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39° Shing 1140
36° Unusually from W 430

12th July 1885

This being my forty fourth Birth day I think it a good time to begin a new Vol

Went with Arthur & Ph Parson (Pickney) to the Lakes & Home for Dinner Mr Dabbs left 4 PM & we all Lizzie, Jane Roberts, Arthur Edith Ernest & Ph Parson went for a walk to the 2nd Bridge.

A Mr Murray came up from Mr Kinross as Gardener & general jobber

Monday 13th Was with men a little & after dinner went up through the garden showing Mr Murray what I would like done in it - &c &c.

Tuesday 14th Was a good deal with Murray doing up the garden gully and with James clearing the kitchen sink drain which had got quite choked by the Nests and began making an iron strain for sink

40° V of mild S 42°
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Wednesday 15th July 1885

Nickel & finished the Stamin and fitted it in the Sink hole and then James and I were Manuka into his garden fence. & was two or three times with Murray - who promised to teach the children after night

Thursday 16th With Nickel and McDonald mustered Nough comb into Blueberry Am. & with Murray & Ph. John Hollis came 5 PM. & stayed for night

Friday 17th I & Ph left after breakfast to go to Patea to re Metallizing contact I was a good deal in garden, widening bridge & tying up Koromukos by W. & and with men

Saturday I & Ph did not come to town perhaps he may not come, I was with Stewart laying off Stewart N. day, for Ph with cutters. & James day taking goods signing the first May note sent Skins

42° Very fine cloudy calm 47°
43° W 30° 40° Cloudy am. Nam. W 43°

Sunday 19th July 1885

Did not do very much or go very far
it was very cloudy am. & light rain
P.M. Lizzie wrote to May Anne
and sent £3. to go Home

Monday 20th I made a Scrub for
cleaning W.C. and was all the rest of
the day pruning Fruit trees

Tuesday 21st With men taking one load
of Oaten hay & 10 bags Chaff to Stable &
1 load of Lime Metal for Kitchen door &
3 Loads for Dam & 1 load of Dung for
big garden - A Splendid days work
Mr. Murray began to give lessons
to the children Lizzie & Jane went
for a ride & Mr. Sheld came while they
were away and was annoyed at
Arthur not coming to see Peggy

In quarrying out the Metal I got
a splendid petrification of a Fern tree
about a foot long broke in the middle
which will make two beautiful fern
pots

45° W 46° 33° S fine 41°
35° W 40° 35° S fine W 48°
44° - 44°

Wednesday 22nd July 1885

Went to see Harrow & Men cutting Manku
in OSpokk Home for Children to go to
School. made a Handbarrow & P.M.
Made a thing a shelf & fixed up the two
Fossilized-fern flowerpots & other small
jobs & with Murray P.M.

Thursday 23rd Was almost all day fixing up
Ospokk fence when it was cut - to
let ploegh in & fixed up Water race
Wind West to S to E to S.

Friday 24th Was all day with two
Men footrotting, Stuart's Nicks and
Springhill's paddocks and did
not feel very well all day

Saturday 25th With 3 men emptied the
W.C. and put the stuff to the Fruit
trees. we had rather a job with the
W.C. & P.M. I was pruning fern trees
"Jenny" The parrot - Diced

34.0 Very fine (54° in Sun @ 11 am) E 41°

Sunday 26th July 1885
Made Tripad for holding Roastbeef on
fixed up some ferns & Tussocks in the
petrified furniture Am. and all went
up Curry spur for a walk p.m. Phil
Parson went to get bush with Geo. Hunt
shooting did not come home till
6 3/4 pm. Lizzie anxious.

Messrs Dabbs, & Albroton called before
Tea, did not ask them for Tea.

Monday 27th Arthur & I rode to Manya
with the Mail. did not see Mr. or
Mrs. F.S.W. Came home and
was all the remainder of the
day in the garden manuring &
pruning trees & tying up Currant-bushes.

Tuesday 28th Was all day with men carting
Metal for sheepyards & Dany for big
garden. Mr. & Mrs. F.S.W. Mr. Fitzherbert
& Son called p.m. & stayed for 2 hours
found the leg-bone of a bird. (perhaps
a Duck) in the Metal & got a door
vase & a flowerpot.

50.0 Light SW fine E 48°

34.0 fine cloudy calm

47.0 Showy 1.0 M. fine am. 42.0
45.0 fine am. 45.0
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Wednesday 29th July 1885
With two men Metalling the horn
with Sinter, found a Moo bone in it
and p.m. transplanted Microcarpa &
P. insignis to Koroniko hedge and
put a handle on to a Saucepan
Very heavy shower 2 to 3 p.m.

Thursday 30th With men gardening i.e.
digging Strawbery & making 1 lay and 1
small Sinter flower pots
Fine with light showers

Friday 31st Mrs. Came and we had
a long talk about 15 Bags seed which
he kept back on 19th May 1884 but says
he sent them on after, but can give
no proof. I can give negative proof
that there were only 25 Sacks stored
on top of Sheppens whereas if I had
got the 15 there would have been 40

Helped to footrot Bridge & make up
p.m. but several showers came
on as we finished

36° Cold rain W 360

Saturday 1st August 1885

Was greater part of the day with men in the garden doing up Strawbery & pruning Apples in Toolhouse Handling spades & such

38° Fine with cold W 420

Sunday 2nd A fine cold wind blowing with snow on Mt. Kinross.

The children wished me to take them up to have some snowballing & me (Mr. Parson Arthur Edith & Ernest) went up & got snow just inside Mr. Kinross plantation & had some bread & and came back home for dinner. I went for a walk along St. Nidge

39° Cold W 430

Monday 3rd With Ewart took out part of the Metall from Shep-yard and put in new stuff and cut up some pig iron and with 4 men fortified a

Dam through 1000 C.H. Ewes Mr. Campbell came & brought Lizzie's Horse for riding

42° W 440

Tuesday 4th Finished C.H. Ewes & took them out and mustered Banks & pottered them & took them out. E.C. with us all day

37° Morning 40 1/2

Wednesday 5th August 1885

Finished all the footrotting, did Lakes Curry Sturto Nidge & Dispute Sheep & E.C. remained all day

40° fine with cold W 420

Thursday 6th E.C. Left after Dinner, I gave him £10 for Tommy. that is. I red- = used his debt to me by that amt. and just before he left a Mr. Moore = Land or Marsland. from Australia came to stop for a few days. in the House

41° Showy S. 430

Friday 7th A Showy sort of a day. With men a good deal. Laid off a silt-drain to carry silt to top end of Dam. & with Sturt ploughing & McLoone repairing the road. W. Marsland with me

Wrote to P.D. giving Jack a good character. & to M.D. re Jack

430° Showy S 440

Saturday 8th A very showy wet day. Went up through Curry & Lakes with Mr. Marsland & seeing wind between the Showms

43° Sky NE 450

Sunday 9th August 1885

A very showy day & fine between
I did not go further than W.C. &
Mr Marsland & I read all day in Pullen
Mr. Dables came for tea

Monday 10th Phil Parson & Nichol started
down after breakfast. Mr. Mars-

41° fine w. light drizzle 42°

-land & I walked to Barracade to
met each - we met it but it was
not going down, carried Mr. bag
back home Am. And was with
men draining drying green p.m.

Tuesday 11th Mr. Marsland and I pulled 11
poplars & carried them to Shepyard plantation
and planted a hedge of Kororniko along
the weather side with the poplars

38° fine light drizzle 42°

Messrs G. M. Beank & Brown came for dinner
and I promised him the loan of the
the Bull of 78 W will lend me his
one for my 6 cows

39° dry fine weather 43°

Wednesday 12th August 1885

With 8 men flooded the droppings
from under the shed, we did the four
years droppings in 5 hours & spread it all
over the ground intended for potatoes, and
then flooded the mid out of flint yard
Mr. Marsland and Arthur went to Dispute

35° fair drizzle 48°

Thursday 13th With two men pushing pole
in Ballock-dray repairing it, and Jones
dray all day

Mr. Marsland & Nichol went up
Immigration & down through Sisters
and Banks & got caught in rain

45° remarkably fine dry 44°

Friday 14th Went to dray with Mr. Mars-
-land and then we walked down
to Big fall in C.H.P. & home. Saw a
Carpenter Hyharn sent up by C. Dolan
arranged with him to build addition
to woolshed & was with him awhile
sorting the timber

Arthur & I Annie rode to Halfway back
Nichol & W. M. rode to Browns hill to tell
Mr. Beemish he can have my Bull

45° N. W. Windy W 50°

Saturday 15th August 1885

Was almost all day guiding the men about the addition to the Woolshed Messrs G & M Beamesh came at noon & took away all their cattle and my Bull for the Season. Mr. & Mrs. F.S.W. came 2-5 PM, & invited Mr. M. tomorrow

46° fine Wind W 55°

Sunday 16th Wrote to Mr. Nankin, W.C. & Mr. Allason. Mr. Marsland must do

Manga & discover Mr. F.S.W. to be a schoolmate of his & stops them for the night. Have Ernest a ride to 1st Bridge & Jamie give Arthur a ride to Banacade

49° fine Windy & strong 47°

Monday 17th Was all day with David Carmell coiling up the wire of Pukako Park & finished 4 3/4 PM. Mr. Marsland came from Manga for his Sway

Tried Furrow extender & found one of the large clamps too small for the Beam & could only put one on which worked very well

45° N. W. Wind & light rain 53°
46° fine light Wind & light rain 53°
45° N. W. Wind 44°

Tuesday 18th August 1885

Had a very busy day of it; started men, sharpened Buck say. Helped Murray to find Microcarpa trees, cut down all the Bluegums by W.C., Helped Stewart with broken Harrow beam and working about from one to another then Lizzie Arthur & I rode to Holy Land for Lizzie to try "Tommy" and she liked him well

Wednesday 19th Had a very busy day of it -

with Shute took Stewart rivetted hoop piece on a harrow - with Shute took a load of posts from Stockyard to shed plantation & potatoe patch, then to Pukako & brought home all the old fence, then took a load of sheaves from Shed to Stable, took gum saps from House to Shed also potatoes then took Culvert stuff to Pine creek and straws & rail to Curry gate, then took some more gums from head of Water race to Stockyard then helped to finish Pukako plantation. Lizzie & Jamie went to Sheds & Jamie got Tommy Shew

42.0 North Wind W. 470
46.0 fine Wind 480
46.0 Wind 38
45.0 fine Wind 570

Wednesday Sept. 2nd 1885

Finished papering Kitchen Bedroom
Went out round the Lambing Ewes
& found a fine Lamb in a Crack in
Wandurers creek which seemed to have
been in our 24 hours. I got him out &
luckily got his mother for him

Thursday 3rd With 3 men weighing Oaten
Sheaves for J.S.W. Mr & Mrs J.S.W. called
10 am, and Mr. Shield & Miss Dale called
for 2 hours & J.S.W. dray came & I weighed
some more hay & finished 6 P.M.

