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From
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By

D. B. Agnew,

Saturday Nov^r 18th 1876
11 1/2 am. Samtering about waiting for the
Dinner, which passed off very well, then
some amusement in front of House. Showy
after sometime we adjourned to the Parlor
near Garden & had leap frog. French toy racing
jumping &c. &c. & home again for Tea
after Tea dancing in the Kitchen. Mr. J
& Kinrop danced several times with my
wife & was in every dance. he seemed to
enjoy himself very much & to surprise all
who was there, we kept the fun up
until daybreak, people seemed to
enjoy themselves very well, there must
have been over seventy people there

Sunday 19th 9 am. My wife, Miss Jane
Querc & I started up home in one of Rymer's
coaches, and we had some fearful
jolting, and I had a deal of anxiety but
eventually arrived home 4 PM. safe and
sound, the men gave us three cheers at
the gate & had a Triumphal Arch erected

Sunday Nov 19th 1876 (continued)

at the house, and W. Allen kindly volunteered to pilot us up the Gorge.

Monday 20th Unpacking boxes &c. Scott came in and I introduced him to my wife gave him two bottles of Rum to give to the shepherds to drink and health

Tuesday 21st & Casswell came last night but unfortunately I could not take him into the house, he went away this morning promising me a Mare (foal) for Mrs. After breakfast unpacked sewing machine & fixed it on my old office table on Verandah.

Wednesday 22nd Drafting & turning out Horses took Jamie for her first ride to Namatag hill back round house park, then took wife to 2 Callag trees & back, the first time I saw either on horse back both shaped well

Thursday 23rd Saw men repairing yards & shed seeing cattle brought in, got Polly (steaming) to milk. repaired palis with James & Allen The Shedder's Cather began work

Friday Nov 24th 1876

Just after breakfast I got a chance to send a letter to Aunt Mary Ann.

Got a drink of milk for her after breakfast killed a Strawberry Leaven Heifer & cut it up for meat; Hackett & wife came about tea time & heard them about the plan

cloudy morning & turned wet at night

Saturday 25th Very cloudy & doubtful was anxious for Messrs Dolbe's to come up they (Uncles Charles & Richard) with Dickie came about 4 P.M. Spent a jolly night with them & acted Bachelor for first time. the four of us slept in front room

Sunday 26th Went to wash & started the Machine & stopped about two hours came home & had an early dinner then the two Dicks & Peacock started home. Lizzy & Annie and I led them to top of S cutting then we went into the horse park to Spectacle hill & rode home. Showy more or less all day Let the scouring to Peacock & 3/4 for wood

Monday Nov 27th 1876

Helped Allen to his pups (old) & with
C.D. taking old paper off sitting room
P.M. W^o B. Jamie & I rode to wash &
by foot of Boss home Lizzie got very
much frightened at some horses following
us in old park. I am beginning to
think over much about the black letter

Tuesday 28th W^o B. was very sick am. well pm

Shepherds came down with 3000 odd sheep
helped them into Dispute, Scott told
me he wants to leave on acct of W^o Scott's
health, I asked him to bring her down
here to stop for some time offered him
£2 per week to finish the muster, he wants
£3. is finally

Wednesday 29th Picked up boilers for W^o B. washed
drafted & turned rams into old park got in sheep
from Dispute & filled shed in expectation
of commencing to shear tomorrow and was
very busy all day

Tuesday Nov 30th 1876

Commenced to shear, was all
day attending shears, Ladies came over
to shed, after Tea we all went up
nearly to Dispute for a ride

Friday December 1st 1876 Attending fine
shears. put tied, after Tea walked to
excavation, thinking seriously about Black letter
Read it at dusk & found it was the
lamentable death of my poor old
Father, but it is gratifying to think
that Charlie was with him

Saturday 2nd Attending shearing
thought a good deal about poor
Father, C.D. and W. Allen started
down after dinner, I wished we
could have gone with him

Sunday 3rd Reading & sleeping until 4 P.M.
& then got the horses & rode down to
Newchum Plains & met C.D. & W. Allen
and then rode home together

Monday Dec. 4th 1876

Was attending shearing, and left the house after dinner

Tuesday 5th Attending shearing & was kept very busy, could not finish before 6.10 P.M.

Mr. W. Hallett came yesterday to lay off the road from Baracade to Punani

Wednesday 6th Was attending shearing. did not work so hard as yesterday had Neilson to do the fleeces for me

John Caswell came for Sugar Tea & Matches

Weather fine with slight N.W. showers

Thursday 7th Attending shearing Lizzie was sick all day, never left her room

Friday 8th Attending shearing. Scott & Co. came in with Peck & Macsheep. I accused shepherds of taking blankets but they said they did not take them, Gave him (Scott) Captain to bring down M.S.

After 5 P.M. Lizzie & I rode down to

Friday Dec. 8th 1876 (continued)

Broken ground bush, but a shower came on and spoiled an otherwise pleasant ride. After coming home, we had a dinner on the Veranda. the first since our wedding day

Saturday 9th Attending shearing Mrs. Scott came down to stop for some time before she goes to Town

Sunday 10th After dinner we went for a ride but "Billy" turned lame at "Cat burn" turned back & got "Captain" and then rode to G.B. & explored the creek a bit. home dusk

Monday 11th Attending shearing and making Longfellow sheep. A.D. had a good dance in front room

Tuesday 12th Attending shearing and tried Mrs. B. seems to like Mrs. Scott better every day. Rain came on at dusk

Wednesday 13th Attending shearing. helped to lay parlor carpet. H. Caswell came & I paid him £19 for "Maggie" (alias "Kate") he to have the foal in mark first. & me to have the money then if she don't suit

Wednesday 13th Decr 1876 (contd)
A.D. Had a dance in front Room W.C. joined
spent a jolly night

Thursday 14th W.C. left after breakfast
Attending shearing. Lizzie, Janie & W^o Scott walked
to wash p.m.

Friday 15th Attending shearing. hung pictures in front
Room. seeing men altering creek in old path
W. Moore house called going down p.m. showing

Saturday 16th Wet day. No shearing, with
men preparing. Shifting coals. Got Mare from
Forward & Lizzie and I tried her, on Incline

Sunday 17th Lizzie, Janie, Charly & I rode down
to Springfield we got down fully as well
as ever I expected I was very bad with
a sore throat

Monday 18th Parted with Lizzie about 10 am.
& Charly & I rode home we got up about
5 p.m. I was very bad with a cold

Tuesday 19th The Horse seems lonely & empty
like was not doing much on account of the
showery weather. have not had a pinch
of snuff since Dinner - Showery

Wednesday Decr 20th 1876
Attending shearing Drafting & to wash
to see about hanging the prep. feel
disappointed that I could get no
letter down, was very sick after
Tea. seems to be cold. fine

Thursday 21st Hackett & I mustered the
other side of Pukerua by Peacocks tram &
then I was attending shearing.

Jones Drays came up with some things
for me and two cases of gear for James
Peacock. which I took possession of and
then gave him a good blowing up & told
all the shearses that if they brought any
gear to the station I would forfeit their
money & let them see me for it

Friday 22nd At Shed before Breakfast, then to
wash to see hanging of prep, Mustered Dispute
to make way for Kaweka sheep, then Scott
came & told me his time was up & I said
that I believed so but that need not
make any difference & in the work

Friday Dec 22^d 1876 (contd)

But he said it did as he intended to leave which took me altogether by surprise, as I understood it was all settled that he was to finish the Mustering. However in ended in me writing to W Caswell to see whether he would let him stay to finish Donald took the letter

Saturday 23^d Attending shearing in the forenoon then C & D and I (Forward & Mops) rode down, they were working in the Hay until 11^{PM}. Went to Faradale for Shash. home 8^{PM}.

Sunday 24th Was not very well. Lolling about nearly all day Bunk won a pair of gloves off me in sitting room

Monday 25th Christmas Day lolling about until 11^{AM}. Got ready to go to Bennetts spent the afternoon there rather tame, had a game of cricket & French tigg but did not enjoy myself much. home just at dusk & turned in before 9^{PM}.

Tuesday Dec 26th 1876

Game Lizzie an order for £25 and CD & I left about 10^{AM}. got home all right. None of the shears have come so no shearing got letter from Caswell telling me to keep Scott for the Mustering

Wednesday 27th Spent a very miserable night last night, and a thorough miserable day there was only two shears. Lay on bed nearly all day feeling very lonely

Thursday 28th Did not feel quite so lonely today but very very near it. Have no heart to anything. Spent rather a miserable day

Was at shed part of day. part laying down

Friday 29th Attending shearing. George Bee came just at noon. Spent the day very pleasant with him, he seems to have enjoyed himself very much. he brought a letter from my wife the first I have received from her

W. Moorehouse & Master W M Lean stops all night on their road to stea

Saturday Decr 30th 1876

With George Bee all day. Offered him
Kauariki for £1300 cash which I think
he will accept or for £1400 with six years
to pay it in, he & I prefer the former
enjoyed myself very much with him

Sunday 31st George Bee left about
10 am. sent letters to W. B. to J Begg
Ensuring traps for £200. to Mr Donald to
send up Bullock-driver to Pocock about
border. felt lonely after George left

Monday January 1st 1877

Spent a very miserable night last night
saw the old year out & the new year in
tumbling about on bed & reading
got up between 4 and 5. started shears 5 am.

I do not know what is the matter
with me, but I cannot eat or sleep,
I feel no pain and no inclination to do
anything

At noon sent letter to W. B. had a sleep
attending shearing generally. fearful long day

Tuesday January 2nd 1877
Hackett Reil & G Mustard Gustinuck
& Messrs Caswell & Calcutt came
to the drafting, drafted all the
sheep we brought in and the day
passed a little quieter than of late

Wednesday 3rd Got in Middle pole
sheep (old wethers & stragglers) &
drafted them. Started Caswell
& Calcutt off 2 P.M. sent 891 old
wethers into Horse pole and have
been very busy then last two
days. a shower came p.m. stop^{ing} tomorrow

Thursday 4th Was very busy all day
Dinner came on me while I thought it
was 9 1/2 am. These last three days have
been very short for over a fortnight

Friday 5th Attending shearing and
drafting for Shields. was busy enough
not to feel the time long

Saturday 6th Finished the first
& shearing 11 am. then CD & I rode

Saturday Jan 7th 1877 (contd)
Down, saw the Rev. P. C. A. and
heard of the death of Sir W. M. Leach.
Sunday 7th Went to Sir W. M. Leach's
funeral, which was a grand turnout
The whole family went to Town but
Lizzie did not go to the Cemetery I rode
"Maggi" in about very hot.

Monday 8th Mrs. B. Miss Lucie Charley & I
rode up home stopped one hour at
Mulus saw J. M. got home all
right. Jamie rode down the Kononi

Tuesday 9th Did not do very much
both Lizzie & I were tired, I was
reading the History of Jersey nearly all day

Wednesday 10th Calcutt came for the
mail he went to the wash. P.M.
I went to C. B. and to wash. Caught
"Captain" to ride to Town tomorrow

Got letter from G. Bee telling me
he will have to wait 2 months before
he can decide about K. K. K. K.

Thursday January 11th 1877
Seeing the Men to rights am. then
Lizzie persuaded me to go down p.m.
so I went. got to Spfld at Tea. Auntie
did not know that I was coming neither
did she ask how Lizzie was spent the
evening very quiet

Friday 12th Rode into Town, Bought
£10 worth more the last saw Messrs
Kinnop Gandy, Peacock, Colledge & Gay & I
& J. McKinnon of which congratulated
me especially J. McK. who told me
"there was as good fish in the sea as
ever came out of it". Rode out again
to Spfld. and after Tea. Miss L. C.
said she would go with me tomorrow
but no one believed her

Saturday 13th Miss L. C. & I started
7.30 am. & got here 11 am. doing the
journey in 3 1/2 hours the quickest I
ever did it in. she fainted in about
an hour after she arrived but soon got
all right again

Sunday Jan 14th 1877

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Monday 15th Shears came last night & we tried to get sheep in dry & could not. Very heavy showers which stopped our projected ride to 63. Mickie went down & I sent letter to C Bee

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Wednesday 17th Got up 4 1/2 Am. caught all the horses & was just ready to start when Messrs Moorhouse & Moorcroft came they had breakfast & we (ie Mrs B. Miss L.Couture & Lucie & C.D. started for Apfeld we went down in 4.10 hours and stopped in W Jones' shed about 1/4 hour. After dinner I got P.D. Polly & rode to Clin to see J Hollis & try to get a muster. came round by Ballots & home to Apfeld. Lizzie very sick

Thursday Jan 18th 1877

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January 20—Lady Don, brigantine, for Wellington	

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Saturday July 20th - 1877 (continue)

There was a travelling Brewer that came along & I got him to brew me 5 gallons of Raspberry & 3 gallon of Ginger Brandy

G.M. Spent a very lonely & miserable evening all by myself

Sunday 21st Spent the day in solitary grandeur. I fancy I have spent happier days in solitary squaddiness. My only consolation is that I hope E is enjoying herself ~~very much~~
~~very much~~
~~very much~~
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I do not think I have spoken a dozen words all day. Tried to make my will but found I could not do it to my satisfaction. Wrote instructions to Lee for him to do it

Monday 22^d Spent the forenoon much the same as yesterday, and about 11 Am. to my joy & surprise J McDonald came and we spent the time till 11 P.M. very much to my satisfaction

Tuesday 23^d - July 1877

J McDonald went away after Breakfast & Jones got his Mowing machine into working order & we commenced mowing the Pats in Thorpe. I was throwing ^{L^w} the stuff off the machine & feel rather stiff with the jolting but the day passed short.

Wednesday 24th - Too Windy to Mow Made a horse for Bath room Am & to shed + at 6.3 P.M. to see how Bergan left the train on Incline road to go to 63. Felt the day long

Thursday 25th Was throwing Pats (Jones) off machine all day & do not feel nearly so tired as on Tuesday night.

I wonder very much how they enjoyed themselves at the Races today

Friday 26th Was throwing Pats off Machine all day i.e. till 10 1/2 Am. in Jones Pats & from then till 6 P.M. in Station Pats. Don't feel nearly so tired as I did first night

Saturday Jan 27th 1877

About 2 hours after the Machine started
the clutch gear broke & Jones rode
down to Shields & got another one
it stopped the Machine 3 hours. We
thought in the morning we would finish
today, but there seems more than 3
hours work to do yet. Windy fine

Sunday 28th Spent rather a lonely
day. Ed came back about 5 1/2 P.M. &
shortly after went to bed. I went to bed
8 P.M. and topped on a sables pillow
+ racked by eyeopening cogitations and did
not get an eyelid until 2 A.M. and then
to dream unpleasant dreams until
6 A.M.

Monday 29th Got up 6 1/2, started Machine
before 8 A.M. & finished Mowing Station
P.M. at 2 P.M. then the Wind rose to such
a pitch that we could not stook or
do anything - Wind lulled 4 P.M.
went and stooked the whole

Tuesday Jan 30th 1877

Was with 4 men stacking Jones Pats & feel
very tired

Wednesday 31st Writing letters a.m. (6) &
began to take in Pats after Dinner when
James fell from top of May and drove
the fork clean through the muscle of
his left arm, I tied it up with a
dry rag & put him under the tap
of bath room, which I think is the
best I could do. Mr. Moorehouse

came just as I was dressing it for
him. Wrote to Lizzie telling her
I was in need of a clean flannel
Thursday February 1st 1877

Was sometimes in the Pat field and
sometimes in the Woolshed, and lined
off the Manuka in Old park for cutting
same by Contract we finish

Friday 2nd Did not sleep until 1 1/2 this
morning. I am both off my sleep & my
food, was same as yesterday but had
a row with Neil

+ Had first part of patches

Thursday February 3rd 1877

Measured the Manuka in old paths to cut by Contract & found it about 90 acres. Cleared the wood for two shearers

Then CD and started down to Spfld to surprise them but we got surprised instead for all had gone to Town except Phillip. Paul & I had a spin until past 1 am.

Sunday 4th Rode to Tara Dale to see papayas list in Mercury and found L. had not arrived. Dan Nelson & I McDonald rode back to Spfld. & yarning with Ph & A odd round the River. There has been no letter received from Pountney at all. So I was out for wrong when I wrote. "Out of Sight Out of Mind" fin O

Monday 5th Wet Morning. which cleared about noon then CD and started for home. got up 6 P.M.

Tuesday 6th Feb 1877

Was with one man laying off a trial line of fence along Limestone range to fence off the front Country. I was out late before I got home 8 P.M. & raining

Wednesday 7th With Neil exploring for a line of fence on face of N^o. 5. Rain came on about 3 P.M. came home at 5¹/₂ quite wet & the clothes I put on the fence in the morning to dry were wetter than what I had on

Thursday 8th Wet day. Reckoned what stuff was required for the fence as far as the weather shed. Reckoned also the cost which amount to £245 18⁶ ? What is there for it

Sent Neil to Woodthorpe for mail he came back 9 P.M. with letter from E but she does not say much. & nothing about coming back

Friday 9th Was with CD & Bill putting paper + borders on the rooms all day - R Hollis came

Friday July 8th 1877 (Continued)
with 1953 wethers.

Saturday 10th With Ed & Bill finished
putting on the Border on the rooms &
began to window rollers. I put a week
roller on to my Callender. It rained
the whole day.

Sunday 11th Ed and I made a ground plan
of an alteration to his new house in Town
and counted sheep brought by Hollis on
Friday last 1953. Then we wrote a long
letter to Mr. Ed. 32 feet 2 inches $\frac{1}{8}$ & $\frac{1}{16}$
and also wrote a valuation.

Monday 12th With 3 men hollystoned
the verandah in the forenoon & then
with Carpenters p.m. fixing window
rollers. boring holes in Bathroom floor
& boring at Ed making wash stain
Wet Am. seems broken up p.m.

Tuesday July 13th 1877
Was with 5 men earmarking sheep
that Hollis brought & drafting stanzas
round 146 sheep through Wana gate
9 of which I shorn. engaged Evan
Welsh at 26/ per week to advance
in one month if necessary.

Wednesday 14th Finished Earmarking
wethers, & started 3 men to undo Jones stack
Went to wash to see James & Green, found
no damage done by flood except
some wool heated. Came round
by wash hole & drop the cut there.

