18th M Loading up Alspice from Havelock
 " 19th M Out on Run after dogs found all
 quiet; took delivery of 398 Ports and
 267 Rails from Woods Deco
 " 20th Sunday Drove cattle to the Super
 Boomer with Mr. Carey fine
 " 21st M Taking in and Examining Cots wools
 and Examining them with the Defence
 Minister Son Mr. Mustering Boomer M.
 " 22nd M Mustering and Docking Lined
 had in the yard 879 Sheep Docked 464
 " 23rd M Getting in Wethers from Bobs
 Pdd, etc. to the Coal Hole to Cashmere
 and through the Boomer & Super Boomer
 Frosty night fine day 13

1872

Oct 24th Assisting Edwards Wilkison and Luther
 and A.M. to McLeans with Mr. Carey P.M.
 for Bullocks spent a pleasant evening
 with A.M. Leann

" 25th & Brought home from A.M. Leann
 6 Bullocks for killing with Mr. Carey
 & killed a Bullock

" 26th Cutting up Bullock A.M. Out on
 the Run P.M. Fine

" 27th Sunday Steady cold rain A.M.
 cold and Cloud P.M. 9 P.M. freezing

" 28th M Drawing plan of Cowshed
 am. Started for Stokes Drafting bears
 it was not coming off. Went to Ham:
 F - splentose Dawn every hard frost

" 29th to the Long Paddock looking at
 Potatoes ground, looking for Gotata
 F for house blocks and went Stokes from

" 30th M Shewing Sutherland where to hang
 Jatin Drawing plan of Cowshed. rode
 to Stokes with "Diamond" along with
 Mr. Dapmly. Very windy

1872

Oct 31st to the Sawmill to the end
 line of fence, Saw the most extraordi-
 -nary man I ever met. a Mr. McMaster
 whom I first met in Napier on the 13th
 August 1872, as a fund of solid infor-
 -mation and an anecdote I have run on
 to come up to him. Met in the Middle
 creek with Peers and Cloud went Ed
 fishing caught 1 or 2 Trout in Rain

Nov 1st & Rode to Howards to draft: got 102
 Dry Sheep, left 1/4 wet ewes. came right home

" 2nd Erecting wool bins and preparing for
 for shearing. Skinned a peacock
 Got a new watch, by Arthur Burden
 London No 32042 Cased, and jewelled
 in holes and warranted for two years
 for £ 7. 15. 0. Got my wool returns
 which averaged 1/8 per lb Greasy.

" 3rd Sunday Reading and writing

" 4th M Separating sheep skins, talking to
 Maori about shearing to the Sawmill
 about timber accounts and to woods about fence

Nov 5th Tu Directing Men to make new
 Gallows, then rode to Marekakehe
 and to Ganga and slept there spent
 a pleasant evening with Hector Duff
 F Mr Roger and several others. Heavy frost
 " 6th W Saw Mr Smith about Boundary
 fence showed bullock drivers where to
 lay hurdles came through the Run and
 drove away the sheep from Coal hole gate
 F as they were crowding down too much Party
 " 7th Th Went to Shaks Drafting but could
 not bring the sheep away as the Inspector
 was not there. 5 1/2 PM. Started for the
 Kerem and slept with the Bullock drivers
 at at McGillins camp
 " 8th F Rode down to Hugh Duffs early in
 the morning got breakfast started
 with 18 sheep got more from Gilens
 paddock and drove all home
 " 9th S Clipping Sheep skins went
 Hampden and to McLays Drafting
 found a claw hammer
 " 10th Sunday lead with Wetting

Nov 11th 1872 Rode down with Mr. Carey to
 Maritakaho for Ponies and after trying all
 day we had to give up stopt all night a Battery
 " 12th Tu ^{Major went to Napier} Edwards and I drove home 3 ponies
 and Mr. Carey led one, home 1 PM. hot
 " 13th W Rode to Duffs here trying to get shares
 but altho Mr. Duff tried all he could failed to
 get them. Rode home again. Hot. Rainy 6 PM
 " 14th Th Rode to Melbourne trying for shares
 and in coming home I got foul of wire fences on
 the Ruataniwha plain and it rained hard
 got home at dark very wet & miserable
 " 15th F Killed a Bullock at M. Rode to H
 McLean 9 PM. Saw Mr Price on the road home
 Scotch Misty day Rainy night
 " 16th W Weighed 1/2 a Bullock for Cashmore rode to
 Mill., to Woods to Hampden to Glasgow and
 for Mail & Meaus. 9 PM
 " 17th Sunday Commenced mustering with
 Mr Carey and J. Atkinson had a very
 hard day through want of knowledge. "Nellie"
 pupped on the Round hill near the Kerem
 gate. 3 pups. about noon I killed them all

Nov 17th 1872

And at night after we come home we had another fine

" 18th M Mustering and was nearly beat the sheep would not move. Glass & his boy was going over the pun so I hired them both for the Muster got about 1/2 of the entire flock into the Boomer pen

" 19th In Mustering Charley & Pharagumbang

" 20th M Mustering Winter range and back country

" 21st M Mustered front padd, put the sheep into top padd Mustered Boomer padd. put sheep into short padd had 9,000 sheep in & 2,600 lambs and about as much as I have ever seen together had it not been for the kindness of my

neighbours shepherds viz: Andrew Clarke and Phillips we never would have got them into the yards fine hot

" 22nd & Docking, slight frost. fine

" 23rd finished docking

" 24th Sunday seeing and helping strangers off. told Major I never saw such a miserable
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Nov 24th 1872

flock of sheep as he has got. and that I had but very little heart to try to build on them. fine hot

" 25th M Commenced to shear with Maoris but owing to there being no one who understood the clasing of wool I had to do that and let the Maoris do as they liked which went greatly against my inclination

" 26th In Much the same as yesterday

" 27th M Could stand the Maoris no longer the way the shorn so I put Mr. Carey to the wool table and took to the floor myself and changed their style of shearing rather got stopped by a hour of rain

" 28th M Carey & I bought sheep in from the Boomer very early the Maoris all left to go to a Land court at Paki Paki

" 29th & Laying off a line of fence through the Super Boomer A.M. and to Matthews draff P.M. was late in getting home saw Mr Price

F Frosty but fine 19

November 30th 1872 Went to

Matthews Nocking got 150 sheep, brought them home and dipped them

Dec. 1st Sunday, I Pees and I Nipper 80 sheep and I started for Havelock 1 P.M. Got down at dark, went and introduced myself to the Bees of Havelock, saw a picture there that had an effect on me which I thought nothing in this world could affect me so, slept at McHardys

" 2nd M Rode to Nelsons to see his mowing machine, but he had sold it, advised me to go to Rhodes, did so, he could not show it me himself nor had any one to show it me so he advised me to go to Maney, I began to reckon what day in the month it was for it looked very like the 1st of April, ^{found it wasn't} so I rode to McMurrys, then to Maney's cottage at Meamer then to Paradise, went to Tiffens, saw a machine at work, driven by — Knight who gave me all the information he could, I then went to P. Kolbels who was

Monday Dec 2nd 1872

busy shearing, I remained 3 hours with him then rode to Maney's, but saw no machine there, came on to Battell's had tea and a bed for my horse and rode on home, got home 1 A.M. on 3rd

- " 3rd In Superintending sheavers, v, hot
" F 4th W do do Frosty morning, hot day
" 5th M Super^{int} sheavers branders, drafters & pressin^g
E The Ground was very white with frost blowing
" 6th I Super^{int} shearing, started mowing machine but on the 3rd round the driver struck the point of the track board shoe in a cabbage tree and broke the hinge shoe so it was done for
" 7th I attending shearing & branding 8 P.M.
" 8th Sunday Mr. Carey, Atkinson & I mowing Boomer Park did not put sheep into shed as the Maoris did not come
" 9th M Superintending shearing the woolpacks were all full at noon so we had to stop and go on mowing
" 10th In fitting in the new part of the mowing machine which was borrowed from Willwood

Tuesday Dec 16th 1872

And Koroing with Maoris until noon following the Mowing Machine to see that it was in working order P.M. and was very tired having been at work nearly night and day for a fortnight

" 11th M following Mowing Machine

" 12th M Drafting Rams, Put 163 into Hills P.M. and 104 into Short P.M. for Castration

" 13th M Castrated 104 Rams, and when making the incision ^{in one Ram} cut into a boil which burst and squirted up fair into my face, I do not think I ever was in such a mess before, but as luck would have it my mouth and eyes were shut

" 14th M Sharpening Machine Knives and seeing that the Machine was in working order bring muttons from Rol^d P.M. looking over house P.M. superintending haymakers

" 15th Sunday Settling with Cook & Car-
-enter A.M. Reading Burns Poems P.M.

" 16th M Superintending Mowing Machine Mowers haymakers, Stack builders and carpenter work

Tuesday Dec 17th 1872

Went to Long P.M. with Edwards and the Mowing Machine, started him to work, sharpened the knives, came home saws Cashmores bullock driver and gave him two sheep and a note for J. Wheat A.M. Went to see Edwards and the Machine, sharpened the knives went to Mowers, Horse Pater, assisted Sutherland to repair bullock drag and instructed him how to make stretchers, went to Georges P.M. to see haymakers and eaters, to the woolshed to help Aikman to shear the Cotswold Rams, by shore two and I shorn three, came to the house and had tea, gave Matthew 8 lbs flour and Miss Austin 2 lbs sugar and 10 lbs currants filled up Station Dairy, entered stone to differop air in then different Leagers, had a long conversation with Major C and wrote this page and turned in (the above being a fair average day)

After turning in Master C Barry, came
into my Room and we had a consultation
about getting Curtis Bullocks but no Arwen
So I turned out and had a consultation
with Major C, then went to the men
whom for the bullock driver found he
was courting hunted him up
had a consultation with him which
resulted in him ^{promising to} driving both the
Teams tomorrow, Came back to my
Room and turned in for the night

" 18th Mo Wet Morning so as Burns says

"The best laid schemes of mice and men

Sang aft a gley"

I tattooed 5 Cotswold Rams with
G1, G2, G3, G4, G5 on the left ear according
to the weight of their fleece. And
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 on the underside of their tail
according to the quality of their wool.

had 2 Men branding wool also, 2
making tarpaulins and bed ticks 2
carpenters and some Harney Mending
some shepherding and to keep them all
at work gave one day work 2 4

Thursday 19th Decr 1872

showed where to make getaway from
Garden to Geopok Started new horse
in the sack, saw to Mowers and hay-
=makers, Killed 2 Sheep A.M.

Had a note from Cashmore requiring
2 Sheep, went to Bobok for some
others came for mutton went again
to Bobok and altogether killed 6

Saw Rewi from Mohakai who has
been shearing at Stokes, wanted
him for Hay as it is really spoiling for
want of hands to gather it in

I often contrast my present life with
the times when I was shepherding
when I had £80 per an and a horse
found, or even £70 and no horse required
with my present life of hurry and bustle
from 4 A.M. to 9 P.M. is about my general
average of a days work (not during shearing
and hay making but always and my
£100 a year and find my dogs, Harney & Harney
= expase, I must really say I prefer the

Decr 19th 1872

former, and (unless something extraordinary turns up) I intend to try shepherding again for this work will never do there is, and never can be any order or system on the place, every thing is always in a Muddle never enough hands for the work going on therefore compelled to take men from jobs before they are finished therefore the remark I entered on my first day here stands good to the present time and I believe will stand good for an indifinite time I do not write the above after any unpleasuntness between Major G, and I but as the result of Matures Cogitations

" 20th Friday A very hot day was nearly walked off my feet walking from home to Long Path back again, to Scot Path from Mowers to hay makes from hay makes to horse rake and back again and over again

Saturday Decr 21st 1872

Much the same as yesterday only I had a spell while killing six Weathers very hot

Sunday Decr 22nd Another very hot day

Mr. Carey & I after breakfast went into the bush and read till dinner and directly we finished dinner went back again and read until it was time for him to get the Cows in then I came and wrote up Station and private diary

This is the first day of our new cook he certainly pleases me better than the last but nothing like Tom

6 PM. Made a discovery, New cook has bolted and left us without tea

Monday Decr 23rd Mr. Carey started for Napier ^{for another cook} I got up at 4 AM. after breakfast went to haymakers then went to Matthews in Long Path and drove the horse rake while he had dinner, came down and went to

Mowers in Iris Pdk, castrated
A Rams drafted out some wethers
and turned them into house Pdk
took out some grog to hay makers
visited to milk some cows with
lead cadders and killed the ~~Blind~~
Mass bullock after tea then visited
half a score young Ladies to ~~Armon~~
gave orders about their horses
wrote up Station and private ~~Clair~~
and - I think I had better turn in
Tuesday 24th. Went up to Long Paddock
to instruct men to cock hay, and tried
to get some new potatoes for Christmas
but could ^{find} none larger than Peas, went
to see a mob of ^{travelling} cattle belonging to the
Hon. D. McLean, they left one knocked
up well, branded O near ribs came
home to an if carter had been
cleaned out; found they had taken
the Bay to Mince scuit for Xmas
Buff, cleaned Larder, cut up Lamb

gave Bashmore mon 26 lbs beef and
gave Gilbert McLeod a piece of beef
some scuit, had Lunch, gave Mattie
some Beef, went to Geo Pdk saw men
coming from Long Pdk, turned back
with them, Went to see horse raker in
Iris Pdk, Went to long Pdk with Grog
to hay makers, came back to horse raker
explored the creek in Bobs Pdk to look
for water found some. came to stock
yard to see to milking, Got up at 3 AM
and sat a bullock before sunrise
Christmas Morning, Got up 5 AM, had
breakfast and came back to my room
feeling very lonely for I am just about as
lonely here to day as ever I was at Kakariki
on a Christmas day, I have one consolation
my life is safe (ie I have no dread of being
murdered) I have plenty to eat plenty to
drink but I have no company here
and I have no desire neither have I
power to go look for company, as I expect
a bullock dray to arrive sometime today

with Christmas stores and I must
remain to weigh and take delivery
of same. Got cheque of £2 for Woods & Co
gave Miss Austin 26 lbs Beef and D Mathin
one package of starch, hunted up the 2
boys to assist Maggie with Christmas
dinner. Wrote and read (till 10 AM) then
Master George came to me with a
Peacocks skin to cure with Assinice,
the Major gave me a bottle of Port
and Miss Alice gave me a nice cake
Mr Carey came home from Marakata
a heko (without a cook) just before dinner
Had dinner in the real old style of Roast
Beef & Plum pudding, after dinner tried
some (Rum & Tea) (Rum & Meat) Port wine
and port wine and water, but owing to
the excessive heat I still remained very
thirsty, Mr Carey and I tried to rest
in the bush but found it hotter than
the rooms, we then tried the grass ~~edges~~
but got driven in by a ~~thunder storm~~
which came on 3 PM, heat excessive

4 PM. Went and put Cotswolds into
woolshed and fed same, visited Mr
Carey to milk, had tea, came to my
room, had some Rum and milk, Mr
J Giblin and 4 other Gentlemen came into
my room had a ~~smoke~~ and a chat for an
hour, there has been a good drop of rain
fall, but now (6 PM) I think it is over
7 PM. Austin arrived with his day I
weighed and took delivery of the loading
4 cases wine, 1 case brandy 2 cases sundries 1 jar
spirits, 1 octane Sherry, 1 can vinegar, 1 box
sugar 1 box Raisins, 2 bundles wool cake, 100 lbs
Potatoes & 9 lbs Onions, Austin left here
after dark to go to Hampden, Mr Carey
and I played 3 games at cribbage he winning
one to my two, and finished up the day
with a night-cap, and on the whole I
have not spent such a very miserable
day after all altho before Mr Carey came
home I did not think much of it
I wonder where or how I will spend
next Christmas if I am alive 3!