Friday 4th With 3 men got out sheaves for
stable, went round paddocks. Planted
Rose &c in large flower pot & potting
about with carpenter &c

Saturday 5th Was all over Cury Banks &
other folks seeing Ewes and with
Carruth & McGlone repairing road at Lazy
pig creek - got two more good Sinter
flower pots Arthur's 8th Birth-day

45.0 Cold W. W. 470
40.0 fine W. 38
45.0
47.0 cold W. 45.0
30.0 Normality fine No Cloud or rain 48

Sunday 6th Sept 1885

A Cold Showy & Windy day
Did not go farther than M. &
was writing reading & talking to Mr
Dabbs all day

Monday 7th Went and laid off cutting in
Holy Land and then looked round
Ewes & Lambs, & Planted 7 poplars by
Woolshed and other little jobs

Tuesday 8th Cemented some more Sinter
flower pots. & with men & found some
of the Ewes & Lambs. Engaged John
for the Mustering

Wednesday 9th Had a grand view of
an almost Total Eclipse of the
Sun, it began 7.5 am by my time &
was at greatest at 8.15 when the Stars
were visible & the Thermometer fell from
36° to 33° and every thing had a very
pierced look. Not like ordinary twilight
and I do not wonder a bit a Savage
being frightened during a Total Eclipse
I was with men, being sheep & cutting seed potatoes

Thursday 10th Sept 1885

Was a good deal with Carpenter and with the other men and seeing round the trees. ^{Last time I saw Johnny} Johnny & Maggie Carmell came 4 P.M. Maggie to help Lizzie with cooking and house work &

Nelson came to do up my Books

Friday 11th Maggie began @ 14/- to be paid by station and I paying Jane from this out. I was good part of the day with Johnny & Nelson and went to Scullins cussing with Lizzie and Edith who went to Manuka for Larchon

Saturday 12th Was pretty busy all day. ~~helped~~ I Carmell to draft some fat-wethers. Saw John Carmell off (& he asked me for the £10 for Tommy) & D Carmell & I planted some early potatoes on western side of the potato patch & then with Nelson doing up Station Books

39° Cold when 5 1/2
38°
40° fine cold 3 1/2
34° frosty fine & cold 5 45°

Sunday Sept 13th 1885

Remarkably fine day. I did not do much - went top of garden Lizzie Jane & Maggie with Lute went to Cott bush & along range down through Sisters & home

Monday 14th With Stewart plowing Shay Park - seeing sheep in different Parks. with Carpenter putting iron on Shed roof & with Nelson doing up the Station Books

Tuesday 15th With Nelson & also helped Carpenter to fix beam over Shed door and went all over the Parks seeing trees & lambs. Tried to find from Arthur what happened him at night & he says it is cats only. Jamie took "Tommy" with Lizzie saddle to Houston to get the saddle changed so as to fit him

Wednesday 16th Helped Carpenter to lay lower floor of shed & with Nelson. Mrs. McDonald gave birth to her 1st son & 5th child 3/4 PM. None present but Lizzie & Mrs. Irvine

36. Dry fine 4 70
48 1/2° New fine 4 90
45° fine - rather much 4 30
48 1/2° 4 470

44° June coast (am) W 480
37° 60' S 40°
41° 60' W S. 43°
43° 07' W 45°

Thursday 17th Sept 1885
Was a good part of the day assisting
Nelson to do up the Books and
seeing the Sheep Mr. Mrs &
Miss L.S.W. came for 2 hours p.m.

Friday 18th With Murray shearing him,
how to plant tree seeds & and washing
Paton Shearer for L.S.W. and with
Nelson doing up Station Books

Saturday 19th Was most of the
day with Nelson checking all
the 'Orders' & cheques and we
made him a pillow with 1/2 lbs
Hops. I was also with Murray
several times with the other men

Sunday 20th Did not go very far
no visitors came. Maggie and
Davie Carmell rode to Baracade p.m.
'Moroco' calved. Bull, 4 calves Lanson
and all bulls

46° June till 2 PM L.S.W. 450
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35° Drizzle but all day 8 or 46°

Monday 21st Sept 1885
Went to Pat Sowers by harrow and
road men and had a look
round Ewes, found one in drain
Rain came on 2 p.m. found men
in wharf 4 p.m. told them I was
sorry to find them there when
they ought to be at work

Mr. Shield & her two boys came
2 1/2 p.m. & get weather bound for
the night

Tuesday 22nd A Drizzle wet day all
through. Mr. Shield and boys are
weather bound. She lent her
Buggy & McDonald drove all the
Children & me over. Jane & Maggie
Node. We had a good evening and
got home 9 1/2 p.m. May Midway
got down up from Puketapu
by L.S.W. and met us at the
shed gate

44° Drizzle & strong SW 4.30

Tuesday 23rd Sept 1885
Mr. Shield left 10 am, and
cut a cask to make two tubs
with men on Cott Road and
said off new road round the
front of woolshed. Mr. Luke
came for 2 hours pm.

Wednesday 24th With men cutting
chuff along road before Shed door
taking levels for "irrigation" work and
men fixing on ~~large~~ Reid's triplex
patent on fine back of cook when
Mr. L.S.M. called pm, for Lizzie
to reckon her time. I refused
to let a man stay at 2 pm, who
was going to Owhoko and came
off his road to save the accomodation
house. I directed him to go then
Police-man (Letch) came 8 pm,
with summons for me re Kachuka
Nest. He went back again.

41° Remarkably fine E 4.70

47° Dry fine cloudy PM. 8.40 AM 4.80

Friday 25th Sept 1885
Helping to mend a gate in Sheep yards
and laying off roadwork at Shed
door. Am, and went all over Curry
Lakes Sisters Banks Shay. Spinghill
Johnstone and other parts looking for
fern but did not find a single
one showing above ground.

Mr. Sargisson (dip) called while
I was away. I did not see him.
Had shut in after tea playing cards &c.

Saturday 26th Was a good deal with
men am. Shute told me he found
"Polly" bullock dead pm. I went to see
if I could find him but could not.
had a chase after a blend
hare in Sp hill park but could not
catch him. Shute found "Strawley" dead.

Sunday 27th I went with the children
to find the cause of the Bullocks
dying but the smell was too strong
Myjie Node sold Smith, Dable & Deacon
called. Lizzie went for a walk.

50° V. fine 1.52 5.4
51° V. 3.50

Monday 28th Sept 1885

I started for Town on Maggie's horse and got there. Shod at Komin & rode right into Town. Saw Mr. M. Lee and we went & saw Mr. Cottrell who told us George Bee had paid the money and that I might as well have staid at home. I went to Coote Road and had a drink of water which completely turned me up. I was awfully bad all night. Slept there because I was too sick to go anywhere else.

Tuesday 29th Did some shopping until time to go to the Spit, went there and gave Mr. Hinwood £107-13-0 which makes £662-13-2 @ 8% but was so awfully bad I had no heart for anything. Got home and rode to Springfield by dusk. Both Ann & Mary were very kind to me but I was still bad.

Wednesday 30th Sept 1885

Started about 9 am. felt very bad after passing Puketapu. had some eggs beat up in port wine at Jones and got home about 5 PM. More dead than alive.

Thursday 1st October. Lizzie May left - way & Mr. Shute started for a Ball at Hastings just after breakfast. I was still very bad. can eat nothing and only drink with difficulty. hardly went outside.

Friday 2nd I went as far as the Shed and weighed myself and found I had lost 4 1/2 lbs since I weighed last Sunday - not had work through taking a drink of water.

Mr. W. & Mrs. F. S. W. Mr. & Mrs. Dickson and Mr. Williams called at 3 PM.

Promised to give Murray 2/6 per week for teaching the children from date he started.

Mr. Tod arrived 4 PM.

40° Frosty but very fine 45°

Saturday 10th Oct 1885
Went to Parkako to see Murray Plating
Guns and over the park to see
how far is progressing, but it
growing very slowly. Another
was most of the rest of the
day with Carpenters getting
woolwash

49° fine wind 55°
60° Rather Windy 45°

Sunday 11th Was nearly all day
writing, wrote to C.A.S.B. deploring
his bad luck in business. & to
Lizzie. to Ned & Gray asking them
to buy my Patent Furrow extender
but naming no price and to
Lizzie for stones &

Monday 12th Was almost all day
in the Shed, weighed 32 cut Oalme
sheaves for F.S.W. and sorted
over a lot of sheaves to be ready
for further sale or cutting up
so may chance

42° fine am. rather 47°
49° Windy and fine 44°
45° Rather windy 47° 50°

Tuesday 13th Oct 1885
Was with the men greater part of
the day and with the Carpenters
ceiling the kitchen the rest of
the day. A beautiful light rain
began 3 P.M. and continued

Wednesday 14th Made some Hop
Bitters and went out through
Parko and found a fern well up
in O.S. park and was getting
things ready for Docting
Tied up my years papers am.
while the wind was too strong

Thursday 15th Had a fine busy
day of it, while the Shepherds
were mustering the different parks
I with 3 men docked Bridge Speykills
Covey & started to ridge sheep and then
put in a Maunaka Ridge between
the Bridges in O.S. park

I & Nelson came at dusk to
finish doing up the Book

Friday 16th Oct 1885

Had another busy day of it with 3 men mustered Sister and Lakes and had rather a job getting them in, in 12,30 p.m. Docked, drafted & took them out p.m. and I felt tired. Nichol came just at Tea & stop to night.

48° Showery but fine E, S & W. 44°

Saturday 17th Had another busy day with 3 men mustered Banks and the lambs broke badly again but finished them all. Nichol went to C.H. to see his horse and paid good attention to Jane for the rest of the day.

47° In fine W. 57°

Sunday 18th Nichol went after Dinner I rode to Jones with him to see about Harrows & more than to Barceable to see William if he would buy some chaff. Maggie went for a ride after Tea. Geo. Tod came to see his Brother.

52° Rain fine W 59°

Monday 19th Oct 1885

With a lot of men mustered C.H. had a job with Lambs. got in 11 1/2 am, was all p.m. working as hard as I could finished 6 1/4 p.m. Had the two Focks in after Tea and spent a nice evening with them and got Geo. Tod to class the west for me.

52° rather windy W 54°

Tuesday 20th Had a turn round the garden with Geo. Tod and he left after Dinner and will very likely be back on Thursday. I was with the men drafting and counting d. & d. Mr. & Mrs. F.W. & Mr. Kennedy came p.m. and they told me my Property Tax papers must be in Town tomorrow or I will be fined. I did mine up quick and gave them to Stuart to take to Manya as F.W. has to send down with his he may as well take mine. Jessie went down to bring up Fizzie & Mary Midgeway.

50° fine windy W 57°

Wednesday 21st Oct 1885

Was all day about the shed helping to clean it for shearing. Gave F&W a three horse load of sheaves to make a clean shed.

Jamie came home without Lizzie as Mary Ridgway cannot come before Saturday

Thursday 22nd Went to C.H. bush with Joe Happer and explored for a Dray road up top end of Bush and then measured up his fencing yards &c and home 4 P.M. got a Telegram from C.A.S.B. asking for £40 to save his Cottage so I think I will go down tomorrow and send it to him

Friday, 23rd Started for Town 8 A.M. Saw W. Luke at Honini and rode to Taradale with him. Had rather a job to send off the £40 least

Friday 23rd Oct 1885 (continued)

Manged it - all right in the end and sent off a Telegram to say it was posted. Went to Coote Road and found Lizzie all right. Had a dance and slept there

Saw Fleck in the U.B.A. but had very little time to speak to him Saturday 24th Left Town 8 A.M. and went via Spfld found Geo Tod had got the horses to Puketapu found Amity in a great way about Dick and the Italian girl, met Lizzie and Mary Ridgway by the Coach. had Luncheon and the four of us started but discovered that Lizzie's pommel was lost - borrowed one from Mr. Melbourne which would not stop in and all the way up the pommels were giving trouble, but Mary nor Lizzie ever found the way so short home 7 3/4 P.M.

43. fine one Show W 570

44. very fine W 480

56° Day fine (too fine) W 56°
58° Day fine W 60°

Sunday 25th Oct 1885
Had a very busy day of it
tried to overtake my writing
but could not. Wrote the
whole spare time I had

Went to foot of Peytons cutting^{ms}
for a walk and to Otamauri
after Tea and wrote till 9 PM.

Monday, 26th. Had an awful
busy day. Went to 1st Bridge
and laid off a drain to cut two
beds off the creek and give a crossing
then went out round the ponds
see the fern, then John Peyton
came with a load of goods and
the Bath. I began fixing the Bath
because it was dangerous of getting
broken but did not finish it
but laid Kiddleminster carpet in
Parlour. A large lot of clothing
came by day & I showed it out &
Booked it - & overtook my writing at 9 PM.

57° Day fine E 52°
rather windy air V. P. W. 49°
51° Day 1st shower W 52°

Tuesday 27th Oct 1885
Was almost all day clearing out &
washing the Shed. Cleaned out the
water filters and began repairing one of
the large gates in the neck of yards

The musters started to muster
Wednesday 28th. Went to 1st Bridge and
saw Haffer with drain, to Shed and
saw Ted & M. Glone finish large gate
head and started them to make
a covered drain across the road. Home
and finished the Bath at
last, so that I can only now say
that the House is finished. Then
I began to make a grating for
the drain across the road

Thursday 29th finished drain grating and
then went over all the fern ponds & found
them all right, and think light staked
P.M. W. & W. T. W. and W. Shield &
Miss Deacon all came. I went up the
garden with them & then helped to fix two
angle posts front of Jacobs wharf

Wednesday 4th Nov. 1885

Was most of the day in the Shed sorting some wood of last years stragglers, and showing G. Tod how to do the classing and counted 1000 sheep that came in from Bonnin May

It rained from 6 1/2 PM last night till 2 PM tonight which will do a great deal of good not that we have been so long without rain but we have had a deal of dry West wind

Thursday 5th Tailed and dried the sheep and got them in by 4 PM and called the roll over and read the rules of the shed and got a quite start and got 57 shorn. Got photos from G. & B.