Thursday 15th Helping to lay carpet and
matting and with men undoing Jones
stack. "feel anxious, gloomy, quiet, reticent
"and desponding, trying to do more than I
"should and fretting my soul that I accomplish
"not more than I do" So wrote Dr Carr and I
can see now he was right for I have very little
that is pleasant to look back upon and nothing
whatever to look forward to, for I expect that

Thursday Feb 15th 1877 (continued)

the first salutation will be "Wipe your Snuffy Nose" (with a sneer) and the next thing of note will be a back turned towards me just like a dead fish

Friday 16th C.P. and enlarged the cat-holes in the roof, transplanted a few germs dug the first potatoes. Went to 6.3 p.m. to explore for a new road in lieu of old one slipped & washed away & came home through Horse park & to Lilly vale plantation, found Mark at house when I came home, sent word to Donnelly that if he did not come in tomorrow for his Bitch I would shoot her tomorrow night

Saturday 17th Was working about the shed & house waiting for Mail, it came about 11 am. and no letters from Lizzie. Got one from C.A.B. with his own photo & by good chance of one of Fathers. They had let their heads grow & I sawe Knewthin. And as for Charlie

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February 16—Star of the South, s.s., from Wellington. Passengers—Mrs Lord, Messrs Bachelder, Logan, Lord, Chase, and Griffiths.
February 18—Rangatira, s.s., from Gisborne. Passengers—Mesdames Root, Shepherd, Balfour, Hollis, Miss Holder, Messrs Ferguson, Hood, Thompson, M'Leggan, Nash, Floyd, Caulton, Green, and five in the steerage
February 18—Falcon, barquentine, from Newcastle

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Tuesday Feb 20th 1877 (continued)

Wash. sent Allen home & took him to 63. clearing off slips & laying off a new road in stead of the one washed away wrote to Cas B. and made up a Map of Hawkes Bay for him Mickie came with the mail and no letter from Leggie but a bit of a note from EP telling me she had arrived. I wrote to her when past 11 p.m. & Moorehouse came between 11 & 12. put him to bed and finished letter & turned in

Wednesday 21st wrote to George Bee about delivery of Kakariki & sent it & Leggie's letter away by Moorehouse's wool clasper went to 63 to see men making Road & back to help shepherds to draft. Drafted & finished 4 1/2 p.m. then made up for bird was kept beautifully busy until 8 p.m. promised to let Donald McDonald stop at Blowhard during the winter

Thursday February 22nd 1877

Sent 24 blankets to the wash & Hackett has 3. and there are 2 in the House making a total 29 blankets 1 opossum rug. and 4 blue and wht cotton coverlets & 3 red and wht dreed coverlets. About 1/2 of the above belongs to me and the other 1/2 to the Station

"More steady on expecting less

The more enjoying happiness"

Went to wash to tell Peacock about the blankets then to 63 and stopped with men until they came home

Friday 23rd Went round "Dispute" found it all right. Parnelly came from BH with his eyes blackened & head swelled told me Scott had pitched in to him without provocation. Went up to see & found Parnelly had called Scott a liar & but told me falsely that none of the others would go out under Scott. So Scott is to leave tomorrow,

About 20 fowls & 6 turkeys at Blowhard according to Mark & Scott

Saturday July 24th 1877

It is 14 weeks to-day since I was married, and during that time my wife has only been 5 with me!

Went to Road and nearly finished it and then tried to settle with Scott but could not do it. He & I rode down together and I saw Lizzie at Spfld she was very sick and I was very sorrow to see her so

George Bee came and we tried to dance but I did not succeed very well.

Sunday 25th Walked about with G. Bee during the day and Lizzie and I walked to Bennetts creek by moonlight and I told her what I was thinking about on this day month. Poor thing she took it very badly but I hope she can see now how we are fixed

Monday 26th Went to Town with G. Bee saw Miller & Smith about Karkivicki and spent a busy day in town, sent

Monday 26th July 1877 (continues)

£10 to C. A. B. and came out by the Coach

Tuesday 27th Left Springfield 2 P.M. (Lizzie was not able to come up) I got home just at Tea time. Jones had brought the Furniture in the meantime

Rode with Mickie from Stony crossing

Wednesday 28th Unpacked the furniture and hung the pictures. With the men generally. put ink & candle stands on the Study desk and feel a deal more easy in mind than before I went down very fine Am. but Showey P.M.

Thursday March 1st 1877. Caught "Captain" & harnessed the potato ground. Is the first time he has been in harness for about six years. He did very well. After Dinner I took all the old wethers out of Horse pole & put them across the Putnam and went to 63 to what work there was & the roads then home & to potato ground - finished digging - poor crop

Friday March 2^d 1877
Was seen to pitting potatoes. helping
Allen to strain wire. Cut a pane of
glass with a soldering iron. Apr.
and put all the different maps
of the Run on to one paper and
reduced the scales to one uniform
scale of 20 chains to one inch and
have not stopped one minute all
day & feel rather tired

Saturday 3^d Took some sheep out
of Dispute & put them into the paddock to
begin shearing Monday & prepared to go
down for Mrs B.

*It is fifteen weeks today since I was
married and my wife has only been five
weeks with me. !!*

Left at noon & got down in 4 hours from Mrs B.
very little better than she was last week

Sunday 4th Mrs B was very bad last night.
that had that I decided not to bring her
had it not been for her sickness. I would have

Sunday March 4th 1877 (contd.)
spent a jolly time with her up to the
very moment I left. Saw Geo. Lewis &
Mrs L. left 3 P.M. home in 2 hours & put them
in the shed after dark

Monday 5th Began again to shear the stragglers
and was kept busy up to 6.10 P.M. Shepherds
came in with about 150 sheep & Allen Welch
and I drafted them

Tuesday 6th Was shearing 3 sheds with 2
men to help me. begin to wish for
+ the end of the week, and hope there will
be no rain

Wednesday 7th Mizzly day & feel fretful
according. was about (or looking at) shearing
am. Drafted Bess sheep 9 A.M. I hope
this mizzly weather won't last

Mrs Moorehouse & Burton? called
going down. they borrowed Murrell & Dornally
Horses. a rumour is that they are going for
£2,000 in Amerys

Wednesday Thursday March 8th 1877

Was with Bechar & Co looking over the
Manuka to cut in old park got tenders
from Moss - James & Bechar. the latter
two trying. was decided by toss a half crown
Bechar won, ~~most~~ they got it - at 15/-
per acre for cutting & burning ~~at~~ only finding
all their tools & provisions

Went round Dispute & got some sheep
in. then mustered old park & pulled out
all the Rams, attending shearing and
felt pretty tired

I think the rain has gone again at least
I hope so, all that has fallen is a mere
trifle

Friday 9th Drafted Guahet-muck sheep &
got only 144 and we were expecting about
700. Took the old wethers across Ptukara
& went to 63. home again & found my
fern sheep broken down & all the Rams
piled in a corner. gathered them up again
and found they were not much damaged

Saturday March 10th 1877

Seeing that there was enough sheep for the
day, and to Shelds drafting got 12. then
rode on to Spfld & changed horses and rode
to Taradale, after a cook, came back &
spent a pleasant evening 16 + 5

Sunday 11th 10 am. Lizzie Gaimie and I
started for home and was 9 hours &
10 minutes on the road the longest time
I ever was and the longest I ever hope
to be, we did not call anywhere and only
stopped about 10 minutes in the town

The 1st hour was at Puketapu

" 2nd " " " Peka-peka road

" 3rd " " " Woodthorpe flat near huddle

" 4th " " " Stony crossing

" 5th " " " Near Milnes white gate

" 6th " " " Bottom of Koroni

" 7th " " " Shelds flat near Lambing flat

" 8th " " " Newchum Plains

" 9th " " " Top of Euclini & 10 minutes more

home, Lizzie was sore a bit from logging but
nothing more

Monday March 12th 1877

Helped Wiggan to draft out the sheep
he lost here last trip he got 98, they
started about 10 am.

Wrote to Aunt Mary Anne
Lizzie seems not to have suffered much
from her long ride yesterday

Lubbock & Angus came for Shields sheep they
got 4 of Shields & 2 of Lubbocks shorn here

Tuesday 13th Was off and on at the shed
and the house, cut out 2 PM, counted
out the sheep. Then Lizzie, Larime & I
started to get water creps, when a thunder
- shower came on & we got soaking wet
before we got home

I was glad to see Lizzie make such a
good tea. I think it was the first
square meal she has ever made at
Mangawharu. Showy pm, hot sun

Wednesday 14th With 5 men transshipping
guns on Muscoe & did a splendid
days work, Mr. Hackett left.

Thursday March 15th 1877

Wetish. Made up Agricultural return
Planted more gums. About mid-
- afternoon, came in to the house and
Larime went to see how Mr. Allison
was, R. Green emptied the
water closet to get my silver snuff
box. which he did and I gave him
10/- and 1/2 a bottle Rum

Scott came & asked for his insurance
age certificate & went on to B.H.

Friday 16th Was with 3 men transshipping
gums on Tyndal, Lizzie came then for
a walk, Jones dray brought up 4 Ducks
& Peacock & I drove a Pymer through the
inner web of the right foot. He bought
2 fowls from Shiel, 2 cases fruit & 1 can
Jam, & a pound pepper tin of butter, we
unpacked all, & everything was in
good condition.

Fell quite different now to what
I did a month ago

Friday March 16th 1877 (contd)

About 8 A.M. Lizzie nearly fainted while sitting on my knee but shortly recovered

Saturday The Seventh of Old Ireland Lizzie was pretty well all day, but yet rather queer. I was off and on at the Shed & the House, cut 35 bottles for holding jam. Cut them by placing a red hot ring on them & they just fell off by the ring

Sunday 18th Wet Day, did nothing much, read a bit of "Miles Standish." L. told me she was very well & appeared very spent the day well. just after breakfast she told me I was not game but I showed her I was

A Chase supposed he had swallowed arsenic I gave him some Mustard & water. he went down so did Mrs. Allen & Mitchell

Monday 19th Was planting trees, planted a Walnut & an Acacia behind the closet. & finished Lyndal. Lizzie wrote to Aunt M.A. about W

Tuesday March 20th 1877

Was with men planting and round Dispute path. put sheep into shed Lizzie made some Quince jam in the shears evn. hour

Saw a female going up to Patea, a married couple for Birch I believe

Wednesday 21st Lizzie was fearful bad all last night and all forenoon, bad with Colic, something like what I used to have, she was pretty well from noon till now 7 P.M. but she never left her bed. Mrs Allison was with her all the after-noon. I got sheep in for shears cut 50 lambs & sheep by myself. & took them sheep out

Thursday 22nd Lizzie was a good deal better to-day, Mrs Allison called a Duck for her she seems very kind. she cleaned up the Bed. room in the after-noon, I was keeping the shears going, and after dark Jones came up with stones & £-15.0 from Manaw

Friday March 23rd 1877

Packed up a case of cases for Lyfild
attending to shears, & talking to Don
Mannell, as they came in with sheep
Lizzie was pretty well all day

Saturday 24th Mrs Allison was taken
sick during the night and she decided
to go down by Jones dray, and started
but did not go farther than Shields
Mr. A was not at home but Mrs A
sent their dray back with her again
she got here about 3 1/2 p.m. and I
had to sit with her until 11 p.m.
Lizzie and Jamie was over two or three
times with her

Joe Heddy came with Dowdrys
Nams and we drafted straps for
him and attending shears

Sunday 25th W. Allen came up about 10 a.m.
& told me it was only "Hemessy on the
Brain" that was wrong with his wife
he brought letters from Aunt Mary Ann

Sunday March 25th (contd)
and Chaley, I wrote back telling
what was the matter with Mrs A
Lizzie Jamie & I walked to the
Water creep & back, I felt very drowsy

Monday 26th Felt very drowsy
went to 63 to see Murphy & Co
finished all the sheep I had in
Lizzie & Jamie washed in tub-house

Tuesday 27th Walsh and I measured a
new line of fence from Gorge to the Lakes
Lizzie & Jamie finished their washing - Lizzie
fell with a bucket of water & hurt herself
but not badly

Wednesday 28th Walsh & I laid off & measured
line of fence from Plattenkum creek to B.H.
sheep yards & home by 6 p.m., Lizzie was
almost crying because I was half an hour
later than I was last night

Thursday 29th Intended to have gone to Shields
but got something in my eye & spent a very
miserable day instead,

Friday March 30th 1877

My eye was not much better to-day but still I was able to work, sent a letter to Amy M.A. by J. M. Dermott. Got a good Fudge gift from Miss Ann Devin in the shape of a pocket handkerchief.

Saturday 31st Was on sheeping & in the shed, Mr. & Mrs. W. Birch called on their way from Patea to Matapio, 'twas the first time I ever saw either of them. & what I saw of them I liked very well. Mr. B seemed rather ingenuous, they called about 2 1/2 PM.

After finish shearing Lizzie & I & Annie went to Thorpe carrot bed & brought some fine carrots home.

Sunday April 1st 1877 Did not go very far from the House, Mr. Lubbock came to ask me to bring their sheep from Whana, Lizzie was rather sick in forenoon but felt pretty right PM.

Monday April 2nd 1877

Was with four men car marking 12/5 withers the R. Hollis & John M. Doyle brought yesterday, while marking we saw a mob of pigs on Donalds hill & when finished 3 of the men went & killed each one, Lizzie Janie, W. Ullin & her three Daughters went looking at them Lizzie was pretty well all day.

Tuesday 3rd Yarded the sheep from Bt yesterday put woolly sheep out of Thorpe. Made up Dornelley etc.

Lizzie was very sick & weak all after-noon.

Wednesday 4th Was settling with Dornelley then took in strangers & was drafting all day at them. Messrs Calcut and Lubbock had dinner with us.

After tea, L. Jan & I walked to top of Incline drains.

Thursday 5th Drafted sheep from Wana, and was mostly with Bill & Mark making net-powel house. Mrs. Sheela came by her self. First time I have seen her for 17 years.

Friday April 6th 1877

Drafted shup for Sheld, some that came from Wana, with man finished fowel house, and finished shearing

While talking on the Veranah, Lizzie and I had a conversation about the words "you shant")

Saturday 7th Made a start to measure fence from BH yard to Plantation, but met Donald near wash & came back & was very glad as it turned out a head windy & wet day. was mending glasses. & Lizzie was well. heavy N wind

Sunday 8th First snow on the Kaweka ^{went off 16/4/77}

After dinner Lizzie Jamie & I walked down to the wash. they saw the Speedy press at work for the first time, we came home by the "old man's" track, got some Koro-miko blossoms, & saw Old "Billy" on the road home

Monday 9th Mark & I putted the tales of a lot of horses to get hair to stuff pack-

Cold windy & showery

fine

Monday April 9th 1877 (continued)

saddles. - Fixed hooks for blinds in front-room, put a bed up in to Garrett

Lizzie & I amie walked to Thorpe croots & to Allison Whau by themselves. fine

Tuesday 10th setting with peacock who raised

suspicion that his fog had been tampered with in the Bed room, fixed copper for Lizzie to wash near woodstack. went to wash to see Allen, & knocking about over the old paddock looking for Clumps to leave

Wednesday 11th Lizzie took some pills last night

& was very bad nearly all day with them I went to the Wash to see Allen & then pointed out four Clumps of Manuka to be left for shelter, then built two loads of Manuka on the way to come home for firewood

Sent a letter to Mary Ann (Aunt) by Mark

Thursday 12th Wet sort of a day - Mickie

came with letters & papers & Allison & Elbourne came & Lizzie bought about £3 worth from E, I did nothing much but spent a very pleasant day

fine

very fine

very fine warm

showery

Friday April 13th 1877

Planted some gums with the men & marked a lot of Linnæus, was about the house most part of the day.

Lizzie got her photos, & I got a letter from W. J. G. yesterday.

Saturday 14th Was with Nelson Am.

trying to prove Jones &c and fixed up the Fern shelves in Bath room.

Then after dinner Lizzie Jane &

I walked to Beeg then I went to C.B. while they went to the wash. I

came to wash for them & we all got home just before tea & enjoyed

our walk very much.

Sunday 15th Did not do much in the forenoon but after dinner we 3

walked to top of "Dispute" & sat there all the afternoon, & got down for

tea. I wrote a letter to Amy M.A.

Monday 16th Rugged up washing gear and washing Am. & with Nelson

Tuesday April 16th 1877 (continued)

a good part of the day. Lizzie has been very well these last two days.

Snow has gone off Kawaka again.

Wednesday 17th Sent letter to Mr. Hollis. G. B.

I, G. K. for Jones. Went to Wash to help Allen with Nat proof box for Machin gear. & helped

him to make a box for Lizzie to take down

Cost £200.. 17.. 10% independent of Katakahi

rent or any of Kaka purchase money.

Thursday 18th Was most of the day with

Allen making Boxes & Grindstone frame.

It blew pretty heavy last night.

Got mail out our letters from M. N. Miller

Friday 19th Was with Allen fixing and

hanging Grindstone Am. trying to make up scowin etc & looking over lately planted trees P.M.

L & Jane went to Allison's P.M.

Saturday 20th Helped Lizzie to reboil her

plum jam, got pots for her, and

helping Allen to fix Grindstone

Just expectation of a Mr. Baker coming

Flowers

1st frost & turned fine

in fine

windy

windy

fine

wind am
rain 4 P.M.

cloudy &
fine

freshish
& fine

Just out of fire

Saturday April 21st 1877
Nelson Jones & I was all day
trying to do up Jones old apt but
could not do much more to
it. Did the current of all right
Went to Incline corner, & tried to
help to square the Gunster.

Sunday 22nd Did nothing much but had
for it was rather a miserable sort
of a day. Highly rain.

Monday 23rd Planted some pines, went
to top of Incline & over old path & other
paths with Jones & helping Allen to make
a thing to sweep chimneys with
I and J sewing all day.

Tuesday 24th Went to BH & Donald & I
measured proposed line of fence from
Lusae tree near to BH yards 2 1/2 miles
I just got down to meet W. Baker at
the gate, he may turn out to be
a nuisance.

at fence

Just out of fire

Just out of fire

Wednesday April 25th 1877
Was nearly all day measuring & mapping
down proposed line of fence with
Allen making sweeping gear & swept
bedroom & parlor chimneys.

W. Baker went to BH & shot a few
pigeons came down just at dark.
Lizzie has been very bad all day, very
nervous.

W. Shuld called about Mustang Station.

Thursday 26th Finished mapping down fence
and preparing to go down tomorrow
and I and J went to wash. I went
to help Allen to paint saddle brads.

W. Baker went to the bush for pines
went with the dog and back with it.

Friday 27th Started about 5 am for
Town. Retook W. Moore house below Shad.
Got into Paradise in time for breakfast
& go by Coach. Got in Town before 10 am.
I was very busy until 3 1/2 pm. Came
out by evening Coach & rode to ^{Springfield} ~~Lusae~~ & spent
a nice evening then turned in 8 pm.

Saturday April 28th 1877

Left Spfld Town, had a long game
walked with Milne to Guppy's gully
got home comfortable 3 1/2 pm. and
was glad myself & Gladness others

Shoney
Cold shony

Sunday 29th Was very busy all day
making out specifications for the BH
fence, did not finish until 5 pm.
Lizzie was very bad with toothache
she seems to have a high opinion of Mr Baker

Monday 30th With 2 Men explored
the road from here to Henis Whar & along
the range to BH gorge for tracks to lay the
propped line of fence. Mr Baker went
to BH Lizzie was very bad with
toothache,

Tuesday 1st May Fixed up Lizzie's boiler for her
to work. Got in Wether to kill & was
resembling fencing stuff nearly all day

Wednesday May 2nd 1877. Got in "Billy"
and blisted him. Then Lizzie rode "my Lind"
to wash I walked. I got a letter from Mrs
Scott wanting to money.