Thursday Dec 26th 1872

Major C, desired ~~the men~~ me to tell the men to go to work. I did so, they all politely refused, with the exception of one, who went to work but gave a weeks notice. I did not do particularly much altho I knotted about till I was awfully tired, turned in early being Sunday as Mr Carey is away at War-finkerau

Friday 27th I turned the Beef found a good deal of it gone bad, I then went to the Long Paddock & Mr. was about 10 in the afternoon

The whole Christmas party went to the Horseshoe and had a picnic there was over 20 all told they came home at dark, I am never asked to go near them and I take very good care not to go near them except in the way of absolute business

The hay is getting too dry and I have no idea when I will be able to finish shearing

Saturday Dec 28th 1872

Arose rather late and rushed down to the kitchen with my trousers unbuttoned and into the presence of more than one young lady and was not aware of my mistake for some time after.

Turned the beef found a good deal more of it gone bad, picked out all the bad bits and buried them

Sharpened the Machine knives, went to Long Park to see Barley it will be fit to cut about Tuesday, saw about getting in a Wadder to kill

Sunday 29th Reading writing & ~~turned~~ the Beef more of it gone bad

Monday 30th Converting mowing machine into a shearing do., Yesterday the Major set fire to a log in the Long Paddock and today the Log set fire to the Grass and burned all the hay that two men had mowed for a week. The Major, all the swells and all the men put it out

Tuesday Dec 31st 1872

Attending to hay generally forking
same onto stack, went to Long Park
to see fire found it light

When I finished the last year
I had very little idea of being
here at the end of this one

When I finished last year I was
busy mustering at Moutaera
and had not the slightest idea of
leaving the Mohaka; until the 26th
of July when I heard of the
Provincial Boundary, and I was
glad of any loophole to get
out of from Kakaiake. As I
learned Kakaiake to G. Ben
and came to Napier in expectation
of taking the Boundary but
hearing of this plan (ie)
managing for Major Corlyon
at Guaranui, I was advised
to take it (by G. Peacock
Allan M^r Master and several

others) that I did take it
but have never had a satis-
-factory day at it and I do
not expect I ever shall for
there is always twice as much work
on hand as the men I am all-
-owed to have are able to do con-
-sequently there is 50 jobs always com-
-menced before one can be finished

And the Sheep I think the
less said about them the better
for I never did see such a lot
of crawlers, and of the 150 horses
I cannot get one of them for the
men to ride when they are doing
station work and I make this
entry now that (if things do not
change) I will not stay for another
year I would be better shepherding
at £60 per Annum than as I am

J. Balfour

1873

Wednesday January the First

I begin this year in rather unsatisfactory circumstances, simply because I have no satisfaction in any one thing that I do

loping up stack and throwing Barley off reaping machine fine cloudy

Thursday 2nd Throwing Barley off machine

Friday 3rd skinning horses in 3rd PM

Saturday 4th trying G & S Richardson's horse in the scuffler, held the scuffler all day it being just 20 years since I held one

Sunday 5th Reading & writing

Monday 6th Throwing Bats off machine AM and repairing three plates on to cartsaddle PM. Pull am. Steady rain from

Tuesday 7th trying to mend Bullock dry and doing odd jobs in carpenter shop

Steady rain all day. Mr. Carey & I played cribbage after dark and I held the extraordinary number of 28 being the 2nd time I have held same number

January 8th 1873

Wednesday carpentry & saddling steady
rain up to 5 1/2 PM when it suddenly cleared up into a fine evening then has been between 4 & 5 inches of rain fall

Thursday 9th went to Sawmills to settle accounts but the Mill book was at Napier. Rode round the flood gates found them all more or less damaged

Friday 10th Throwing Bats off machine and repairing same fine

Saturday 11th lifting and tying bats fine

Sunday 12th doing little or nothing

Monday 13th packing and nailing up moving machine in a box, killed 5 wethers and made a few hurdles, The ground was white with Frost this morning

Tuesday 14th Out looking round the fences getting in and killing wethers shearing

Wednesday Went Aorangi had a long talk with H W P Smith and Mr. Frayer. Terrible wind, in coming over a hill I had to dismount and the wind blew the saddle round under the horse

1873 Thursday Jan 10th

Repairing Bullock dray getting sheep from House padd Milling weather turning sheep out of short padd getting Ramstags out of Bobs padd drafting out weather examining steers for breaking in. Taking discriptions of wool going by drays giving out stores &c &c &c very windy

Friday 17th Killing Loading wool, popping a colt cleaning short & top pass trying to muster front padd but got stopped by rain

Saturday 18th Milling, Mustering. Front padd and killing a bullock, showing

Sunday 19th Rode over to the Mill and had a quiet chat with J Wheat-

Monday 20th Superintending the drying of hay &c. Taking delivery of about 1040 posts. and Mustering Boomer padd

Tuesday 21st commenced Mustering the pen for finishing shearing there was Mr Carey Mr & J A Carlyon Mr. Tabetau. Atkinson and myself, sheep Mustering had

1873 Wednesday 22nd Jan

Mustering, sheep running very bad. had a great row with Major C, about the boys Thursday 23rd Mustering, sheep running very bad

F the ground was white with frost. Morning

Friday 24th Mustering by the foot of the Waka-raras, sheep running awfully bad Rain 3^{pm}

Saturday 25th Mustering the winter range (found a new scrub, which even the Maoris do not know) Sheep Mustering and had got them into booms padd at sundown

Sunday 26th Major C and the whole party went off to Napier I went round the Boomer padd and to Hampden to see matters about flood gates, reading & writing. Showing

Monday 27th Mr. Carey, Atkinson, Duncan and I mustered the Super & Boomer padds and put the sheep in short padd Mr. Carey and I played cribbage with J A Carlyon and cash lost to him 1/6 out of 5 games ^{the first time I ever played for money}

Tuesday 28th Drafting horn from rough sheep

Scarlett's mare impounded

Wednesday 29th Jan: 1873

Drafting and measuring Smiths boundary fence. Very hard frosty night hot day

Thursday 30th Superintending Shearing and unloading Austins Wray. Played cribbage with M^r E. A. Parlyon and came off victorious by 7 at 5 per game, played until 2.20 A.M. Fine

Friday 31st Superintending Shearing fine

Saturday February 1st Superintending Shearing. Gave Pohuka 2/6, wrote to the Major. Gave Kawana 2/6 each 1/6

Sunday 2^d Sent Edwards to Waipukurau for "Diamond" gave him 2/6 he has not returned showy day sometimes heavy. Doctor Todd came from Waipawa he and I had dinner and spent the evening with E. A. Parlyon

Monday 3^d Wet day. Men pepping and picking wool. I looking after them. Got some fine locks from E. A. B. but night game Hotini 2/ Played cribbage with E. A. C. D. Todd. McBarry lost to D. Todd 2/6 but won the same sum from E. A. C.

Tuesday 4th Feby 1873

Another wet day men pepping & carpentry and saddlery I looked after them and drawing plans of Hutch barn. at night played E. A. C. the Conquering night as he is going tomorrow and Conquered him by **two Games** and as he is reckoned the crack player of Hawks Bay I do not think I did amiss. upon the whole, from first to last. I have beat him by **three Games**, Weather wet

Wednesday 5th. Another wet day showing Sutherland how to make a wooden wheel for a barrow, felt a slight shock of Earthquake at 6 A.M. and a heavier about 6.20 A.M.

Thursday 6th Superintending the removal of old cowshed and erection of balis in new one

Friday 7th Misting top path and drafting out rough sheep from shorn ones. Showy A.M. wet P.M. Saturday 8th An out & out steady wet day washed my table i.e. planed the top of it. making up accounts sharpening tools and otherwise trying to make the most of a bad bargain. creeks very high

1873 Sunday Feby 9th 1873

Another wet day altho' it tried to clear up two or three times it failed the Creek is higher than ever Mr. E. A. C. remembers to have seen them therefore we may expect to hear of heavy damages done on the Flats. I do not know when I will be able to finish Shearing but the worst of it is every one seems to think it was me that caused the shearing to be so late whereas the Major in the first place advised me to postpone the commencement for nearly a month. In the second place in the hay time I repeatedly told him I had not enough hands yet he persuaded me to try and do with what I had so I did do with what I had but it threw me 2 months behind. and now we have had a solid weeks rain and no sign whatever of it clearing up and here is Feby 9th I firmly believe we will not finish the wool till 31st March. Did finish 10th March JMB

Monday Feby 10th 1873

Another wet day, I sharpened and put away the Machine knives and did some carpentery work

Tuesday 11th Looking round flood gates found them all more or less damaged, Mustered E out Front port Frosty morn. Threaty rain

Wednesday 12th Mustered the Superboomer with Mr. Carey, went Woods where left a note for him, went to the Mill squared account with W. Wheat; Wet Morning

Thursday 13th took note of 24 bales of wool bound for Napier, Mustered home of wks drafted out Wethers, Banded hurdles ^{slight} Earthquake 9 1/2 P.M. ^{the} Showed John W. Triggs the Cowhouse ^{rain}

Friday 14th Helping John W. Triggs to erect 6 benches in the mens wharve and starting him to shingle the cowhouse, Rain rain forever

Saturday 15th Rode down to Capt. M. Leans looking at the Raads found them not so bad might have been expected. Dipped 236 Sheeps from Stokes. The first 24 hours without rain for a fortnight.

1873 Sunday Feby 16th

Sitman Reator & I mustered the Brown
Park, say Sam Vestas cloudy & threatening

Monday 17th Went to Burgess to see about
broken fence. did not see Burgess but
say Mater Bulby fillie B..., showing

Tuesday 18th The Maoris did not come according to
promise. I went to Ah Seano. got there had
lunch with A M L H M L. Cordie & Ah of stone
till 7 P.M. then rode home in fearful dark

Wednesday 19th Shifting sheep in home parks and
removing some cots. heavy rain from 3 to 7. ^{day} and drizzly

Thursday 20th Drafting & taking out sheep shifting
horses. Duncan Morrison left. showing

Friday 21st Clearing sheep out of home parks.

Drafting and putting linsters into Bonner wet

Saturday 22nd Went to see Woods & party hanging
flood gates. Reading Wet and Miralala

Sunday 23rd Gathered Apples & Peas. till
about 4 P.M. when the shepherd boy told me
that the sheep had leap out of top park the Mr
Carey & I mustered them into short park by dark
showing

1873 Monday Feby 24th

Mr Carey, Sitman and I drafted ~~the~~ sheep
and turned them into their respective
parks. I then went to see Woods & party
hanging flood gate at Bonner Park when
I beheld the sheep in the same predicament
as they were last night so we
had our fore noons work for nothing
I run them back into the top Park again
= all as they were

Tuesday 25th Getting in weather. Seeing fences
and devising further Carting

Wednesday 26th Getting sheep out of Super Bonner
seeing to be prepared now

Thursday 27th Mr Carey & I rode to Stokes
drafting, had a very interesting conversation
on the future state of man and the future state
of the world, 1000000 years hence
Saw Stokes new Manager, who turns
out to be no other than Andrew
Rankin from the Waitara road
home with Hugh McLean

Friday 28 February 1873

Went to Stokes drafting got 55 sheep but could not bring them home because there was no Inspector They wanted me badly to take them home but I did not see it for if every one was to be their own Inspector what would be the use of paying Government Inspector

Saturday March 1st Rode to A.M. Lewis drafting had dinner with A.M.L. & Condie W. Pencock & others measured a part of the road coming home. Rode with G. Burgess

Sunday 2nd Rode over to Bagdad, saw Mr & Mrs Burgess. Had a quantity of Peaches

Monday 3rd Dipped the sheep brought from McLeans. Laid off the D. Whinn cutting 10 chins & 5 links total quantity to be moved 1660 cubic yards. Measured G. Evans flat. Showy

Tuesday 4th With Carey & Atkinson mustered Super Boomer and drafted out Wethers in the 600 Acre flat yards. Went round Charlies range through Coal-hole and Bills & Wood Poles home Showy A.M. fine sun.

Wednesday March 5th 1873

Unloading & measuring timber and helping to cut two Bulls

Thursday 6th Mustering Top Polk drafting out the Run sheep from the Lecesters and the Rams from both and taking out Run sheep. Rams & Leisters commenced to shear at noon after being stopped since the first of February (nearly 7 weeks) by rain

Friday 7th Mustering Bills Polk and drafting out the Run sheep from the Rams & taking both lots out A.M. Then Hector McKae & I mustered the Boomer part P.M. fine Saturday 8th Supervising shearing & drafting and taking in & out sheep for as Atkinson is at Smiths drafting I have just got enough to do to do my own work and his. Weather fine

Sunday 9th Carey started down to meet the Major. I remained in my room all the forenoon watching 2 Hygrometers for one of them showed rain & the other doubtful. About 5 P.M. the Major & family arrived. filled the night news which held all but the strangers

went to see after Carpenter brought
a bottle of Whiskey that would kill
the H-C was mfring about with
Road Contractor all the morning
Friday 21st Found I could not go
with Mr Carey & Aikman to Muster
Super Bommer. ^{was} ^{was} all day talking
to Road Contractors in the afternoon
rode through Super Bommer and on to
Hamperden to Burgess saw E.B. saw
Lagers about Carpenter, and Matthews
about Road Contracts got some Rice
from Matthews, had a jolly night
with Angus McMaster

Saturday 22nd Sewing up tar-
-pan for drying wool on and
witnessing the Opening of tender
found that Ross was the most
likely who got it. P.M. talking
to Gairford about the account
between Stokes & Gwanas had
the Lister in the yards & tied
them into the front-park

was up to G.M. trying to
make out Stokes of
Sunday 23rd Putting room in work
order and trying to make up Stokes
of A.M. Rode with Mr Carey to Garden
Whan to see Woods to see if he knew
anything about Stokes of Got home
4 P.M. had tea, hunted Pigs till dark &
could not get them in

Monday 24th Went to Hamperden and to Stokes
drafting, found that Aikman had got out all
our sheep but we found three of them had
foot rot so I left them, went to Matthews &
Paines & home

Tuesday I Dillon & I went to Mr Kays yards
and sheared 42 sheep & left all for inspection

Wednesday 26th Trying to make out Stokes of

Thursday ^{27th} Sowing grass seed in the Coal hole
after coming home Miss Lillie came & asked
me for the key of Mr Careys room as her
sister Miss Alice wished to get some gum
out. I told her I could not give her the
key but I would give her out the gum

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and did so. About 1/2 an hour after Miss Lillie came & told me I had locked a cat in Mr C's room and I went to let the cat out when Major C got my back turned he snatched the key and said he would be obliged to me if I would leave the key over in the house I told him I had got the key from Mr Carlyon to keep "for" he said when he gave them to me "if I give them to Carey some one will weede them out of him but if I give them to you they will be safe"

I told the Major this and he said I was acting as his secret agent, he told me he would keep the key and if I did not like it I had better write to Mr C and tell him that he had got the key I said no I'd rather go myself & tell him. & he said "well then go"

and so the matter stands at present

Friday 28th After breakfast I saw the Major who was very affable and as I was

Friday March 28th 1873.

very busy trying to make out accounts & put things square for fear it might end in a dissolution. Was very busy all day until 5 P.M. making up &c & going out stores &c and then I asked him quietly what I should do about the keys and he was going to get angry but I told him I did not want him to get angry but to reason so he told me I had better write to Mr C and I got him to promise to write ^{to Mr C} also and he wrote in the Station Diary: - "Major Carlyon took the key out of the room in house belonging to Station occupied by E.A.C. when here whilst Mr Balfour was taking out cat Mr Balfour objected in a manner that would lead Major Carlyon to believe that he forgot he was Owner not Master of Geneva." and I wrote under it

Lute correct ^{which Major C picked out} D.P.B.

bought C's from H. McLean for £2. had several conversations with Mrs McLean told him I knew an instance of scaling the years of the ship

Saturday March 29th 1873

Went over to H. M. Lums to measure his
Δ fence. Saw Sam Vestas there had a
glass of Grog from H. M. L. then measured
the fence which is 169.26 long H. M. L. having
put up 60.37 & Gwavas 108.89. therefore
Gwavas having put up 48.52 more than H. M. L.