Friday 6th Had a quiet and tolerably easy day of it. Eight men sheared 437 and I had about 10 men to help to do nothing much

Saturday 7th Nov. 1885

Had another quiet sort of a day shearing, did not do very much as I had plenty of men to help me

Mammell got settled with and goes tomorrow. he promises to subscribe to the Libray, to send me a live Kiwi & an egg or two and also to send Arthur a pony, all within a year

Sunday 8th

Shephards filled the Shed N B Mammell left 56°. Very fine am, Showy PM 53°

I was rather bad am. Made up a packet of Corysanthes, Pterostylis &c for Mr. Colenso. Paid property tax £8-8-8 and went up garden. Lizzie Jane McNeary & Maggie sent for all. M. N. got thrown from Mappell horse

43° fine wind 8 62° 43° V. F. 90. 45% 46° Cold 9 West till 2 PM. 42° 59° Windy but fine W. 56°

years.
At Long Lane, Broughty Ferry, on the 15th inst.,
Mary Patton, wife of George Nicoll, aged 76. This
is the only intimation. Nov 1885
At 7 M'Gill Street, Dundee, on the 14th inst.

570
54° Rather Windy
570
52° fine Windy
550
59° Mo. S. S. 50
58° fine Windy or 64°

Nov 1885

Messrs W & D. C. walked to Manja am,
and p.m. as they went up & lay in
the garden reading till the wind fell
about 4 p.m. when we had a walk
up Leury. Lizzie was still bad
and did not show out

Monday 16th Messrs White and
Du Croz left 8 1/2 am. I was assured
about the shed but not my hand
worked. Mr. & Mrs. F. S. W. drove over
p.m. because Freeda was sick to
see if we could do anything for her

Tuesday 17th Was tolerably busy at the
shed all day. (Diamond) got bogged
in Joss drain just after they came out
of Johnston post.

Wednesday 18th The Ninth Anniversary
of our wedding. Was all day at
the shed & had it rather harder
than usual owing to the sheeps
leaving mustering & drafting Lake & Rep.

Wednesday 18th Nov. 1885
Tho Scott caught an Eel last night
which weighed 16 lbs and on cleaning
it another Eel measuring 1 foot 10 inches was
found in its stomach (in length & 4 1/2" circumference)

Thursday 19th Was about the shed
all day. have had a full fortnight
shearing without a stop and only got
6720 shorn. but still it is successful

Mr. Shield & Miss Hutcheson called p.m.
Friday 20th Took it very easy all day
as I will have to work tomorrow
and there were plenty of Shepherds to
do all the work

Lizzie walked to Manja with Edith
and Mr. & Mrs. Groom & Mr. F. S. W. drove
them over 3 p.m.

Saturday 21st Made an easy day out of it
A shower fell last night - but got sheep
in dry by noon. Rain came on 3 p.m.
and keeping steadily on which
will do a lot of good to county generally

64° Windy 45 20
54°
56° 0° fine Wind
55° Heavy wet 43°

50° Nem fin 571°
55° Nem fin 576°
55° Nem fin 580°
55° Nem fin 585°
55° Nem fin 590°
55° Nem fin 595°
55° Nem fin 600°
55° Nem fin 605°
55° Nem fin 610°
55° Nem fin 615°
55° Nem fin 620°
55° Nem fin 625°
55° Nem fin 630°
55° Nem fin 635°
55° Nem fin 640°
55° Nem fin 645°
55° Nem fin 650°
55° Nem fin 655°
55° Nem fin 660°
55° Nem fin 665°
55° Nem fin 670°
55° Nem fin 675°
55° Nem fin 680°
55° Nem fin 685°
55° Nem fin 690°
55° Nem fin 695°
55° Nem fin 700°
55° Nem fin 705°
55° Nem fin 710°
55° Nem fin 715°
55° Nem fin 720°
55° Nem fin 725°
55° Nem fin 730°
55° Nem fin 735°
55° Nem fin 740°
55° Nem fin 745°
55° Nem fin 750°
55° Nem fin 755°
55° Nem fin 760°
55° Nem fin 765°
55° Nem fin 770°
55° Nem fin 775°
55° Nem fin 780°
55° Nem fin 785°
55° Nem fin 790°
55° Nem fin 795°
55° Nem fin 800°
55° Nem fin 805°
55° Nem fin 810°
55° Nem fin 815°
55° Nem fin 820°
55° Nem fin 825°
55° Nem fin 830°
55° Nem fin 835°
55° Nem fin 840°
55° Nem fin 845°
55° Nem fin 850°
55° Nem fin 855°
55° Nem fin 860°
55° Nem fin 865°
55° Nem fin 870°
55° Nem fin 875°
55° Nem fin 880°
55° Nem fin 885°
55° Nem fin 890°
55° Nem fin 895°
55° Nem fin 900°
55° Nem fin 905°
55° Nem fin 910°
55° Nem fin 915°
55° Nem fin 920°
55° Nem fin 925°
55° Nem fin 930°
55° Nem fin 935°
55° Nem fin 940°
55° Nem fin 945°
55° Nem fin 950°
55° Nem fin 955°
55° Nem fin 960°
55° Nem fin 965°
55° Nem fin 970°
55° Nem fin 975°
55° Nem fin 980°
55° Nem fin 985°
55° Nem fin 990°
55° Nem fin 995°
55° Nem fin 1000°

Sunday 22nd Nov. 1885

Lizzie Jane Maggin & E. Tod went to
Immigration for a ride & Miss Bicknell
& Miss Grant & David Casswell joined them
there then after tea Tod took Ernest
to Bonygate & we all took to the
& Arthur to 2nd Bridge

Monday 23rd Had a fair sort of a day. finished
shearing the Wethers & got 140 Hoggets done

Davis came up before breakfast with
a letter containing a letter for W. J. Stephens
which I sent on by a very decent looking
man who was going to Patua. he was
a fair complexioned man with a decided
squint in his eye and round rings in his
ears

Tuesday 24th Had a pretty easy day of it
We are shearing Hoggets & did 716 & washed
the Sandy ones only, 6 trawls & the up.

Wednesday 25th Had rather a leisurely day this
mornal but not bad. finished the Hoggets
and very nearly the Rams. Jane & Maggie went
for a ride & E. Tod & Shute met them at Sheel gate

Thursday 26th Nov. 1885

Had a busy day but not pushed too
much. finished the Rams & Dispute
sheep and began on the Ewes about
1 1/4 p.m. Jones came & told me Milne
was all but dead in the Hospital
and if he survives at all it will
be at the expense of his leg.

Friday 27th Had the leisurely day
at Shearing yet. but nothing like what
I have had former years. W. J. S. W.
& "Freeda" came & spent the day

Saturday 28th Had just enough
all day to keep the trive from
hanging heavy. Hat-Bearish
came noon for his Strangers and
he got over 100

Sunday 29th Did not go very far. Hat-
The 2 Tods took Arthur & Ernest for
a ride & I made up a box of blossoms
of Pterostylis for sending to Sir J. D.
Hooker of Kew. Stephen came for Wethers
Maggie went down for a weeks holiday

60° by fine clouds Am, 456°
by fine W. Am. 8 P.M. 580

Monday 30th Nov. 1885-
Had a busy sort of a day, but
not over wrought. altho we
were kept at it till 5.50 pm,
the latest night of the Season
David Carswell came pm, &
told us of the lamentable death
of his Cousin John Carswell
& poor Maggie went down yesterday
to enjoy a weeks Holiday and find
her favorite Brother Dead and
just buried by one hour and
she did not even know he was
sick - very careless on her
Parents & Brothers & Sisters parts

Tuesday 1st Dec. Had rather a busy day of
it, altho not too bad, got the
last mob into the park & part into the
Shed & it looks very dull. It will be
be a pity if I get stopped now when
I have gone so far without (as one of the
shearers expressed it to-day) without losing
a minute and a half

620 Cloudy and Rain 3 P.M. 510 71
548 Showy & clearing till 3 P.M. 630

Wednesday 2nd Dec. 1885
Finished 1st Shearing

Had a mild day of it. got the last
sheep into the shed 2 P.M., Main came on
3 P.M., cut out 4 3/4 P.M., and
settled up with shearers 7 1/4 P.M.

Lizzie got driven to Marya and walked
back. W. F. S. W. sick
W. F. S. W. Delivered of a Daughter 10 P.M.

Thursday 3rd Entered up all the shears
as just finished work, thought I
would have it easy 1 P.M. when
W. & W. Luke and W. Bolton
drove up, W. J. Baptized Alex.
McDonald then L & I walked to
Williams & he Baptized Walter
John & we walked home again
he drove Lizzie to Marya, and I
went to Potters well to meet her

I fancy the rain seems all gone and
my little has fallen

650 Dry fine am Wet 1 PM. S 520
530 Cold Wet 520
530 fine 540
570 v. 1 W 596

Friday 4th Dec. 1885
Was about half the day posting
& squaring up acc. seeing the bullocks
start plough horses and looking
round paths. Heavy rain came
on about noon & turned the
Shepherds back from Muston
Leattle hill and Bomin May

I was then with Pressers &
dodging round. There has been
a good fall of rain now, which
will start the crops on fri

Saturday 5th Was very busy all day
was frequently with men. got
History of Librey from Murray and
finished it for him and brought
both copies up to date

Fannie went to meet Meggie
Sunday 6th A fine day Lizzy came to
& I went for a ride along new road
Meggie came back after her weeks
Holiday? I took the children a ride

580 Clang in Wet 1 PM. cold S 440
500 Cold 1 PM. S 3
570 v. 1 W 596

Monday 7th Dec. 1885
A cloudy showy am a wet and cold
PM. I was most of the day writing
finished "History of Librey" and the
"Reason why different places got
the names they bear," and was at
shed 2 or 3 times seeing ones pressing
& &. The Shepherds started &
got wet again & came back

Tuesday 8th Went all over OS Padk
showing Mick Collinge how it is
best to plough it and then I examined
all the horse paddocks & found all
right as yet - but OS Padk will
not stand long. Shepherds got
started out at last, have been
trying since Thursday last

Wednesday 9th Was with men
starting them to cut chaff and
starting Jane & Geo Thomas to yoke
& PM I went all over all the
paddocks & found them all right but very

Thursday 10th Dec. 1885

Went to Aspeton seeing ploughman & round sheep, with Murray a good deal getting him to understand that I wanted him to eradicate the Bramble from the garden.

Friday 11th Shifted the sheep from St. Hill to Bridge. Mr. Shild & Doy came. Left 4 pm. F.M. called. Dr. Moore & Hulme stops for the night. 3 Buggy at Glenross at one time. Mr. Goudy came 10 p.m.

Saturday 12th The different visitors left for Patea & Kiriapapango, the Shepherds came in with Burns sheep. I helped to draft them, cut out fern trees that were overgrowing a fine fern tree in the bush and other different jobs filled the day. Mr. Goudy came back from Kiriapango about 7 pm.

Sunday 13th Dec. 1885

Was shearing Mr. Goudy round the place till dinner when he left for Town. I was then writing till tea.

Monday 14th Had a busy day of it, was with the Shepherds drafting Bows to sheep as a lot of ewes had got from Carry into it, then with McEhorne fixing pots for heating water for Dip & opening drain from Dip & 2°

Tuesday had a good examination of the different pots, found Carry to be in a bad state too lightly stocked to be good for the fern & too heavily stocked to be good for the grass seed. Lacked if any thing to lightly stocked. Lister & Banks right.

P.M. I was with McEhorne emptying the Dip & preparing generally for dipping. And feel tired. Lane came back after her weeks holiday.

65° Windy N. 65°

62° Cloudy SE 53°

72° Cloudy an. fine E 61°

64° Windy in morning 48°

65° fine in morning 59°

69° fine E 60°

64° dry fine, E 54°

Wednesday 16th Dec. 1885
Was with McElstone finished fixing
up things for dipping and mixed
enough stuff for 4000 gallons
of Dip. Common & Todd came
in with Bonnie Mary & Cattle &
sheep. Drafted them 101 wooly

Thursday 17th Had a fine busy day
of it. We dipped 4709 sheep and did
a lot of drafting. filling the shed &
Lizzie rode by herself to Manya to
W. F. S. Mr. & Mrs. Bolton was there

Friday 18th Had another fine busy
day of it. 5 working men dipped
5294 = 1059 per man & there was
only 3 men throwing in & they must
have thrown 1765 per man and then
we were stoped 1 3/4 hours for want of
sheep, & then we had twice to
shower-bath the newly shorn
sheep

Saturday 19th Dec. 1885
Had a busy forenoon of it dipping
7 of us dipped 8423 in 5 hours and
we finished 1 1/2 p.m. then took Eues
& Lambs to C.H. & dipped the few
that were shorn at 5 p.m.