Cold & cloudy
fine

Tuesday May 3rd 1877

Walt all day with 2 Men fencing in
the Incline corner. very nearly finished it
Mr Baker came in from his BH shooting
he says he had good sport -
Lizzie has been still bad with toothache

Friday 4th Was doctoring "Petrie" trying to
get him to eat oats from the stack &
knocking about round the place. Made
four knitting needles (wooden) for Lizzie
G P Donnelly called just after
dinner. Mansell came with him to BH
Mr Baker went out shooting by Begg
but did not get anything. Wrote
letter to Annby to go down by
Bill tomorrow.

Saturday 5th Was with 2 Men nearly all
day, fencing in stacks. Mr Baker tried
shooting but got nothing. Mr. Moorehouse
called just at Tea & Mr Begg from Peter
called just at the same time. B. up & M.
down. Lizzie's tooth was a little better

making more

fine but threatening

fine but threatening

Sunday May 6th 1877

Drizzly wet day Messrs Moore house & Bess left. We was all day in the house, reading & Mr. Baker played the Concertina before Tea. Bill came back but no letter from Springfield.

Wet & Drizzle

Monday 7th Engaged McLauchlan and wife for £90 per Annum Man to Milk & Knock about. Wife to Cook & Wash, Father to Williams about Blacksmith shop at Kinoni. Settled with Jones to date except plowing corner at Incline and the stack. Measured The Manuka cut by Richard & Co and settled with them and had nearly a row with Mrs Baldy about a Camp over

Drizzly till 10 am. Cloudy

Tuesday 8th Was nearly all day setting off lines and planting Incline corner with 2 men. Mr. Baker went to Pij flat. Pig hunting. Lizzie was very well both today & yesterday. She has just ~~made~~ killed a scarlet petticoat

W. W. Shower with wind

Tuesday May 9th 1877

Was most part of the forenoon carting & making up. After dinner went to wash & helped to finish planting Barcade Plantation & then found water wheel smashed, when a heavy shower came on about 3 pm. & just cleared in time to let us home

Cold shower & snow on 13th

Lizzie was very well all day. Thursday 10th Was nearly all day planting Poplars to be planted one foot apart round the weather edge of Plantation in hopes that they would grow into a solid wall

Very windy in squalls

Lizzie was very well again to-day & was all day making

Mr. Baker went to Conical Hill with cattle hunter

Friday 11th It blew very hard last night and blew our bedroom door open & frightened Lizzie very much. I was nearly all day planting poplars. and at Men draining Incline road. Mr. Baker went out after cattle. Lizzie was had after her fright am, but was all right PM.

Very windy last night

W. W. Shower with wind

Saturday May 12th 1877 16+24

Fine calm

Fixed up Lizzie's Bales for her to wash (as she did). Trimed a lot of Poplars. Went to Incline chains, and all over Tyndal & Husley trining and examining trees. W-Baker walked to Lolo's flat

Sunday 13th A Wet and miserable Sunday but not Cold. Did not do much. was never away from the house

Drizzly & miserable

W-Baker went over to near the Tai flats after dinner. Lizzie did not get up until 1 1/2 Am. she not being so well as last 3 or 4 days. Have great talking about going down on Tues day first

Monday 14th Was with men draining & planting. Got in horses & dressed their feet. Primed the last of the Poplars, and got things ready for going to Springfield tomorrow, Lizzie ironed and put her things away and prepared every thing for going down tomorrow

Very fine

Tuesday May 15th 1877

Very fine

W-B. Miss L and self started for spfld 8 1/2 Am. Called on W-B Shild. Mr Baker came with us to top of Kononi. (Left bank) we all got down splendidly except that Lizzie fainta at Hakawai, got down about 4 P.M. Spent a pleasant evening and amused herself with my proficency in the French language

Wednesday 16th Left for home 11 Am. got up all right. put some things into the box that was forgotten, and read papers with W-Baker. wrote to Lizzie and put letter into box

Thursday 17th Went to 63 just after breakfast to write an order for wood cutter. came home and Shild came about 4 P and the purchase of Kononi store tried to fix his eye. and told him I would not pay share of store until I knew what tenor of a lease there was. Got angry at Mark about riding in horses

Very fine

Friday May 18th 1877
Found ten Turkeys killed by dogs and
charged owners of loose dogs with them
then went with Gray to Junction of Sch-
-astapol. Then Mr. Baker & I went to
Peacock's tram & through Sebastopol to
Baker's tram. I measured roads over & round
Table Hill & found only 35 yards in
favor of our top. Decided for bottom
road & Murphy & I laid it off round bottom
Home 4 1/2 p.m. Had no dinner

Saturday 19th Classed wire for Baker's tram
went to see heronness, & Lily Vale plantation
through Horse pdk. to bush for a pick &
home to dinner, Helped to load Munka
and settled up with N. Hollis & A. Chan
Hollis promised to send me Turkeys for his
share of those killed

Sunday 20th Was nearly all day reading
as it was another wet Sunday, felt
very well contented with myself &
therefore with everything else

Monday May 21st 1877
Was with 2 men making a pack track
round table hill, it was in two
divisions and I named them Great
and Little Bourke streets as they are
on Baker's track, I worked very
hard (so did all) & we got finished &
home by 4.15 p.m. It was light rain
all day, & I had to shift every thing

Tuesday 22nd Went to Papa crossing to see about
repairing it. To men draining road, to Harrows &
drafted and turned out 5 horses on to the
run and to drains again, Was working
nearly all night about L. Pleasant &

Wednesday 23rd Was most part of forenoon
writing & Calcutt came & waited for the
mail, the Shepherds came in with Conical
Hill sheep & I helped to draft them
Mr. Baker started for Patia

Thursday 24th Started from here 10 a.m. & went
to spfld and spent a comfortable evening
L was out of sorts with a feight she had with
Godard getting killed with his dog

I really but very fine

Truck but fine
showing

Scotch Mist all day
a fine
very fine

Friday May 25th 1877

Saw W Casswell going to Town & sent an invitation for John & Maggie to come to L's wedding. Did not see J. G. K. but opened the Tenders & accepted Norman & Co for £13. 7.6 per mile to include splitting & all extras. The Woods being next lowest at £14-10.

per mile, came out again to Spfld. & saw as last night. Making great preparation for the wedding. M.C.

Saturday 26th Nelson
Met Allison & W. G.
Called on W. Sherwin & some

DEPARTURES.	
May 24—	Manaia, p.s., for Wairoa. Passengers—Mr and Mrs Witty and family
May 25—	Sir Donald, s.s., for Wellington
May 25—	Result, s.s., for Wairoa. Passengers—Mr and Mrs Smith and family (3), Mr Davis and 3 Maoris

Or by £112.00
Sunday 27th

Day felt rather
100 yards from
up with M G G

BIRTHS.	
EVANS.—	At Napier, on the 22nd May, the wife of J. R. Evans, of a daughter. Wellington papers please copy.
BENNETT.—	At Oamaru, on the 26th May, the wife of Mr John Bennett, of a son.
LOCKE.—	At Napier, on the 28th May, the wife of S. Locke, Esq., of a son.

DEATH.	
VAUGHAN.—	On board the Falcon, at sea, on the 23rd April, David Vaughan, of Napier, aged 39 years.

G.K. About Tenders. 13 bullocks & old water, wrote to Lizzy to send per Marnsell

Monday May 28th 1877

Went to seed sowers & examined boundary fence, planted & pressed some papers. Hollis came to pigment & I gave him out stores.

Tuesday 29th Was writing and making out store list am. and out with sowers and over paths looking where it is required to sow. p.m.

Have been wishing for this day much. This is the only day I have felt anything like love but nothing like the last Holiday

Wednesday 30th With seed sowers, and fixing up between kitchen & fence with clay. Mickin brought the mail late last night and a letter from Esab containing a Gold Ring that he had made for Father

Found after dinner that R. Green had got grey last night and was unfit for work today.

Franz M Mahon arrived with Metotaria team

very fine am. mch pm

fine pm
showy am
cloudy & hazy pm
beautiful day

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Saturday 26th Reluctantly left 10 am. Call on Mrs. Allison & wife & family near Putatapa. Called on W. Shield & home 4 PM. & home by 112. B. up to 30th mile

Sunday 27th Was reading nearly all day felt rather lonely. did not go 100 yards from the house all day. Little up with McGregor & Marnsell went to J. G. K. about Tenders. 13 bullocks & old bullocks. Wrote to Lizzy to send per Marnsell

Monday May 28th 1877

Went to seed sowers & examined boundary fence, planted & pruned some paplars. Hollis came to pig hut & I gave him out stores.

Tuesday 29th Was writing and making out store list am. and out with sowers and over paths looking where it is required to sow. p.m.

Washing for this day week. This I have felt anything like long in the last Holiday. With seed sowers, and fencing

Washed & fence with clay. Mistin late last night and a containing a Gold Ring made for Father. Dimin that R. Green had got grey last night and was unfit for work today.

Frank McMahon arrived with Proctorian team

be well rubbed over the affected after their due fomentation with water. It acts by stimulating the vents to increased activity, by pre-venting congestion and promoting a free copious circulation in the parts affected, thence speedily and effectually it is a cure.

Plush, Silk Skirts, Costumes, Oyster and waterproof Cloaks, Silk Velvets in Black, Red, Maroon, Prune and Brown, Children's Gowns, Dresses, 27 inch Black silk, Velvet Mantles (very superior quality), Quince, Silk and Alpaca, Satin Skirts, Eider down Skirts, Felt Skirts, Fur Jackets Astrakhan, Colored Ostrich Feathers in black, blue, drab, cardinal and prune; Black Ostrich Flats, White Ostrich Flats, Black and White Prince of Wales Feathers, Natural Grey Ostrich Feathers, Winter Spray

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Friday Am.
Saturday P.M.
Sunday P.M.

Beautiful

very fine Am.
Wed. P.M.

Thursday May 31st 1877

Got Gen. to sign an agreement to forfeit
£10 if ever he got any drink again on Station
Went up the range with Deans & Layed 1/2
a mile of the fence. Home just at dark

Friday June 1st 1877

Was laying the fence same as yesterday
Mrs M^c washed first time
Home 5 P.M. & tired. wrote to L

Saturday 2nd Started men. Loaded

McMahon with
went to 63 to Mr
for dinner, & gave
the balance of
and small, & my
a sore throat,

I expect Miss Le Cousee has changed
her name by this time

Sunday 3rd Was very busy all day
and did not go 200 yards from the
House. Peacock came for his dog
& he promised to send me two Turkey

MARRIAGE.
PARSONS-LE COUTEUR.—At St. Mark's Church,
Clive, on June 2, by the Rev. W. Marshall, Thomas
Parsons, of Puketapu, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand,
to Eliza LeCouteur, of St. Helliers, Jersey.
M'LEAN-COLLINS.—In the Presbyterian Church,
Havelock, on June 20, 1877, by the Rev. Alexander
Shepherd, Mr Peter M'Lean, farmer, to Eliza, sixth
daughter of Mr S. Collins, Pukahu.
HARRISON-M'LAUGHLAN.—At Mission Church,
Meanees, on June 22, by the Rev. E. Reignier, C.
Harrison to Ann M'Laughlan, both of Napier.

fin Am. last 10 M.

Geoshy. wing cut 1/2

Geoshy fine my fine

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go down tomorrow.

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drivers to go & lie down, and do nothing until
Jones bought them stuff. Waited for Miss &
Master C. & Mickin Neither of them came
so I started down for L.L. Wedding. got down
4 P.M. and had a gain on the Verandah

Tuesday 6th Stalled round the pots with
Neil Wallace until the Company gathered
then was a good many that was at ours
and we all went through about the same
performance as at ours, but people did not
seem to enjoy themselves so much, I
know I didn't. We just managed to
keep things moving until Daylight let us
make a start

Wednesday 7th Got home just in time for

I Norman & Lucia Married

L. C. fine

2 fine shot

Thursday May 31st 1877

Got Gen. to sign an agreement to forgo
£10 if ever he got any drink again on Station

Went up the range with Teams & Layed 1/2
a mile of the fence. Home just at dark

Friday June 1st 1877

Was laying the fence same as yesterday

W. M. Washed first time

Home 5 P.M. & tired. wrote to L

Saturday 2nd Started Men. Loaded

McMahon with mine for Bucks tram

went to 63 to Measure firewood, home

for dinner, Guiding Men & bottled

the balance of Cider. 12 bottles large

and small, was very bad with

a sore throat,

I expect Miss Le Couse has changed

her name by this time

Sunday 3rd Was very busy all day

and did not go 200 yards from the

house. Peacock came for his Dog

& he promised to send me two Turkey

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47 "Remaining, Gentlemen, yours very respectfully
To the Proprietors of
NORTON'S CAMOMILE PILLS, London

"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE"
CLARKE'S
WORLD FAMED
BLOOD MIXTURE

J. Norman & L. Luce M^{rs}

peach from my fire

peach from my fire

fire from west 10 M.

Wednesday June 7th 1877 (continued)

Dinner, saw all the men how they were doing, heard that 3 of my new team of bullock had died with Tutu, and ~~and~~ wrote a letter to Lizzie to send by R Hollis, & turned in 3 P.M. & pretty well slept until morning

Friday 8th Rode up to Lakes then to Emigration flat saw Andrew Colville, then rode to BH saw Noonan & Mate, Donald & Mannell. D told me that it was true about Scott & his Mistress, rode down Burkes track home at dusk, got letter from Mr Baker who is well & in Patua

Saturday 9th Helping Bill to mend pole. Dick told me he could not work so I got a bill of sale over his mare & saddle & bridle for £6. and he went to the Doctor. After dinner I rode down to Apla and heard of all the fights they had had. Spent a pleasant evening but was bad with sea-sickness

Sunday June 10th 1877

Did not do much at all was very bad with a cold and never left the house

Monday 11th Had great bustle to start. Got started in one of Rymer traps by 8 am. i.e. Mr B. Miss L & self and after a deal of jolting and uneasiness got home 4 P.M. Called on Mr. Shields and we all went to bed nearly as soon as we got home

Tuesday 12th Did not do much was very bad with Cold & sea-sickness, sent Bill down for my horses. Paid Rymer £3 and Blythe & Co £2. 10. had men planting strawberries in front of house

Wednesday 13th Was with 3 men putting 98 cut wire across Burkes track, finished by mid-day. Broke a needle in the sewing machine

Thursday 14th Did nothing much was with men & machinery

cloudy fine cold

very fine

very fine

fine

showers last night fine

fine

fine wind

Wet

Friday June 15th (1877)
Did nothing much was still had with
Carache. L. J. & I went to Tyndal for Cabbage

Saturday 16th (Did not do much as
My Carache was still bad. McEwan
was very sick last night
W Carswell came while at Tea & spent
a jolly evening.

Sunday 17th (Did not leave the House
W Carswell stopped all day & we
had such laughing at the Ponga trees
in the evening McEwan was very
had with D. T. About 9 P.M. he
was looking very wild

Monday 18th Was with nearly all hands
drafting the old wethers. sold 720 of
them to W.C. for 3/6 per head on a
six months bill. McEwan all right.

Tuesday 19th Carswell went off with
his sheep. And I was most of the
day pegging out places for two men to
plant native trees in front of house
Lizzie Jane & I went for water cress about 1/2 hours

Wednesday June 20th 1877
Went up one of the middle spurs to "Jenny
Lind" flay and shewed bullock drivers
the strains & walked down gorge track to
Barkes train saw that they could finish
packing & I cut with 3 horses, got a
new pen for W. C. D. or W. Parson

Thursday 21st Started Bill & Mark to BH
gave out stores. helped Joe to transplant
peach & other trees. Lizzie & I laid off
oval and planted five Rose trees in it
Murphy got his ribs hurt with pole yoke

Friday 22nd Helped Joe planting and
Lizzie Jane & I walked to the Wash p.m.
they enjoyed it very much. I gathered
all the seedlings in the nursery into one
Bed. We gathered Robertsons favourite & planted
them round the circle in flower garden

Saturday 23rd Was with 3 men all day
getting in Manuka firewood. Lizzie
& Jane came with me for last load
and we came home by the Carrots
& the Paddock was very wet. John Carswell
Donald & Walsh brought 2 Cows from Puketitiri

windy

windy fine

Cold stormy

Stormy

very fine

very fine

very fine

very fine

fine

Sunday June 24th 1877

Johnny Caswell went away after breakfast we drove the two cows "Huki" & "Moany" into Dispute and after Dinner Lizzie Jane & I went to have a look at them & found Huki Calving. and by 4 P.M. she had Twins, a bull & Heifer we carried the Calves into the shed both Messrs Moorehouse & Walker came at Tea & stops

fine day rain from 4 P.M.

Monday 25th Messrs M. & W. left about 8 am. got the Cow "Huki" round & milked her. did not do very much all day, got letter from Shild about Specifications & answered it.

Tuesday 26th Helped to pit potatoes & Lizzie & I walked to Baracade & planted Pear willow by the creek side and then after Dinner I planted some more in Incline corner & in Orchard. Messrs W & J and Miss Caswell came at Sundown and Mr. Baker came after dark, Miss C seems to be very shy

very fine

Wednesday June 27th 1877

Was with the Messrs Caswell and three others Drafting Rams and old wethers from Ewes all day, and after dark Mr. Baker gave us some nice Music on the Concertina, The Ladies came over to see us Drafting

Thursday 28th Helped men to draft rough sheep. Went to the Wash & shewed the Messrs E. the Scouring Machine and after Dinner helped them to start. then with the Ladies walked to Bashells cutting

Friday 29th Did not do very much work but was guiding the men & after Dinner walked with the Ladies to the Sheep-wash and Wool-wash and during our absence Mr. & Mrs Shild called and stopped for an hour. was very sorrow we were not at home

fine
fresh fine
fine
fine
very hard frost. fine
thrm 50 below freezing

Paid £20. for Huki & Moany

Saturday June 30th 1877

Shewed Men when to put in Culvert
in Old path & laid off road through do.
found four men lying in the Wharfe
which put me rather in bad humour

Lizzi made some pancakes in a sauce-
-pan in the bed room

dry & fine

Sunday July 1st 1877. Rather a showy

Sunday as usual. did not stir much
from the House. Donald & others
came in from B.H. brought 2 Turkey
cocks & 4 cocks. in exchange for hens

showy

Monday 2^d With 2 Men built in the
New Colonial Oven. & walked the
Cat burn with Lizzi Jane & Maggie

fine

Tuesday 3^d rode up through the Gorge to B.H.
took delivery of 454 posts and after Dinner
shewed Murphy & M. Mahon the line of
fence from Old dray to Ptukna and
rode home. Lizzi hurt her self
through trying to reach a candle
out of the candle box

Cold but fine, with
snow on B.H.