Got home about 3 P.M. saw Mr G & G
Richardson & Mr Byson. Killed 2 sheep for
the mill measure 2859 feet of timber, saw out
stones. Pulled gateposts together with a
Spanish windlass to the astonishment of
the bystanders. My hydra hygrometer
registered a difference of 42° last 24 hours being a
steady more of nearly 2° per hour for good weather
but it has taken a turn and I am afraid it will
rain. 11 P.M. it has stopped as well yet no rain

Sunday 30th Cleaned myself and my room
Gave out stones, writing and making
up a few letters with glass for Smith's bands
fence. Got a red thalia from Miss
and some red precept from Miss
for Peers crabs. Weather fine

Monday 31st March 1873.

Went to Coal hole took delivery of 677
and some blocks & braces, went to Sawmill coppice
mill books & made a new drag road into coal hole
about 9 P.M. M. Carey & I killed a rat in my
room & we made it up into a nice looking
pail to give to Maggie on the morrow to make
an April fool of her

Tuesday April 1st Gave the dead rat
to Maggie through the boy Hector, and
she took it as an affront and begged of
me to tell her who sent it. I told her
it was M. Carey & my self and that we
did it to make a fool of her, which pained
her & she had a good laugh at it

Mustered the Rams out of Bill's park & drafted
out some run sheep from there. Sold the Rams
to Matthews & fired up the gallows to kill a
bullock

Wednesday 2nd At Matthews drafting got 128
sheep but could not take them away without
the inspector. Killed a bullock wet-
m

Thursday April 3rd 1873

cutting up & salting 14th of Bullock and
giving Cotuoldas down out, Wasting wool.

Friday 4th Sowing grass at the horse shoe

and on the road to Cashmores & took delivery

of 451 Ports from H Wilson & Co weather fine

Saturday 5th Road down to to W McLeans wharf

got only 6 sheep there. Went to Smiths

Saw Mr. Donnelly told Mr Bondie how

I was treated about Mr S & Co keys Friday

Sunday 6th The Major spoke to me for the

first time for a week. took 173 lbs

of wine to Burges and up to the mill for

a bag of sugar. Atkinsons when

got turned down about 4 P.M. &

he lost every thing he had & came

over to the station

Monday 7th Repairing shears when for

Atkinsons

Tuesday 8th Same as yesterday started a

subscription for Atkinsons & got 29 in

about an hour

Wednesday April 9th 1873

Went to Coal hole taking delivery of ports

and went to the mill got £10 for Atkinsons in

about 10 minutes got £2.10 from Old Wood &

party & £3.13 from other parties. Tried to

lay off a fence from A.B. to Wakarara got

home after dark & went to meet Atkinsons

who was coming home from Smiths with

sheep got home 10 P.M. Bishop's party

stayed all night with travelling sheep

got £1 from them

Thursday 10th Killed a wether using cattle

out of Geo Pth dipping sheep from Smiths &

repairing shears when

Friday 11th Good Friday a holiday went

with Atkinsons to the ruins of his when

to get what things the fire had left him

which was not much while about the

ruins my mind could not help going back

to the ruins of Mohaka yesterday and after

unconsciously I would lift my head to see

that no Hawtans were near. Showy P.M.

Saturday 12th April 1873

A most & miserable day tiddling about the Carpenter shop. Drawing plans of stable making up &c & writing

Sunday 13th Giving out stores & reading

Monday 14th Mustering & Drafting heifers

Tuesday Went to H M Leans with Drafting

notice & to Matthews to get sheep away saw Inspector but could not get sheep away

Wednesday Mustering got home early

Thursday Mustering got home very late, Atkin did not come home at all

Friday Mustering saw Circular Rainbow

Saturday 19th Milking & Mustering

Sunday Mustering paddocks

Monday 21st took all the sheep to the yards & Drafting

Tuesday Drafting. Wednesday Drafting

Thursday Drafting Friday 25th in the

morning for the first time for 8 years laid sheep to gether for Kame. went to Mill

and entered my notice to quit in the

Station diary. rather wet & miserable day

Saturday April 26th 1873

An out-^{the hyde by gromer registers 42 degrees of wet}-out wet day a real Black Nov. Easter, tried $\$$ in the morning but could not suc-

-ceed. It is just possible I may but very doubtful

I was nearly all day making up account, clipped some wool. Got a cheque from Major £25-0-0

and entered £19..15..0 as a donation for Atkinman

Yesterday I entered in the Station diary my notice to quit; under deliberate consideration for from first to last I have had but very little satisfaction on this place, the division of property is my main stumbling-block but equal to that is the sheep which is madness to try to rear on this place, Why any one might as well try to rear English sheep on the barren Tampo plains as to try to get them to any thing like perfection on this place, because English sheep will not travel for their living they will only thrive where their food is brought to them, & they never ought to be tried unless the land could carry at least three of them to the acre. And when I look back over this volume and see the number & variation

April 26th / 1873

of the things I have to attend to it seems almost impossible that one man can attend to all, and another thing is the quiet interference of Major Pinto the working of the men as for instance in the beginning of April i.e. 1st & 2nd I put all the hands I could to wash the wool to have done with it; and they had it all finished but two days work, when he wrote in the Diary

"I consider 1 man with boy should do as much wool washing as has been done on any day here & wish Sutherland & Hector when weather permits to be put exclusively to this. The consequence was I had to take the others from the wool and never to leave more than 1 man & 1 boy at it - so that it is not finished yet. And I can very easily see how it would take 1 man & 1 boy 3 weeks to do what 3 men & a boy could do in two days but I doubt much if Major C could see it, the above being only a few of the difficulties I have to contend with but any one of them would be sufficient to cause me to look out for partners new

Sunday April 27th / 1873 Noon

The rain seems over & I will go as far as Auckland or Elmi on my way to Napier. I think it will be more honorable to tell the Major that I intend to leave before I go to Town for fear I might get offer of some other place there when I make it known that I will leave. Left for Napier 2 P.M. without telling the Major 2 P.M.

5 P.M. I did tell him just as I was going away. He felt rather surprised and talked kindly to me promising to remedy any objectionable thing, such as giving me one of his own rooms to live in, but I told him to consider as I had given him 3 weeks more notice than was required, but at the same time I declined to stay under any circumstances; and went on, looked over the road with B. Dillon and went to Doublecrossing and went in to it. But "Captain" got into some quick sand or something that made him plunge and lose his footing and I had the Mokoia exploit in my mind and turned back, I then

April 27th 1873

tried to get on to D McLeans Run, I pulled two staples so that the horse could jump over the wires & then rode round the jet to the place, but I found I could not get to it for swamps & had, very reluctantly to turn back. Got home right enough, saw the Major but he did not seem to my leaving and I did not

Monday Ap 28th Left Owaras early, the roads were heavy, got down to west Elim when rain came on got "Captain" shod during the rain & then rode into town at dusk, saw Old Joe Vant, he was that Egis I had to see him home

Tuesday 29th Was very busy doing business both for myself & station up to 12 A.M. saw George Bee just & sent had my likenesses taken rode out to Meance to see Bullock & Mitchell could see neither. Went to Springfield & slept there had a pleasant night with P.D. gave him a £20 cheque to get me 4 acres of land Back of 2 Bush Kakariki, saw J. Lines & G. Dugan

Wednesday April 30th 1873

Left Springfield and saw Bullock & Mitchell, & Merritt & others with whom I had business & got to Hanlock 3 1/2 PM.

I could have come on to Mareakoko but with E. Bee being there I thought I would stop the afternoon, and did so went to Bee saw Mrs. Sutherland and another remarkably

young Mother a Widow. Spent a very pleasant evening, saw a picture there which moved me considerably, and I firmly believe it is a good job for me I left Meakoko when I did or else if I had stopped I would have now been a ^{either} husband or a rejected lover, but still I got my mind eased a great deal by what E. Bee told me

Went back to Mr. Harveys and saw Phillips from Kerere and finished up the evening very comfortably, turned in about 11 1/2 PM.

Thursday May 1st Intended to have left Hanlock very early and to get to Cathall for breakfast but a I had the chance of

Thursday May 2^d 1873

Phillips company I remained for breakfast at Mr Harveys, then Phillips & I rode on got to Condiss for dinner, took cart to deliver about 2500 posts for Condiss on to Main Road. Inspected Koo Metattip on Capt. McLeans flat; came on saw the other Road Parties as I passed, got home just at dusk, after paying about £200 through my hands in very small sums had a pretty pleasant trip on the whole only that Picture sticks on my mind like was to a Bee leg

Friday 2^d Wet Showery Morning, cleared about 9 AM. rode to Gows & then to Forest Gate, had a long talk with Mrs Bain & came back by 8 PM. called at Matthews & got 2 more ^{making} balls together, had a long talk with Major about leaving

Saturday 3^d Laying off Hospital Park in the forenoon & unloading Austons day making out of & going out stones P.M. I firmly believe I had no counter.

Saturday May 3^d 1873

= vibrant that picture would undo me yet, but time will surely efface it, ^{the original} from my mind

Sunday 4th ~~made~~ ^{made} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~morning~~ ^{morning} making ready and drew out a rough copy of my Will

Monday 5th Went down to 2nd bridge to Meame 1st for files AM. to the Mill to order the stuff PM. Rainy in the evening

Tuesday 6th Laying off Hospital Park road boring ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Tuesday} taking levels in the Goowas flat

found it feet 11 feet from the road to creek bank a distance of 500 yards and killed 2 Pigs caught them with "Warwick"

Wednesday 7th helping Atkinson to take some Lucifers out of Boomer Park cutting up the pigs and helping Aurtherland to hang flood gates at Boomer crossing

Thursday 8th Wet day, Made my Will had it witnessed by R. O. E. Carey and Harry Wilson Made up the Shups accounts for the Year AM. Major came over after me and gave me the use of his dining room

Thursday 8th May 1873

to make up my accounts in with the boy
to light the fire & keep it going, went over
to it 3 P.M.

Friday 9th ploughing out potatoes it being
just about 20 years since I last held a
swing plough but after all I did not make
very bad work. Went to Giblin's in
the evening and spent a pleasant evening
with Mr. Nelson, Mr. Wallace & Mr. Giblin.

Saturday 10th Went with Mr. Giblin
to see some fat cattle but we could
not deal he wanting too much for them.
Went and explored the Devils Gully
for a line of fence found it not
so bad as it was represented to be
got home again just before dark frosty.

Sunday 11th Was all day hunting for
two steers that I bought from
Fletcher 16th April did not find them.

Monday 12th Mr. Carey found the two
steers in Austin's team, I helped
butcher him to hang huddles on stoves

Monday 12th May 1873

Boundary creek Am. went to potatoe
diggers & came home, got lunch rode
up to ~~Mathews~~ Mathews wharf with a parcel
and to the other side of House park for
Carey's stock whip. then helped Carey
& Skerman to hire in a steer to kill
got him in & killed him had tea
filled up Diaries & made rough copy
of Sheep Returns

Tuesday 13th Got in my horse from House-
park, had a long talk with the Major
about my going away his talk almost
melted my heart, but when I bear in mind
that I never have been comfortable or
approaching to comfort ever since I came
here, I cannot see that his kind treatment
now will compensate for my 9 months
misery, his promises I must admit are
very fair, but still I cannot see it,
because he has so much power to annoy
me if he likes & he just knows how to do
it too. Rode to the sawmill

Tuesday 13th May 1873
to see Scarrott, but he was not there
came to ship-pannell found it had been left
open by Mr Dougalls drivers, rode back to lay
information then went to Coalhole found
Jack pers stuck in the mud saw him
get out; rectified a misunderstanding
with Wilson & Co posts, came home, had
lunch, helped Mr Carey to bail up a young
cow, split up bullocks head, made up
Wilson & Co's ac. filled up sheep returns
and other writing

Wednesday 14th Sam Perty came from the
Mill for meat I gave him 70lbs cut down
bullock & cut up 1/2 of it; went and assisted
Carey to cut 2 calves, showed Matthew how to
fix temporary wool washing apparatus, selected
2 oxen for Russell, weighed 1/2 a bullock for Bryson
had dinner with Bryson & Scarrott, weighed a
great many things to go with Austins day &
took description of wool bales going
to Napier

Thursday May 15th 1873
This is the day on which I ought to
have given notice, but some time
ago I wrote in the Station Diary:-
"Balfour begs to give the stipulated
three months notice to leave"

and the Major wrote under it:-
"Major Carlyon wishes Mr. Balfour to
reconsider this notice he is prepared to
alter the agreement in regard to the
length & time of such notice or in any
other respect - which on consideration
may be deemed reasonable"

Under which I wrote:- "Balfour
begs to acknowledge the reasonableness
of Major Carlyons proposition but
at the same time declines to remain".
He seemed to take no notice of it

I was making crush nearly all day
Friday 16th Went early to the Coalhole
to see Wilson & Co then went to the
Mill & copied the Mill books, came
home & made out H M Leans ac

and went to his place and rendered
it, and at night the Major came
to me in the study and told me he
had noticed what I had written
in the Diary, and wished me very
much to stay if only until after shearing
and if I were to leave after shearing
he would give me more than $\frac{1}{2}$ a
year's salary or if I should see another
place that I should like to go to
he would let me go Even in middle
of shearing, almost too good a prom-
ise to be relied on, I told him I had
no intention of staying beyond ~~my~~
the expiration of my term

Saturday 17th Picked up potatoes
all day to finish them finished
just at dark having got 60 bags
against 28 last year

Sunday 18th Writing and attending to
wool A.M. rode over to Handpicks
in the afternoon called at Methuen

I got 3 more leaving 3 to come sent
to Parkinsons, A Inglis saw Mrs & Mr
H McLean then came home tried to
cut of no use I am afraid I will
have to give in, Wrote to G Bee
K.S. C & G Farrow, there seems to
be a good bit of excitement about
AA Sulivans Murder at the Waitkato
but I think it will not end in war
as a good many predict, it is very
likely the murderers will be allowed
to escape as Todds & Whittleys are
at present, but it is really too
bad for if they are allowed to
escape like this there will be
no end to those murders
and soon no one will be safe
altho there is not the remotest danger
here, says foot rot in top P.M.
Monday 19th Getting in and drafting &
dipping the Lincasters finished late

Tuesday May 20th 1873
Sitman and I mustered
the Boomer pack & got the
sheep in at noon & comm-
enced to dip them in the
afternoon but they ran very
bad. dipped about 800, Carey
came back from Napier &
brought word that Mrs Mansfield
will have to go down with the
carriage but no boots or men

Wednesday 21st Dipping and the
sheep run so very bad that I cut
off one side of the diamond, put the
matron & I did it in 1 1/4 hours & made
up the time we lost in 1 hour after
it was done

Thursday 22nd Dipping, the
sheep being very bad. The
generally run better after the
sun goes down but tonight
I think they ran worse
Sitman & I took them out after
dark

* The Dip pointed West

Friday May 23rd 1873
Dipping all day
Saturday 24th Finished dipping about
10 AM. I then went & refitted sheep pens
in George & Long park AM. & killed a
pig and was to catch two other & one of
them died with fright

Sunday 25th Covering a lot of books
that I bought when in Napier last
& spent the evening with Master George
Peter Burke jun & Jack Giblin in the
dining room Very Frosty

Monday 26th Tried to sell the cull
lives & wethers to Mr Burnett but
we could not come to terms, put in
3 panes of Glasgow Mathies windows
and helped with the chimney & the frame

Tuesday 27th Rode down the Road with Sterling
to Capt. McLennan's Measured and passed
I Roe's Metallizing and Rode home again with
Sterling & I Roe examined road for Culverts

Wednesday 28th Drafting cutting & branding cattle

Thursday 29th Drafting, cutting and branding cattle
"Nellie" lined by "Wate"

Friday May 30th 1873

Bode first thing to Hampden for Spike Nails for Culverts, saw Mr May come home & helped Sutherland & Peers to load ^{wethers} got in Wethers for Mr Burnett & sold him 200 for 7 each killed 4. Went out to Bills paddock to shoot a Turkey but could see none, got home at dark. The Major was on to me again to try to get me to stop and says as the Carpenter has arrived and is to commence on Monday that he had better build me a cottage the first thing, but I cannot resist he is certainly very kind to me.