Sunday 20th Mr. & Mrs. Shild & family
drove up for some dishes and stayed
for an hour. Lizzie Jane & Myer
went along the new road for a
ride. I ~~was~~ examined the children
and gave them their prizes and
was writing a good bit

Monday 21st Finished all the dipping
except the few they are shearing
by 10 am. & then I found the Boy I
had attending the Shearers was ~~not~~
and awful bad job of the wool that
B. Tod & I was all y.m. classing his
pieces. & then I sacked the Boy
Mr. Dabbs came for Tea and
I sent Manya drafting notes by him

66° fine air cloudy 11 AM & 60°
62° 9 p.m. 60°
59° 5 p.m. 55°
64° 2 p.m. 64°

64° 11 p.m. 57°
64° 11 p.m. 60°
64° 11 p.m. 60°
64° 11 p.m. 68°
70° 11 p.m. 68°

fine but windy 96.5°

Tuesday, 22nd Dec. 1885

Was good part of the day clearing the wool that Thomas made such a mess of, and helping about the shed.

Amie Parson & 3 children. May & Alice Ridgway & Mable Hollis came per Pymers coach for Xmas holidays

60° fine sun cold & cloudy 52°

Wednesday 23rd Went over to spots and

some others, helped to draft sheep from the Nange. Mustered by Manja & got 23 woolly ones and was humbugging about the shed and was awfully disgusted about the way the two men who are shearing has humbugged me about the stragglers

It blew so heavy last night as it awakened me

54° of 63°

Thursday 24th Was humbugged some as yesterday did not finish till 6.40 P.M. and feel awfully disgusted

70° very fine & hot 84° 60° 85° of 63°

Friday, 25th Dec. 1885

Had a very good Xmas. The day was hot and we had Dinner on the Verandah and had S. Tod and Shute over after tea and we had Nourdu until dark and then french-tig and Dancing on the Verandah till 10 1/2 P.M. and then Supper & to bed Midnight

Nichol came up just as we were finishing Dinner. But the whole thing was marred through having the two men shearing which caused me to change to Bath the sheep & change

Saturday 26th finished the straggling shearing and dipped all the stragglers

Nichol paying good attention to Jan

Sunday 27th Nichol stayed all day and paid good attention to his curing. Amie May Jane & S. Tod & Nichol had a ride along new road

54° fine windy W. 65°
61° Windy 60°
Rem fine
Calam

Monday 28th Dec^r 1885

Went to ASPAN with plowmen to
shew him his "Lands" then
helped Shepherds to footrot the
Lake Sheep. Mailed up a box
of Nhubark for Aunt M. A.,
G. Tod took Tommy & Goldsmith's
Korini to get T. shud J. G. ?

Tuesday 29th Lizzie Anni May 12

G. Tod & I rode to Kumpango and
spent a pleasant day there. I
rode with G. Tod going out and with
Goldsmith coming back

Wednesday 30th

The whole lot of
us about 17 went to C. H. Lush in the
Bullock dray for a picnic and we
had a very passable day of it &
home by 7 p.m. then Tea and a dance
on the Verandah till 10 p.m.

Thursday 31st

Helped to draft
the sheep from Wana and gave
them their strangles and

Thursday 31st Dec^r 1885 (continued)

then was most of the day
helping to shear 63 strangles that
came from Wana

After Tea we stuffed a pair of
trousers & a coat with straw and
burned it in effigy in front of
the house

Friday Jan 1st 1886

Had a very busy
day of it. Saw Absalom off with
Mangawhau Strangles. Saw Mary
Midway away with George Tod
Explored all Sunday Corner with
Mick Collinge for ploughing and
was the balance of the day
making up the Library etc

It was very hot till about noon
when the thermometer fell to 52° with
cold south drizzle of rain

Had first Apricot Pie

64° fine hot 65°
62°
67° Hot can cold drizzle S. 1 p.m. 52°

MARRIAGES.

CHARLTON-LANGLEY.—On December 25th, at the bride's father's residence, by the Rev. J. G. Paterson, S. Charlton, to Mary Langley, both of Napier.

OLIVER—MOLLET. — On December 29th, at St. Paul's Church, by the Rev. J. G. Paterson, William Oliver, to Mary Jane Mollet, both of Napier. Wellington papers please copy.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1885.

MORE BORROWING.

58° cloudy but fine 57° 25

Friday 8th Jan 1886
Was hunting for trees before the
snows Am, and with two
men burned the South side
of Nester park PM. but did
not get home till 7 PM, we
lighted all the side in 2 Hours
The atmosphere was quite
thick with smoke from the 70 mile
Bush fires which are still raging
Had 1st - Ripe peaches & Apricots

Saturday 9th Was pretty busy all day,
cut a Bark in two to make tubs
& with men generally
A shower came last night and put
Nester park fire out, but breeze
sprang up towards night & got some
more burned

Sunday 10th Wrote a good deal and read
a little and all of us went to Mopoko
Lush PM. for Korimis and down Otai
mauri after tea for same. Wrote to Nuddok.
& Fryer re this aff.

66° 10° f. Had 86° 56° oh my fine

67° 3-14 f. Had 84-8 66° 63° 0 f. Had 84-8 66° 67° 0 f. Had 84-8 66° 60: Mild Rain all day 53°

Monday 11th Jan 1886
Had a busy day of it - Was with Hay
Carters, and helped to draft Sister
Sheep, and made an Eel spear out
of a pair of Old Sheep Shears

Tuesday 12th Was pretty busy all
day. Cut two 2 Gallon jars to make
Jam jars and then with Joe lay
off drains in Swamp, & trying to
catch Eels, saw 2 but got none
Lizzie Ann, Shute & Stod went for
a ride after Tea

Wednesday 13th Went to Manja
to see John Peyton re Moung cats
and examined Aspatk going and
coming and was helping the
men to clean up shed

Rain began 6 1/2 AM, and kept
on mildly and pretty steady
which will do a lot of good
throughout the country, particularly
in pulling out the 70 mile Bush fires

69.0 fm Cloudy about 60°
69.0 fm. cal. 69.0 Day fine cloudy & 66°

Thursday 14th July 1886
Had a busy day, helped to muster
and draft 84 sheep and then
came through Neater Sisters
Lakes & carry home. all being
right & Beamish was at
the House when he came he brought
the Bull back & went to Mary
for Tea

Friday 15th Was all day drafting and
running through the trough 2012
Wethers, (run them through in 2 Hours)
and just after Tea Messrs Bennett
& Tracy came & stop the night

Saturday 16th Showed the above all
round the garden and showed them
the possible road up through Scandy
Corner. & then to Shed showing
them all was to be run there
they left 10 AM. I was then
seeing round the paddocks and
with Joe draining the swamp & caught
6 Eels can have them for tea

69.0 fine but cloudy 71 & 56.
70.0 77 fine hot 72.0
62.0 56.0 95.0 29.0

Sunday 17th July 1886
Wrote all am. & read all pm.
After Tea Lizzi & Annie with Shute
& Tod went for a Ride. It was
very hot all day

Monday 18th Was all day footstap
mowing through 205 old Wethers
& helping to shear 17 sheep.
It was a fine but cloudy forenoon
& a Scotch Mist PM. H.

Tuesday 19th Six years today since
I came to Glenness. Was doing
about round the ponds and
with men fixing Culvert in
Wandes creek in Shap park till
shepherds came with Lakes Sheep
and we drafted them and
looked for ewes & finished 6 PM.
Mr Luke came pm and
we had Service in the
Shed. 27 being present.

67° fine hot calm 68°

Wednesday 20th July 1886
Mr. Luke left Cam, I was
about with the men till
noon when John Peyton came
with Machine and we
fixed it up and began
pushing the Oats at 2 P.M.
I had to tie, and had
a very hard afternoon of it

66° Very fine hot calm 64°

Thursday 21st Was all day
with the men mowing Oats
& finished the far side &
got about 3 rounds on the far
Lizzie Annie and all the
family came down about
10 am, and had a regular
pic-nic and caught one
Eel and about 80 Crayfish
& they fell in the creek
while catching the Eel
Mr. & Mrs. F. W. came down
to the Oats 7 P.M.

65° of. NE 62° 70° Very fine hot calm 71°
Showy. rain at last night

Friday 22nd July 1886
Finished mowing Oats & had the
Machine to pieces and ready for
pushing in the day by noon. &
Peyton & his Man & Mapper all left
just immediately after Dinner
Lizzie Annie & all the Children
went Crayfishing again P.M. but
they did not get so many
as yesterday

Saturday 23rd Was writing a good
part of the day. wrote to D.J. re
small subs to Hospital was
with men a bit Thatch, Slack &

Sunday 24th Started after breakfast
to see Doctor re Maycott getting
into my eye about 14 days ago
got to Spfld about 3 P.M. & saw
the Simons, Oliviers M. Muzzey
& met Jack W. Nedeloffe rode into
town. went with C.D. to S. Alva
meeting. Day Mr. Norman & slept
on the hill

fine day wind N. 68°

Monday 25th July 1886
Saw Dr. Menzies after breakfast
got 10/- worth of a prescription
from him. Saw Walter went
to his house saw his Mother
wife & child, got Horse at Peter
had a drink at Elbow & paid
every thing saw Shield Sawing
& home 6.10 P.M.

66° Rain 65°

Tuesday 26th Did not do very much
my Eye was worse today. Menus
Waterhouse & Fisherlet came
for two hours am,
Rain after daylight and cloudy
day with heavy rain 3-4 P.M. no
Cats got in yet.

62° fine 630 77° fine but threatening showers W. 7 1/2°

Wednesday 27th Went to see the Cats
after breakfast, found them
nearly dry. Shute did not get
the Bullocks till 11 am got a
load up towards the Shed &
capsized it above M & Mals

62° fine 630 77° fine but threatening showers W. 7 1/2°

Wednesday 27th July 1886 (continued)
gate, got it righted after dinner
when the rear poles would not
keep up his head & he got his
nose on the ground and it only
lay between his neck or the yoke
which would give way first, however
the yoke gave, got another
yoked again, got rid of load
in Shed, put in new the poles, &
when starting found him to be
"Turtled" unyoked him & put
the other in, went for a second
load, broke two fork handles
the tail end of the load dropped
out twice & eventually got
home & finished the two loads
by 5 1/4 P.M.

Thursday 28th Ride with Lizzy and Ann
to C.H. bush & home noon. then P.M. rode
with Arthur & Fredy to Melton for mail
back with men taking in cats

Friday 29th Jan 1886
A thorough Wet day. I was
with the men and made
a search through Lib books and
found one hundred volumes in
circulation, more than double
the number the Libry started
with.

Dymus coach driven by Gibber
came up 4 PM, for Christmas
visitors

Saturday 30th Lizzie W. Parson
Annie Kelly & Freddy parson, A.C. &
Priddyway & Mable Hollis all left here
by Dymus Coach for Town. W. Parson
only gained 4 lbs. during her stay

I was a good deal with men clearing
shed & and laid off the drain near
the shed for flooding the droppings
from under the shed or watering
the potatoes. Yesterday rain
has done a deal of good

62° cloudy but fine Sat. 61° Wet all day J. 60°

Sunday 31st Jan 1886
A most beautiful day I went
and examined the Pats, and
found them very wet.
Sent Interest £36 to Northern I. Coy
wrote to Lizzie and gathered Apples
of tree in Makariki corner 67

Monday 1st Feb 1886. Went with
three men and weaned all the lambs
and in coming home from C.H. found
the men who were supposed to
be tying the Pats. to be simply
lifting them and laying them
one one side without attempting
to tie them or even make bands
So I put off my coat and showed
them how it could be done &
lifted and tied after on scythe
and made them cut it all
out and we did not get finished
till 6.50 PM. And I told the
two mowers to get the tgers to their
them for their overtime as I would not

60° very fine 7-62°
60° very fine cloudy & calm 60°

R 85

Tuesday 2^d July 1886
Went ^{to} ~~the~~ thing after Breakfast to
see Cats. found them fairly dry
sheep carting. I was turning stocks
they got first load home all right.
but stuck with 2^d Load. in getting
coming out of the creek. Nearly
hanging the poles. & then broke
the pole yoke, so I came away
as they seem to get on far better
without me. They got 4 loads in.