Wednesday Fourth of July 1877

Helped 2 Men to foot rot Rams. Packed
a box of Ferns to take to Springfield
and p.m. The Ladies & I walked to top
of "Dispute" and sat 2 hours.

cold fine

Thursday 5th Was with 2 Men making
bridge & side drains for Road through
old path, took delivery of some
snouts from Hollis. did not
go out for any walk

very fine

Friday 6th Rode to B.H. to see men
shunt Mickie for mail. replayed
part of the line that the wind had
blown the flys away & came home &
M. Ewan & I rivetted two standards onto
oven plate to strengthen it

great fine

Saturday 7th Shifted horse into Thorpe, sent
letter by Allen to Nymer for trap to come on
Monday to take us down on Tuesday. Lizzi
and I walked to bridge near the wash & I
planted some ferns & Miseltoe which I
brought from B.H. yesterday

fine

Sunday July 8th 1877

Did not do much Am. Went across (with the Ladies) mightily gully in by foot of Donalds hill & home by the shed 8 P.M. Messers Walter Berkeley & Lubbock came 8 P.M. Cooks were in bed. Gave them some preserved fish and some Whisky & water

very fine day

Monday 9th Lizzi was very sick all day and I did not go far from the place 4 1/2 P.M. Nymus trap came up to take us all down to Springfield

fine day

Tuesday 10th No 13. Jane Lucie Miss Carswell & self started from here 8 Am. in Nymus Trap for Springfield called in at Shield for 1/2 an hour and stopped one hour and 40 minutes got down to Koroni where I boiled a Billy of Tea. Stopped 5 minutes at Puketapu for Miss C, to speak to her Cousin and got to Hfhd before sundown, they were glad to see us & we slept up stairs

great but fine

Wednesday July 11th 1877

I walked to stackyard, to Garden & passed a pleasant forenoon and left just after dinner, came home in 10 minutes under 4 hours. wrote a letter & filled up Diary and turned in early

great fine

Thursday 12th My Birth-day

Was with 2 men planting Rhubarb & finished planting Gums in Incline corner and Barcade plantation & went to Morrison's Garden for Raspberries & home. N. Carswell was at home spent the evening with him went to Lizzi, and to General Post Master Complainy of Mickie

show on SH & fine

Friday 13th Joe Rice & I packed some standards on to fence line & went to SH did not do much more, looked round for Roads

fine

Saturday 14th With McDonald & Rice cutting road in SH bush. McLaughan came 4 P.M. with letter for Allen whose wife is not expected to be here he started for Town at dusk

fine

Sunday July 15th 1877

Took delivery of the posts to let the Splitter move camp. Read good part of the day, had walk P.M. & found the bones of Cow who had fallen through a hole in rock & hung by the head getting jammed between two rocks. & hung there until her bones had fallen out of her skin, she must have hung there at least two years

flat fine with light showers

Monday 16th Donald and I explored Maiden bush A.M. and cut 386 yards of sledge track after dinner Allen came home from Town, brought a letter from Brian enclosing a cheque for £6 for Dick Green's mare &c.

fine & fine

Mr. A getting letter
Tuesday 17th Explored Razor Road and Saddle
Tram A.M. and with the driver P.M.
Told Allen & Donald that I would not give up Dick's mare without getting all debts satisfied

fine & fine

Wednesday July 18th 1877

Donald & I cut a track for the fence through the Little bush A.M. then I cut the paddock fences to let the Drivers through & with them until night

very fine

Michie came at noon with mail, got letter from Post-Master about Michie & one from Lizzie, I wish I was with her now.

Thursday 19th Went with 2 men and laid the strains for Saddle tram, explored for pack track to Peaks. Made Modley table for tram, looking for peewees strains &c &c after dark recounted to Donald my experience at Gwavas. Heard that Mr. Goudy was at station, wonder he did not come up.

fine & fine

Friday 20th With 3 men erecting posts for Murphy's tram, Mr. Goudy came about 10 1/2 am. & we rode down together after lunch & Mr. Baker came as we did, and both stopped all night.

Saturday 21st Messrs B & B left 9 1/2 am. I did up books & preparing to go down 10 am.

Saturday July 21st 1877 (continued)

Went to 63 to see Mr Loughran and told him he hardly did enough. Left Incline 2 p.m. & got down just at dusk, spent a fine evening

Sunday 22nd Walked to garden & Whites with P.D. He told me about Jack, N. got some climbing roses & others at Whites

Monday 23rd Rode "Jing Lind" into town had to wait for J.G.K. but he did not seem so jolly as he used to be, he took me to his house to see a post-hole digger, saw G. Bee he gave me a cheque for £8.6.0 balance of Kakariki rent. (which I gave to Lizzie, got a pair of earrings for Auntys Birth-day, Rode out by 7 1/2 p.m.

Tuesday 24th Wrote to Mr. Miller & J.G.K. clearing balance of £500. Parted sorrowfully from L waited at Puketapu while Willins strapped the blocks and started home. Mr. & Mrs. I Parsons overtook and passed me on Shields flat, got home just after dark.

fine
Cold
Cold shows heavy snow on B.H.
fine
very fine

Wednesday July 25th 1877

Planted roses to every verandah post and several other through the grounds sent a letter to Lizzie by N Hollis containing photos & Garter, N Hollis has finished pig-hunting. Mickie is late snow laid all day on B.H.

Thursday 26th Started 9 a.m. from Incline to B.H. with Tram gear, was 2,35^{4 m} coming via Burkes track, saw drivers and explored for a new bridge across in front of Now Wharf. 7 p.m. and no Mickie to B.H.

Friday 27th Got traveler bars & started Allen to fix them, loaded Murphy & went with McMahon to the Tram with a load of posts came to dinner, the rain came on heavier and we fixed up tram gear p.m.

Mickie brought up the letters, got one from Mrs. Allison wanting me to bring her up, got also one for Lizzie from Napier.

Saturday 28th Rain nearly all day, just cleared enough to make new road through B.H. bush to avoid a "Slough of Despond"

fine
very fine
Snow till on B.H.
fine
Muggy & hot much & disagreeable

Sunday July 29th 1877

Wet day, Reading & writing at BH and thinking of how Lizzie is getting on, and wishing I was along with her

Wet

Monday 30th Wet all day, spent the day reading - Mickie & Kenneth? came from patia and I finished letter to Lizzie to go tomorrow, send them Monograms of her name by way xxxxs was thinking a good deal about her

Wet

Tuesday 31st Mickie & his mate went off after breakfast, sent Lizzie letter (containing another that came by mail) with Kenneth?. It rained all day. Wrote all the paper I had about Tactum. Often wished I was weather bound at Springfield instead of B.H. and begin to get afraid that I won't be able to get down next Saturday or Sunday

Wet

Wednesday August 1st Another wet day just cleared for 1/2 an hour & I went through the bush & back - Mickie came with mail but no letter from Lizzie

Wet

Thursday August 2nd 1877

A showy sort of a day - Did nothing but it sort of cleared p.m. & I went out with all hands and Milt & Forta streams & a few braces, & cross cut another Totara log. N Hollis came up on private business & I sent down another letter to Lizzie, telling her that altho' I was out of sight I knew that I was not forgotten

showy

Friday 3rd Looked some time for my horse at BH & then walked down, wrote the end part of River paper, made up McEwens life and worked in the books nearly all day. Planted 2 snow-grass & 1 silver tussock of grass and prepared to go down tomorrow

fine

Saturday 4th Rode down with N Hollis. the River was high - higher than ever & crossed it. Lizzie was in Town spent the evening with Phillip & Johny Carmell, who came just at dusk with his father W.C. rode on. J.C. stopped

fine

Sunday August 5th 1877

Walked over to Goais & round the River with J. Caswell. Lizzie came from Town with N.D. just at Dinner, then I was most of my time with her N.D. Aunt L & I walked to the stack & to the River

Gave Phillip my River paper

Monday 6th Did not get up very early went nearly to the back of the run with Ph. to show a line of fence. Had early dinner and started for home 12.10 P.M. overtook P. Orian at first crossing & we came up together & got home at dusk.

Tuesday 7th Went to 63 to take delivery of firwood &c from Contractors & came home & made up their acc. classed my illustrations - set papers preparatory to binding them and found them woefully short

Where have they gone to?

Wednesday 8th McEwan & I explored dividing fence to main fence then I went to Doldrums to see fences. & then to B.H. Snow came on as I got there. Victoria had not come yet 7 P.M.

Thursday August 9th 1877

Was with three men putting six wires on Murphy's (double) Tram, found rope too short. Very hard black frost and cold clear day.

Friday 10th Sent W. Allen to Amestation for clothes line &c and when he came back 11 Am. the wind was too high & we waited until 4 P.M. and sent 3 loads across, but the wind blew the empty travers rope in front of the loaded one & jammed, stopped at it until dark.

Saturday 11th With 3 men at Murphy's tram; the wind was too high to use the double tram & I put all the six wires together & used it as a single tram with a double load, but it took an average of 25 minutes to each trip and very hard work at that. Considering that there is a quarter of a mile (450 yards) of rope to pull up a very steep hill with a 30 lb traveller at the end of it - my hands

are blistered with pulling the rope

fine

fine

fine windy

fine an. snow

cold wind & frost

fine windy

fine windy

Sunday August 12th 1877

Had Breakfast at BH and walked to the Station, saw men there, got "Caption" and rode down, got there about 4 P.M.

and had a chabby evening, and decided a lot of seeds from Poverty Bay

Monday 13th - Rode "Jimmy Lind" into Town

Saw J & K who invited me to Dinner but I got away by New Saddle road & tel it get too late for me. There was a

meeting of the Philosophical Society & I went. heard 2 1/2 papers read by Mr. Colenso.

Got £300 from Mr Miller on acc of Katakahi & entered it in UBA Mums Account. got to Lyfld at

Mid. night

Tuesday 14th Left after Dinner. saw W. Thain (Blacksmith) who wanted me to take one of his boys on to the Station

Saw Scott near last crossing, I advised him to summon me, got home about 5 1/2. decided seeds. tid up books

Wednesday August 15th 1877

Explored McEwan creek for a crossing, with Mr Loughlan and showed him where to cut rails & then took a cross country to patea track saddle - a fearful road with fern - & on to Blowhard

Thursday 16th Went to Train and was

all forenoon untangling the wires & got to work just after Dinner and put 164 pieces across by Aust. when

two wires broke. came home to BH

Friday 17th A thorough wet day, had

some good yarns with W. A. McEwan and was reading Trans. phil Inst 1876 nearly all day

Saturday 18th Wet again. Came down

to Station 3 P.M. Mr L told me that Phil Wilson had made an attempt to rob the store last Thursday.

It is nine months today since I was married $102 + 166 = 268$

Wrote to F W C Sturm, Chas Birss & R A M Millan

fine

fine

great

fine, slight shivers

very fine and

fine every

Wet

Wet & shower

Sunday August 19th 1877

Told Mr. M^r to get breakfast by 7 am.

every day, got Macky & rode to far end of Shields gory to see roadmen & home for Primer (very poor one) went out round

Ida padd and explored for line of fence

Got a new fern at top of short cut. Plod

it & kept myself very busy made up my eye to end of year & found my ac to

be £95. 11. 9 due from W^r & £310. 14. 6 in U.B.A, £22 due from W^r. £40 from D.M.^r

£20 from James £1400 from W.S. and £4 in hand making a total of £1852. 6. 3 D.T.

Monday 20th Welch & I measured proposed

dividing & Ida padd fences. Dividing fence 3 miles 16 ch & Ida padd contains 43 1/2 acres

Tuesday 21st Explored for a road to get

fencing stuff up on to McLoughlans spar and found a strange Poa. reckoned 7 ft posts & with men sowing garden seeds

P.M. Mickie went down & took letters

Wednesday August 22nd 1877

Went up the Range and re explored for another line of fence & found one

a deal easier laid, saw the fences & went on to B.H. had something to eat

and went to Murphys team & stopped with them until night

Thursday 23rd Working at Murphys team

all day & finished; it having been a trying job all through. the team

being about 1200 feet or nearly a 1/4 of a mile long, carried rope & home

Friday 24th A thorough wet day. raining all day through. I am afraid I will not be able to go down Saturday

Saturday 25th Another very wet day, there will be a big flood this time

I am afraid I will be expecting one to-night

Sunday 26th Wet all day. I cannot get

down. I am anxious now because I may think I might try it and meet some acci-

=dent

fine but cloudy for B.H.

fine

fine

fine

Wet

Wet

Wet

showery

Monday August 27th 1877

Collected some ferns &c & made them up - came by new line of fence home and got my net

Tuesday 28th Welch & I charred another line of dividing fence leaving M Ewan creek on the left (coming down.)

fine. windy

I had a very strange dream, or sort of night-mare last night at 11 1/4 P.M. I thought L & I was in bed and the K piped out, O.E. Δ & ω γ, O.E. Δ & ω γ!! O.E. Δ & ω γ!!! & so on it was terrible, I could not sleep for 2 hours after it

Brian came after tea - I'll go down with him

Wednesday 29th Brian & I went down over-land, saw Whitehead on top of hill, got down just as the bell was ringing for dinner

fine

Had a walk with L and Philly to see the crossing on Herlops creek, spent the evening comfortable, they were altering the sitting room

Thursday 30th Lay rather late, had breakfast, made some Handkerchiefs &c caught my horse & started. Helen saw Whilbin about

cold

Thursday August 30th 1877 (continued)

my taking his boy promised to take him. Scott overtook me on top of Louries hill. Shaldos cook came out to ask how Mrs was, saw A Shild, at Lane end and home 4 P.M. went

fine

Put my name down for £2-2- subscription for Taredale Parsons stepend, 100. Parson

Friday 31st Was very busy all day & till after tea pushing a new pole into the Bullock dray,

Blowhard was white with snow this morning, and the Teams came down and all hand except two shepherds

Saturday September 1st 1877

Allen and I made a bridge across Down creek Am. and I had just time to take a snack at the creek & then had to go with the Dray & when up on Manibow flat it came on to snow. (wet) at 5 1/2 P.M. All the ground is covered with Snow, the first I have ever seen around the House

fine

fine Am. Snow P.M.

Sunday September 2nd 1877

A cold Windy Sleety disagreeable day
Planted a lot of Ferns from Blowhard
as I had not time on Friday or Saturday
Put some in a Brandy case as I had
no more room for tins

Bill went down to see his Wife
I sent a letter to Lizzie by him, telling
her how busy I was yesterday, and if I
be as busy next week I will have to go
down and up on Sunday

Cold and Showery

Monday 3rd Was with two men getting out rails
out of McLoughlans bush, then went to the
Ruffs & had Dinner with the bullock drivers
and guided them to McLoughlans bush for
rails & home. ^{and wore the harness out of my drawers} helped to feed the bullocks
for the Drivers Mickie came down

Black frost - fine

Tuesday 4th Went down with two men to show
them where to repair Kononi road and
came home to help two other men to sow
Flower seeds (put them all in)

Frosty, fine, hot, with light wind

The Policeman came for Dog taxes, I would
not let him stop. Registered Waite Kelly carry 7
teen

Wednesday September 5th 1877

Set the Dividing fence to Neil Anderson for
£3 per mile and gave him out fencing
tools. Helped McLoughlan to anchor posts
in the Incline corner fence & was going
along to see the Road repairs when I met
E. D. at Hamiltons cutting who told
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something to eat & started down, got
there about 3 1/2 P.M. and found that
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BIRTHS.
BALFOUR.—At Springfield, Puketapu, on September
5, the wife of Mr David P. Balfour, of Mangawhare,
of a son.
WATTS.—At Kaikora, on September 6, the wife of
Mr Edward Watts, of a daughter.

morning, just about
heard the first
Mangawhare, Mother

and son both doing well. Slept in the
Strangers room

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N. E. B. about Scott. Left just after dinner
called in on Mrs. Shield & home 6 P.M. Mrs
Allen came up by N. Hollis, Grah

Friday Sept 7th 1877

Was busy starting the hay, & with Bill
hung the bath, and posted nearly
all the Ledger when a man came with
two letters from Mr. Kinross, (the
Man) being a wool-scorer, I went to
the wash, & the shed, and after Tea
let the scouring to him at 25/- per 1000
for cleaning, 2¹/₂ per lb for felmonging
3/4 per lb for fleece wool. & 30/- for fixing
and attending on his year, and when
he signed his name I discovered him to
be an old Station Mate of my own
on the Deep-dale, William Sharp.
Wrote to Lizzy telling her the deplorable
state I was in because I could not get
down to see her tomorrow

Saturday 8th Sent a letter by old
Sharp to Lizzy telling how I could not
come, Made a key for the bath tap, went
down to jar ceer. to see Roadmen, helped
Weld to repair a fence, came home & wrote
this. Waiting very anxious for Mr. Kinross

Saturday 8th Sept 1877 (continued)

It is a year to-day since I swore against
drinking spirits and I do not regret having
stopped drinking it

Sunday 9th Spent a very anxious day
was expecting Mr. Kinross and very anxious
to know how Lizzy was, (6¹/₂ P.M. if he
does come tonight I'll send someone
tomorrow to see how she is, if he don't
come I am off after breakfast

Monday 10th Mr. Kinross did not come last
night, so I settled up with Mr. Mahon and
started after breakfast, got down before dinner
and found her as right as might be, she
had got the letter per Sharp, Mr. P. C.
Anderson came to bid good-bye before he
left the Province & wished to baptize the
child, so after consulting about a name
we had him christened Arthur David,
Aunt Mary Ann Standing sponsor along
with Lizzy and I. Spent the evening
mostly with L. and Mr. West and slept
in the stranger's room

fine

fine

fine

fine

fine

fine

fine

Tuesday Sept 11th 1877
Rode "W. Cox" into town. Saw J. G. K. and
had to go twice to the Spit, was very
busy all day, and kept on missing M.
R. Miller all day and did not see him
after all. Rode out with W. Caswell
to Taradale and to Spfld just after dark.
Found L. improving very fast, spent
another jolly evening & slept ditto

Wednesday 12th Left just after Dinner
and waited 1.40 Hour at Puketapu to
get my horse shod & got home just
at dark. Called on Mrs. Shield

Got letter from C. S. B. when I came home
Thursday 13th Went down the road to try &
lay off some work but could not do it. Pat's
factory came home round by Ahukara fence
& first tried the Soaking Box P.M. with
Wm. Allen.

I have begun again on another year.
if it was not for the making up of
the Station Diary I would never know when
my years was up

Friday September 14th 1877
Was all day with Bill. Zinc lining
soaking box & putting up press pulley
Arm. and making frame for lowering
the Mouth of the Bed room chimney.