The Wakarara was white with snow this morning and it was a bitter cold day for them that had no work to do

Saturday 31st Drafting wethers for Mr Burnett & sold him 200 @ 7/ ^{clinking the above wethers} per head, & cutting & branding calves cots and wethers see a tem with very heavy wind during the night

June 1st 1873

Sunday Selling accounts with O Dillon, & humberging about all day

Monday 2nd Showing Felton the ins & outs of the stable drafting & dipping old ones, turned the best of them on to sun again and kept the worst for boiling down, fine. very windy

Tuesday 3rd Drafting dipping for foot-rot & built the first tier of bricks on to Matthews Chimney. Had dinner with E.A.C. Got a letter from R. D. MacDougall asking if I was open for an engagement - as Overman

Wednesday 4th Was drafting & humberging about all the forenoon but got away with Burnetts sheep about 11 AM. Got down to Maraekakaho about 7 PM. Spent a very pleasant evening with Mr Burnett and Mr Bondie. The latter is very keen to get hold of me almost by any means, he tells me not be afraid!

Major & family
went to Napier
with Aug 21

Wednesday June 4th 1873

Not yet in a hurry, as he wants me for wool-clipping next shearing & wants to recommend me to the Hon^{ble} the Defence Minister as Manager of the Akates Station, but tells ^{also} me that H. W. P. Smith wants to get hold of me to manage Carangi, so all this coming after McDougalls letter & and the four others that wanted to get hold of me while in Napier almost turns my head for I cannot see what there is in me to make people run after me in this way. I have no idea when it is going to end for the Major will never let me go, unless I fairly kick up a row with him which I do not want to do.

Thursday 5th Gave Burnett delivery of 403 sheep on the road at Mōraekākā. Then came home, went to see the Carpenters & the Brick layers

Thursday June 5th 1873

and gave instructions to both parties had a yarn with E. A. C. which ended in me catching both the pigs that were running outside destroying the paddock.

Had a good deal of making up of books after coming home, it is surprising what book work accumulates in two days if I am away. Made a calculation of the Ewans wool and found that the sheep just averaged 4 lbs 4 oz each, ^{in grease} a very poor average for civilized country like this.

Friday 6th Went to the Coal-hole to take delivery of Wilsons Posts, came home again and made out Wilsons a/c & wrote a letter to the Major, when the Mail came, I received a letter from Mr. Bearnish about the posts, & after the Rams from the old ewes & clipped them. Got a letter from Major giving me work enough to do for the next three weeks, went to work at about 9 P.M.

Saturday 7th June 1873

Making up a few accounts & then helped Sutherland to put a band round the Mens whare chimney A.M. and knocking about with the Carpenters P.M. and reading papers and writing out the Greek Alphabet for Mr. Carey A.D. Showy wet.

Mrs. G. Mansfield
left 10.40 A.M.

Sunday 8th tried to light a fire in the Clerks office but the wind is the wrong way and the smoke drove me clean out of it Mr. Giblin came during the day spent a pleasant evening in Mr. E.A.C. rooms. Light showers

Monday 9th. Cut up sheep for Mrs. Mattinson, went to cowshed to instruct Sutherland, helped Six-man to draft out 7 wethers to kill went to Carpenter to get order for what timber he wanted, went road to see A. Roe about Metallurgy and to P. Dillon found Geatney was on the spec with P. Dillon at Hampden came home to dinner

Monday 9th June 1873

after dinner shewed Woods & Hick how to alter the Stocking and helped Sutherland to hang doors, then counted what shingles we had in store. H.M. Loan came to settle station accounts, we made them out but did not settle them

Soldered E.A.C. bath, dressed & had dinner with Mr. Giblin Dr. Tod & Mr. Carey, then made up station diary and wrote letter to Major & while writing Mr. Burnett came with a letter from the Major, then I had to make up a lot of Road accounts, tried to open a safe in house for Mrs. Mattinson, made up Mail bag & Mail bill, had a night cap and turned in at 10 1/2 P.M. trying very hard Tuesday 10th Getting in the Boomer & the sheep and Mustering paper Boomer got home about 4 P.M. thought about coming to dip but it was nearly dark before I got things into working order

Wednesday 11th June 1873

Dipping the Ewes all day

Thursday 12th Put the ewes we had dipped into the alley last night & this morning found they had gone out through the Garden Pots into George Park & mired with the foot-rotted wethers which caused ~~us to dip~~ ^{them} all all over again. Dipping all day

Weather very frosty but fine

Friday 13th Atkinson & I dipping all day finished about 3 P.M. the two of us had drafted & dipped about 12,000 sheep in these days. Frosty

Saturday 14th Atkinson & I took heifer care to cut a Bull then we took in the Rams & Masses and drafted them into five different mobs. dipped each ~~mob~~ separately. Atkinson took all the mobs out & I killed Madeline with the help of Carey & Mathewson

had long talk with A. Roe in the morning about his Metallurgy had C.A.C. advice on the subject found Roe in fault. Roe stopped working at the Metall

Sunday 15th June 1873

Turned in at 2.30 A.M. after losing 3/6 to E.A.C. at Brillage, turned out again at 6 A.M. caught two pigs with "Warwick" cut shoulder off Cow for dinner Made out Road timber account; tried to read newspaper when E.A.C. came and took me off to show me his new Carriage road through the Orchard, while we were looking about "tarums" went after a Turkey and E.A.C. could not stop him until he killed it. Came up to the house and got a letter ^{from Major} which had been brought by Mr. Baynes in my absence he wants more account made out.

had dinner with E.A.C. — Atkinson went to Hampden & got 2 others making the full amount, just finished my lubrications L.E.S.

Monday 16th Went to new stable to help the Carpenter to shift some large pieces of timber, had a consultation

Monday June 16th 1873

with a stranger about erecting the Hospital gate offered him £12.10. per Mill which he declined, cut up the Cow, weighed $\frac{1}{2}$ for Bryson & cut up & salted the other $\frac{1}{2}$, took down the wool-lins in the woolshed, brought in the footrotted sheep and dipped them & turned them into top part, and finished the day making up account, but after dark wrote to the Major, and made up mail bills

Tuesday 17th Caught my horse with the intention of going to the Mill met Mr Bryson at the house part Gate and turned back with him made up timber etc with him & had lunch rode to the double crossing with him. and measured the gully to see about a bridge found it practicable but expensive then rode to the burned bridge

Tuesday 17th 1873

to show him what sort of a culvert would be required for it, came back, saw Ben Clarke up for steamer, put ship out of Long part saw road men

Wednesday 18th Atkin and I got in the tinctor & dipped them at night played with C.A.C. & Cony won two shillings off each of them neither of them winning anything went to bed 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Very Frosty

Thursday 19th Helping Mathew & Hector to take in Pat Stock saw a man about Road work but could do nothing with him, at tea Sutherland kicked up a great row because there was no sugar, was very annoying as it was only Mrs Mathew who was cooking

Friday 20th Writing to the Major first thing and helped to take in the last of the stock

June 20th 1873, Friday

Daniel & Morris came over & I made out his & Summerfields account filled up a voucher for the money & sent it off via Waipawa per Carey, went & inspected the improvements at the stockyard with W.E.C., then went to the sheep yards and assisted Airman to draft out some wethers from a few Leicesters that he and McKay got in together, took the Leisters out. Came home opened the mail bag. Got letter from a sheep farmer offering me £100 per annum as Currier for him, a letter from E. Sec and another from the Major, sold a sheep to C. Dillon had dinner with E.A.C. & G.E.C., tried to persuade C. Dillon to stop on for a little longer. Harry Wilson commenced to cook this morning & his mate to knock about but I hope the Major will send me a cook for I want Harry & his mate badly to split.

Saturday June 21st 1873

Went to New Stable to help Carpenter to lift part of frame, rode one of the Cotswold rams from the yards to the house, made out J. Dillons account & settled with him, then Airman & I rode out to back of pen & tried to lay off winter range ~~part~~ and although we were all the after-noon at it it is no farther advanced than it was before. Got home 7 1/2 p.m. Got letter from Major. Saw Mr. Giblin & A.M. Lean. ~~fine~~
Sunday June 22^d reading & lounging about all day. Nothing happening worth note except a lapsis lingua I made to Mr. A.M. Lean, showy Am. cloudy P.M. prod.
Monday wrote a letter to the Major early to send down by Hector who is going down by his brother went to New Stable to help Carpenter to lift part of the frame. came up and made & nailed up 16 flesh hooks to hang bacon on in the kitchen helped Carey to bail up

Monday June 23^d 1873

a heifer, helped Peers to grease his
dray, & took of, straightened & put on the
guards of the bullock dray then
wrote a letter to the Major, was very
bad with a cold

Tuesday 24th Had long talk with Matthews
about our sheep that he has got. H.M.L.

came for a few sheep that I got out of
the hunters & I settled accounts with
him except the Fence & stacking
timber and waiting for Stokes old
cook who promised to come over

I but did not. Got £3.15.6 from H.M.L.

Wednesday 25th Showing Ingle where to
plough first. Noticed an error in the
timber book, and in running over a
few of the items found several wrong
so as the day was very cold & I very
bad with a cold I lighted a fire
in the masey and made up all the
timber dray notes. Got a bottle
of Rum from Master George to

tate hot going to bed to get a
sweat, and did get up a beautiful
sweat but, alas! the hot Rum
acted as a purgative and I had
to get up out of my sweat bath
and run for it, so I was literally
placed between a sh-t & a sweat
and it was a fearful cold frosty night
and then it did not do the cold any
good Cold frosty weather

Thursday 26th, Making sheep gallows in
the woodshed & laying floor of the
cowshed & starting Woods & Slick
to put up the bridge to the water-closet
Engaged a man named Livingstone to
cook as I wanted Harry badly to get
on with the splitting

Friday 27th Helped Woods & Slick to
put the stringers across the creek &
starting Harry off to split & going
out stores Livingstone commenced
to cook Very cold

Saturday June 28th 1873

Rode over to the Sawmill & copied the Mill books then had a ride out over the run, found nothing wrong.

Sunday 29th had breakfast early & started off to the Coalhole on foot (as it was very frosty) to show Harry where to split & he & I in company explored all the bush side right up to the Pine hill and found timber enough to split 500,000 posts. came home about 3 P.M. when I found that Mr E.A.C. had turned away Livingstone & gave me a round blowing up for hiring him without consulting him, which did not suit me altogether but I said nothing.

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Monday 30th June 1873

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Wednesday 2nd Got the Carpenter to make out order for Dutch barn, copied & twice sent one copy to the Mill & kept the other one. helped Carpenter to put up a few rafters & taking in hay with old Mathison. after dark Mr. George Carlyon came over and prepared me

sent of 14, 15, 6
to W.B.A. own acct.

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Wednesday 2nd Got the Carpenter to make

all order for Dutch barn, copied & twice sent one copy to the Mill & kept

the other one, helped Carpenter to put up a few rafters & taking in hay with old Mathison. after Mark W. George Carlson came over and prepared me

Sent 14. 15. 6
to U.B. & own axes

Wednesday 2^d July 1873

Very hard to remain, for another year or at least to stay and see the shearing over, but I could not see it. They are certainly very kind to me and always have been since I gave them notice to quit, but then what were they before, and what is C.A.C. now, he certainly says he is sorrow but not surprised that I intend leaving.

I told W. G. G. that according to agreement I should have £10 more next year than last year, & he said he would not mind giving me another £10 or even £20 if I would only stop but unfortunately I can remember & remember even from the day that the Major came to the kitchen and asked me "what time was that for the men he having breakfast" he never having told me when he wanted the men to have breakfast, & never had given me possession as Dormley was still

Wednesday 2^d July 1873

in power at that time, and I still remember many a trifling falling insult given me from the first day I came here to a very few days before giving in my notice to quit, that the very idea of another year almost makes me sick.

Thursday 3^d Had to cook most of the day, things must be now to a fine pass when Davies has to cook for the men

Friday 4th (of July U.S.A.) Cooked breakfast for the men, showed O'Dillon & co where to put in a culvert, Dipped top PK steep by myself, (Measured Kees Metallig on the Road Mechanic & 33 links

Saturday 5th took in the weather from Geo^d Pak drafted out 6 for killing dipped the others & turned them back to Geo^d Pak and killed the 6 all in two hours exactly, helped Sitman to build his chimney P.M. Very frosty but fine weather Sunday 6th Frosty morning but turned to rain 10 A.M. Reading & giving out stones

Sunday July 6th 1873

Carey & I reckoned up how many Coaks there have been here & find there has been 16 since I came here i.e. about 10 months

Monday 7th hammered and filed the head of an axe into shape, Made a hide girth
Went out to the road with E. Dillon to see how the side drains & culverts were working, Carey got notice to leave (at the end of this month) from S. A. C.
Rain now or less all day

Tuesday 8th Made up the Mailbag with 8 letters in it, Measured the culverts that are made, the carriage went to Napier containing Miss Maud, Miss Ada Masters Arthur & Teddy & Mr. Burnett rain of & on all day, Took in Rams out of Bill's Paddock and drafted out the wethers that were in them drafted in the stockyard as the sheep yards were too out

Wednesday 9th Went round the Paddocks & loaded 7 culverts to go down the road, slight frost.