Wednesday 3^d Had busy sort of a
day. Went to shed with men
stowing hay (oaten) then with foot
rotters footrotting the Farms the
with men lowering the Culvert
at Stockyard into Alley and
making a drain to let water
into Woolshed paddock for horses
as the swamp is too soft at
the sides

65° fine cloudy 2
39° fine cloudy 2
66° fine show at sun 66°

Thursday 4th July 1886
After breakfast started over paddocks &
went through Curry, Lakes, Siding
Nester, Conical hills, Banks, Shep,
Spurhill, Johnstone, Bridge
Old Station, Stuart's ridge, Delhi
and Home, had a real good round
and formal right, except per-
haps Curry, as there is a letter
from Shewdy, was with men
PM. Then was a fine heavy
Thunder Shower from Noon till
3 PM, a lot of rain fell
Friday 5th. Was almost all day
with Rapper pushing in Drain tile
across the road near the Shed
for clearing out Shed and
irrigating potatoes. Rain came
on about 3 PM, & kept on
till 6 PM, doing a lot of
good, but my cats are still
out

69° fine hot sun. Showy PM. C. M. 69°
77° fine hot sun. Showy PM. C. M. 69°
60° fine sun showy (M. M. M.)
67° fine sun showy (M. M. M.)

660 Very fine but light 660
64.0 V. f. 650
664 Remains fine 660

Saturday, 13th July 1886
Was totorally busy all day
with men among the sheep with
Joe driving and over O'pork
looking for Missing Cotswold
Rams & made another Orion net
Lizzie came home 8 PM.

Sunday 14th Went up as far as
Garden seat & reading a little, the
first I have read for a fortnight
Lizzie Jane & John & Joe went for
ride after tea

Monday 15th. With three men
mustered hester & drafted out 28,
poorish ones & put them in Hatin
Den, Home pm GTRB came &
took 5 1/2 head of cattle out of CH
& I told him to put a man
on to attend to them or else
I would, but told him he
would have to pay for the
man in the end

Tuesday 16th July 1886
Had a busy day, pulled &
washed Nhubal, explored
Sunday corner with ploughman
for how to plough it, helped Tod
to draft some fat sheep, took
deliv of cases, boxes & pm Dray
and unpacked some when it
was dark. Went Mushroom
gathering after tea

Wednesday 17th Was all am,
posting up the Ledger and pm,
had a turn round the Potts with
Manuka cussus & Joe draining Bay
Marco gully

Thursday 18th Finished posting
up Ledger, was out over Potts &
round the Sheep, & made up wool
scouring ace & &

It was a cloudy day with fine
light showers, which is still
wanted, Jane got Val pm AT

62.0 Heavy S. 5 1/2 62.0
62.0 V. f. 620
62.0 Rem. fine 660

58° light rain 5570
56° heavy 570
59° mist 69°
58° v. hot & 64°

Friday, 19th July 1886

A Scotch mist all day turning into heavier rain 6 PM

I did a good deal more to the Books and drew pattern for another Najrug

Saturday 20th Was with Men at

shed cutting chaff & told Murry I did not expect him to turn the machine. Lizzie began to

make her Najrug. (2nd one)

Sunday 21st Had a quiet day

gathered apple from large tree in Kauri corner, & reading & working at Picture Books

Monday 22nd Went out through

Carby, Lakes, Sisters Nestor, C.H Banks & some of the smaller ponds and found that all can

stand well for another week owing to the late fine rain we have had

58° rain on cloudy, 11 AM 62°
68°
64° fine & calm

Tuesday 23rd July 1886

A wet Scotch misty forenoon, did not go out farther than tool house and garden. P.M. went out through

some of the smaller ponds and after tea Lizzie Jane & Arthur & I went to far end of Stuart's ridge & got a fine lot of mushrooms

Wednesday 24th Was most of the

day helping Joe to lay of the drain in lower end of the Big Swamp, caught 2 Eels & was humberging about till I got very tired. Lizzie Jane & W. Tod

went to Harris wharf to get Black berries and found they were not ripe. They all went to Burns wharf and home by Mr. Cox Track

Thursday 25th was about with

the men when 11 AM, Miss Gleeson & Mr. Jamison rode up, they

wee followed by Mesdames
Waterhouse & Shield we all
had Luncheon together &
the ladies left. I took Mr
Jamison to the Maunakea
gathers & left him there
when 4 P.M. Aunts Mary
Ann & Elizabeth with
Uncles Phillip & Dick and
Phil jr all arrived safe
They were not very tired
but their Horse was

63 fine but not hot - 72°
Friday 26th Uncle Phillip left
1 P.M. I went to Swamp with
W. Dick and caught a
beautiful Eel, and was
dodging about round the
plate all day. Ladies taking
short walks

62° rather windy air is fine 1 P.M. 66°
64° after
66° after
Saturday 27th July 1886
Had a jolly day: We all went
in the Bullock-dray to the Gt Bush
and had a jolly Pic-nic. Twelve
of us, and then we went to the
Immigration flat and had a look
over the top of the Range, for
about an hour, then home by
6 P.M. all having enjoyed
themselves immensely
Sunday. I was setting Jorses
apc up to 3 P.M. and then we
had a walk to the d & round the
place generally
Monday 1st March 1886. Michel
left just after breakfast. Then
Uncle Dick & I walked to the Gt yard
& drafted Nestor sheep & walked
home through Sisters, Bonds & Bay &
P.M. drafted & footroted Cury sheep
finished 5 1/2 P.M. W. Hardy came
just before Ten

56° fine cool W 52°

Tuesday 2^d March 1886

Walked round garden & shed with W. Hardy and with men footrotting. Spliced a piece on to steering rod of plough and went to Joe draining and caught four Eels & home and began to make an Eel basket.

W. Hardy left after lunch

Wednesday 3^d Uncle Dick Philly.

Lizzie and I rode to Kuripango and home 7^{pm}, enjoyed the day very much. Chester was as nice as before.

Thursday 4th Was all am with theses & laying off drains with Joe and caught 4 Eels & 1^{pm}, went down away Spring hill and caught 2 more Eels & got some Chubads for Aunty to take down tomorrow.

The day was beautiful, but it looks cloudy now.

Friday 5th March 1886

Uncle Dick Aunts Mary Ann and Elizabeth & Philly all left 5.45 am. for home again after a pleasant eight days trip. I then went with the men stowing oats, repairing fences and Arthur feeling lonely went to see Joe and caught 8 Eels in an hour. 8^{pm}, had another turn round & caught another one.

Saturday 6th March, Helped to yoke one of the New Stars & went to see Joe at drains, then 1^{pm} helped to draft and slip (footrot) the Nams & then examined the Wand = Dispute fence for what it will take to make it Bullock proof & came round through the other pocks home. May Ridgway and George Tod came up from Puketapu in four hours, he went down in three hours - too quick for my horses.

50° very fine m. 5.30
55° fine m. 5.30
55° fine m. 5.30
60° w. f. W. am 1^{pm} 5.30

5.30 fine cloudy E 5.30
5.50 fine cloudy E 5.30
5.50 cloudy but fine E 5.30

57.0° by fine calm 6:30

Sunday, 7th March 1886
Did not go far. Mr. Dabbs
came p.m. and Sam Child came
7 p.m. & they both left 8 1/2 p.m.

Mary, Jane & 6 children went for
a walk. Lizzie & I stayed at home
Monday 8th With 5 men started
Banks Nestor & Hater den and
shifted stumps from one pole to other
& drafted Nestor. Then I came
round through Nestor Sister Lake
Cury & Home, got young spr. of
Todea Americana and some very
robust spr. of Marcanthia and
tree-fern moss, pepper maple &c. and
planted them all in garden.

58.0° by fine calm 6:30
60.0° by fine calm 6:30

Shute went to Jones for New Sewing
Machine & did not get it. Not then
Tuesday 9th With men am. and mostly
with Joe in a lead part of the
drain p.m. it was very soft.
The day was very fine & calm

By fine calm 6:10

Wednesday, 10th March 1886
Lizzie suddenly decided to go down
with Tod & they left 9 am. The
New Sewing Machine arrived
and I put it together and
then went round some of the
pools with the men

Joll came taking Agricultural
returns & leaving Census paper
Thursday. Was good part of this
day fixing up Census papers
the Agricultural and Improved
Part of it - and find I have
got about 47 miles of fencing
on the place. Was with men
a while & also at drain

63.0° return 11:45
63.0° return 11:45
65.0° by fine calm 6:30

Friday 12th Went with Fowers and
over a good many of the paddocks
and examined all the old drains
to see how much it will
take to clean them all out.

It will take very little
Last letter to M.B. & L. Subsidy

54° Very fine calm hot 59°
52° W. 63°
56° 21° 25°
63° 9° 4° 6° 39°

Saturday 13th March 1886
W. B. has brought 42 Romney
Rams. M. D. and I earmarked
them and put them in O.S. pens
we were then getting things ready
for Grassed camping on Monday
and pottering about

The thermometer rose to 116° in the
Sun at 2 P.M.

Sunday 14th Wrote to Harris
Hastings for him to send a copy of
W. J. Inventions. to W. K. M. M.
re Schull's Letter of Credit - £5.00.
& read for a while

Lizzie & Nichol came home 7 P.M.
Poor W. Tod had got out in the
Sun. but came home 11 P.M.

Monday, 15th With 4 men mustered
Aster & then laid off work in
the Cott bush for seed sowers. home
and helped to draft Cuy sheep.
Tod. gave in P.M.

60° Spring air cloudy W. 59° 1/2°
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99°
100°

Tuesday 16th March 1886
Had a slight attack of Colic about
daylight and did not feel right
all day so did not go far from
the place. Tod & Happer are rather sick.

Wednesday 17th At Cott bush with
5 men making a road up the side
of the Creek from the Old Road
Found a peculiar Orchid? stem
3 feet high Nactus 18" in Naccine 18"
tuberous roots, like Kumurus.

Planted 3 tubers under Kawakui
Thursday 18th Went with Happer &
planned the draining of O.S. pens
and G. B. Deemish came P.M. and
I gave him a cheque for the three
missing Cattle viz £6.15.0 and
then finished the day reading the papers
Gave Happer pen ink & paper for him
to practice writing while he is laid
up with a bad strain

Friday 19th March 1886

Wrote to G.H. Lusk and was with the boatmen almost all day got some fine "Trilobites" in the tatus of a cliff on sunny side of gully. Missdames Shield & Waterhouse called during my absence

Saturday 20th Repaired a spade and took the handle out of another

Set a saw and went to Manya for a fern that the Nurse girl pulled yesterday and was visiting the sick p.m. began tracing Jane Mat

Held a meeting of Liberty scheme £26 odd to Cr. and 890 Books. finished 8 3/4 p.m. Mr. Doble stayed all night

Sunday 21st Had a business sort of a day. wrote a good deal. Had ducks and green peas for dinner and a walk up Carry and down to the shed. Sent note to W. asking them to place Shield letters of Cr. to the station cr

Monday 22nd March 1886

Was with 3 men Mustering and drafting the ewes for getting them ready for putting Names in Tuesday 23rd Shute & I amie got old Mary into the Burns by the W.C. last night 9 1/2 p.m. & was lulling him when Lizzie went out to them. & made them leave off

Mary left about 3 p.m.

I was all day Mustering and drafting Lakes and Sisters sheep and preparing them of putting Names in

Wednesday 24th Helped to finish drafting & put the Names in

Made a lot of Thermometer Papers It was very fine till 3 p.m. then a south wind blew up a Scotch mist.

Thursday 25th Chambered my own & Lizzie's saddle and went to G.H. Lusk p.m. Saw Ned Jura there on his way to Wana with Shute

57.0 9.0 p.m. 600
59.0 11.0 p.m. 650
61.0 1.0 p.m. 640

55.0 11.0 p.m. 600
55.0 11.0 p.m. 570
57.0 570
57.0 570
52.0 58.0

16.0 showy but visible 54.0 cool 22.0 W 48.0

Sunday 26th March 1886

was seeing round the different parts and found them all right & packed up James case of jam &

Saturday 27th Fixed up some trees near the W.C. and up in the garden and putting Ews together

Mr. FSN came for 2 hours. Mr. W. Dabbs sent a man over for some vegetables & I gave him a sackful & was otherwise occupied about the place

Sunday 28th Mary Nyway & George Todd went to Spiggild. Messrs Dabbs and Shield came before & after tea and we all went for a walk to foot of Key tree cutting. Took the Census of the place there being 23 souls. 9 were born in NZ. 4 in Ireland 4 in Scotland, 3 in England 2 in the Channel Islands & 1 at sea 12 are Presbyterians & Church of England 3 Roman Catholics

Sunday March 28th 1886 (continued)

14 are Males & 9 females. The smallest ages of the 23 are 555. average age 24 years & 2 months. the oldest is 66 & the youngest 5 months, there are two adults who cannot read

Monday 29th with 3 men mustered & drafted Nestle, then I went to Bushmen and stayed till dinner & then explored lower end of South side of gully for Buell tracks & home about 4 PM.