I Little called on his way down
Saturday 15th Bill & I went to G. S. & got
a pack load of shingle & came home
& put an arch into the Bed room, chin
lowering it a foot. I think made
a good job of it. 3 P.M. started for
Spfld got down 2 minutes under four
hours. found Lizzie improving but had
been very bad last Thursday

Sunday 16th Was with Lizzie almost
all day, never was farther than the
fowl house

Monday 17th Phillip & I went to
Town with the Spring cart, I spent
an A/c at Curious & Co's Store & got some
Stout, Wine & A. & Jones took them to
Spfld. came to Town. Registered at the

September 17th (Monday) 1877 contd

David, Paid another years Insurance in-
-statement. L.H.-11-1. Saw Mr Webber
about the new cuttings & he told me
that The Government reserve the
right to deviate to the distance
of one chain from the surveyed line
where it would improve the road, and
for Railways they can deviate to the
right or left a distance of five chains

Very windy

Came out again with Phillip & found
it very cold. Walked part of the way

Tuesday 18th Left just after Dinner
Met Donald (who looked hoosie) on
Shields flat; along with Bill Brown.

(pencer) Called on Mr. Shield and
met Shield at Carnons water-hole
& turned back to Cusby with him
told him what Mr. Webber told me
got home before dark & took the
frame from the fireplace & found
it beautiful.

Very much

Wednesday Sept 19th 1877

Went with Bill to 63 for a pack load
of shingle & examined the creek for a
tram. Came home and put a concrete
arch into the parlor chimney & repaired
the leaky part at the top, then Jones
came with the Mail, & he & I went over
the old path looking at the place to
plough and laid off the western side
Jones says brought up Chaff Machine
and four men to plough

Very fine

Thursday 20th Had a very busy day
Branded 3 new spades 1 L.H. shovel (second

one the roadman took) 6 Augusts, Pegged a
lot of trees by Dog Kennels, with Jones
fixing up his chaff cutter, burned Orchard
for planting potatoes. Laced fowl house
with men putting in culvert at stack
with Jones' men ploughing, driving fowls
into their house &c &c &c &c &c &c

Very fine

W Calcut came for his mail

Friday Sept 21st 1877

Started men to plough Thorpe
saw Andersen & told him to
shift western side of Ida pole as
it was all out of line

Heard from WJ that the shepherd
A finers was drinking at Bth
Made a curious calculation that
amounted to £3.12.0 per day
independent of this present affair
which I expect will ~~run~~ run it
up to £4 per diem

Saturday 22nd Went with three
men & began a cutting to avoid the
detour in Camp flat and worked with
them until 3 P.M. then rode down to
Lfld, found W^s West gone to
Whites, saw Uncle Ridgeway, and
slept in Auntys room

In going down I had a talk with
OBrian about the Bth spec and he
promised me never to let the men
drink if I did not know they were there

Sunday September 23rd 1877

Lizzie and I had a walk to the river
bank before 8 Am. (she is getting
strong nicely now) I stopped with
her until dinner and rode "W^s
Cox" home in 3 1/2 hours, the second
time I have done it in that time

Monday 24th Wet all day. Was with
the men repairing woodsheds until
2 P.M. then Jones & I did up his eye
Mickie came down and told someone
that McEwan was in the Horrors at Bth

Tuesday 25th Was very busy all
day mending packs & helping
Pul to make gates. Just at Tea
W. Dowling came & stayed all
night. I fried him fat butter
and a nice sort of a man

Wednesday 26th Went down road with
W. Dowling (got "Bucked" off just at
entrance gate. worked all day on the
cutting, W Carswell came about 10

very fine

very fine

Cloudy with a light rain

Wet

Wet then cloudy

Wednesday Sept 26th 1877 (contd)

And went home to wait for me, after tea I began a plan of a two story house for Tim

Thursday 27th Bill & I measured 63 tram 720 feet. Caswell came with us & went through 63, home when we were going through the old park, he made a present to Arthur David of "Katie's" "Jack Snuff" goal

Saw Shield & another gent on cutting

Friday 28th Was with 4 men making cuttings on the Korini (Long & Concrete) all day. Nothing remarkable only I had spiked gates hung at the house to keep dogs out

Saturday 29th Worked on the Road until 3 PM. then rode down, found Lizzie in: = proving very fast, and enjoyed my journey very much, slept in buntys room

fine
very fine
very fine
very fine

Sunday Sept 30th 1877

Was all day with Lizzie, Mr. Harding came and we had a yarn together. Nothing remarkable seemed to happen

Monday Oct 1st Phillip and I drove into Town, I went to see Mr. Jurov about Shield objecting to making the road on line laid off by Hallett. but he (Jurov) was absent at Poverty Bay saw Mr. Webber who told me to make the road on Hallett's line as shield had no power to object, he said "Make the road, and let Shield poke you to court if he likes; I'll see you through". Saw Mr. Gandy about buying the Peats, saw Catterall about Kakaite's deeds, &c &c &c &c

Drove out again with Ph. Mrs West came & I slept up stairs

Tuesday 2nd Got some Cabbage plants & left 10 AM. Got to men on the road 2 PM, and worked with

fine
very fine
very fine

Tuesday Oct 2nd 1877 (cont'd)

until night and when I came home David & John Caswell was waiting for me. I drew the cross section of his house & sent it with John tomorrow

Wednesday 3rd Saw the Caswells off went to see the Scandinavian fencing then Dan and I laid off the upper deviation cuttings ready for ploughing and Bill & I explored the gullys for bridges

Phillip Wolbel got Insurance. Mar-
-age settlement from G. E. Lee, and said he would put it in the Bank safe along with his other papers but I forgot to ask him what Bank

Thursday 4th Was with seven men & made two cuttings on upper deviation ^{13 chains & 5 links} and did a splendid days work, one man was plowing and six shoveling off. and the work went on well. while we was at the

fair hot
fair hot
fair hot
fair hot

Thursday Oct 4th 1877 (cont'd)

after cutting W. Sheld came and told me to stop before a witness, but as I felt myself in the right I paid no heed to him but kept on

Friday 5th Was with Allen & Mark putting in a bridge in jar creek and gets awfully hampered by my ignorance. The weather is keeping fine & hot, I hope it may do so until Monday night

Saturday 6th Was with Bill & Mark and put in jar creek bridge by dinner and put in the two rows of piles for Magnus creek bridge, worked very hard all day and feel tired

Sunday 7th Started down just after breakfast got down by noon saw W & W - Hollis, & turned in early

Monday 8th W. B. A. D. and J. L. & self started home 8 am. Stopped 20 minutes at J. Parsons 1 hour at B. B. & 1 hour at Shelds house 5th M. Road good but very jolly

very fine
very fine
very fine
fair
fine but threatening

Tuesday Oct 9th 1877

Was with 4 men making approaches to jar creek bridge & laid off Mapue creek approaches, took on one man and two more are waiting to be taken on tomorrow

Lizzie and Jane found it very lonely all day by themselves

Wednesday 10th Was with seven men

Making approaches to jar & Mapue creek bridges, and it was a muggy PM.

I was trying for the upper cutting nearly all day, engaged 2 more men to help to finish quick, Scullin & Hamil

Thursday 11th Was just the same as yesterday but felt

more tired

Friday 12th Was with eight men

and finished to cuttings to jar creek bridge (except the latter) &

started 4 men & a barrow into Mapue creek cuttings, but intend plowing tomorrow

Thursday Oct 13th 1877

Was with eight men plowing the upper cutting on deviation, finished all that could be done with the plow by 3 P.M. then sent all hands as

they were yesterday and laid off ^{block} cuttings until 5 P.M.

Lizzie has been sick and Arthur cross all day

Had potatoes planted in Thorpe park

Sunday 14th Did not sleep well last

night and felt drowsy all day, did not leave the house, cold & cloudy

Monday 15th Was with seven men

on the road and finished jar creek bridge approaches, & started six on Mapue

bridge approaches, measured the grade of of the old & new roads, and find difference in favor of the new one

Tuesday 16th Was with eight men

on the road, M. Geagor & Mansell came & I gave Mansell £25 on a bill of

fine in my hand
fine in my hand
fine in my hand
fine in my hand

Cold & threatening rain

Very fine

Tuesday Oct 16th 1877 (continued)
of 2 Horses & 2 Aags, sent "Kate" &
"Maggie" to "Hiawatha"

Wednesday 17th James Peacock saw
me after breakfast about scowing. I gave
him a note to Sharp. Went to the
wash to Christ Bill then laid off
a side cutting between Drabli culvert
& Camerons waterhole, & was with
7 men on the road, came home 4 PM.

Read in the paper that G Bee had sold
his run for £15,000

Thursday 18th was with seven men
(5 making No 1 cutting & 2 putting in culverts
at Camerons water-hole)

Saw Shield & Mr Miller pass along
Hamiltons cutting while I was on No 1

Saw Calcutt who told me
that Shield & Cable passed over
his place on 27th Sept & that
C was looking for a place
Lizzie feels very lonely

A fine wind

A fine
very

Friday October 18th 1877

Was with eight men and a plow &
made & finished 8 chains side cutting
Near Camerons waterhole, it was
very windy, and I came home for
dinner & found E and I enjoying
themselves with the tray on the bed

Saturday 20th Went & started 4 men to
finish the Konini Road, then started 2
men to widen a cutting at 63 bush. Then
Allen & I got 2 stannio for the 63 tram
& some for dinner, with Allen fixing
tram gear, then down to road & saw
them finish, brought my Bowling Rods
& home, had a short walk with L
when Mr Haselden came & frightened L
very much. He seems a nice sort
of a man

Sunday 21st Mr Haselden paid me his
packers fee & went off after breakfast &
I did not do much, feel very heavy
& did not go 30 yards from the House

Windy

windy

fine

Monday October 22^d 1877

Was with 6 men & put a double tram across Ptukara at 63 to take across firwood. fixed everything and put across 6 load before leaving

Tuesday 23^d started 5³⁰ am. to measure Noonan Caldwell's fence, but through a misunderstanding about meeting place we did not meet until noon, Andrew & I came from the yards to Cattle creek

I condemned the fence as a whole but intend going back tomorrow to pass & measure it. Then I went to 63 to see the Tram working & found that 5 men put a load across in 6 minutes or 10 loads per hour. home 6¹⁵ pm

Wednesday 24th Was with 6 men training firwood across Ptukara but did not come so much speed as yesterday

At Tea Lizzie, & I had a talk about the miserable times we had just ~~off~~ after I began this Column, but by Jove it is different now. I never was happier

Very fine

Fine Am. Shony M

Thursday Oct 25th 1877

Started early & got to Ptukara before all was out of bed. passed & showed Caldwell's fence up to Ptukara but found it in the wrong place at the creek & condemned it - & came home 4¹⁵ pm

Friday 26th Too Windy to work outside. I had all hands putting the Woolshed into shearing trim & Bill making Bowling rods

John McDougall came & agreed to Muster for £2. with chance to rise in a month to £2.10.0

Saturday 27th Very Windy again started men to alter & make roads in 63 and was with Bill making table & tried to sleep but always got wakened up

Sunday 28th Andrew Caldwell and I measured from Herrick's fence to Lobster flat Lippinell & it was very windy & brought 6 head of cattle home

Very fine

Very Windy

Very Windy

Very Windy

6
6

Sunday Oct 28th 1877 (continue)

Woman Ellen Andersen & Mate went to
Brian's & brought jig home and they
kicked up a row about the shed when
& Bills children came over for protection
& Mrs A came an hour after for them
and frightened Lizzie very much

Monday 29th I did not feel like
leaving Lizzie alone & would not go
to measure the fence, Woman & Cas
well went to Brian's and I went
down to & told them if they brought
any jig home they would forfeit all
they had ~~owned~~ coming to them
but they came home about 2 PM, all
square, I was docking and
drafting a bit but was most of
the day about the house

Tuesday 30th passed & measured Noonan
& Caldwell & Co's fence & settled with
them. W Caswell came & I made
out the timber for his house
fence 9 miles 20.81 chains long

Wednesday Oct 31st 1877

Went to the farm & worked all forenoon
home for dinner and made up 9
PM.

Thursday November 1st 1877
Was with 6 men training & rigging
team in 63. stopped until 4 PM.

Cost of 9 Mills 20.81 chains of fencing from Herrick fence along range to Tutakahi by BH	
Erecting (& splitting 1/2 Miles)	£123..15..10
4 tons No 8 wire	189..0..0
2 cwt Staples	7..0..0
1200 Standards	37..10..0
500 5 1/2 posts @ £7..10..0 %	37..10..0
120 7 ft posts @ £12..10..0 %	5..0..0
40 Strainers 5/-	10..0..0
113 days of 1 Bullock Team	113..0..0
298 days of 1 man 5/-	57..0..0
	<hr/> £580..0..0

or £62-14-0 per mile
5 wire fence, posts or standards 14 feet
apart 1/2 Totara posts & standards the other
1/2 all Matai posts & no standards

Very much

fine day

fine day

fine day

Totara

Friday November 2nd 1877

Got in Mether & killed one, Lizzie came to the shed with me, had one hour sleep after dinner and went to 63 and found the men finished & began to shift the wire to a fresh place.

Saturday 3rd Went to 63 & helped to get the wire set. Came home 12^o caught "Billy" and after dinner L and I rode to 63 and she was very much pleased to see the team working. Came home again 4 P.M. and killed a wether.

Sunday 4th Mustered I do path for killing wethers. Before dinner L did not like her porter, after tea L and I went to M^r Evans garden to post stack. Look on Nelson who was the first to sign the Drink paper.

Monday 5th Was with 6 men raming furwood in 63, I did very good work.

Tuesday Nov 6th 1877

Had a talk with the M^rs about the boy Williams, which ended in my taking him out of the kitchen.

Shifted our bed into the front bed room, Lizzie locked Arthur.

Wednesday 7th Got Mail before breakfast. got letter from J G K about not letting the police man stop when he came for the dog tax.

Went to 63 & finished the training & coiled up all ropes & home 5 1/2 P.M.

Thursday 8th Did some in the Book talking about Jones about setting up stones helping men to repair sheep yards, stowing away Iron gear (wire rope in woolshed & flex ropes & blocks in stone).

Friday 9th Was with Allen raming yards with scullin pilley potatoes & turned I do path sheep out of Hobbs & berrin creeks in old path for clearing them out & etc etc etc wrote notices

fine

fine

dry

dry

very fine
very fine
very fine

Monday 9th

very fine

Thursday Nov 10th 1877

Was with 7 men rafting firewood down the Astorawa found a lili cypress in blossom that I never saw before

Saw Mr Dowding going down he gave notice for being next Wednesday

Sunday 11th and I rode to Sebastopol before dinner, we saw some very nice cypresses in blossom and had a pleasant ride, home by 11 1/2 am.

Had roast Turkey for dinner & a good sleep after

Monday 12th Went up along Andersons fence & showed them what I wanted to finish, was with Drainers. Jones

May come & I unpack a large case of medicine & (8 1/2 pm.) I felt tired not having stopped since breakfast

Tuesday 13th started to measure Andersons fence, but they were not ready, came home & went to Drainers. 9 PM. started again.

Very fine cloudy

Clear & light rain from 11 am.

Very fine

Very fine

Tuesday Nov 13th 1877 (continued)

measured and began to measure at 5:50 & got home before dark after measuring 253.64 chains, passed dividing fence but - condemned Ida post

Phillip (Robel) came 5 PM. with the news of Charlotte Roberts arrival, we had a chaty wig & it is now 11 PM.

Wednesday 14th Had long talk with Phillip & walked to the Boundary gate with him, saw Drainers. Measured Andersons fence & settled with Tim An

Mustard Ida post for killing mother saw to clearing the shed & filled it to be ready to shear tomorrow

Thursday 15th Commenced to shear. Was knocking about the shed all day. Everything was in good working order so I had not very much to do

Very fine

Very fine

Very fine

Very fine

in fine hot day

Friday Nov. 16th 1877
Was attending sheering got a mole
out of Dispute, helped Bill to
make & hang a gate in the Allen &
was pretty busy all day.

Dry

Saturday 17th Was attending
shears! Mark came in having had
a row with Donald,
C & Ph (jnr) Dolbel came up about 4^{PM}
with the news that Charlotte Dolbel
had gone to Poverty Bay which has
put Lizzie out a good deal, she says
it is all through living in the Country

in fine & dry

We had a dance on the Verandah

in fine & hot

Sunday 18th Messrs Dolbel left
after dinner. it was unpleasantly
hot during the forenoon Thermometer
standing at 93° in the shade
Donald came in re Mark, so did
Mark & shipped May cock in steers

This is the anniversary of our
Wedding and with the exception of
the first 4 months has been a very ^{very}
Happy Year, I wish we may have many like it.

very fine hot & dry

fine light rain all day

Monday November 19th 1877.
Was most of the day about the
shed. Mr Wooding came with
about 3,000 sheep to draft; finished
11 AM. took him to dinner and
gave him a shower bath when
he enjoyed very much

Lizzie & Jane went with me
to the shed PM. & I left them
there while I went to work

Tuesday 20th Was attending sheering
Rain came on 5 AM. & continued all
day (light) and altho it has stopped
shearing it will do a world of good
cut out 3 PM. & drafting until 4 1/2 PM.

Found that the shed holds 380 mixed
sheep - A stranger called 5 1/2 PM.
asking if Mr Moorehouse left a horse
here, he did not ask to stop and I
did not ask him

Cloudy but fine after the rain

Wednesday 21st Nov 1877

The sheep were too wet to shear started some men to press & I am to put in Beans in Incline. got sheep in at 3 P.M. & began to shear Mr. Doyall & Mr. Ewan came in for sugar. sent their books for Mr. Dowding as I suspect he is badly off for readable matter

very fine

fine with a very light shower 5 P.M.

Thursday 22nd Was all day between the shed & Incline garden. the sheep averaged nearly 100 each.

About 4 1/2 P.M. Mr & Mrs Birch came & stops all night on their way up to Patea

Friday 23rd Mr & Mrs Birch stopped all day and put L out a good deal I was by the shed all day & Bell and I zinc lined the soaking box 7 P.M. Messrs Moorehouse & McDonald came for a night's lodging so we had our hands full

fine cloudy

hotish

very fine

very fine

Saturday Nov 24th 1877

Messrs Moorehouse & McDonald left 7 am. and Mr & Mrs Birch left 7 1/2 am. for Patea I was most of the day at the shed but came home at 11 am and then was all P.M. at shed

Sunday 25th After breakfast L and I rode "Billy" & "Captain" up the Lake track, round both lakes and Tolstan flat & home, saw old stockyard and old station and through Himatai hunting. Slipped by shed home. After dinner had a sleep. Got sheep out of "Dispute" 4 P.M. and filled the shed.