Thursday July 10th 1873

Carey & I put the chaff-cutter into the dray & took it down to the woolshed & then rode out over the run to the mill to see Search about Shingles, John Davern missing from Hampden, Search party of over 20 men out looking for him, was last seen on Sunday 6th about 4^{pm}. when he left his own place (Hollary) to go through the bush to Glenmys, very little hope of him being found alive. Weather frosty

Friday 11th Cleared House. Poles & Short-poles of horses and building of chimneys chimney, Davern's body found in the main creek that runs through the Hampden bush lying on his belly about 1/2 covered by ~~water~~ water, Great diversity of opinion as to the time of his dying, some says he died on Sunday night others maintain he did not die until Thursday and it is more than likely no body will ever know when he died

Saturday July 12th 1873

My Birth day Getting in &

killing wethers. Making fascines & putting them into creek to turn it & went down

to see how Aikman was doing with his chimneys. Inquest held on Davern body

" verdict found drowned"

Sunday 13th Went over to Hampden

to attend Daverns funeral but could not find out when or where he was to be buried

went to Austin to see when he is going to Napier, came home put in the calves & bulls fed same had tea with

E, A, C. Davern buried at Hampden

Monday 14th Rode early to Garden Wharf

to see Woods & measure his fence, found he & Alick as jolly as two Lords with their two

Gallons of Rum, found I could do nothing with them so I had a nip from them and came

through by Charleys wharf & up over the Pine hill, saw Harry in the cole hole papered

with 64 posts & 1 strainer for him some home got

Quinn started to plant trees, helped Aikman

Monday 14th July 1873

to draft some wethers then went to my room to write to the Major very hard frost

Tuesday 15th Made up mail bag, started

Grey & Quinn to plant carried a piece of 6x1 1/2

18 feet long out to the road for Austin to take to second bridge, rode down to Marae-

kakahe to try & buy some steers but without success, saw Captⁿ McLean

who told me McDugall had appointed Friday fast for a meeting between us at

Captⁿ McLeans, came back home again

^{1st} got home by 7 P.M., saw fast lamb

Wednesday 16th Very cold morning, waited

at the new stable to see Ben Clarke about parts told him not to come for 6 clear (good)

days, went to see Sutherland and the log

he is getting for the corobails, waited a long time for Peers but he did not come

until too late, then Sutherland & I came home & quessed the horse drag, had

dinner with E, A, C. Got Woods order from

Mathews for £11.5.5 saw Potts order Mathews £1.10.0

because he said his wife was about falling together

Thursday 17th July 1873

Sikman & I mustered Corners
Range, the back flats & Winter range
brought the sheep home drafted
out the wethers, dipped all, killed
one. Weather fine, cold

Friday 18th helping the Carpenter
A.M. transplaning a few trees & helped
Sikman to finish his chimney,
got a letter from the Major wanting
me to make up his Road board
accounts for the last year

Saturday 19th Went to the Coalhole
& passed some posts for Harry & then
cleared some shup out of supper boomer
with "Duffer" being the first day I have
had him out & he shapes very fair

Sunday 20th Very Cold reading
A giving out stores to a great amount

Monday 21st felt a long light earth-
quake about 10 P.M. last night &
this morning the ground was covered
with snow to the depth of ^{four} 4 inches

Monday July 22nd 1873

Being the heaviest fall of snow
in the remembrance of the Oldest
Inhabitant, which dates back about
15 years, I had a fearful job keeping
the men to their work all the day
through. had to keep walking from
one party to the other, round & round
the whole day, Made out the
plan & the quantity of timber wanted
for the mens new wharve, & pegged off
the site with Mr E.A.C. & then had
to write to the Major and make out a
lot of accounts after it was dark

Tuesday 23rd Made up mail bag with
15 letters in it, helped carpenter to put
up wires to hang sheep skins on in the
new stable, helping Grey to hang
hurdles near stockyard & planting
trees with E.A.C. Scarrott came
in the evening had tea & I gave
him the order for the mens wharve
& got orders to survey double crossing for a
bridge

Wednesday July 23rd 1873

Cut & banded about 20 calves in the morning, helped Mrs Mathison to lift carpets and helped men to put in a trough to drain cowbails, it is hollowed out of a solid log 24 feet long 18×18 & hollowed 8 inches at one end & 6 in at other

Weather very cold & frosty, rain last night
Thursday 24th Had a great row with Mathison about cutting firewood then Atkinson & I mustered Pharyngus range for wethers & I left a man to lean out the yards to help with to draft, but E.A.C. took the man away for something or other & left the yards uncleaned

Friday 25th Had to leave the sheep in the paddock all day while the yards are being cleaned, but it is a good job we did not get many. Helping Atkinson to catch 8 wethers & making a line to measure gully for double crossing bridge Am laying off an ornamental road with E.A.C. cutting down part of a Broom hedge making

Friday July 25th 1873

skelton plan of "Double crossing" bridge & many another thing too numerous to mention.

Weather Frosty and very cold

Lent Francis Spring £15.0 on account of Road Board & Lent John Sumnerfield £5 for same purpose
Saturday 26th took in sheep from house ~~port~~ drafted out 49 wethers out of them, weighed ~~some~~ load took sheep out to Le Popo's Moko and measured the ravine at Double crossing for bridge, very cold & frosty

Sunday 27th After breakfast opened 6 a/c in a new ledger that I got yesterday, then found that "Nellie" had puped under the clerks office ~~by~~ cage & I dug them out 8 in number, killed 3 & kept 5. wrought out some problems in Euclid settled with Atkinson for working £1.15.0 & gave him 5/ over to be wrought out, fearful hard frost, weather frozen in the room
Monday 28th Put fresh fastening on George's ~~port~~ gate, showed Grey where to mend fence & showing him how to lift post & rail fencing

Monday 28th July 1873

Making up Daniells accounts with Dick

Made up Bursage & went round boomer &

other pdks went over to Bursage's, saw

too of the young Miss Bursages only, left

his bill came home & helped to

load culverts, wrote to the Major

Very hard footy morning cloudy day

Tuesday 29th Made up the mail bag with

only 2 letters in it, went down the road

with Peers to help him to unload the culverts

& to see the road, got home again at dusk

found the cook & ploughman drunk, the

cook was too drunk to wash up altho he gave

us a pretty good supper, after tea he

commenced strabbling the crockeryware

altho' he was throwing them about in all

directions he only broke one Mug & one soup

plate, when he went over to the whar

and left everything as it was i.e. the

dirt things on our table & hatch of

rough on the kitchen table, Carey & I

backed the bread & left everything

as it was, somehow or other they got

more prof & by the sound from the whar

the must have been all drunk & they

kept it up the whole night

Wednesday 30th Got up between 6 & 7 went over

to the kitchen found no one there but

someone had been there during the night

for from the kitchen door to the whar

were strewn Onions & candles & meat

I went over to the whar to call the cook

found the whar in a beautiful mess & all

the men laying with their clothes on & a

candle burning on the table, called cook

who got up, saw Carpenter coming round

bath room corner he had been out all night

walking backwards & forwards in the boomer

padding against the house padding hedge

& could not find the gate way in,

Peers Carey & I had breakfast (Peers being

the only sober man in the whar & the

only one who went to work) I then locked

all the doors & stopped inside the house

Wednesday, 30th July 1873

Cooked dinner for Carey & I & ate it
in the big dining room. E.A.C. & Carey &
I planted a few trees in the afternoon.
Peers went to the coal hole for ports. I
think by all accounts they must have
had between 3 & 4 Gallons of Grog in
the Whare

Thursday 31st - The cook got up & fried
chops for breakfast, rung the bell &
threw it on the wood pile & went over
to the Whare again, all hands came
over to breakfast except Sutherland
and a more black-guard looking mob
I have not seen for some time, scarcely,
one of them has escaped without a
black eye or a cut face. E.A.C. gave
them 2 1/2 bottles of grog to my own
knowledge, & they have had 2 Gallons
more from Hampden. E.A.C. went
to the whare & played old Woods at
cribbage for £5 Woods lost.
Peers was the only one who did
work.

Friday August 1st 1873

Sutherland, Grey & little Jack came over to
breakfast, all hands went to Hampden
except Grey, who cleaned up the kitchen &
cooked. Woods & Hlick were packing
up to go when E.A.C. went to the whare &
stopped them, told them he was not to
let them off so easily as he said it would
not pay to let them drink all and ^{do} no work
promised them 1/2 a gallon more if they
would put up a bridge & shift a fence at
the new stable, I Peers did not join
them at all, the cook, carpenter, Sutherland
& little Jack all went to Hampden, I
stacked a lot of timber at the stable
while waiting to see Carmichael to give
him his months meat bill

Saturday 2nd Caught my horse and rode round
McLeans & Smiths side of run & on to the Kereru
Got £13. 5. 6 from H.A. Duff for Lambs, wool &
service of my. Saw Burgess & came on home
by Charlies Range, got home after dark. Made
up the books & went to kitchen for a drink of

Saturday August 2nd 1873

Lea, saw Dick Giblin in the kitchen, while I was drinking the tea Mr E. A. C. & J. Giblin went over to the mens wharf & Carey & I went into C. A. C.'s sitting room and talked to Dick Giblin while C. A. C. & J. G. were in the wharf & whenever we heard them coming back Carey & I came to our rooms & went to bed.

Sunday 3rd About 1 AM. Carey jumped out of bed & sung out "The place is on fire" I got up & looked out at the window & saw a fire which I thought to be either the Major's or Miss Alice's bed room, put on my trousers & boots and pushed downstairs ^{saw that it was the woolshed} saw Grey & Quin at the door coming to awake me. I went over to the house & found Mr E. A. C. sitting on a chair trying to make water into a chamber pot. I told him the woolshed was on fire. he said "Eah" (or some such expression) I then went in through the stranger's bed room and awoke J. & Dick Giblin. told them the shed was on fire and ran out through the dining room door and run off for the shed along with Grey

Sunday 3rd August 1873
and Quin & when I saw the shed first all the fire was just over the killing pen corner. the whole might have been covered by a good large blanket & before I could get down the whole was in a blaze. & the flames rushing out of the Eastern doors, even had human life been in it it would have been impossible to have saved it (I met Dick Danille about 1/2 way from the house to the shed). In a short time Carey, Skiman the two Giblins, Grey, Quin and the Carpenter were down but it was impossible to do anything with regard to saving the shed, or any part of it or anything that was in it. I had a gap broken in all the fences that were burning, & saved a pile of ports & when it was out of danger of spreading I went up to the house to inform C. A. C. how things were. I got a fearful blowing up from him was called a considerable quantity of hard names I went to have told him that I would need to go & tell the Major but he was so abusive that I fairly had to run from him. Came up to my room found it was 10 minutes past Two AM

Monday 4th August 1873

Put on the best of my clothes, caught my horse & had another look at the shed found there was no danger of the fire spreading, unless a strong wind was to strike up, which there was no sign of as it was freezing. Started for Napier at 4 A.M. Changed my horse at Havelock & got into town 11 P.M. saw Major Mrs & Master George Carlyon, gave them all the particulars. The Major went out to see Kennedy & I had a yarn with Maggie, when the Major came back (without seeing Kennedy) he gave me a letter and I started for Gevavas at 5 P.M. got my own horse at Havelock saw Mr G. Bee in Mr Hardy's and left Havelock at 9 P.M. got home 5 1/2 A.M. being just 25 1/2 hours on the journey turned in at 6 A.M. after being just 48 hours of very hard riding without any sleep. Saw Mr Dransfield the Insurance agent & Grey after going to bed, slept until noon & got up went to see the ruins with Inghes, saw Mr Sainford. Made up Quins account & went to Mr E.A.C. for money as he had promised me

Monday 4th August 1873

Money to pay Quin & Grey off as he said they were useless, but he would not give me the money now not let me pay him off, I am one fearful blowing up, I do not think I ever in fact I am sure I never got such a scolding before, not for any one thing in particular but for everything he can think about, finally he gave me a very mild hint to go out of his room which I forthwith did (He said he would be very apt to give me a blackguarding if I troubled him any more with my presence) Amongst other things he told me he was to turn me out of his office (my bed room) which I told him was the very thing that I wanted, I even pressed him to do it but I believe he was not game I came over to my room & made up Spring & Summer fields time, and commenced to write to the Major, some time yesterday P.M. Made Carey go and let loose all my dogs it is just a great wonder the pups did not go and hunt the sheep & the Warwick go

Monday 4th August 1873

and help them and then there would
be a considerable mess

I mention hearing someone in the shed about
the middle of the night at K. & L. Friday night

Sp. & S. 2^o 29 galls of Grog into

Tuesday 5th August. Wrote to the Major sent
Duff's order to W. B. A. Made out an order to the
Mill for 50000 feet of timber & 20000 shingles.

feel very dull & low spirited E. A. C. seems to
try his utmost to fix the blame of burning
the shed on to me & I believe he will do it too
for his powers of contorting circumstances
is really wonderful. I never saw or heard
anything to equal it yet

Packed up all my things in my box ready
for getting bundled out at a moments notice

Meant to have gone & measured Duff's fence
^{tomorrow} ^{told} went over & E. A. C. so. New plan of a Woolshed

Wednesday 6th Wet Morning did not get up
until 7th AM. Went over to the house found no one
there. wakened Peers, who was sleeping there
Went over to the whare, found the

Wednesday 6th August 1873

South-Eastern window smashed out
apparently from a blow from some large soft
substance, looks as if it had been hit on
the eastern side of the centre. Saw the cook
dressed & laying half on his bed. Duin &
the Carpenter both apparently asleep, no one
else in the Whare.

G. A. M. Peers & Mathison has just told me that
the men has drunk 16 gallons of Grog since
they commenced the spree

6 P.M. Just returned from Hampden went over
to try & find out who supplied the men with the
Grog found that Ingram only gave 1 bottle
& 2 or 3 glasses of Beer. Saw Matthews who
told me that all the men came to him
with the one story viz: that E. A. C. had started
them on the spree & told them that they
could enjoy themselves for a week as he
did not want any work done particularly

Saw Parkinson about Potatoes & Barley he
has got Potatoes at L. B. 1/4 per ton. & Old can has
got Barley. Sent a letter to the Major requesting him to
come up (by desire of E. A. C.)

Thursday August 7th 1873

Atkinson and I rode out the back of
Kerera bush to meet Phillips to measure
Duffs fence, but he was not there, we
went across to Duffs & had dinner, & a glass
of Rum, then I rode to the end of the Winter
range & gave my horse Atkinson to take
home. I walked to Howards, spent a very
jolly & convivial night with the Howards

Friday 8th settled up with with Howard
for Rams Lambs wool & mutton, came
down & and examined 40 acre flat fence
with them, then measured Woods fence
taking the bearings of all the angles got
home about 4 P.M. got Insurance
policy from Major to sign

Saturday 9th I went out to measure Duffs
fence, met Phillips on flat & we com-
menced about 11 A.M. had some fearful pulling
at the chain through high ferns got to the
end at dusk, found 20 links difference between
Donnelly's measure and mine, got home &
worked up the angles of Boundary fence before going to bed.

Sunday August 10th 1873

Had breakfast & commenced to map
out Boundary fence, it took me all
day to map and copy it. wrote to the
Major because I intended going to 40 mile
bush tomorrow

Monday 11th Wet Morning "The best paid
schemers of Nice & men

Gang aft a Gley"

Helped carpenter in the afternoon
to take a window out of dark store
& put it in the Mens Whare to re-
place the one smashed by Topin last
week, I did not let the Carpenter
& Sutherland go to work in the fore-
noon because it was past 10 A.M.

before they came over to breakfast
I went out along the road to see the
culverts found them all right

It has been a steady pain all
day, added postscript to
Major's letters

Tuesday 12 August 1873

Atkman, Peers & I went and measured the gully at "Double crossing" for a bridge. I just had time to finish one tracing of it when the Mailman came. I sent it with him to the Major. Measured it again, then went down the road & found it in a most fearful condition worse than ever I saw it before. Showery

Wednesday 13th was all day making up account from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. & I believe if all the writing I did was in one string it would reach a mile cold & showery

Thursday 14th Atkman & I laying off the Kereru line of fence, when $\frac{1}{2}$ finished I sent A. to bring round the horses while I finished the other $\frac{1}{2}$ just got finished at dark. And during the day I felt the joining of the tongue of my boot pressing on my foot but took no notice of it until the excitement of the work.

Thursday 14th August 1873.

was over, went the foot got so sore that I could not keep the boot on, took the boot off & walked with the toe in it only & Atkman did not get round for nearly 2 hours, and when I got the horse I took the boot off & rode home carrying the boot on the saddle & it was raining & blowing very cold, but strange to say the foot that had no boot on was the warmest all the way home altho it was on the weather side. Got home all right and Atkman had to carry me over to get supper & carry me back again.