Till the census gatherer came after tea and sleep for the night

Tuesday 30th Had a look over some of the pots. cut some Naupo heads & jolting about. This was the oldest miring of the season. Lizzi made a batch of cake in the Brick oven

Wednesday 31st Arthur & I rode to G.H bush & I explored a cross at top & Joe Napper gave Arthur a silver mounted flute. Today was anxious to get home

57.0 squally wind W 60.0 57.0 squally wind W 60.0 43.0 fine E 50.0 49.0 W 59.0

52.0 Cold squally W 50.
45.0 Windy W 52.
47.0 very fine W 52.
45.0 Windy W 57.

Thursday 1st April 1886
Tried to make Maggie April job
but could not. Tow Jane the
Nati had got to her farm, was
most of the day looking round
Lizzie dressed to go to Mungo but
the day was too squally

It rained from 2 to 7 am. heavily

Friday 2nd Started after breakfast for
C.H. then M.P. & I explored three
Bridle tracks out of South side
of gully. then I went to top of
Bush to see cross track making
and was all the day with the
men making road. I showed M.
Collinge how to plough I had got
when I was coming home.

Met Lizzie Jane Children & Tod on
Pine creek

Saturday 3rd Arthur & I rode to C.H. bush
and was there all day. making
Bridle tracks up South side of gully

Saturday 3rd April 1886 (continued)
Held a Committee Meeting of the
Library and selected about 120 Books
I.S.W. did not come till 8 1/2 PM and
we finished 11 1/4 PM.

Sunday 4th Was from Breakfast to
4 PM. writing Library matters
and went to top of garden &
saw Common, and we came
down the garden together

Lizzie Jane & Shute went to C.H.
bush & I went to top of new track
Maggie went down for a weeks holiday

Monday 5th Was busy all day. put
handles in 2 axes & a 1/2 axe and ground
the axes and otherwise fixing up tools
for the Bush workers all day

Tuesday 6th Too windy to ride so I
walked to C.H. bush. & explored a dry road
as far as Murrhys Totara and was
with the men throwing down and cutting
out wood to top of hills. Got Filmy fern

55.0 Windy W. for 66
61.0 Windy W 630
64.0 Windy W 70
61.0 Windy W 630

50° — 58°
45° W. N. E. 50°
47° W. S. E. 45°
54° E. S. W. 45°

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Wednesday, 7th April 1886
With 4 men Mustered off sheep into
C.H. yards and dayed all the dirty lambs
draped out Nautkawa & all other
stagers from the lambs. brought
stages to Sp Hill. Gailed my
filmy fern ^{Hymenophyllum rarum} on to a fern tree

Thursday 8th Did up a little of the
Books. packed & mailed up James
Boxes & drew in a bit of Rug

Jamie went for the mail but
it did not come at 3 1/2 PM,

It was a wet day throughout

Friday 9th Was much the same as
yesterday and so was the weather
Misses Goudy & Waterhouse called
PM: They contemplate a journey to
Patea - Taupo &c

Saturday 10th It rained heavy till 8 1/2 am.
then cleared up beautiful. I went out
over Guy Sp. H. Shutt ridge & the Leij Shey
W. Shuld came to try & get McEneaney to make
some wire stans for him

35° E. S. E. 51°
47° out but for W 48°
53° fine. Showy at night 60°

Sunday 11th April 1886
Had a busy day. Was writing Am-
and when we finished Dinner we
found Messes Kniss Du Croz Sen
& Bailly at the door. Gave them
Dinner & then I went up Scotts
track through Nesten & down with
C.H. bush and up the new track
to home. Spent a quiet evening
with them

Monday 12th The visitors left for
Town about 10 am. then the children
& I walked to the Goreline with
Jane Roberts, who goes to Town
to get married to James Nichol
on the 29th of this month. Then we
got some Mushrooms coming
home, & went out over the garden

Tuesday 13th Was very busy particularly
draped sheep from Wana branded
those shown there (68) and drafted
Nautkawas &c &c. 1st foot
& remarkably fine day

Wednesday 14th April 1886
Had a busy day of it. Dipped about
400 Sheep from Mana; drafted Shyja
from each other & shifted Naukua
from Sp H to PSpok

Thursday 15th. Was with the men
a good deal. put a handle into
old Jacks dipper &:

It was very cloudy with very light
rain & wind all round to compass

Friday 16th. Was all day helping men
to dig potatoes. The Policeman came
with a summons for Joe Napper and to
register the Dogs

Saturday 17th. I sat up last night till
1 am. this morning to witness the
Occultation of Jupiter and had
a most splendid view of it,
Hardings Almanac said it would
not be an Occultation.

I was helping the men to finish
digging & storing the potatoes & then cut 3 Bull
calves & branded 1 sheep. the first of 2^d stars

560
47° N
47° W
47° cloud
42° N
42° W
62° N
62° W

Sunday 18th April 1886
It was a hot day & we did not go far
till after Tea when Lizzi the children
& Shute & I walked to the first Bridge
I gave nearly £50 in orders to men going down

Monday 19th. Was the whole day posting
up the Ledger and making up all
the mens eye to the end of last
month and did not finish
till dark. Lizzi after washing
made some Blackberry jam

from Blackberrys brought yesterday
by Tod Bro & Jamison from Tutakue

Tuesday 20th. Was waiting for seed to
come till 11 am. it came & I took delivery
of it and loaded the Wagon for Mester
but it did not get away till 11.50

then I went to see Cuy Shay & &

Wednesday 21st. Went out through Cuy Lakes
& sisters to Mester to see about laying seed & to get
Lush to see men at Road & home.

Lizzi Arthur & Tod went to Tutakue for
Blackberrys & got a Bullyful

560
67° N
67° W
67° cloud
53° N
53° W

C. W. Beaman's list - 113 on 3rd April

Monday 26th April 1886

Was busy all day. I was making up the times which each post took sowing when W. Davis came with a letter from F. S. W. asking me to allow myself to be nominated for a Roadwarden, the nomination paper being signed by Messrs Ashild & F. S. W. but not having any desire to be a Warden, having no explanation given why they fixed on me and having wholesome (internal) dislike to all Cato-paw business. I declined to sign the paper or allow myself to be nominated & went to Manya to see F. S. W. about it - but he had gone down & would not be back till 5 PM, so I left the paper and came home finished my paddocks. Had a look over several of the posts about home examined potatoes &c. and so put in a rather busy day

5-80 Rather windy day very fine 1 PM, 5-80

Thursday 22nd April 1886

With Phute & Jamie Sowed Sunday Corner, we were nearly all day at it and I feel rather tired

The day was cloudy with very light rain but still fine

Friday 23rd Was with Jamie Straining up fences with Shields patent and find it works very well being a great saving of time over the old method of straining up wire. Lizzy went down with Wm Tod to be present at James wedding

Saturday 24th Went to Sowers in the Doldrum corner of Nester and was with them all day got home 5 1/2 PM

Sunday 25th Was writing almost the whole day to Mrs. Sturrock Messrs Bishop rent due. H. K. seed & take wetter away. Lizzy & Wm. Mrs. Child came with Miss Oliver & Katie Grant came & had Tea with us, Tod came home

56° 07' fine 4 5-80 57° 07' 62° 00' 54° 50' fine 5 1/2 PM 62° 00' 53° 00' Cloudy but fine 56° 07'

45° Dry fine & 53°
44° Cloudy on 2 fine 19 752
46° Remains cloudy fine 51°

The Lizard got out of the Cage & lost: no found
Monday 3, May 1886 ^{17/6/86}
Was with the men in the morning &
made a small cage & repaired a flat trap
& helped Lizzie to rack the Rhubarb
wine and was jolting about generally
Tuesday 4th Arthur Ernest and I must-
ered Stuart's Ridge & run them
through the Race & took the Names
off when took us to OS pole and
the other came in with Naukawa
Wethers & we were dogging and
earmarking them till night
No one came for Manya to see us Monday
Wednesday 5th Finished earmarking all
the Naukawa Sheep that are in the
Home paddocks & shepherds took them to B.B.
while I explored another B look for
McColling & started him on it &
plough it: Lizzie & children went
to shag creek for a walk & I
went to meet them & let water
down for watering plough horses at 8 o'clock

46°
49° fine cool wind on
47° Cloudy fine 51°
36° Remains 7 fine 50°

Thursday 6th May 1886
Was with three others Mustard &
Lemmered Nestor (Naukawa wethers) and
turned some into B.B. Mustard Haten
Den, got an ugly cross-bred Name
amongst the Hoggies in Cornical
hill pole & castated him, Mustard
Sisters in to Banks & home
Lizzie & children went to Lakes
for a walk
Friday 7th Made a Swingletree just
after breakfast: while men were
getting in Banks then we drafted
them & got in Bridge, Stuart's Ridge
Old Station & Lowry & Drafted all
them And took the Names out
Lizzie & children all went to Lakes
Saturday 8th with Tod Bud & Jamies Mustard
6th pole & drafted them, got only 2
Naukawas, saw Lowry & home, went
up Lowry to meet Lizzie & home, packed
a box of Greens for Lowry

48° Pleasantly fine calm 47°

Sunday 9th May 1886

A most beautiful day. Lizzie & Mr. Shute left just after dinner to attend to James wedding on Wednesday if it comes off. I was doing very little my back was bad all am, writing pms to C.A.S.B. & Nichol deciding to send him £50. to J.H.K. preparing his trust etc.

Monday 10th

A cloudy threatening calm day. I was all am. posting ledger & making up a/c. & p.m. the Playm came with his broken ring of the large swingle tree. I fixed up a chain for him & went with him when he opened the next break - the road flat & pure above Waterhouses cow

47° Cloudy & calm 54°

Tuesday 11th

Was writing am. and then p.m. went with Shute & took down five streams of fencing on Stewart Midge to allow the basin to get ploughed. Wrote to Bishop asking what redoubt he would want on Craighle farm

52° Shiny & cloudy 1 p.m. 54°

53° Pleasantly fine w 5-6
53° Pleasantly fine w 5-6
53° fine warm showery 5-6
52° fine warm showery 5-6

Wednesday May 11th 1886

Had a very busy day of it. Was fixing up the grass seed. When Tom trap brought a lot of things which I had to unpack, & sharpen Darnies saw, & make a planting Box. Shute came in with Roadmen tools, took delivery of them & after tea settled with Scott & Charlie McShone, & was kept at it till 8.50 p.m.

I wonder whether Nichol and I are have managed to get married to-day

Thursday 13th

Was with the men cutting chaff & letting water off the roads. J.H. Davis came for some ferns to take to Lasmaniac and we were hunting them by candle light, but got a fair selection. Got letter from Lizzie to say that Jane and Nichol did get married yesterday

53° fine warm showery 5-6
52° fine warm showery 5-6

48° Nemobly fine m 5:00

Friday 14th May 1886
Went with men lifting Stewarts
ridge fence & filling underground
water channels, with Mick ploughing
& P.M. with Sowers patching Spring
hill with Tod hunting drains &
creeks for dead sheep, & making
a crossing across Otumauri at junction
with Shay creek.

45° Cloudy calm 4:00

Saturday 15th Had a busy day. Helped
to take Jacks fat for Cook-house &
Shed to weigh it. Then slow it in
the Bakehouse. With Shute laying
posts for repairing plantation fence
to Mick to measure his swinpton
& writing 5 or 6 letters.