Saw Warner looking for a job, advised him to try Calcut

A Chase came 10 am. with notice for Dowding

Monday 26th Was attending shearing and after dinner Donald came and told me that Dowding's sheep had been at Kurupampanga flat since Saturday and had got mixed. We went to Toi Toi to see

Monday Nov 26th 1877 (Contn)

Mr Douding but he was out there
saw the Shed Manager & told him

Tuesday 27th Was attending sheep
all day Mr Douding came re the
Muddle yesterday and introduced
a Mr Cameron, Shepherds
came in with 1889 sheep, and
one of the shearers wished me to
settle with him which I did
and it seemed he was not sat-
isfied with the food.

Mr Allison came up in one
of P. Briano's traps about 5 P.M.

Wednesday 28th Was attending shearing
Messrs Douding & Cameron came & bought
about 4,000 of their sheep. Jones came with
some goods & we decided on a hurry to go
down tomorrow. so all of us was busy
enough preparing

Thursday Nov 29th 1877

Lizzie Jane & I started down in Jones
small wagon (with a tilt over it) and
had a most pleasant trip down, the
only pleasure trip we ever had
got down 5 P.M. and left at 7 Am.
and stopped two hours on the road

Very fine

We took them by surprise ^{with Emy} _{A. G. 1877}
Friday 30th I left after 8 Am, and got home
at 1 P.M. found a flask of Brandy
and an old hat on top of Koniini
Saw P. Brian about his keeping horses
gave him leave to keep 2 on condition
that he brings no dog or encourages
no dog drinking on the place. Saw
Mr & Mrs Parson near Jones house

Very fine

Saturday. Showery A.M. Wet P.M.
helped Bill to put up 2 shelves in the
Bath room & to fix top of fly pole. &
was attending shears. cut out about
3 1/2 P.M. and no sign of filling the
shed tomorrow night
The rain will do a deal of good about here

Showy & rain

Very hot dry
Fine hot
Fine hot

very fine after the rain

Sunday December 2^d 1877

Spent the day as I used to do in my Bachelor days i.e. Reading and mending my clothes. Wrote to George Bee telling I thought he had paid enough for Puttins

Filled the shed at sundown

Monday 3^d Was from 5 am. in and about the shed (except about an hour while I planted 300 cabbage plants in among the potatoes)

After tea a Mr. Nissen came about woolscowling and stops all night

Tuesday 4th Mr. Nissen stopped all day - went to wash &c. I was in and about the shed all day

Peacock came up just after dinner too tight to make anything out of him

Wednesday 5th Was most of the day about shed. Mr. Nissen left 10 am. Shepherds came in with 1800 sheep. found the day very hot. My hair going nearly the same as it was 2 years ago

fine

fine

fine hot

Thursday Dec^r 6th 1877

Sent letter by Jones boys to G. Palford asking him if he could come and finish the ploughing. Was all day about the shed, as Dan is clearing the road, got sheep from "Dispute", was pretty busy all day. 5 men came looking for work and I have none to give them

Friday 7th The 5 men that I let stop last night left the alley gate open & let out all the woolly sheep I had in, and I had to muster a good part of Council till 1 PM before I got them in again

Bill & I fixed a tin in the parlor chimney to try if it will draw smoke

Was most of the day about the shed and rain came on at noon & kept on till now (6 1/2 pm.) got quite wet drafting and branding

very hot fine

Went to Am. West 1 PM

Saturday Dec. 8th 1877

Got up 4 AM. Filled the shed & none of the shears heard my Mr

altho they slept in the shed

Dowling drafted about 5,000 sheep in the yards. Mr Ford came at noon to see him. Was most of the day drafting & clearing the road as far as the Barucalle, got sheep for the shed & when I was about finished Messrs Goudy & Wilson came. Got see more land and Wilson as mate

Windy fine

Sunday 9th Messrs Goudy & Wilson

& I rode through the gorge and along the Patea track to look at the Desert we rode as far as Wilson try, then Goudy & I rode right through on the water - shed to the edge of the Tutakura & then through between the lakes and past our old camp and up to Wilson again. then to W.H. & along Bukus track home. Saw some beautiful flangy sheeps. I bought one horn to try & grow it

Very fine & hot

Monday Dec. 10th 1877

Made a tracing of Lake country for Mr. Goudy, and give him note for Mr. Kinross Re Musting Scoring Shear & C and about the store into a bed room and building another store. Was greater part of the day about the shed. Saw Mrs Baldy who seemed to be the worse of liquor, and told Bill to get her out of the shed. Mr. Goudy left about 2 P.M. & Mr. Wilson rode as far as B.wins with him and came back again to stay until

fine but very hot

Friday next

Tuesday 11th Was most of the day about the shed. After tea Mr. Wilson & I took a walk to the top of the Incline and met Micking & Mr. Nissen. Got a letter from Lizzie who seems to be in good spirits

very fine

Wednesday Dec 12th 1877

Mr. Nissen went off just after Breakfast. I gave him a note to Mr. Birch (against my inclination) & inclosed Mr. N's note to him in it.

Was most of the day in the shed as usual, shepherds came in with Jack sheep. Mr. Wilson & McEwan had a talk about Natal. W. Casswell came at Tea for Peak Drafting.

Thursday 13th Had a very busy day. Musted Dispute alone am. & and with Casswell & Calcut Drafted Gushet neck sheep P.M.

Murphy came home 11 am, and seems as if he had had a good one.

Friday 14th Had another very busy day. Was Drafting from 3 1/2 am to 6 1/2 pm. without intermission.

Mrs. M. Loughlan came up and brought a Parrot for Arthur. Casswell & Calcutt left after Dinner.

Thursday Dec 15th 1877

Was attending shearing, drafting & & & until 4 1/4 pm. then rode to Spfld set down in 3.55. Felt rather tired & went to bed pretty early.

Friday 16th Left 11 am. just after Lizzy had started for Church. Ed came to Dickinello with me. filled the shed with part Peaky mether & part Ewes.

Had a cheque for £15. before I left, Finished up the day by sewing buttons on my shirts & mending my Trousers.

Saturday 17th Was nearly all day Drafting with W. Dowding, & clearing the road to the wash. Got in some Ewes & Drafting our own sheep. Mr. Nissen came back again from Patea.

I lay down on my bed last night after Tea and kept off to sleep and did not awake until 2 am.

Sunday 18th I ate some lettuce for Tea last night & I think they did

fine weather (Thunder storm at 5 pm)
fine last night

fine hot dry
fine dry hot
fine dry
fine dry
very fine

Tuesday Dec 18th 1877 (continued)
Not again with me, for I was then
taken sick about Midnight & spent
a very unpleasant night throughout
got up before 5 A.M. and worked in
the shed until Breakfast, Mustard
Old Paddock put peak wethers into
"Ida", brought a mob of Ewes out
of "Dispute" A.M. and was drafting
and Docking all after noon

W. Nissen stopped all day to see
if I Sharp would come

Wednesday 19th Was about the shed
all day, helped to take peak
wethers out of "Ida" into "Dispute"
saw a black Boar in Dispute.

Two of Dowding's shearers came
before dinner with the books I lent him
only got 2 out of the 3. "The Pilot" missing
Dad Dowding ~~shearers~~ shearers can they had
a flask of Brandy & was giving a nip to
Hughes & I got the flask from them and
knashed it against the shed

Tuesday 20th Dec 1877
I am in a proper fix tonight
I have waited & waited for Sharp
to come to scour the wool and
at last gave it up yesterday
and today I relet the scouring to
W. J. Nissen about 10 A.M. and
to my surprise and disgust W.
Sharp rode up at 7 P.M. and
how it will end I do not know

I had a very busy day of it; for
W. Nissen is a hard nail to deal
with and it took from 7 a.m. to 10
a.m. to make the bargain. then
the shepherds came with sheep
& Hollis ^{at Foi Foi} came for Dan to attend
drafting, which caused me to have
to go to the old crossing of the Putnam
with Wellesley & a mob of Ewes &
to muster the Horse ~~part~~ & felly
the shed took me until 6 P.M.
and the days writing took

Very fine hot dry

Thursday 20th Dec. 1877 (continued)
till nine p.m. Mickie came
with the Mail & brought a letter
for Lizzie addressed in very
good hand writing

Mrs Balfour

Station

Mangawhere

New Zealand

Via Brindisi

It was posted in Jersey July 2nd/77 and it
has travelled all over New Zealand
having no less than Twenty two post
marks and Ten "Trys" on it and
the original envelope was so much soiled
that there was half a sheet note paper
pinned on to it to hold the Marks &
the "Trys"

Friday 21st Wet morning cleared about
10 a.m. Murphy was mad with
Horrors all last night. Darning
about the place & frightening all

Friday Dec 21st 1877 (continued)
the men; it is a blessing that
Lizzie was not here. I have got him
now (with his own consent) locked
into the tool house (8 1/2) p.m. and
if all goes well during the night
I will send for a policeman tomorrow

Was most of the day drafting brain
shifting sheep &c. but got a good
shed full before dark

Saturday 22nd Murphy stopped very quiet
in the tool house all night. Mr. Murphy
started for a policeman 6 a.m. and a
trap was here by 5 p.m. but Murphy
has cleared out; ^{2 p.m.} and no sign of him
now (9 p.m.)

Was all day about the shed. and
finished the first shearing near
6 p.m. Shorn 12.014. Settled with
the shears after tea.

After tea Bucklewick & I walked to Mally
to wash &c. and did not return until past
12 p.m. without success

Friday 23rd Dec: 1877

Strudwick and I was searching for Murphy pretty well all day all round the Place. Bill. Jarm & Sculin searched towards Wana & Mammell went to Matapero but all without success. If we only could have got him I would now have been along with Lippi.

Monday 24th I had the Constable and all hands searching for Murphy until noon when Mammell came from Matapero & told us he was there, so I started down with Strudwick in the trap & took horse at P. Mataper & got down to Afla at dusk. Saw Ch. Lt. Roberts and spent a jolly night.

Tuesday 25th Christmas Day, enjoyed myself very much there was only Bennetts people, & W. & W. Norman and 203 Inuits from town. Sil Wallace came about 3 p.m. we kept the fun up until past midnight. (Saw Murphy in charge of Strudwick)

Wednesday 26th Dec: 1877

Went to Town and saw a Man in charge of Sullys office who told me that Murphy was remanded for a week and that I would not be required, so I got a pound of snuff & rode out again, in the mean time N. Wallace enacted a pretty scene at Springfield and went away unsuccessful. I helped to stack oats p.m. Spent the time jolly.

Thursday 27th Stopped until 12 1/2 p.m. and started. But just after breakfast there was another scene enacted by W. Jack Norman which was not much to his credit. Got home 6 p.m.

Met Shill on top of Kononi cutting
Friday 28th Shewing M. Loughlan to Smack track in Old park and with Nelson doing up station books. Made a block for Parrot cage, and knocking about

Showing Am. wet - 10 M.

Cold. Snow on Kawaka

Saturday Dec. 25th 1877

Was with 2 men putting a wing on the Wana fence at Haddock crossing it was showery Am. and at noon it began to rain & we came home, I was then with Nelson at the Books until 6 P.M. and I began letting the water out of the Bath tank as it was begining to stink

Sunday 30th Was most of the day Reading - Shephards came in with Ewes had a talk with M. Ewan & I enjoyed him. Murphy came back Mammell Maycock & Wellisly went to Mrians. I wonder if they will come home sober. There was a slight shower of snow on the Kawaka. The Rain ceased as soon as all the water had run out of the Tank

11 P.M. Great row in Shephards tent. Donald came over for me to quell it. I went & found Mammell Peacock & Borrowes

Sunday 30th Dec. 1877 (continued)

Kicking up a row, pulled all three out of the tent. Wellisly & I took Andrew Borrowes & locked him in the tool house & threatened the other two with the same

Monday 31st 2 Am. Borrowes broke the tool house door & escaped. all the others quiet

7 1/2 Am. Told Borrowes to clear off the Station as his wages was forfeit according to the signed agreement - Saw Mammell 4 P.M. told him he had nothing to forfeit. 6 P.M. have not seen Peacock yet.

Was all day with 4 men drafting cull Ewes & wooly sheep

Mrs Allison came over 8 P.M. and told me a long rismarole about how she was tired of Mussion, and about Bill being so far in debt - 100! &:

Old Snow song Kawaka very fine hot

Tuesday January 1st 1878

Gave out stones to Maycock, explored for a line of fence to divide Incline & reckoned stuff for it viz: 150 posts & strainers & 7 cut wire, helped to load pack-horses Am. Drafting until 3 P.M. then rode down to bring up Lizzie, but when I got there I found that Arthur was very bad having been to the Farndon pic-nic & was very much embarrassed

Wednesday 2nd Left for home 11 1/2 Am. saw Miss Elleson. W. Shield opposite A. Grahames, A. was very friendly to me. (the first time he has spoken to me since he stopped me from making the Road Oct 4th 1877). Saw Jones near same place, overtook Hewson at farther crossing stopped 1/2 an hour at Abriens & home with Hewson 5 1/2 P.M.

Saw A. Peacock and told him he was not wanted here any longer on account of drinking propensities

Thursday January 3rd 1878

Was drafting until noon, gave out utensils to Scours & Calcut came & settled his account. Waited until 4 P.M. for his mail. Told me how "Prigjack" was trying to do him

Friday 4th Was with Messen & 5 men rigging up sheep wash all day - Saw Dowding going down for his last trip, I am rather sorrow he is going for I liked him very much

Saturday 5th Waited some time for Messen but started without him, tried to see Shield about men working at cutting but did not ride down. got to Spfld early. W. Hammond & son (Winter) came just after me

Sunday 6th Wet day. I rode to Jones after dinner, and spent the day bolting about

Monday 7th E.D. and I rode into Town. we just got in in time to miss a very heavy shower, saw where he is going to build and

very fine & hot - very fine & dry - fine wind dry - fine air

Monday 7th July 1878 (continued)

he is going to improve his other prop-
-ties. Saw J G & tried to explain why I did
not start washing earlier. Got my Medical
Box that I broke about two years ago
it had to go to Sydney to be repaired
rode out again 7 PM.

Saw Carlile about Barrows

Tuesday 8th Left about 10 am. and got home
about 3 PM. Wrote to J W Carlile & sent

him Barrows etc. Saw Donald & Mansell
sent McLaughlan to Brians with J W's letter

Wednesday 9th Was with three men repairing
No 1-2-3-4 cuttings on Koroni road and
worked very hard so I feel tired

"Kati" & "Maggi" came back from "Hiawatha"

Thursday 10th Started 3 men to fence off
the Incline and worked with them
until ^{1 PM} Dinner and now I must prepare
to go down to appear to a summons
from Borrow tomorrow.

Went down & slept at S. P. L. A.

Friday 11th July 1878:

Took the Coach into Town and had
to wait in Court until 2 1/2 PM. before
the case of Barrows v Barrow came off, which
I lost, but had a very narrow squeak
of winning, had only 1/2 an hour before the
Coach was ready, and came out by sundown

Saturday 12th Was lolling about all day
as Jones could not take us up.

Helped to dig a bag of potatoes

Sunday 13th Started up in Jones Wagon
i.e. Lizzie Charlotte A. D. & self, was just
eight hours travelling. I did not feel
the time long but Lizzie did, got home
at 5 PM.

Monday 14th Weighed Arthur 15 1/2 lbs
aged 4 months & 10 days. Weighed Lizzie and
myself who are exactly the same weight.
viz: 10st 8^{lb}. and Charlotte 8st 12^{lb}
Went to see men fencing & to Incline garden
& seeing Aato & etc.

Leary Thomas

fine

fine

fine

fine

Tuesday 15th July 1878

Went round Dispute & Bills padds and worked with fences until dinner
Went to the wash with Lizzie & Charlotte & A.P. I was very tired before we got back

Very fine

Messers Nissen & Duncan came 8 P.M. to wash. Mr. Duncan remembers me taking sheep away from Fougoi but he does not remember doing me out of 10/- and a days work at Arape-wanai eleven years ago

Wednesday 16th Messers Nissen & Duncan

were the whole day preparing to go down to the wash. I helped Angus to get in the Nams & Strangers and drafted for him, it was very windy am, and very showy pm. Got in a cut of sheep out of "Dispute" to kill and got very wet. Spent the evening very well with Nissen & Duncan

Thursday 17th July 1878

Gave Nissen & Duncan some more things for wash. Took Nams to Horse padd. Went on to Shields drafting. Had dinner with the Shield family & Misses Ellson and Luke which passed off well Calcutt was there but I never asked him to dinner, I brought Caswells & Calcutts sheep, in all 94, but had to leave ^{one} of Calcutts home 6 P.M. and I told me it was time to come home

Very showy

Windy

fine wind

fine wind

Friday 18th Bill & I drafted & branded sheep from Shields & mustered Bills & Dispute padds. Then I was between the stack & the house.

Jones came 6 P.M. I brought the Mangle & I fixed it up on the Veranda

Saturday 19th I screwed up & oiled the Mangle and took it to back bed room. With 4 men stowed

Thursday 13th May 1878 (continued)

Woolbales preparatory to shearing
Charlotte & I rode round Thorpe & Old
Parks. Then I and I rode the
same round

Friday 20th Did not do very much
as it was very hot. filled the
shed for shearing. Lizzie had neuralgia

Monday 21st Commenced shear-
ing shearing. Was all
day about the shed. Shepherds came
in & I drafted

Tuesday 22nd Was attending shearing &
drafting with Joe Hedley.

Lizzie had another bad attack of
Neuralgia last night again

Wednesday 23rd Was rather bad with
sore throat & cold. attending to
shearing drafting and taking sheep
out. Lizzie is bad with attacks
of Neuralgia. Cold & showery
day had fire in back bedroom

fine wind

fine

fine air
showers 4 pm

showers cold

Thursday 24th May 1878

Drafted for Wana. Got sheep in
by about 10 am. and was the
rest of the day drafting shorn
sheep.

W Carswell came at tea and
stays all night.

Heavy coat of snow on Kaweka

Friday 25th Was all day
about the shed, attending shearing
am. and very busy drafting pm.

John Tadie (Hawker) came 2 pm. and
Lizzie bought a few things from him

Carswell went away after breakfast

Saturday 26th Bill and I shifted
back bedroom furniture into Dining room
& vice versa so that we can have a
fire in the Dining room. Then
I was the rest of the day in the
shed and drafting &

Sunday 27th Did not do much. Charles
& Willie rode to top of Incline, - then I and I
did the same, got the shed full of sheep

fine

fine

light rain all day

Monday 28th January 1878

Had a very busy day of it. Was drafting all day. Drovers came with 800 Wethers from Newark Shepherds came with 140 Sheep from Macintosh, & Dan Carroll & co came with 415 Sheep from Puketahi & what with drafting mounting branding. Classing wool &c. &c. &c.