Friday 15th wet day talking to Fullerton about his getting tools from Waipueran to Atkman about things in general settling with A. Carmichael his meat Bill 18/- leaving 10/- in the books against him giving stores to Wilson, seeing to making fascines, making up accounts & doing many odd jobs amongst others breaking a glass baron for E.A.C. while trying to cut the foot off it. Wet Showery

Saturday August 16th 1873

Rode over the Boomer paddock with
Atkinson heard shooting in the Bush
found they were Maoris, in going
up to the Mill I saw their horses &
called back Atkinson to help me to
drive them to the pound got them
into the Boomer paddock & desired Atkinson
to ride round a hill & head them but
he having too much confidence went
over the hill instead I was unable
to head them and they run him
right to the pa at Tikokino where I
perforce gave them to the Maoris
because I was not able to take them
away. Rode back & saw some of the
Maoris & threatened to pull them to
Court if they did not immediately go
which they did. They told me in
estimation that they asked permission
from the Mill-men & got it to shoot in
the Bush. Went to the Mill to copy
account & to coalhole to pass ports for H.W.
groceries but fine.

Sunday August 17th 1873

Cleaned up myself & my rooms, looked
over a file of G.G.Cs. letters selecting any
that might be of use to me hereafter

Looked over Woods & reckoned posts
with H.Wilson, got a very surly order
from E.A.C. to put Cotswolds out of Ireland
but did so at once. Went over after

dark had a long talk with him for from
what he said about Sutherland I was afraid
that he might get hold of me for another
year. I was very near removing all my
things first and talking to him afterwards
but he told me my case was different
because I was only stopping under a protest

Monday 18th Atkinson came into my
room before I got up & told me his
wife was that morning delivered of a
daughter, which in my own mind I shall
call Matiko-te-Ahi because if she lives
she will be very frightened of fire on account
of the fright her mother got with the burning of
her Whare when she was five months gone

Monday 18th August 1873

and the burying of the shed when she was 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ months gone (a fortnight ago)

Got Wethers in from Geo. park helped to Kill 5 took them back again, Mr. George came up from town to see the roads & went down a gain only stoped an hour I wrote a letter to the Major & sent it by him along with the plans of Double crossing gully, went with Carey to Long park to look for a steer to kill did not find one, went out on the road with the intention of going down it, saw A. Carmichael who told me the roads were not so very bad and that all the men were at work on it so I did not go, helped Carey to drive in Cow & calf from Geo. park then night left up for Bryson, went out to Super Boomer to look for a steer could not find one brought home another cow & calf. got home at dark a scab had on my sore foot which caused great Pain. Weather fine, cloudy

Tuesday 19 August 1873

Helped Mathew to clean out pigsty & helped to remove fence near woodstock then Carey & I rode out to Pine-hill & brought in a steer to kill & the carriage ponies

Wednesday 20th fixed blocks on to Gallows & killed steer, went down the road saw J. Grey at Capt. McLeans. just after dinner I was going up to my room when I met a chair coming down, heard J. A. C. above saying I teach him to keep his d-nd-rubbish up here, so I cleared out for fear he would serve me the same as he served the chair. Lent 10/- to Bob Gubberton

Thursday 21st cut down bullock. weighed $\frac{1}{2}$ for the Mill, salted part of the other half, went to Hampden to see Mathews Parkinson, Austin to come in & settle their accounts The Major Mrs. C. & Maggie came home at Dark, Mr. Burnett came with them The Major left Jun 2nd has been in town nearly 4 weeks

Friday August 22nd 1873

Was hanging about waiting for the Major to commence settling account, saw him about 10 Am. he told me he was not able to go into the books & so I started on a rambling expedition to look at sheds prepes &c with a full power commission to go where I liked when I liked & how I liked got down to Waipawa saw D.^r Todd. Stopped at Parkins. Not particularly comfortable.

Saturday 23rd Left Waipawa went to Mr Hardings saw Mr. J. H. & son who showed me their prep & gave me all the information that was in their power. crossed the River and had a look at Russells boiling-down establishment. then went to Loyds. for direction to Russells house & Gollans, found both roads easy enough. found Mr. Gollan to be a very obliging gentleman who gave me all the information he could. & saw Sharpen the carpenter who also told me all he knew, but then I very reluctantly had to come back by the same road for

Saturday August 24th 1873

I do not like travelling one road twice when I am looking at country. came back to Waipukeraw, gave my horse a feed & drew the plan of Mr Hardings woolpreps while he was eating it. I then started for Capt.^r Newman, but found the distance too great that it would be dark before I got there I turned back to Loyds. had tea. Made out plans of Gollans shed & spent a pleasant evening Sunday 25th Went to examine the farm was rather disappointed by it for I thought He is Lord Henry would have at least a papable shed. but it was really clumsy from Mr. M. Alister very kind & obliging he offered me pen & ink or pencil & paper if I thought about making any drawings but I thanked ^{him} & declined got directing across paths to main road for Newman found it right enough saw one of the sons who took me to the shed and had a long talk with him

Sunday 24th August 1873
Meant to have gone to Grants from
Newmans but was told a stranger
could not find his way across the
country & had to do the same as I did
on Saturday, turn back on the same
road. Saw Winlove Carpenter at
Waipukurau who volunteered to show
me through the Gorge & came up to
Purvis Rapells woolshed with me, there
saw a man from Joustons who took
Winlows place & guided me through
the Gorge & in fact almost to Grants
house, piloting me through swamps that
a stranger could not find his way.
Saw Mr & Mrs Grant. the latter
having the largest beard I ever saw on
a woman. in both cases of the wood
and being a very large woman also. they
were both very obliging, in fact I met
nothing but kindness & obligingness every
where I went, had a look at Grants
shed & prep & started for Herricks.

Sunday 24th August 1873
After having got the usual directions
across the Plains is "You can't miss
it, go straight ahead" consequently
I did not go far when I came to branch
roads. but after consideration I found the
left hand going went to A Deans, took
the right hand road but did not go
very far when they branched again the
same as before, I again took the right
hand road as before but altho I took the
right road it turned out to be the wrong
one in the end for instead of it going
to Herricks as it ought to have done it
took me to Bridges. got there just
as the men were sitting down to tea had
tea with them. & a young fellow, who was
there told me he was going past within
100 yards of Herricks if I would only come with
him he would see me there did so & got
to Herricks right enough about 7 1/2 PM.
Spent a pleasant evening with Mr & Mrs
Bain & slept there very fine

Monday August 25th 1873

Went to Herricks shed drew a plan of it. Caught my horse Lade Mr & Mrs Bain goodbye came on to E Ferrimus but did not find him at home looked all over his garden, wrote a note & hung it on a rose bush for him & rode on, saw Old Granny McKay ^{at home} & Old McKay at the township gave my horse a feed at Ingram's. & rode with McKay to the sheep wash thereby passing Mr Rankin who went through the town & Mr saw Capt. ^W Lean had a glass of whiskey with him showed my plans to Major C. drew copies of Mr Harding's plans for Major & worked at one thing or another until 9 P.M.

Tuesday 26th The Major & I were settling accounts all day in the nursery, in the dusk Maggie gave me a kind of a half challenge to kiss her, & I tried to do so but I believe altho I might have tried all night I could not have succeeded & I fairly gave in as beat after trying for about an hour, Cary was watching doors for fear of being surprised

Wednesday August 27th 1873

Settling accounts the same as yesterday

Thursday 28th Settling accounts, went to bed. Pdk & got in wethers & killed 2 wethers

Friday 29th At the accounts until noon, the Major told me he was very much surprised at the way I had kept the books, as he found nothing missing. I rode down to Capt. McLeans to buy some cattle, but he had sold them then I went to the cottage & saw Mr A McLean who was unable to go out himself on account of his broken ribs so I went down to Mr Condies & slept there after spending a pleasant evening. Weather fine

Saturday 30th Bought 2 Steers from Mr Condie for \$8 each & started with them home. Mr Carey came to me just as we were starting got them home right enough but too late to kill

Sunday 31st Carey Peers & I killed one of the Steers were brought home yesterday & I went for a mug of beer & got it from the Major & was all the day making up accounts

Monday Sept 1st 1873

Cutting up & selling beef & humberging about all day Making out account & washing my hands which I believe I did fifty times. Fine hot AM, better cold PM

Tuesday, Sept 2nd. Taking the screw to pieces weighing beef for the Mill, walked to Old Mathews with Maggie. & measured some very curious shaped ground in Top paddock, Cold

Wednesday 3rd A. S. & I rode to Stokes, saw F. S. & Mr. Rankin had a glass of Brandy with the old Doctor & a long yarn with Rankin about olden times went to H. M. Leans to see about his Drafting but he won't draft till dokey. Sharp (Carpenter) came just as we were at Tea. got bottle of Whiskey from Major to treat Sharp. cold

Thursday 4th Sharp & I laid off New Shed at M. Pedro & killed a bullock by ourselves in an hour in the afternoon. I weighed a load of Sundries for Augustus Gray fine

Thursday Sept 4th 1873

I made the following estimate of one chain of fencing

Erecting @ £16 per mile	4.
5 posts @ £2 per 100	2
6 chains of wire @ £35 per ton	£ 4 1/2
carriage of wire from Napier to Gwos	1
Cartage per chain	3. 3 3/4
staples	3 3/4
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	20/-

Friday 5th Rode up to show the Devils Gully fence to Dainello & then went to Duffo to settle with his fence found he was not at home, came back to Giblin & stoped all night there

Saturday 6th Rode accrop country to Smiths & settled with him for straggler wool, crossed the river to Matapiro on the road to Lowrie but missed the road and went right on to Oriahu & slept there in a perfect pigsty

Sunday 7th Crossed the ridges to Lowrie & back to Matapiro & on to Cathralls at home, rather wet & disagreeable

Monday Sept 8th 1873.

Making up accounts with Major Carlyon and Byron, marked out the excavation of the Newshed

Tuesday 9th Settling account all day, told the Major I must make a stand somewhere told him I would give him today & no more

Wednesday 10th Went to H. McLeans to try & settle with him about the boundry fence to Houpden to see some other peopll there on business & back to Gwavas 11 A.M. had something to eat ~~parting~~ settled up with the Major who settled in a very gentlemanly manner by giving me a considerable present in money over and above what was due to me. had a parting glass and started with the Major & Mr Byron examined "double crossing" laid off cutting at Vuhara & came down to Road where made a contract with Sumnerfield to split 20000 shingles parted with the Major near Road where he told me that his house should always be open to

Wednesday Sept 10th 1873

In any time I liked to call that way & when I told him I was sorrow that I could not stop with him he said he could not ask a dog to stop & he treated as I had been treated & so we parted

Called in at Capt. McLeans had tea with Miss Robertson & Mr Bondie rode to Marekatoko & slept there

Thursday 11th Rode over to Rankauwa to see Mr McDougall saw him just as he was going off to meet the mail & he left me all alone with Mrs McKingye. I had dinner with her & chatted away for some time spent an hour or two pleasantly enough & could have spent longer but time would not wait for me

Came back to Marekatoko to get my horse shod & Patherall was not at home so I had to wait languidly thought the time would have passed quicker at Rankauwa

Friday Sept 12th 1873
Got my horse shod, Mr McDougall
came about 11 AM, had something to
eat & started for Mangaohare I
noticed a good deal of very good country
on the road but very destitute of timber
got to Mangaohare 5 PM, went & had
a look at the woolshed

Saturday 13th Mr McD & I rode through
the gorge to "Blowhard" had a look
at the yards & paddock some and all
the back country came down the spur
that leads to the river flats saw the
old Homestead & home, thought a
good deal of the land was light but
by far the greater part of it would take
grass, was better pleased with it than
I expected to be after the account I
had got of it. Engaged to take the
management of it for £125 per annum
just £45 less than Major Carlyon offered
me to stop with him

Sunday Sept 14th 1873
Mr McD & I rode down to Hestops
together then I went to Polhels & he went
to Napier, spent a pleasant night at Springfield
saw Harry Allen back from England
Monday 15th Went to Napier signed
a present for a year, saw Stark from
Whakau, had a very busy day of it
bought books to the value of £5.0.3 &
clothes about £6 - Back to Springfield
by the coach

Tuesday 16th Left Polhels, saw Capt Russell
about some posts went by Omahu to
Marukakaho got my dogs & came on
to Mangaohare, how by sundown fine
Wednesday 17th Had a look round the
place in the forenoon to see what was
wanted, told the men to go to work just
as if I was not here at all until I should
see what was wanted. Repaired the
fence near Otukarara with Warren
Hollis came in the evening fine

Thursday Sept 18th 1873

I started for Tuna nui & it began to rain just as I left home but I thought it was only a shower & rode on & it rained the whole day. Saw Milne had a glass of gog from him he impressed me favorably came home again & it raining the whole way went to see him about posts

Friday 19th fixed spouts behind the kitchen chimney & cut Manuka seeds in the paddock

Saturday 20th cutting firewood thought the firewood bush would make a fine potato garden

Sunday 21st Duncan came in from Blowhard - thought he used strange expressions

Monday 22^d carried gullows poles from the Old wharf & fixed them up for clothes poles & fixed slip-panel at Otukarara re hot.

Tuesday 23^d Draining the woolshed & yards with Hollis showing

Wednesday 24th Rode to Tuna nui to see Milne again about the posts. Saw Turley laying off the Kenira cutting he told me he gave Neil Wallace Byrons works for me a year ago

Thursday 25th Sept 1873

Went to the bush & started Clarke & Warren to cut firewood then went to Blowhard to look round the place spent the night with Duncan for Friday 26th Went out to Kurapapanga with Duncan to give Berches men a wether left a wether on the road for them but did not see them, went right round the Battle hill over part of Herricks run & back to Blowhard, slept there

Saturday 27th Came down from Blowhard to the bush, cut firewood for a while & then came home & made a Maul fire

Sunday 28th looking round the place

Monday 29th cutting firewood nearly knocked my eye out with a small stick

Tuesday 30th Blasting posts & firewood & finished cutting the firewood for the season fire

Wednesday October 1st Commenced making a dray road to join the Kenira but I'm very much afraid I will not be able to finish it in time

Thursday Oct 2nd 1873

with all hands road making

Friday 3rd Same as yesterday, Note
while I was at Carlyons I often
used to cross the road work but I
find the experience I gained there
comes in very handy now.

Saturday 4th Only Clarke & I Road Making
Mrs Warren sick, Warren attending to
her, Hollis gone for a doctor, Parkinson
gone to Kankawa, Little bought "Myli" for "Wate"

Sunday 5th Reading nearly all day

Monday 6th Wet day, putting handle in
R axle, shifting bees from old whar & jolting
about

Tuesday 7th Road making fin

Wednesday 8th do do do hot

Thursday 9th do do A.M. Rain came
one about noon & rained all the afternoon
repaired the packs & added straps

Friday 10th all hands Making fascines
near the house Showery

Saturday Oct 11th 1873

Road making, cloudy showery
Sunday 12th Rode with Hollis to Perry
whar & to Barnes up in the direction of
Pukekiri & down the bed of the Manga
tutu looking for two Steer that I
wanted to buy, bought them & came
home, heavy showers

Monday 13th Road making fin

Tuesday 14th do do do

Wednesday 15th Wet - Restuffed pack saddle

A.M. Pighunting & repairing fence w. Buckhorn

Thursday 16th Wet again Removing left from
old whar & putting it up in the store, putting
teal together & repairing tent & other odd jobs

Friday 17th Wet again Sowing grass seed
in the paddock & along the road to firewood bush

Saturday 18th Road Making saw Milne
Shield & Fe Buckland. Two of whom
got their horses bogged, helped to dig
them out

Sunday 19th Between 9 & 10 A.M. as I
was sitting reading on the verandah

Sunday 19th October 1873

I was somewhat surprised to see Warren & his W^o going off on horseback to Napier without ever saying anything to me at all. Thought that if it were possible to do without him I would tell him that he need not bother about coming back again, but I must grin & bear it. Caught my horse & rode off to try & get another cook, went to ~~Moore~~ & then to Raukawa got a heavy squib of the hand from — got introduced to M^o McDougall, etc some of the brides cake & spent a pleasant evening with M^o McK & McDonald

Monday 20th Left Raukawa after getting the station books from M^o McK & came right home

Tuesday Went out to road making & slept in the tent

Wednesday 21st Road making, hired John Duncan at £1 per week & Pat McMahon at 25/ per week

Thursday Oct 23rd 1873

Road fine hot

Friday 24th Was all forenoon exploring the line of road, found a very good line with very little work, saved a good week by loading round. Wrought on road P.M.