46° Not an Sh 11:48

Sunday 16th It was steady rain all am, &
showy P.M. from S.W. So I did not
start Mr. Shute for Lizzie. I had very
little to do as I wrote my letters
yesterday, I read nearly all day. but
took the children through the garden
& bumped up to Genjia wine

46° Very showy SW 5:00

Monday 17th May 1886
An almost all out wet day
started Shute for Lizzie but hardly
expect them tomorrow, was with
the men for a while but was
most of the day pasturing Cross entries

40° Cloudy calm 4:00

Tuesday 18th Made up my sheep & find
I have got 19,964 now on the
place, from 9141 this time six
years ago, and know that under
anything like a fair winter I can keep
them well, whereas I had great difficulty
to keep the 9141 the first year, and only
creaked 7111 out of the 9141

Helped Samie to strain up some fencing
& talking with Common & X^c
Shute came home 8 P.M. without Lizzie. She
tried to come home but was sick and
turned back from Mr. T. Shirley's

44° fine 3:50

Wednesday 19th Examining road & poles and
with different men. Mesdames F.S.W. &
Fitzhelt called P.M. with F.S.W. Fudon
& Herbert Fitzhelt & we went through yard

60°
56° fine but blating wind
Thursday 20th May 1886
Had rather a busy day of it. Put
a handle into a Spade. Made &
fixed a trap door on Stable loft
to keep the Fowls from eating all
the Horse feed, and seeing & repairing
the men repairing the road between
the House & the Shed

49½° Windy W. 46°
Friday 21st It was very windy am.
I went along road, examining it for
repairs as far as Manga shed &
with Nick laying off Triangle block
between Drinking hole & Jordans
cutting & with Spate re-opening and
deepening drains below 1st Bridge

46° fine 48°
Saturday 22nd I was examining all the
paddocks about the place, particularly
Dispute to see about ploughing lower
part of it. Home 4 PM. Lizzi and
M^{rs} Donald came home 5 PM.

Lizzi lost her small hand-bag with
Locket & in it near some parsons

44° very fine calm 47°
Sunday 23rd May 1886
Lizzi & Arthur & I went for a walk round
the back of Delhi & discovered a place
to make a Bower, walked right round
Holeystone hill. Mr. Dallos came with
a Turkey & two puka ko. & stopped
for Tea. Wrote letters to Jones &
Elleborne re Lizzi's lost Hand bag

43°
Monday 24th Went to Manga just
after Breakfast to F.S. M. re grass-
seed & he said I need not write to
Mr. Minors as he would see him about
it tomorrow. Explored for a Suspen-
sion bridge in P.S. Park, home for lunch
with Nick opening M^{rs} Ma-house
Spur & exploring the Bower P.M.

40° N. nearly fine 48°
Lizzi Maggie & Annie scrubbed the
Dinning room, Heavy post at Mangawhau

48° cloudy 44°
Tuesday 25th Lizzi, Annie & I was all day
doing up the flower garden. John
Peyton came with Happers tent, a parcel
of Drapery & Lizzi's lost hand bag, & gave her
10/- to give to the finder of the bag

42° by fair calm 42°
45°
42°
40°
46°
47°
47°
44°
47°
52°

Wednesday 26th May 1886

Was busy all day, with Ploughman & helping dig & draft & helping to do up Delhi-Plantation fence, and was at it all day.

Thursday 27th Had a busy day, was with Ploughman helping to plow out a gully in Bayneses spur, with me repairing Delhi & Plantation fence, with Tod & Jamison meeting Disputa & Daggie them, walked with Lizzie & Edith for Lizzie to learn to make Pork pies, & then again to meet her on Peyton's cutting coming home. got fat meat - from Michel

Friday 28th Helped with fence, between Cury & Plantation and trimmed a lot of Blue gum trees. W. Luke called while we were all out. I was also over Cury park. It was a remarkably fine day

Saturday 29th Was kept busy all day, was a good deal with

Saturday 29th May (Continued) 1886

fencers fixing Cury-Plantation fence and made a Model of a Suspension bridge for crossing creek in Old Station park. Near Old Station, and pruned a lot of Gums

Sunday 30th Did not do much. Went for a walk p.m., Vaccinolia Alex. M. Donald p. 111,

The day was very fine & calm. Monday 31st - was with the men a good deal and selecting stuff for Suspension Bridge. Went to Potters bridge & saw Mr Stone repairing the road & measured the span for the Suspension bridge in O.S. park

Tuesday 1st June 1886. Had a busy day, of it with M D & Jamison laid up some rope for Suspension Bridge & got all the stuff ready. W. Chester came for Tea and stops the night

Wednesday 2nd June 1886

Was being round the place with Mr. Chester until after Lunch when he left. I then helped the men to gather up the Bridge stuff and take it to the site when Mrs. F.S.W. & Misses Gleason Benjamin & Picket joined us and we all walked home & Mr. Shuld overtook us at Shedgate and we all walked up the garden. Mrs. Picket particularly admiring the ferns. & Mr. F.S.W. brought me her new one which turned out to be polypodium Grammatides which I have had in the garden for nearly three years. & which she seemed rather disquieted

Thursday 3rd A wet day all through. very light am. heavier pm. I was with the men a while and mostly in the Tool-house jobbing about. Calm

Friday 4th June 1886

With three men erecting a Suspension Bridge in Old Station Pdv. - near the Old Station and we got on very well. got the posts and anchors in and one of the beams for supporting the flooring in its place

Saturday 5th A Muggy rainy day. I was off and on with men reforming road between Shed & Shedgate, and on and off sheep returns and humbugging about generally

Sunday 6th We all went for a walk to see the Suspension Bridge & up by Mr. Evans Gully, went into it to see a fern tree and got three Pittisporum to plant in the Flower garden. No. Visitors

Monday 7th Was all day with two men flooring the Suspension bridge. Old Jack came back PM. rather tight, but I expect he will stay

46° air 49°
44° Muggy mild and fine calm 46°
42° fine calm 48°

42° fine calm 48°
43° cool S. 45°
45° fine 547°
42° ref in clay 11m. 510

45° fine but rather windy W. 50°
50° strong W. 41°
38° cold dry S. 38°
46° heavy misty fair 44°

Tuesday 8th June 1886
Settled up with Old Jack and
he went off arranged with Joe Napper
to cook until I got another 2 with
men cutting down gums and taking
them to Buje & did a little floring 1st

Lizzie Arthur & Ted went up through
Parsons Bush & along home by Lake
Mr. FSN & Herbert Fitz went after
them but could not overtake them

Wednesday 9th With these men
and finished Suspension Bridge
21 feet within pillars & 8 feet of an
approach. the whole thing labour
& material costing Five pounds (£5)

Mr Wabbs came & stays for night

Thursday 10th The coldest day we
have had since Sept 12th 1885. Wabbs
left after breakfast. I did not go far
too cold. got letters say Mr L. had given up
Jack. Our mail went to Tumanii
& Tumanii mail came in my bag

41° cold dry wind S 41°
42° fine cool S 42½°
46° heavy misty fair 44°

Friday 11th June 1886
Was jobbing about 4th PM. Lizzie the
Children Ted & I went down through St
Nige Bridge to Petko's Home. went to
the Suspension Bridge & named it
"Brooklin Bridge"

Saturday 12th Edith Ernest & I went to
Manya to FSN re getting "Geordy" as
cook, home with men PM Loring Shuts
ridge spurs. West side & round gardens with
Lizzie. Rolloed a pumpkin down the
hill to Mr. McDonalds

Sunday 13th Wrote to M. L. P.D. Aunt Ma
& I am 8 PM. we all went through
Pine gully. Saw Milk tree and
got a *Todea africana*. Heard
of a Disaster about Taupo. through
some Volcano Custing. 60 people
killed but no particulars

Monday 14th Got papers with some particulars
of Eruption at Tarawera (not Taupo)
about 40 Maoris & 6 Europeans supposed

Monday 14th June 1884 (continued)
to have been killed. But no
reliable particulars to hand
Messrs W. K. White & Wellwood
came 3 P.M. & we walked as far
as the Twins & back. They
told me that Otumauri Block
had been bought - a good thing

Tuesday 15th Rode up Banks sisters
Nester with them & down Mt via
Swt. burn Spur & home via Valley
& they left 1 1/2 P.M. I was lame
of day writing.

Wednesday 16th Lizzie & I rode to Manys to
see F. S. & Jerry & then to Shields & he
cook & home 5 P.M. Did not see Shield
it was very cold. Tod & Arthur came with
us to Bolton & Edith met us at Jones

Thursday 17th A cold windy but fine day
was all day trying to fix up Monthly
returns and am as far back as
when I started, found Common was
lugged which I lost some time ago

Friday 18th June 1884
Had a complete day of making up
and checking Monthly returns &
writing - Lizzie Ernest & Tod went
Cherubigo round.

Saturday 19th Helped Tod to draft
Bridg sheep & went all over Bridg
as & started Nias, parks. Dug
drain to let water off Potters Budge

The Wind was cold but day fine
Sunday 20th Rather windy. Lizzie Edith &
Ernest & fixed seat in Tei grove. Heard
a pair of Teis in garden & saw them too
Shield came at dusk & stayed Tea

Monday 21st Was most of the day
with Tod laying off irrigation drains
on Bay mares Spur & tried along Stuarts
ridge but could not get high enough
on the Spur

Tuesday 22nd Was all am. with plough-
man laying ploughing irrigation drains on
Bay mares Spur & pm with same starting
back of St. 13 & 14 & 15 & Mr. Deacon came

41° Day Rain W 46°
44 1/2° V 42°
38° Cald 1st 40°
35 1/2° of 40°

39 1/2° fine cool W 42°
50° fine W 50°
46° W 47°
47° F 52°
45° W 45°
38° Cald 24 SW 45°
52° Rain 49°

52° N. 20° W. 37°
42° S. 34° W. 36°
46° Calm with light breeze 4 1/2°

Wednesday 23rd June 1886

Lizzie Arthur Tod & I rode out via
Ct. and Immigration to Burns where
& came home by Mr. Cox track, to
a good look at the country. but I
expect Arthur felt tired it being
his longest ride & first time at
Burns where

Shute asked me to give all hands
a half-holiday on Saturday to go
foot Balling, but I emphatically
refused, as it is all give & no take

Thursday 24th Was most of the day irrigating
Baymaes Spur. when a shower came
3 P.M. I turned the water off

Mrs. F & W came 2 P.M. & F & W came
4 P.M. and asked me to give my men
a half holiday on Saturdays for the
next three months and I refused
to do so, partly on account of having
so many men and mainly because
the men take too much time from me
as it is

Friday 25th June 1886

Was knocking about with the men
and while we were at Luncheon a
Buffy containing Mr White & Mr Dickerson
drove up. got lunch for them and then
walked through the garden & to the
shed & then they drove off 4 P.M. to
Manya, where they stay the night

Edith went to Manya for feeders with
day. Tod took her down & back ^{the mail} & brought

Saturday 26th Was with the men at times
and was writing a good deal, it was a
Cold Showy day & Snow began to fall
5 P.M. and is falling still, and we took
the children up the garden by candlelight
to see the snow on the green shrubs. (very)

Monday 28th Got all the men together
except Jamison who had not returned,
and read to them what I thought
of the Football club. and the way
they had treated me in the matter
and then rode to Spiff & 8 P.M. & I talked until
12.35 P.M. (or am) & returned. Light shock at night

Tuesday 29th June 1886

P.D. and I rode into Town, and walked our horses the whole way. Went at once to the Spit but had to wait until 3 P.M. before I saw Mr. Kinross, and when I did see him we began about men and improvements and finally it was decided to go on with improvements for another year, and keep all the men I have got. except poor little Shute, ~~Leopold~~ but he told me he was highly satisfied with the improvements I had made while here. I left the Spit saw C.D. and had to walk to Coote Road saw Annie Parson and while having Dennis Ellen & baby come in, left then walked to John's stopped there 10 minutes got horse at the Hill & had Joe at Midways with P.D. and then rode to Spfld. got there by 8 P.M.

Remarkably fine

Cloudy Air. Lust very fine in
46° 44'
35° Rain fine color
47° W 39°

Wednesday 30th June 1886
Mary Lucie P.D. jr and I started about 10 am, and had a pleasant ride up. (Dick jr) came to Hakowai with us.) and we got home about 3 P.M. and the children were almost mad to see Mary.

Told the men how I succeeded with Mr. Kinross & let Shute understand he would go in a week

Thursday 1st July. Was nearly all day posting up the Montho Gc. went for a walk to Peyton's cutting & had rounder way
Friday 2nd July. Mary Lucie Phillip, Tod and I rode over the Range to Kuriponga got there in fine time but stayed rather too late 3 3/4 P.M. home 6 1/4 P.M. and had Tod for tea with us. A remarkably fine day.

Saturday 3rd Went out over the P.M.s and saw men cutting Maunka in Droput. Went to Tui & saw two Ladies & child. Had comedus before tea

38° Snow. Cold wind from about N 46°
42° Remains in 39°

Sunday 4th July 1886

We planned last night to go to B. we
have today, but there was snow on
the range, on Dispute, Browns hills
M^{rs} Donnell's range & &. And none
at the house nor nearer than Bird
Pit & top of Curry.