I had a very busy day of it. Jones Mays came & brought 2 cases of fruit (1 from Sherly's - 21 - & 1 from Poverty Bay

Tuesday 29th Went to wash just after breakfast. & stopped repairing wheel & soaking box until 2 P.M. then classed the days shearing and finished the day drafting. Lizzie was all day making Openout jain & Plum do

Wednesday 30th Was nearly all day about the shed. It was a muggy day throughout

Thursday 31st January 1878

Cloudy threatening sort of day, but managed to get sheep in by 11 P.M. and all afternoon busy about the she. Flagged off 12-foot-wide tracks through old plantation to plow in stripes for planting au.

Friday February 1st 1878

Helped Bill to lead in sundstone sale & job about her. and was very busy drafting working & classing wool P.M. Mr. Cameron called for Dinner

Saturday 2nd Was most of the day in and about the shed, went over the plowed ground to see how they were doing it & instructed Bill how to prop up. I incline fence

Sunday 3rd Mr. Evans & Mr. Doyal came in for Job &c. Mr. Evans signed for another year. The men had a horse race on the Incline. I did nothing much

Scotch mist fine. Humid clear fine. Humid clear fine. Humid clear fine.

Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy fine

fine Am. stormy 10 M. to 11 M. with thunder showers
cloudy, foggy on range

Monday 6th July 1878
Had a very busy day. was
drafting Cull Ewes and rough
sheep that had gone through the
fence to them,
Jones brought up Mellor &
wife. Eddie call going down

Tuesday 6th Was between shed
& house Am. with men lowering
sheep yards & and was at the
house nearly all the afternoon
as it was thundering and
Lizzie was frightened

Wednesday 6th Was most of the
day in & about the shed. E Moore-
house was just hitching up his horse
at the gate as I got out of bed this
morning - he had breakfast and
went on. Mrs Shield came
just at noon. and stopped
until 3 1/2 P.M. and her enjoyed
themselves. but the weather was
rather stormy

Wet
Fine all 6 to 7 P.M.
Fine

Thursday 7th July 1878
Was all day about the shed
got twice wet and had to
change both times. it
rained more or less all day
Lizzie began a pair of socks for
Arthur

Friday 8th Was very busy
drafting wet and dry sheep. began
to shear 10 AM. and got the shed
full for tomorrow

The day was very fine after
the rain we had yesterday
but it came on showery again
about 5 P.M.

Saturday 9th Was off and on
at the shed. L. C and I went to
Mr Birch's Hole, I to take the bearings
of old pdks fence for plowing
Gave out stores to Maycock
and was knocking about very
busy all day -

Sunday 10th July 1878

Lizzie and I rode to Mansaray hills after Dinner, otherwise I did not leave the House,

Wrote to C.D. offering him £300 for one year, but find My Fin-
-ances in a not very satisfactory state

Very fine wind

Very fine

Very fine

Very fine 5pm

Monday 11th Was pretty busy all day - Donald came & took Dway Dan as Mammeh had hurt his leg, which left me all the shed work

Lizzie was very bad with Rheumatism again

Tuesday 12th Was busy again helping 2 men to alter stockyard Peter - Cassing for 2 sheeps. Drafting and taking out sheep

Wednesday 13th Was most of the preparing ground in old plantation for plowing stripes, transplanting trees out of the wood &c. Sent Willie to Springfield with a letter to see how they are

Thursday 14th July 1878

Tight rain all day. I was with the men most of the day. Bill & I made a chair for Arthur out of a candle box, Aleyan a clothes horse Willie came back from Springfield with no bad news

Wet day

Friday 15th Wana Shepherd came for his sheep. and Shields came for me to go and see the road at Komoni. Shepherds came in with peck sheep, I drafted for Wana then for John Carswell who came with shepherds, saw men sowing Ida park and helped Bill to finish a clothes horse Had one of Jones men plowing in the plantation

Hot & cloudy fine

fine with light show

Saturday 16th Went to Shields and he & I rode to see Komoni cutting, found that they were doing all the light parts and leaving all the heavy and altho' more than

Thursday 16th July 1878 (contin.)

half the length was done. less than quarter the actual work was done. and we came to the conclusion that £40 was all we could advance and considering that they wanted £90 was a wide difference, had a glass at Obrian (where we gave the order) and had Dinner at Shields, looked through his garden, saw some sheep (2) which his man brought from Milnes. rode home. sent a note to Missen - got in Wethers to kill - saw men sowing grass. - sud - saw plowman plowing in

Plantation 8.9.

Friday 17th Rather wet and misty John W Carrall came 10 am, & stopped all day. and Emooch house came 4 PM. and we passed a very comfortable day with them Arthur showed his first tooth he has been remarkably good with it

fine with light showers
showery

Monday 18th July 1878

Was all forenoon pegging off places for Jones plowman to plow in the plantation and got the sheep in after Dinner Wrote to J.G.K. about getting more sheep for her, and about getting Pinus insipida. Sent £10-16-0 to Mr for Charlottes expenses, and have felt myself rather queer all day

Tuesday 19th Was most of forenoon knocking about paddocks, and was nearly all afternoon about the shed Packer told me jorge fence was in a bad state, sent a man to see who found it in a very bad state

Wednesday 20th Was not very well all day, was laying off ground to plow in Lyndal & finished all the sheep I had in. Lizzie got very much frightened last night at something falling in the kitchen

very fine
very fine
very fine

Thursday 21st July 1878

Lizzie got very much frightened again. Last night at something knocking on the Veranah. I was very busy all day and it seems I did not do much either. I loaded wool on day. I saw plowman in Old pok. I gave out stores for B H cook. I got in Wethers to kill. I saw plowman and planter in Tynodal. I settled with J. Ross & -augall and served other things. I got Willis whip from him.

very fine morning

Friday 22nd Was pretty busy all day - went to wash to see to repairs & saw stunglers. plowmen & other went to examine Oats & potatoes and I incline garden.

5 PM. To our surprise Richard Dolbel came up to the House. he had been up to Shields with sheep notice & came to see us. All well at Springfield

very fine

Saturday 23rd July 1878

Went to the Wash with Uncle Dick after breakfast. then unpacked porter Wine &c. until Dinner. Classed the last days shearing, and with the men generally. Uncle Dick left 11 am. W. Caswell came at noon. I gave him Bills pok for his sheep to spell in on Sunday.

fine hot fine hot fine hot

Sunday 24th Caswell & I stay stopped all day. Lizzie & I rode to look for a Team from B H for firewood Am. and I say and Charlotte rode to Begg & through the Old Pok. Charlotte made Caswell smell Sulphur

Monday 25th I went with Caswell to his old homestead. got a very few peaches. Came by the wash and jumped a bunch hole in the rock with a crow-bar. Came home & got in Wethers

Tuesday 26th Was about the House most part of forenoon. weeded the ferns in

fine hot fine hot

Tuesday 26th Feb 1878 (continued)

the stack yard while L & E was looking at them cutting chaff. After Dinner Miller gave me a months notice because he said his wife had too much work to do, whereas his wife says it is him who does not like to help in the kitchen.

I went to the wash to help to blast but - Abrins man came for Mutton & I had to come home and get the sheep in.

Wednesday 27th Wrote to W Ryan offering him £90 if he stopped for a year & £80 (at the rate of) if he stopped for less time than one year

Was waiting for Mail Am. & blasting rock (tail race) at wash & talking to Jones. Promised him 14/- per acre for cross plowing old peat.

Loddale came with the Census & Ag - st. papers & stopped all night.

fine air

fine wind

fine windy

Tuesday 28th Feb 1878

Was all day throwing oats off the Machine and fell pretty sore & my hand blistered with the work

Friday March 1st 1878. Was

all day throwing stuff off the Machine. in Jones Oats until 2 P.M. then in Station oats. and after Tea settled with the Shepherds who are to leave (as they have brought in the last of the sheep) was until 8 1/2 P.M. doing nothing but writing

Saturday March 2nd Was until 4 1/4 P.M.

throwing Oats off the Machine and finished, thus with 10 men having mowed & stacked 27 acres of heavy crop

I feel very much shaken Sent letter per Jones to Maycock to tell him that the married couple is coming

Sunday 3rd Did not do very much all day. but - after Tea

fine cloudy air. slight shower

fine cloudy air. 10 P.M.

Sunday March 3rd 1878 (continued)

I filled up the Census papers and have got 17 names - 14 Males & 3 females 5 were born in England - 4 Born in Ireland 3 born in New Zealand, 2 born in Jersey 2 born in Scotland & 1 born in Sweden (only one solitary Scotch-Man besides myself) 10 belong to the Church of England - 2 Roman Catholics, 4 Presbyterians 1 Lutheran. The Oldest is 39, the youngest (except Arthur) is 18 5 are Married & 12 are unmarried

Monday 4th Fizzie was very sick all the forenoon but vomited a large quantity of Bile & felt better. I did not do very much AM, but was very busy with the sheep. getting them in, filling the shed & drafting & dipping 8:9: began the last thing

Tuesday 5th Tried to settle with Muller & let him go

Tuesday 5th March 1878 (continued)

quietly but he would not take what was honestly due to him and I would not give him more so I expect I will hear more of it I Mr Myall came with 2684 sheep, and I with 40th was very busy car marking PM.

Wednesday 6th Had a very busy day car marking & just got finished at dusk, and my fingers are so sore that I can hardly hold the pen First Frost of Season (early) furnished regular shearing

Thursday 7th All the men had a very busy day of it getting in the Pats, finished Jones' after dinner & got all mine to the stack. I did not do very much at it as there was plenty without me. I killed two wethers & took Cull to Home post

very much & in shame

very much & in shame

very fine

very fine

Friday 8th March 1878

Went to show men where Houpo for thath was cut. R Hollis came for me to take delivery of 77 Rams from Patea. Wrote to Aunt A to Rapan, reckoned cost of harvesting 27 acres Oats (cutting, binding, stocking carting, building, cutting thath & thathing) which was £10-15-0. or very nearly 8/- per acre. did a good bit of Book work. Caswell came in trying for Tea to draft tomorrow

Saturday 9th W Caswell & I mustered Dispute before breakfast and we drafted out all the strays by 10am. Then after seeing them all off I staid for Kononi cutting - Met Mr & Mrs Shind on the cutting - Went and inspected the work by myself. came to Shield House & signed the order for £40. & got home just at dusk

Very fine wind
Very fine hot

Sunday 10th March 1878

Did not do much Am. Wellslay came with 35 Rams from Hastings. I took delivery of them and as I was going to do so Charlotte gave me a nasty blow

Monday 11th Classed 29 fleeces shown Saturday. Was with Nelson doing up the books. Cleaned out the Well and did several jobs

Miss Hallett (3) called on their way to Wana for sheep, they had something to eat made a right gain with Charlotte

Tuesday 12th Was most of forenoon about the House & went to the Wash m.

repaired the scraper fan of Machine W. Nissen came up with me & we had a comfortable yarn in parlor Mellor came up with Summons about 4 PM. for next Tuesday

Wednesday 13th Was working about all day. had not 1/2 an hour spell

cold & windy
Very fine wind am.
Very fine

Wednesday 13th March 1878 (Continued)

and yet I had nothing to show
saw Missin. Hewson. Shield Shepherd
and several others. J. M. Hallett
Dro. came with their sheep & we
passed the evening in Dining room.

Nygan came up to see the place

Thursday 14th Saw Nygan & promised
that if he stopped a year I would pay his

expenses £4-10. 1/2 a year £-5. 1/4 £1-2-6
& less than 3 months nothing. gave him

a cheque for £5. on a 3 month bill
Promissory note. Cleared the road

for Hallett Bros to the River & home
1 1/2 am. helped to fix trees on the

Bullock day wharfs

Friday 15th Went to wash to see Machine

Mustard Ems out of Ida into Begg. took
levels from M^{rs} Doyalls well to house

and found it came about 20 feet below
the house

Saturday 16th March 1878

Rode up scandy fence & along to gorge
then walked to Turn again and came
straight through Nabalis and crossed
at (Propound) Arthur team got my
horse again & rode home. it was
very hot. I think the hottest day I
have felt all summer

Gave the Men £152 for Mace money

Sunday 17th Did not do very much

Wellisly came with 52 Rams. took
delivery of them. Missin & Duncan came
in the evening

Monday 18th Started 2 am. for Napier
got to Taradale 8 1/4. had breakfast, rode

to Meane. tried to see M^{rs} Loughlan
but failed. went to Town saw Lee

& Carlisle about Mellors case, paid
£2 odd into court as directed by Carlisle

hunted up Mellor & gave him notice that
I did so - bought a few things.

Saw J. G. H. at his house (who is con

Very fine day

Very fine day

Very fine day

Monday 25th March 1878

Was most of the day in the potato patch, but pincled off the finger boards for "Patea" & "Napier".

The potatoes are turning out very well, about 6 tons to the acre

Tuesday 26th Was all the day at the potatoes & got them all home, nearly 4 tons only, but fine potatoes. Bill & his wife had a row after coming home

Wednesday 27th Harrowed the potato ground with Capitan, got 2 bags.

Messin came to see me about £2-10-0 to Mr. Pearce, Mr. Cameron called after dinner going to see Mr. Leman at "Djetive"

Thursday 28th Was most of the day making a plan of the store, got in sheep for Shields men to get the sheep Dan brought from Wana. Calcutt came for his mail

fine wind
fine hot dry
fine hot dry
fine hot dry

Friday 29th March 1878

Was making up list of similar & for stores &c. Messin came, was 2 hours with him. Mr. Ewan came, was 3 hours with him, started Dan off to look for Donald, was with them generally.

Saturday 30th Was taking along of grassed, seeing to plowing Thorpe getting in Wethers killed 1, and lots of odd jobs. Nye & wife & boy (Bobby) came up per O'Brien's trap 5 1/2 p.m.

Mr. Cameron came 6 p.m. going up he stops all night. We had some talk about his brother Hugh

Sunday 31st Cameron left after breakfast, I did not do much till 3 p.m. Then Lizzie & I rode to Moorehouse shed & to Turkey hill & saw a dead horse there then through corner of horse park & home by top of Melin. Mr. Messin returned while we were gone. Carnwell & McDonald came 8 p.m.

very fine & very hot dry
very fine & hot dry
very fine & hot dry
very hot & dry

Monday April 1st 1878

D Went with Ryan to drains, helped to make a Maul. Shewed Carswell the use of the Bowling rods, and shewed him our Soda pot. And A.D. had a few games of cards and some songs

Tuesday 2nd Lizzie & I rode with Carswell to hill overlooking Old Anstater's & home at noon. I went exploring for grassed tracks out by Williams hill & for crossings on papa creek p.m.

Wednesday 3rd Was with three men sowing grassed by Williams hill a.m. & with Tho McDermott looking at the Call Ewes p.m. the only offer 2/6 per head for them

W Carswell & M Lerman (potter) came for late dinner, John Carswell came with side saddle horse to take us all to Home park tomorrow

Thursday 4th April 1878

Messrs W & J Carswell. Mrs B. Miss R Arthur & myself started at 8 am. for Home park, and we got along very well indeed, far better than ever I thought we would. and got to our destination 1 P.M. being just 5 hours on the road. we were made very comfortable

Friday 5th Messrs W & E. C. and I explored through the bush opposite Rocky hill (Jaipo) and down the gorge creek nearly to Calcutts boundary and home. went over some very rough ground.

Saturday 6th John & I explored from the mouth of the Hui Makariri along to the Tutae Kine. crossed it four times & I decided to start the fence opposite the other fence. went up again and over to Home park. Lizzie & Charlotte enjoying themselves but Arthur did not sleep much during the night

very fine hot day

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In fine hot day
very fine hot day
fine light rain

Sunday 7th April 1878
Did not do much in the forenoon
and after Dinner all the Caswell
family (except W^m) went up to
see the Lakes. W.C. was just returning
from Town as we got home
Monday 8th Started (in the same order
as we went) from Horse park to go to
Incline and while we stopped
to spell, on Nessington Run. Messrs
Rhodes & Seale came on to us &
was surprised to see Ladies. then
We came right through Nessington
run & crossed opposite old sledge
track, got home all right in six
hours, having got on well and
enjoyed the trip very much
Tuesday 9th Wet Morning. A
thing that was very much wanted
Messrs Caswell stopped all day
and we passed the day very well
and no one seems the worse for their
trip. John Eddie was here

Cloudy but fine (very little rain fell)
very fine
fine windy

Wednesday 10th April 1878
I hired John Caswell to use the
Bowling rods, saw them off. Mustard
Lida pot & put sheep & cross Baracade
went to Wash. then to see men
sowing by Begg & Turkey hill and
round & through horse park to hill vale
& home through Thrope. Mail came
3 P.M. with letters (I mean) saying
that the wood was coming in to
Town slow
Thursday 11th Was with men
sowing grassed in old park and talking
to M^r Swan & Wellesley. W. A. W.
Haselden & servant came 5 1/2 P.M. and
we spent the evening very com-
-fortable. The servant was a ship-
-mate of Charlottes (Mrs. Welsh)
Friday 12th Was with and assisting
the Haseldens to start. They got off
by 10 A.M. leaving a favorable
impression behind. I was most

Friday 12th April 1878 (continued)

of the day waiting for Mr. Permon & J. Jones to sell the Cull ewes to them

Saturday 13th Murphy & I explored ~~the~~ Blindman's flat and bush for making

a small port wharf, went down Duncan's spur & home by Birches track, Emigration flat & Lakes

Sunday 14th Very windy all day did not go from the house

The old shed at Wash got blown down

Monday 15th Was with Grassed sowers & knocked out 1/2 the Mortices in the New Stone. Wrote to J.S.K. inclosing business

letter re. New work. Reckoned stuff required for Blindman's flat Port.

Messrs McLellan & Carswell came 7pm. & stop all night

Tuesday 16th Sold Cull to James Jones for 2/6. 5% given in. Returning to

be given end of week - Had a busy day of it - Classing wood

Tuesday 16th April 1878 (continued)

Selling Ewes & With Mr. Lellan spent a very nice evening with

Mr. Lellan

Wednesday 17th Had a very busy day of it. Was between the shed, the yards & the new

stone. Working a while at each and was kept busy. Mr. McLellan drafted his sheep, saw Baldwin

& Bullock.