Saturday 25th Commenced early & finished the lower part of the load by noon, & came right home gave the men the few hours holiday on account of them living all the week in the tent with but inferior food. Note I wonder what the Old Major would have said if I had taken the men home at 3 P.M. & told them to go & amuse themselves? L M M^cL

Sunday 26th Tried to make out Warren etc. Westroy came with 15 heifers (without any notice) from Poriate Jack Duncan gave us a splendid dinner I spent the day mostly reading & studying Greek & looking after the new cattle

Monday Oct 27th 1873

Gave Pat McMahon over the working bullocks & bullock gear. A road making at the "broken culvert" I am in good hopes of finishing the road tomorrow & if I do the talk about it was worse than the performance. Weather fine but hot

Tuesday 28th Wet Morning started three men to mortar posts & point-pails in the woolshed, fixed the grindstone on trestles and put it on the Verandah & two men to grind tools A.M. Rain stopped about noon. Erected a yallovos near the house & put up 5 panels of fencing in the sheep-yards, sold 3rd worth of matches

Wednesday 29th Finished the road to Korini a distance of about 5 miles at the expense of 7 1/2 days one man & 1 day of bullock day & reckoning the men at 5/- per diem & the team at £1 & incidental expenses at £2.6 = £20 - a very moderate sum for so long a road. When I commenced it on the 1st of this month, people said I was mad to attempt it as I never could do it before - but perseverance has carried me through

Thursday October 30th 1873

Wrote to Geo Bee - Caught my horse to go & pass a road that has been made for us across Hericks run, but rain coming on I went with all hands & repaired the sheep yard & have got them nearly into working order
Friday 31st Went & examined the new road that Milne is making for us across Hericks run & then went to see Miller or Herick to see if they were agreeable to let the road go that way for it would not do to allow Milne to close the one road before I know that we had permission to use the other one, found Herick just about commencing to draft, drafted till 6 P.M. & came home at 9 P.M.

Saturday Nov 1st Correcting Catheralls acc. took delivery of 15 head mixed cattle from Israel Trask. examining woolscouring place looking round the paddock fence to see what it requires to repair it. Found that Catheralls bill for 5 1/2 months amounts to nearly as much as it took to make the road to the Korini and it was

Saturday November 1st 1873

all for board for bullock driver flood board
reckoned that 1 1/2 years of his Bill would
make a dray road to the foot of Korini

Sunday 2nd Reading newspapers nearly
all day C Barnes came after dark

Monday 3rd took delivery of two steers
from R Hollis & helped Pat McMahon
to yoke up the same & went with him
to gather up posts & wire along the
fence toward Herriks boundary. Helped
Clarke to fix two gate posts near the
house

Tuesday 4th Helped Clarke to repair
paddock fence went with Pat to the
bush for firewood. Mustered up the
cattle had the total number in the
yard viz - 58 old & 8 calves. Windy

Wednesday 5th Helped Clarke to
repair paddock fence with Pat to bush
for firewood for shears fine am.
Showery cold & rough p.m.
W R D M D came in the evening

First head Phipps

Thursday November 6th 1873

Killed a wether & rode down to Bickenalls
with W R D M D. arranged with Bickenall to
carry goods for the station at £2 per ton
went on to Dolbells, as I was passing the
shap yards he shouted out "put your horse
in the paddock" I did so & stoped all night

Friday 7th Rode into town & ordered shearing
stores. Left Napier at 1/4 to 1 P.M. Stoped one
hour at Taradale. & ran hour at Dunawie &
then got home just at dusk but had work
for Old "Captain"

Saturday 8th Drafted wethers with Warren
helped Clarke to fascine weeds in paddock
got in wethers to kill, tied one, which got a drift

Sunday 9th did not get up until 9 A.M. have
not done to like for years. got in pains to get
the wether that botted yesterday & killed wether.
Pat's brother came on the strength of a rumor
that his brother had got killed by bullock
copying on him

Monday 10th Piloted Pat to Korini with the
dray being the first dray ever went from
Incline to Korini

Tuesday Nov 11th 1873

Commenced to Muster

Mustered Hedricks end of Blowhard range
got to the whore 1 P.M. heavy rain came
on got wet coming home

Wednesday 12th Mustered Bliss flats

Thursday 13th Duncan & I tried to muster the short
spurs of B.H. but could not get 20 sheep together
came home without any & very tired

Friday 14th Drafting at B.H.

Saturday 15th Hollis & I took dry sheep to Incline
& wrote to J. Dillon, and went back
to Blowhard, got wet - showery

Sunday 16th Weather bound at Blowhard
our cook took the sulks i.e. Bill Irwin

Monday 17th Weather bound amused my-
self & mates with "Solitaire" cook bulky

Tuesday same as yesterday as

Wednesday 18th Mustered Castle rock flats
with Hollis Duncan & Warren slept at the
foot of the Kaiwaka, Bill very sulky

Thursday Hollis, Duncan & I Mustered the
far end of the Kaiwaka range & slept on

Thursday Nov 20th 1873

the top at the elevation of about 6,000
feet. Killed a Norwegian Rat at the camp
found great variety of shrubs & heaths
nearly all of which are common in Otago
but I have seen them nowhere else in
Hawkes Bay. Found one strange shrub of
the Laural tribe that smell exactly
like human excrement and very strong
at that, so strong that both Hollis &
I tried to get some firewood from under
it & could not do it. Saw Rua-

-pehu & Tongoriro both free from fog
saw the smoke rolling up the side of the
latter. Had a smart shower of about three
hours duration Morris came to shear

Friday 21st The rain drops was hanging
in ice on the grass & shrubs at daylight
and the breeze was very cold. Mustered
the sheep down to the foot & put them
on to Koropapanga

Saturday 22nd Mustered Koropapanga
in to Blowhard paddock, came to the
Incline & settled with our bulky cook

Sunday, Nov 23rd 1873

Let the woolcoursing to Edward Melley
& John Duncan at 1st per lb & found
they erecting the staves & putting things
in working order at their own expense
intended to have filled the shed but pain
came on just after noon

Monday 24th Planting potatoes at Incline
& put sheep into shed at night

Tuesday 25th Commenced shearing
had only 7 shearers & they only sheared 267
fearfully dull music

Wednesday 26th Same as yesterday only it began
to rain 8 A.M. & kept on all day

Thursday 27th Rode down to Woodthorpe got a
very interesting letter & Kelpoake from a
young lady, put the Kelpoake into the Great lexicon

Friday 28th Attending shearing stopped out of bed till
after midnight ~~was very tired~~
~~was~~

Saturday 29th attending shearing - Was wondering
what sorts of appropriate words could be found
on the pages that that enveloped the Kelpoake

Saturday, Nov 29th 1873

I looked at about 5 P.M. & found the first word to
be εὐ-οφκος = true to ones oath, εὐορκωμα = a
faithful oath, εὐ-οφκος = of good augury, au-
-picious, εὐ-οφοσ = well rooffed, εὐ-οφθαλ-
=μας = with beautiful eyes & pleasing to the eyes,
εὐ-οκκος = fruitful, rich, εὐταθω = to be well off
to enjoy ones-self, live comfortably, εὐταθια = a goodly
race of children, εὐ-ταθια = blest with children

with many or good children, with a noble son
εὐ-ταθια well bearded And about 160
other phrases in the same strain, and

I being rather given to omens I do not know
what effect it may have on me

Sunday 30th Reading & writing all day

Saw a beautiful halo round the moon 7 P.M.

Monday Dec 1st As the Maoris did not

come we put no sheep in the shed but
drafted out the wild sheep but saw

A.M. & Burned off the scule in the
firwood bush for planting potatoes in

Tuesday 2nd Bothers and I planted 2 bags
of potatoes in the firwood bush. The cutting rain
Maoris came at dusk filled the shed

Wednesday December 3rd 1873

Had the Maoris shearing wild sheep
all day - they were not well pleased at
so many wild sheep at once, Was
wondering whether it was possible
to get an answer from my enauro-
-ata next Mail or not

Thursday 4th Attending to Shearing, Rooked
180 wild Sheep the greatest Number
I ever Rooked at once, I believe

Friday 5th Attending to Shearing
wrote to Sathatua - Dillon &
to Mr. Carey asking him for a
copy of Putting the Devil into
Hell, Little came at Noon

Saturday 6th Little took the letters away
I attending to Shearing - 224 sheep shorn

During the fortnight - Sun - a slow work

Sunday 7th Mr & Mrs Warren Dick &
Pat all went to Barnes' for a ride they
brought home thyme, sage & Majorom

Monday 8th Attending to Shearing, Black
Tim an old Mokena acquaintance commenced

Monday December 8th 1873

to shear & to more Maoris making 10
altogether but then sheared only 530

Mr R. D. McD. came at sundown

Tuesday 9th Same as yesterday but very
bad with a cold Mr R. D. McD. stopped
all day. he seems to be satisfied, but
as he is a man of very few words I do
not know if he is thoroly satisfied

Wednesday 10th Attending to Shearing
Pat & Peter have gone to Keira they bring
the Mail tomorrow & a letter from
my enauroata I hope they didn't

Thursday 11th Let the sheep out of the shed
about 6 A.M. & tailed them until noon. While
tailing them I could not help thinking about
my tailing 16 or 18 years ago when I scarcely
knew one letter from another. But I wonder
whether I am better as I am now or as
I was then. for I knew nothing then
& was happy but now I know how very
ignorant I am and my ignorance makes
me very miserable at times & life is too
short for a man to know everything

Friday December 12th 1873

Attending shearing W. R. W. D. went home

Saturday 13th Attending shearing

Sunday 14th Reading

Monday 15th Attending shearing. Stopped 1 sheep each from
Linn & Zepher for cutting

Tuesday 16th do do stopped more sheep for cutting

Wednesday 17th do do got notice from Carnwell
& Herricks for drafting sent Warren to Carnwell
but had no one to send to Herricks Windy

Thursday 18th attending shearing stopped
a mark off Kaho for cutting a Kaur &
he caught his horse & was to play
the Linn & rode off but next morn-
-ing he was in the shed and went
to work without saying a word

Friday 19th Hollis & I mustered the spur
going from Kinn flats to B.H. drafted the
sheep at B.H. & brought them home

Saturday 20th attending shearing
Peter Miller came about the sheep
but I could do nothing with them
He is to turn them out for straggling drafting

Sunday December 21st 1873

Reading nearly all day very windy

Monday 22nd The shears finished all the sheep
that was in. Some each of them about \$2

Tuesday 23rd The kitchen chimney was blown
down 2 A.M. Dick Hollis & I built it up
again in the after-noon

Wednesday 24th Was making up eyes & do-
-ing about until 10 A.M. when I suddenly
started for Paradise. got there at sun-
-down & came back to Dolbells to bed
after mid-night

Thursday 25th Christmas day
stopped at Dolbells until after dinner
so that I could get in behind the
men to see that they all got home
as I want them for mustering the
peaks tomorrow. Went to the Wood-
-thorpe races at 4 P.M. & saw the
first horse race I ever saw left
Woodthorpe 5 1/2 P.M. with Hollis
W. & W. Warren, & Pat McMahon
got home 9 P.M.

Christmas Day 1873

Spent rather a different Christmas from last year, altho even this time I was very anxious to get the men home for the Mustering of the Peaks Tomorrow & I do not think I can speak too highly of Dick Hollis & his magnanimous conduct in on leaving about 10 of his old acquaintances just as they were about to commence a ball & come home with me so that by his conduct the others would come too, for he might have stayed for the ball & then been home in time to go out to muster as we don't go till noon, but if he had stayed the others would have stayed too & they would not have been home in time or time for Mustering

Friday December 26th 1873

Getting things ready for Mustering A.M. Hollis - Duncan - Warren - Russell & I started to Muster the Peaks 11 A.M. Dick & I mustered the Baulkin. The Snuggly - the Waimakairi & the Spurs leading up to peaks camped top of flat

Saturday 27th Dick & I mustered the Rocky hill & then went to Caswells the other mustered the top of the peaks & the Spurs leading down to the Tutakur & camped at the top

Sunday 28th Dick & I left Caswells & mustered the top end of the Birch peg while the other mustered the lower end. Warn you me 3 days notice to leave but cancelled it again - got one heavy shower of rain and a deal of thick fog - camped where we camped 1st night

Monday 29th Duncan & I took the sheep home while Dick & Warren went & got some that crossed the river on to the Devils Corner. All got home at 3 P.M. & the Maoris came to shear them 3 1/2 P.M. (Close shaving) Weather very hot

Tuesday December 30th 1873
Attending Shearing - drafting and other
things about the shed

Wednesday 31st Sent Dick Hollis off to
George Bees wedding as it was impossible
for me to ^{so} my-self. He ^{G. Bee} has had rather
a long engagement according to my
fancy - since about the 10th of May 1872
(since 20th May 1872)

When I finished the last Year I was
run off my legs at Carlyons trying to get
the hay in & trying to keep things together
but very very uncomfortable, so
much so that I had resolved to go shep-
-herding again if nothing better turned up
than stay for another year. But when
the time for giving notice came & I entered
the notice ^{in the station diary} - from that day to the day
we parted on the top of hill near the
Road where I do not think I ever
spent a more pleasant 3 months
but how were the 9 months before
spent - by love another 9 months

Dec 31st 1872 Retro report

like them would have driven me
Mad But it seemed there was
no danger of me having to go shepherding
again for no sooner had I spread the
report that I was going than offers
came in from all directions - from
Men whom I never saw or
saw heard of. Amongst them was
one signed W. McDougall & I
made inquiries who the above was
but was very doubtful as I had
heard that the run was very rough
but I thought to my-self if it is
rougher than Mangaharuru or
Mocangiangi it must be bad
& I will have nothing to do
with it - but after some letters
had passed between us I decided
to have a look at it at any rate
So I left Carlyons for good on the
10th Sept - & rode over the run with
Mr W. McD. on the 12th Decided to
try it for 1 year at least -

And I find things far more to my
fancy ^{than Carlyons} for none of the parties concerned
are of the penny-wise & pound-foolish-
race but seems open & liberal - the
neighbours are good & the climate is
even better than Carlyons In fact
on the whole I am satisfied with my-
self therefore I am satisfied with
everything around. So all that
remains for me to do now is to
wish myself many returns of
the season in the same humor

A. P. Bagnon.

1874

January 1st Attending to
shearing - was wondering how I was
getting on

Friday 2nd Much same as yesterday
but without success but the imp-
ropriety of the thing is reles
Mr Wapper said ever Terry was id
- my all so I tried to make up
- but did not seem to like it very friendly

Saturday 3rd Finished the first shearing
about 3 P.M. settled up with the Maoris to
the tune of £107. 7. 5. & they all went off

Sunday 4th Dick - Duncan & I took out
the great wethers by Barnes & was home
by 2 P.M. reading the rest of the day

Monday 5th Road to Russell woolshed
to see Russell about the Korini road &
then on to Taradale slept there

Tuesday 6th Went into town ordered
£50 worth of stores, made sure that all the
wool was insured was only one hour

Tuesday Jan'y 6th 1872
in Town. Paid Kallawiki rent. Rode
from Town to McMurry with Mrs M. &
got my horse at Tarcule went & saw
the Dolbells, came to Bucknalls & waited
for him till nearly dark - saw him about
carting stones - came on by Woodthorpe
to Millnoo, saw Capt. Russell there - got
home about midnight

Wednesday 7th Making up strings
accounts & transferring accounts into
large ledger

Thursday 8th Clarke & I attended the S cutt-
ing Am. Went to Morrisons old wharve
looking for firewood P.M. very fine dry

Friday 9th screwing up the bullock
drag & fixing ropes & jolting about

Saturday 10th Found that the potatoes
were not killed up after 3 men
had been at the for 5 or 6 days

Hollis Warren & I killed them up
in 1 1/2 hours then sledging wood
out of the bush

Sunday Jan'y 11th 1874.

Mrs Warden went to Mulens to stop while
we were mustering. - Preparing for Mustering
Monday 12th Started out with all hands to
Blowhard to commence Mustering the
stragglers. Weather fine

Tuesday 13th While washing myself this
morning a grass-seed got into my right
eye & could not be got out. Duncan
McDonald led me about 2 miles with
both eyes bandaged up. Camped on
"Blindmans flat"

Wednesday 14th The seed did not come
out of my eye until about 2 P.M.

Thursday 15th Hollis & I mustered the Long Point
that runs from "Roman Hill" to the Ngauruora.
I found a plant on it very much like Sage &
named the point "Sage Point" fog came
on about 11 A.M. and all the men let
their sheep go but myself, brought them
to Warden's Wharve & Camped there

Friday 16th Took the sheep to Blowhard &
then Clarke & I came in I left Hollis in charge
of the men
fine

Saturday January 17th 1874
Started 2 am for Redcliffe, got to Milnes
before they were up. Milne rode down
with me. Saw Cap^m Russell about
the Konini cutting - went to Mearns
to get my horse shod. & back to Hobbs

Sunday 18th Stopped at Dolbell's all
day. & spent the day pleasantly

Monday 19th Rode up and met Cap^m
Russell at Tunaui went with him to
Konini - got the men to make the road
passable. Rather counted myself
in presence of Cap^m R. - home

Tuesday 20th Went down with Peter
Russell & the first load of wool
that ever went down that road

Then went to Bicknell's to tell him
about the wool & came back to
Milnes & slept there. fine

Wednesday 21st Rode to Konini with
Milne & then home. Writing &

Thursday 22nd Went again with Peter
& another load of wool - got

Thursday 22nd Jan 1874
went near Sheald's proposed home-
stead but got righted again and down
took three loads of wool down, went
to Milnes for 6 pieces boots & back
to Konini. Weather fine very dry

Friday 23rd took three loads down
with Peter - 17 bales in all 5 loads
of 3 & 1 load of 2 - came home and
burned the Enclina flat, fine dry

Saturday 24th Went to the bush for
firewood to washers. & brought washed
wool home fine

Sunday 25th Writing & reading nearly
all day - fine came to shear sheep

Monday 26th Went down with Peter
& another load of wool - Caprized at the
foot of Camerons pinch - sledged fine
holed down the hill at once, on two
sledges, one chained behind the other
then I went to Tunaui to consult Milne
about a raft of posts I heard was in
the river - saw Mr. McGlashin from Canterbury
- rich - taking sheep there

Tuesday Jan 27th 1874
Milner & I started very early to see
the papers, did not find them until
8 AM. and then they were not our
posts at all - Came back again -

Maoria came filled the shed

Wednesday 28th Attending to the shearing
felt an Earth-shake about 9 P.M.

Thursday 29th - the same as yesterday

Friday 30th ~~do~~ Sacked Teperu for tick-

-ing a sheep - got a letter from
H.W.P. Smith asking if I knew of
an Overseer for him. I recommended

K.S.C. to him and another

Saturday 31st Attending shearing S.M.

and went to the bush for firewood to the
wool washers pm.

Sunday February 1st A breeze
sprang up in the morning &
I started off to burn before breakfast
and did not come back again till
12 1/2 P.M. just making 2 1/2 hours
without anything to eat -

Monday February 2nd 1874
Attending to the shears, helping Peter
to load & took two lots of sheep out
set fire to some from a heap burned
down the mowing shed for day

Tuesday 3rd - Attending to shears
cut & hooked over 100 sheep by myself
Had to tell Mrs Warren to sweep my
room out

Wednesday 4th Attending shearing am.
to the broken ground P.M. looking for
firewood & seeing the fence where the
fire had burned it

Mr & Mrs M.D. & Miss Best came
in the afternoon

Thursday 5th Went after the Rams & got
another to kill at Stonyhill. had dinner
with Mr & Mrs M.D. & Miss Best. tried
to burn the face of the range & tried
to find Sheld boundary but failed in both

Friday 6th Mr & Mrs M.D. went off early
rather drooping I fancy with Mrs O & EP
on way of Kokiri & Wopk. They seen a pla-

Friday February 6th 1874

I sent an a taktum pair. Mr. M^d seems to be satisfied with me & the way I go on for when I ask him at any time if there is any-thing he wants done or any alteration in any-thing he always says No — No, just go on as you are going. All the musters came in, to go to the "peaks" & Oappye myyo wyei sovi is ty mouye about something or other & vo wovye

Saturday 7th Warren gave me notice to leave at the end of the month which just saved me the unpleasant duty of giving him. I helped Peter Russell to load greasy wool. Made a pair of clams went to the bush & helped to fall a Matai got some beer. I think the first I have had since I got it in the Kwi bush in Blago about 12 years ago. Shields came & stopped all night. Had some pleasant talk about old friends & old places, but I cannot find out

Saturday July 7th 1874

anything about ~~the~~ and I do not like to ask him point-blank

Sunday 8th Shields remained all day — weather showery, the first rain we have had for about 3 months. everything was looking dry Monday 9th went to the bush to help clame to finish falling the Matai had a look at the wire tramway hunted up the rams. got in a weather to killed it. Carswell came I saw him for the first time he stop all night

Tuesday 10th Got £20 from Carswell for Rams started to see the Ram fair got to Dolbells

Wednesday 11th Ordered 1500 Bricks & some lime from Barry. Ordered 2 firebars from Mr. Gray gave some me pages concerning Mrs. Milnes Davy is Dick D. & I then rode to Harlock saw R & M^d. Kinross. Lyons. Giblin Donnelly, Halvard and other old acquaintances Austin told me the Maryop had got the kick out by yooor no particular

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to manage O.P.I.Y. as he had heard I was
leaving. Kinross told me all concerned
wished me to stay. Rode to Kollie
with Bennett & R.D.

Thursday 12th Came home
Wait lined Nellie

Friday Loaded up Peter & started
him & Clarke off to Konini. Masters
came home from the Peaks. writing
copying Warrinton wire table &c
for Mr. R.M.D. & looking for "Muggett"

Saturday 14th Baring Shields boim dry & looking
for "Muggett" found him in a hole in the
Creek Head. Helped Hollis & Dunnean to muck
the broken ground & draft the sheep. Told
Mr. W. not to make any passage. or rice
or stummed peaches until I could get more
sugar up. Went in at tea and found
her & all the men with each a plate
of stummed peaches of the consistency of
Jam. Told her if she disobeyed my

Saturday July 14th 1874
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by myself - not hard work

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Gave the woolwashers all the sugar I had
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4 more 2 born in Ireland. 2 born in Scotland.
2 Catholics. 1 Presbyterian. 1 Catholic and
average age of the lot 34 years

Sunday March 1st 1874
filled up the Census paper with all that
was here. but I want four yet, who altho not
here I know are entered nowhere else. There are
nine here the average age of them is 32 years
& months, 3 were born in New Zealand, 2 in England
2 in Scotland, 1 in Ireland, & 1 in America
5 belong to the Church of England, 2 Roman Catholics
1 Scotch Presbyterian, & 1 of No Denomination
All can read. & I can read & write

Monday 2nd Warren & I was all day shearing 20 sheep
he shorn 11, & I 6 & rolled up both fleeces

Tuesday 3rd Went down to get the woolwashers
names on the Census paper & was fixing the
DARK gate when I was coming home & got
hit on the third finger of the left hand by
a splinter ~~which~~ which caused very great
pain for about 4 hours the pain going
up to the elbow. after about 4 hours the
pain ~~was~~ eased off but left the hand numbed
& nearly powerless for about 4 hours more
Helped to muster Drift & shear the
sheeping runs. very fine day

Wednesday March 4th 1874

prepared 6 bales for dry to take to wash.
Warren & I sheared about 20 sheep I cleaned up
woolshed door & burned rubbish, rejected
"Waite" & "Nellie" Nos 15 & 16. Old Butler
went off. Spent a pleasant night with him
last night. After dark John McDonald
Carpenter came into my room & had a yarn
with me. I find him a very intelligent man
& one I think I can pick up a good deal from

Thursday 5th Weighed stones brought by
^{our dry} Brecknell on 3rd. Then with Warren repaired

the fence towards Herricks corner fine
Friday 6th Warren & I finished repairing fence
towards Herricks A.M. Prepared all the wool.
Riguer arrived with 2220 ft. 4 in of timber
Sitted up with Warren for good

Saturday 7th Went to B.H. & then along the
range to Herricks gate met Donnelly
driving sheep into patea had with footrot
camped with him at Omahaka Windy

Sunday 8th Cleared the road for Donnelly
to Kurupapunga flat. Slept in the Whare
showery

Sunday March 15th 1876 (continued)
10 A.M. Peter Russell gave me a weeks
notice because I wished to oblige
him by taking him from the Bullock-
-driving & putting him to knock about
Monday 16th Russell went off (impaird)
he rode before me all the way to
Taradale. I had a talk with him there
but did not settle with him gave
him 10/- slept at Peedies
Tuesday 17th of Old Ireland found
I could do no good in town so I
went to Springfield & spent the day
& night there. saw Miss Graham
Wednesday 18th Went to Meane &
left my horse to get shod & took
the coach to town, hired Richard Burke
as bullock-driver at 30/- per week
bought 40 acres at Taumakurau &
40 on the White-horse flats wrote
to George Bee about it. Went to Din-
-widdies & lost the coach stopped at
Gleyp. Fin

Thursday 19th took the coach to Meane
got my horse. rode by Dolbels house
came from Bicknell's out to Milnes
with Mrs Warren. she was very distant
Friday found Mr. & Mrs. McDougall &
Miss Best had arrived at here for good
Friday 20th Digging holes for Blue gums
behind the kitchen, getting a wether to
kill & putting the sheep I brought from
Hericks across the Otakarra at Tetar-
-ack point. got some young native trees there
Saturday 21st Went to Tumania drafting
Sunday 22nd Drafting at Tumania A.M.
& driving the sheep home (with Hollis) Mr.
Milne refused to acknowledge shearing
the sheep that was bought from Lourie
Because they had not our
Registered Mark on. he had shorn
318 & the 15 he left on the 24th ult. makes
333 total
Monday 23rd Hollis & I drafted some
wethers to kill & I put them across the
Baracade & Dick put the wethers into the
paddock. Planting Blue gums 10 M.

Tuesday March 24th 1874

P. & M. & I repaired Shields boundary fence that was broken down by Riggiv & examined the boundary between us & Shield found that there were several hends in it that could have been avoided planted some Blue gums

Wednesday 25th Shewed the new bullock-^{Burke}-driven, the bullocks & gear took a load of Grass seed to shed & a load of scoured wool from wash home

Thursday 26th Wet Morning - had to take the load of wool down to the wool shed. Cleaned up the stone fixed beaklets for saddles in the store

Friday 27th Burke & I blasted house blocks in the bush - Showery

Saturday 28th Getting a load of Manuka for firewood A.M. sowing Grass seed P.M. in Nuggetts gully Mr & Mrs Tufneren arrived at day Sunday 29th Mr & Mrs M. & Miss Best all went to Poverty Bay

Monday 30th March 1873

Sowing grass seed along with the Swede & a McKay

Tuesday 31st Sowing grass as yesterday sowed a McKay as being useful & causing confusion to the Swede who seems to be a very good hand found a piece of Greenstone on "Greenstone hill" they fri

Wednesday April 1st Sowing as yesterday Thursday 2nd Sowing with Duncan & Tufneren. found 3 different remains of Maas therefore called the place Moa Flat

Friday 3rd Sowing Barnes with us the Barnes cliff & neighborhood

Saturday 4th Swede, Duncan & I sowing Cat Burn & toward Shields boundary McIntosh came for me to go to Pakititi

Sunday 5th Macintosh & I rode to Pakititi to see about a boundary fence

Monday 6th Carswell & I exploring the Birch range found a place for fence

Tuesday
Monday April 7th 1874

Rode home to Mangawhau. I noticed a place while going to Putatitiri that looked very likely for gold & examined the place coming back and the more I examined the more I was convinced of its Gold bearing qualities, I had nothing to try it with but my hat & my boot I ^{carried} washed some in my hat; washed it in a hollow of a rock & panned it off with my boot, but with those rude implements I failed to raise the color, but notwithstanding, I believe there is gold there Tairua

Wednesday 8th Sowing grass seed with Burke, Clark & James on flag hill

Thursday 9th Got notice of Donnelly going through with sheep went by

Whanawhau & overtook him camped at Mata

Friday 10th Sent Duncan on with the sheep & came home sowing grass seed

Saturday 11th Wet showery day, planted gums & wattles behind the kitchen

Sunday 12th nil

Monday April 13th 1874

Old Clark & I blasting house blocks with great success

Tuesday 14th same as yesterday

Wednesday 15th sowing grass seed in the Park

Thursday 16th repairing the road to Komin

Friday 17th same as yesterday, the last load of wool went down

Saturday 18th Mr. Mr. R. M. D. left Tairua for good I rode down to Milnes with them & then on to Dolbel's

Sunday 19th Spent the day at Dolbel's

Monday 20th Went to Taradale & managed engaging men got four altogether. Dick Hollis, James Hamilton, Ed. Malley & Robert Dougal at prices varying from £3 to 25 per week spent the night at Peddie with Mr. Ge. Condie. Mr. Moorehouse and another young gentleman heard that R. M. D. had sold Mangawhau, thereby leaving me without an employer

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A branded NDMF: furmice

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Saturday 25th Dougall & I flaying off
Shield boundary line & burning
Tod & Morris came about some sheep
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Left the camp, rain came on again, got home, wet 2 P.M.

Sunday 24th Commenced to draft but got stopped with rain

Monday 25th to Friday 29th Mustering & drafting got 57 sheep & turned them on the hill ridge

Saturday 30th Duncan & I rode home

Sunday 31st Wet showery day, reading & making a theodolite

Retrospect

When I commenced this column I was at Mōhaka & had no ^{opportunity} intention of leaving it (vide 31st Decr 1872.) I have very little to add since the 31st Decr 1873, excepting that I have got rid of all the old hands that wished they could ^{do} as they used to do when there was none to look after them. I have discovered that Mr R Hollis is not the "clean potato" that I took him for, as he distinctly told me he would come & help me to muster on condition that

I would let him go as he was not well & when he was gone he took driving to Patea, through slush & wet, yet he could not stop here because he

I won