Thursday 18th Had a very busy day of it. Drafted Dowding's Rams & found I

was 10 short. Footrotted our own, saw Mr. Ewan & gave him a £10 cheque to go down

and see about Donald's affair. & then was most of the afternoon with

Bill building the stone Charlotte says she heard something last night

Friday 19th Had another busy day. was with Bill putting up the hip rafters on

Fine light show

wind

Cloudy fine calm

M. n. n.

wind

Light show

Very fine

Friday 19th April 1878 (contd)

on the store (and a fearful job we had) Then drafted & B landed 1170 Cull ewes for James Jones but would not take the kind of money he offered viz: Bills but will wait a day or two. Gave George Weller £30. on acct of pig killing on a three months bill

They fine any thing

W Carswell came up from Town in train for Town

Saturday 20th Called the Names and sold 15 of them to James Jones for 10/- each Got a £20 note in payment gave order for change & debited self with £20. Was with Carswell and helped Bill a good deal with the store. Ed Cameron called

£20 note W 111 fine any

going down. but I did not see him

Sunday 21st Sent letter to J. G. Esq containing a cheque of O'Brien for £136-5-0 and a £10 note Bank of NZ N° 009284 chertchuck

W fine

Did Nothing Much. Was bad with a cold

Monday 22nd April 1878

Drafted out stragglers from cull ewes and saw them earmarking of & on Mrs Ryan began to cook, saw her instructions in writing how to go on got loan of pack saddle from Henri

fine any fine any fine any

Tuesday 23rd Helped to muster the paddocks round house. drafted a lot of Red O ewes from the Culls. got them started at last. Remustered Ida. saw men cutting Murrumbidgee & & & & &

Wednesday 24th Seeing Haseldens packers went to old Wharf for some Hoarhound and Mustered the Names Am. Mail came 12 1/2 PM. read letters & drafted out all Names not fit to go to BH got in Wethers. Killed one, took old Names to Baracade, & helped Bill with the store until dark

fine last - Murrumbidgee

Thursday 25th Went to Donnelly's folly with Murphy & Ryan and then rode on to the Waikarekhe creek

shown during the night

Thursday 25th April 1878 (continued)
to look for the boundary line. then
Leullin & I rode over the Lake
district, looking for ground to sow
cane to BH 5^{PM}. had some
soup & come, 6^{1/2} PM.

Friday 26th Bill and I was all
day at the Store, we put the
roof on. Lizzie got an attack
of Neuralgia just after dinner
Mr Moorehouse called 5^{PM}. did
not come in. Went on to Shields

Saturday 27th Was till 3 PM with
Bill at the New Store, when the
Wash cook came for Mutton & stores
while getting in the Wethers. W^{rs} Shield
came. she stopped until 4 PM.
when Lizzie & I led her to Boccacia
& home at dusk. Lizzie gave "Billy" a
sore back.

Sunday 28th Did not go far
from the house. Charlt^{ts} went
for water cross

Monday 29th April 1878
Repaired my Compass case. & prepared
things for surveying line of fence
Went to the wash to see how the
Canvas belt was. Home & took in
Wethers. Killed two. Got 54 from
W^{rs} Allison to keep for her. And
helped Bill to lay a beam of the
stone floor. Heard that Donald
was on the Spur at B^rains
& sent Dan to look for him

Tuesday 30th Started after breakfast
to BH. found Murphy drunk &
Donald so-so. Hamil and I
flayed line across foot of Peaks
& went to Carswell. was made
very welcome. Carswell came
home 9 PM.

Wednesday May 1st Carswell
proposed to measure the boundary
line - so I sent Hamil home
to tell Lizzie I could not be home
measured but felt very tired

at wind
of wind
Windy dry
Windy dry
Windy dry
Windy dry

very fine
very windy
fine - one hour
showing

Thursday May 2nd 1878

Hamit & I chained across foot of Peaks, and walked to Stt Murphy & I rode home. Tied

2 fine

Friday 3rd Peddle and rode down to Chamas to take delivery of 2000 7ft posts. Then I rode down to Springfield and stopped one hour and rode home again being 9 1/4 hours away from home, being very good riding. Had Mrs Cox did not feel so tired as last night

Close & Muggy

Saturday 4th With 3 Men shifted stones & stools into new stone, it just took us all day. Had one of Jones horses & cart.

Sunday 5th Had a very busy day of it was reckoning stuff for Peak fences am. Then Lizzi & I rode to the bush (63) to look for an easier grade to pack seed up. and after tea I was making out specifications until 8 PM. Arrived home for mail 8 PM. would not give it time

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Monday 6th May 1878

Had another busy day. Wrote to S G K rode with Murphy to show him where to make pack tracks & home mapped out both lines of fences in Peak Country, and made a fair copy for Town. Joe Hedley came with 9 sheep from Mutapira along with a Mole for Calcutt earmarked them & turned them out

Very

Very rain all day

Tuesday 7th Had another busy day. Made three plans of Peak fences and got very tired over them wrote some specifications. sent Plan to S G K per J Hedley also Plan & Specification to W Carswell per same opportunity. W Ewan sent up an order for £23. 5. 6 per Bill. he not having a cent with me

Wednesday 8th Had another busy day wrote out directions for laying & fencing Peak line - got in Wethers & with men at stone & in shed. put tin - mail came noon

Thursday 9th May 1878

Laid off pack track in 63 bush and went across the Tutakun at Peach trees and found a good road across Calcutts run straight to the Waterfall creek - Came home and at

3 P.M. McBrians trap came up with Mr Ewan & Nelson I told the driver to take them back but he drove off without them so I sent Allen post haste into Town with a letter each for Mr. Juniors & Major Sully

Friday 10th Got Mr. Carswell to stop by the House while I went to show where to make cutting up left bank of Tutakun - Came home for dinner & wrote out Carswells boundary fence

Mr Ewan & Nelson stuck in Bills when all day quite quiet

Constable Studwick came 7 P.M.

Managed to blind Lizzie

Saturday 11th May 1878

Had a very exciting forenoon, got Mr Ewan & Nelson away by noon (the former in charge of Constable Studwick the latter with Shields cousin) Carswell kindly volunteered to guide the men to the Peaks, for me, killed a sheep

Sunday 12th Was in expectation that Mr. Carswell would draft but didn't We all went together to the Water. cross

Monday 13th Drafted Strangles for Carswell & cleared road for him to Waterfall creek, (Had a fearful job packing Mr. Cox up 63 hill) went to see Sowers at Stalactite creek & came home & marked the New Track down to the River in six different places (one track for each horse

fine wind

fine windy

fine wind

fine wind

fine wind

Tuesday 14th May 1878

Was kept pretty busy all day altho I did not do very much after all a Maori came with a confused ship-driving notice, Brian came to get McEwan £23.5:6 order. I promised to give it to him as soon as I got it back from Mr. Kinross to whom I sent it yesterday - James Jones was present during the conversation Mr. Mason did.

Did up a few ac in Ledger

Wednesday 15th Pasted up the Ledger to date, & squared ac. to 31st March. Mail came 3 P.M. read & answered letters Mr. Mason died 14/5/78

Thursday 16th Was backwards & forwards with Murphy & Ryan. Mending packs Piling posts getting weather &c &c Told Fyji we expected Mr. Kinross A very heavy shower from 5 to 9 am. fine day but windy

Friday 17th May 1878

Did not do very much am. was amongst ac. Went to Wash P.M. to see how Nissen was getting on Fyji & Charlotte went with me Bill was at home when I came, he told me he had hurried his wife & child in Town he seems a little cut up but not much.

We have been hourly expecting Mr. Kinross but he is not returned yet 6 P.M.

Willi Ryan took a bottle of soap from P. Brains to Blowhard

Saturday 18th Did not do very much. It was a very rough stormy squally day. Was with men now & again. Wrote out copy of Peak fence. Was on the look-out for Mr. Kinross all day, but he did not put in an appearance

very fine

very fine

showing fine wind

windy

fine stormy showing squally

Monday 19th May 1878
Did nothing much Am. Lizzie Charles
Arthur & I went for some water was pm.
& Caswell came at sundown and
stays all night but no sign of Mr.
Kinross

Monday 20th Was with Caswell
settling his ac. & Am. & helped
Bill to put up spouting on stone
pm. Caswells ac was £35.13.7
which I kept for myself & debited myself
with & sent it down to W.B.A. along
with three other cheques amounting
to £40.12.7

Tuesday 21st Was very busy all day
finished spouting round the stone &
fixed the tank. Repaired handle
of China jug
Lizzie still expects Mr. Kinross

Wednesday 22nd Had a busy & exciting
day. Shifted the old tool-house to
Lee side of stone for a washhouse

Wednesday 22nd May 1878
Mugged it with Bullocks, fixed
it in its place & began to alter
the fence to enlarge the backyard, so as
to take in stone found house & washhouse
Mail came 4 1/2 pm. per Donnelly

Thursday 23rd Had another busy
day - Shifted the old stone up
towards the House & raised it
a foot, got it into its place
by noon. Did some more
to the back yard fence

Arthur was weaned Guithy
Friday 24th Was with Bill
cementing oven. Whitewashed stone
tank, helped Ryan to fence in
backyard. but was most
of the day with Bill laying
floor in wing bed room.

Saturday 25th Was all day with
Bill, hung glass door & finished architrave
& nearly finished window which is
too small & am not satisfied with it.

very fine

very fine

very fine

very fine

very fine

very fine

fine also

Monday 26th May 1878

Did nothing much am. but started for Town after Dinner. Saw Shields who told me he intended to try & get B^o hence stopped. Got down about 5 P.M. Aunt M. A. had just come back from nursing Aunt A. who had given birth to a Daughter (Prematurely) spent the evening very well

Tuesday 27th Went to Town with Phillip

saw S. G. K. in Hoopers, went to Spit with him and opened tenders. Accepted that of W. Carswell for £55 per mile, splitting charring laying & erecting. Came back to Town bought £5. worth of books for Mens Library & did other business. Rode down to C. D. who was not at home saw Mrs C. D. who looked very well considering. P. D. came & we rode out together

Tuesday May 28th 1878

Went round the River with Phillip & saw the potato digger at work while waiting for W. Carswell left 11 am. saw Williams, Jones & Bringe (gave him M. Evans order) Mr. Mrs. Shields rode up with B^o Buckle and but did not bring the Prunes with me

Wednesday 29th Was with Ryan fixing

posts for clothes poles and with Bill the remainder of the day; putting lock on Mail box and Lining Wing room Mr. Carswell came just before Tea

Thursday 30th Helped Ryan & Bill

until 10 am. Opened mail which came 10^h am. Then Lizzi & I started for Shields, had Dinner there then Mr. S and I rode down & examined the Koroni cutting & gave £40-0-0 more on it. Rode up to Shields again got Lizzi & we came home in 45 minutes Lizzi enjoyed herself very much

fine cloud

cloudy

fine

very fine

showing drizzle

Friday 31st May 1878

Went to Blundin's flat to meet
Donald & M. Swan to decide on
a place for pot and home
again, helped Bill to do a bit
to the King Bed room

Lizzie got another attack of
Neuralgia, bad

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Contents

November 1876

- 18th Got married
19th W^{rs} Miss Jane Lane & self come home
22nd Took Annie for her first ride
24th Hackst & wife came
25th Uncles Charles & Dick & Dickie
" Let Woolscouring for 3/4 per lbs
30th Began to shear

December 1876

- 1st Got news of my Father's death
4th Road laid off from Barocade to Timaru
13th Bought "Maggie" from Caswell
16th Bought "Jenny Lind"
17th Family rode down
21st 2 Cases of Grof for Peacock
25th Spent Xmas day at Bennetts
29th George Bee brought 1st Letter from Lizzie

January 1877

- 6th Finished 1st Shearing
- 7th Sir Donald McLean hurried
- 8th Brought Family home again
- 13th Miss LeCombe & I rode up
- 17th Family rode down again & so to Poverty Bay
- 19th Lizzie started for Poverty Bay
- 23rd Moving Oats ^{at 24} John McDonald
- 31st Janne ran a fork through his arm

February 1877

- 3rd First ripe Peaches. got surprised at 4th of Feb
- 6th began exploring for Andrews fence
- 8th Letters from Lizzie
- 11th Wrote a long letter 32 feet 2³/₄" long
- 13th Enjoyed Dan Welsh
- 17th Got my Fathers Photograph note
- 18th Sunday. building stack
- 22nd W^o of Blankets ~~in~~
- 24th 5 weeks out of 14 weeks

March 1877

- 10th Harrowing with 'Captain'
- 5th Began to shear stragglers
- 8th Tenders for cutting Manuka
- 10th 5 out of 16 weeks
- 11th Got Lizzie home in nine hours
- 13th Dick Green got my Snuffbox out of W^e
- 16th Well better than I did a month ago
- " Lizzie nearly fainted
- 24th Mrs. Allason in D. J.
- 31st Mr. & Mrs. Birch

April 1877

- 2nd A pig hunt. back of shed
- 5th Saw Mrs. Shield for 1st time for 17 years
- 6th Finished Shearing 8th First Snow on Manuka
- 24th Mr. Baker came
- 27th To Town. 28th back
- 30th et seq Lizzie had with toothache

May 1877

- 7th Engaged McLaughlan
9th Plantation at Baracada planted
15th Lizzy Jane & I down. L. fainted at Hakuwui
18th Ten Turkeys killed - Table hill woods
25th Tenders opened for Navy fence (Andrews)
30th Got Father's Ring
31st Dick Green's agreement

June 1877

- 2nd Tom parson & Miss Le Conte married
6th John Norman & Lizzy Jane married
8th Heard 1st of W. & Mistress Scott
11th Got Lizzy home from Lizzy Jane's wedding
17th M^{rs} Ewen in D.I.
20th Got "Huki" & "Noamy". 24th Huki Calved Junis
26th Maggie Carmell, Paid for "Huki" & "Noamy"
30th Lizzy made panekes in a sauce pan

July 1877

- 10th Took Lizzy down for "Holiday"
14th W^{rs} Allason Sick in Town
15th Found a Dead ewe jammed between two rocks
20th W. Goudy & Baker
26th et seq Murphy's tram
31st Wrote "Paper" on Futackue Run

August 1877

- 4th Wode down near high
8th Exploring for Scandy fence
10th et seq Murphy's tram
13th Phil Sa: £300 for Kaurukin
23rd Finished Murphy's tram
28th Chained present line of Scandy fence
31st Snow on Blowhard

September 1877

- 1st Snow round the House. 1st time
4th Policeman came for Dog Taxes
5th Arthur David Born
7th Willie Williams began. W^m Sharpe
8th 1st year on "Temperance ticket"
10th Arthur Baptized. Nev^d P C Andersons farm
15th Lowered arch of Chummy. to Spfld
21st Spent £3.12. every day since I was married
27th Arthur got Goldsmid from Carswell
29th Lizzie getting well fast

October 1877

- 1st Shield & Mead. 4th do Road et seq
3^d Marriage settlement & with P^d papers in Bank
8th Got Lizzie, Sam & Baby home
10th John Scullin engaged
20th Draming in 63. et seq
24th Happier times
28th Measuring Andrews fence. Windy, grey

November 1877

- 1st Length & Cost of Andrews fence
13th P. D. and Charlotte Nobels
15th Began to shear
17th Ch Nobels went to P. B. through us living in Country
18th 1st Anniversay of Wedding - Note
20. Shear hold 380 sheep
22^d & 23^d W. & W. Birch. Morehouse St Dmd
26th Dowding, Cameron. & sheep et seq
29th Lizzie & family down in Jones Wagon

December 1877

- 3^d et seq Nissen
8th Filled Shed & Shearerd did not hear one
8th Goudy Wilson & Dowding
14th W^m McLoughlan brought Parrot for Arthur
19th Smashed a flask of Brandy
20th Nissen & Sharpe. Letter with 22 Stamps & 10 try
21st et seq. Murphy in Horro. 22^d et seq do
22 Finished 1st Shear
24th Saw Ch. Nobels. 26 Mil Walla
30th & 31st Drunken Now. Burrows

January 1878

- 2^d Saw Miss Gleason. Shield spoke
4th Saw Dowling for last time
11th Barrows & Balfour
13th Family came up in Joneses Wagon. Charlotte
14th Weighed Arthur. Lizzie Charlotte & self
15. W. Duncan. 10/- 18th Fixed Mangle
21st Began straggling shearing
" et seq. Lizzie's Neuralgia
26th Took Back bed room for a Dining room

February 1878

- 4th Mellor & Wife
10th offered C.D. £300
16th Examining Kinnis' cubby with Shield
17th Arthur's first tooth
18th sent £10.16.0 T.P.D. for Charlotte's expenses
22. W. Dolbel came unexpected
24th Arthur's Train Smelling Sulphur
26th Mellor
28th Mowing Oats

March 1878

- 3^d Census of Manzanahau
6th First frost. Finished regular shearing
8th Cost of getting in crops
13th Hallett Bro's & Ryan
16th gave men £152 for Maces
18. 19th Mellor & Balfour
21st McDougalls well
23rd C.D. £300. 1st Cards
25th Frijer boards. "To Napier" - "to Patia"
30th Ryan & Wife arrived. W. Cameron

April 1878

- 4th et seq. Family all at Horse paddock
11th W. & Mrs. Haselden & servant
13th Exploring for Potk & whare at Blindman's flat
19th et seq selling Cull ewes & Rams
" " " Building new Store & tool house
30th found men drunk at Blowhard
" Fenced line of fence from Tutakua to Carmels

May 1878

- 1st Measur'd. Cowsells bondy fence
- 2nd Chained Peak fence & some tid
- 3rd Note to Springfield & back
- 4th Shifted goods into new store
- 7th McEwans order for £ 23^u 5^u 6
- 9th OBreins trap brought up McEwan & Nelson
- 10th et seq Const. Strudwick & McEwan
- 13th packing "W. Cox" up Otukara bush
- 14th Mrs. Allison died. McEwans order
22. Shifted old tool house for Washhouse
- 23rd Shifted old store up towards the House
- " Arthur was weaned
- 26th Mrs. C.P. of a Daughter (prematurely)
- 27th Bought Books to Start Library (52)
- " Opened tenders for Peak fence £ 53. per M
- 30th Lizzie at Shields
- 31st Decided place for Pot. & Whin at Blum
mans flat.

Diary ends

Retrospect

I began this Volume just immedi-
-ly after I was married, and fully
expected to "Live happy ever
after" But for the first three
or four Months Lizzie was far
from being contented with the
place, being so far from her
relations, and though her
being so unsatisfied rendered
me rather miserable, as she
was (naturally) more happy
with her friends than with
me alone, But as she got better
used to the place she liked it
better and towards the end
of the Val we were both as
"happy as the day was long"
and another thing which gave
me a lot of trouble was the
opening of a public-house

at the Korini, the men
were always getting on the spree
and frightening Lizzie, But by
degrees things got better, I parted
with most of the drinking
men, and got steady ones in
their place, and Lizzie was
making the acquaintance
of the neighbors viz: Mr. Shield
Casswell & Mrs. Casswell, & family
Cameron, Morrehouse and others
and then she had Arthur to
amuse herself with while
I was away

The Cooks and Married couples
also gave us a good deal of
trouble, but on the whole I
would not wish to be more
comfortable than I was towards
the end of vol

"Jimmy Lind" Bay Pony Mare. Banded
 1 near shoulder & off shoulder. Halter-marked
 on nose and between back of ears near hind
 foot white. Bought from Francis Forward

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1876	Nov 18 th to Dec 17 th = 30	1876	Dec 18 th to Jan 8 th = 22
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