P.M. Lizzi May Lucie P. J. & Arthur
Ted Garrison Shute & myself all rode
to C.H. lunch and had a good snow
- falling then & home 4 1/2 P.M.

Monday 5th Helped to Duff Curry sheep pen,
and with men P.M. Lizzi May Lucie
& P. Edith & Ted rode via C.H. Myself
range - parson lunch & home

Mrs. F.S.W. & Bolton were at home
when they came & Lizzi gave them a
glass of water

Tuesday 6th Was pretty busy all day
went with men repairing Wana
-dispute fence, heard that "Martin"
(a pack horse) was in the main at

Tuesday 6th July 1886 (continued)

foot of Big Swamp. came from Dispute
& with 5 men got him out. 3 P.M.
then Lizzi May Lucie Ernest ^{P. J.} & Shute
rode to C.H. yards. Uncle Dick came
4 1/2 P.M. and we walked to Brooklyn
Bridge - home at dark, Shute was
in for a game of cards & Dick & I talked
in the Parlor

Wednesday 7th Uncle Dick & Shute
(jr) Lizzi & May Lucie started
down about 9 1/2 am, Mary having
enjoyed her weeks holiday very
much Got a letter from F.S.W.

apologizing for asking W. V. for a half
holiday for the men before asking me;
and also complaining that an impression
had got abroad that he was the cause
of the hands being reduced. Wrote back
saying that if such an impression was
abroad I did not know of it and accepting
his apology. Was knocking about generally

first - last from W 50°

42.0 Cold & Windy W 45.0

Thursday 8th July 1886

Two letters passed between F & W and myself re the impression he completed off. And as it was a very windy and disagreeable day, I did not go far but helped Fannie with a road above mens wharf. Skate left saw a smoke like a house burning about Ormah at 4 P.M.

Friday 9th I got a letter from F & W accepting my explanation and expressing surprise that it had happened also the storm in the Teapot is blown over. Went right up to top of range & had a good look round

38.0 W. Cal 43.0

Saturday 10th Was with men cutting down pig rootings for the plough in St Dice with Mick Ann and Alexy Delhi P.M. for ploughing and other jobs P.M.

36.0 Newf. Calm 37.0

Sunday 11th Very fine day. Set in Luis New Dabbij came before lunch & I should be with

46.0 Very fine W 49.0
45.0 Cloudy calm
46.0 Cloudy calm

Monday 12th July 1886

This is my 45th Birth Day & not one has wished me any returns, but that is because no one knew it. I was with men repairing Pukko plantation fence am. and over Delhi Quay. Scandy and other P.M.s. planted potatoes

Tuesday 13th Pruning the fruit trees. Am. and then I wanted to see Banks and Edith Ernest & "Meriah" came down to lower end of the gorge, it was too threatening to go far as I intended to go & see B.B.

Wednesday 14th Found after breakfast that my female Green Lizard had given birth to a fine healthy looking young one, and was in the act of producing another, but after two hours I found it could not relieve herself of it; so I helped her and found it dead; dropped it into spirits at once, it came tail first & had its two fore paws spread over and

390. Remarkably fine calm. 40°

Wednesday 14th July 1886 (contd)
Protecting its eyes, I gave them a lot
of Slugs to eat, and they have all
disappeared. After dinner I went
to examine BB Mable and I now
fancy it is not so extensive as I
first thought it was. Had a
good look at all the pots

Thursday 15th Was with the men a good deal
Main came on 2 PM, till 5 PM. I was
then reading correspondence by mail.

Lizards laying quiet; ate some Slugs
Friday 16th Was out with the men a while
and seeing round different pots and
while at Dinner John Scott (Late of
Blowhard) came and had Dinner
with me, & we talked until 3 PM
when he left for Hastings. I
then wrote a detailed account of
the birth of my Lizards for Mr.
Colenso, which took till dark

"Slippy" got ripped & Maggie lent her
horse to bring up May Ridgway. We went down

Col'd W. and last fine

Saturday 17th July 1886
Was out on face of Range & towards
night saw Bullocks going for Whana
went after them & Lizzi & Mary
Ridgway came in meantime & it was
6 1/2 PM before I got home
Jones & John Peyton came in the
disputed seed & left it for me to
decide,

Sunday 18th Was till 3 1/2 PM, doing
up Jones acc then we went for
a walk down Otumari. had
broe Tod in after Tea. Settled Jones
acc to date except that he has to buy
up 35 (- 3) bags seed & care Sunday's

Sunday 19th Was all am preparing
to make scouring Soap and PM,
we all went up early and while we
were away Mr. LSW and Miss
Gleson came & stopped for about an
hour. May Ridgway has had colic

46°
43°
42°
40°
39°
Rem fine calm
Rem fine calm
Rem fine calm
Rem fine calm
By fine calm 42°

40° The Mills 40°
38° V. calm 40°
38° cloudy, but fine calm 36°

Tuesday 20th July 1886
Mr Jamison & I made 1320 lbs
Scouring Soap = Eleven Brooms of 120 lbs
each & was all day at it

Wednesday 21st Mr Jamison & I finished
soap making 11 1/2 am. then we went to
the garden gathering Ned Kowhai &c
seeds for him to send home.

Thursday 22^d Lizzie was very bad with
a cold and sore throat that I did
not care to go too far from her. James
Collinge went to get mail & from Alex
Macdonald sent stuck in Banana
July. he helped him out and when
he came to look for the Mail bag
it was found to be lost. Also Mr
Waterhouses bag

Friday 23^d I was taken bad with
the Cold. John Peyton brought
our Mail, it was found some
- where about the Peach grove. I
did not go far

39° fine 39°
39° cloudy 42°
36° Hum fine 37°

Saturday 24th July 1886
I was awfully bad. did not get up
till 9 3/4. and then I could not
step far from the place. it was
a most beautiful day, and I lay
most of it on the Verandah

Sunday 25th My Cold has got
a deal better, but my back
was very bad in the morning but
it has got a deal better. Mr
Dables came for Tea and may stay
for the night

Monday 26th Was with the men
cutting sheep and dodging round the
place feeling a deal better than I
was lately. Mary Midway &
Mr Tod started down after breakfast

Tuesday 27th Helped Annie to get a
lot of sheaves ready for cutting to stable
and then went for a walk through
the Paddocks. Tod came back
safe after taking down Mary Midway

30° fog frost. but warm. 6 350
31° fog 40 410
32° Cloudy but fine calm 470
33° Cloudy with mist 490

Wednesday 28th July 1886

Helped to bring up Oaten Sheaves to the stable & some Manure for the Straw-berry and went up through Coney

It was a Frosty-fog this morning with Thermometer at 30° at Sunrise but a most beautiful day in the pm

Thursday 29th Helped Men to press 2

bales Skins & fix up Pats from Rats

& plant four Willows round Mens Saps & one at House safe & one at wash house door & began doing up Straw by

Friday 30th With Joe Measum his drains

in Swamp below the House & Bayman gully & all drains within Stewart's

Park & found them 82 chains. Settled with him to date. Rained and

Planted some Willows in Sod-kennel

Saturday 31st Mr. F. S. Weare and

brought a Guinea chey for Lizzie

Lizzie saw her stone. No foot-

Ball business gone into

46° cloudy calm fine 460
49° Calm
49° Calm
43° Cloudy with mist 490

Saturday 31st July 1886

Lizzie was still dead with headache

& went for a ride to C.H. but it did not do her any good. I transplanted

my Nikau to top side of track &

planted 20-30 young Karamus & by

the bath, Jones says brought seed

oats & other things, I mend Barrow

Sunday August 1st 1886

It was a very cloudy day with mild

showers which will do a deal of good

I analyzed the Volcanic ash from

Tarawera and do not think much

of it as a fertilizer, on stiff clay

land it might do for opening it up

but on poor light-land it would

be worse than useless. There is

hardly any of it soluble in water.

No trace of lime, a good deal of

iron and I reckon it to be a worth-

-less sand. Not pumice, altho there

is a trace of it. No vegetation, not

at all

34.0 Cold. Feb 11 36.0
36.0 Cold. Mar 11 38.0
38.0 Mid. Apr 11 40.0
40.0 Showy May 11 46.0

Monday 2^d August 1886
Helped to stow seed out away from
the Rats & starting them to cut shaft
Lizzie began making a polo quilt but
did not succeed very well

Tuesday 3^d Was almost all day doing the
the months job and find I will just
have enough to do to meet my
big bill by Nov. Was also with
the men doing up Strawbery

Wednesday 4th Was knowing about some
sowing Sorrel seed & P.M. Lizzie the
Children Tod & I went up to Mt. Vernon
to look for water for horses and to
transplant some pines & firs and
sowed some Sorrel seed on Mt. Vernon

Thursday 5th With men clearing round
Gotselberg bushes & first trees and
dodging about generally. Got
3 boxes of Volcanic dust from Bill
Allason but one of them was
nearly empty. Saw W.C. in Made F.R.S.

45.0 W 46.0
43.0 of 52
40.0 Mid. N 49.0
35.0 Cold. but fine rain 40.0

Friday 6th August 1886
With Saddle a good deal am. & P.M.
Tod & I took up Shappery & Noblin to
Mt. Vernon plantation. Lizzie and the
children came with us and we went
right up to top of Range and
rolled down some rocks on other side
We had a Billy of Tea and a
regular Pic-nic

Saturday 7th A beautiful mild rain
fell from 9 P.M. last night till
noon today which will do a deal
of good. I was most of the day
with the Chaffcutters & Saddle
and Lizzie & I did a little to the Mat

Sunday 8th Wrote all day to Mrs
Newkin Wm Colenso F.R.S. congratulating
him on receiving the above letters. 509k
4:0 P. and did not finish till 8 P.M.

Monday 9th With men taking bats to
Shappery making four & 2 and
helped to make par-y rug & cold the
West knatter

42° V. fine 8 M. 470

Tuesday 10th August 1886
Was pretty busy all day, with
Saddles repairing road & fixing goose.
- busy bushes over over every bank
they spill at ridge. Johnstone peaks
- - home 5 1/2 PM

42° Nem fine cul 450

Wednesday 11th Had another busy day
went with Powers in Shay pokk sowing
Oats. & over Spring hill & B ridge with
Tod gathering wool Am. 11 PM carried
a rail to Rainbow corner then over
Twins to Banks lake to Suter Bay corner
and down through every home 5 1/2 PM

470 fine mid 4670

Thursday 12th Went with Men Sowing
Oats. Mail came & got letter from
W. Bishop offering £150 per annum
for Craylee for two years. Got new
Phil Soc. Vol XVIII. The day was fine
but slightly windy W

38° W 44°

Friday 13th With Mr. Sowing grassed in Shay
pokk. Lizzie Arthur & Tod went the
Lumbago Normd rears. Heard Volcanic
explorations about Taupo, & axes in C H bush

44° Veg fine cul 450

Saturday 14th Aug 1886
Went to Shay pokk and gathered
Manuka sticks out of reach of
Mowing Machine. Mrs. Sheld
& "Ducky" came for lunch &
left 4 1/2 PM.

43° fine high about 450

Sunday 15th Wrote to B Gk telling
him I will have to lift my deposit
on 3rd Nov. Next. To Bill Allison and
sent Annie Pearson her 9c and was
most of the day reading Trans
Phil Soc Vol XVIII and found I have been
instrumental in finding five new plants
We all went to James garden for a walk

43° Cloudy fine 430

Monday 16th Helped to draft Lakeshops
& with Mick chain harrow grass
pokk. Wrote to Bishop accepting his
offer of £150 per annum for the next
two years for Craylee pokk

47° fine 45°

Tuesday 17th Was with men and making
myself useful when N T Warren came & he
told me he was to give 1/6 per 100 for sheep & I paid
to him same. Area plans of 2 yards for him

44° fine thin snow 48°
42° 0' of 48°
45° cloudy am. fine PM calm 46°

Wednesday 18th Aug 1886
Mr. Warren left after breakfast
promising to let me know how
messes Birch & McDonald stand as to
the reduction of stearg & then I went
& helped to cut chaff till noon &
PM, with Mr. V & Jamieson trying to
clear natural culvert by Mr. V
and found it choked by Willow
roots at a distance of 20 yards
from the nearest 4 year old Willow
Thursday 19th Was almost all day
men fixing natural culvert by Mr. V
and fixing new chaff into our 13ed
It was a most beautiful day
Maffie went for a ride
Friday 20th Was pretty busy all day. Went
to seeing Ewes which are being to Lamb &
arranged Libray shelves so as to
receive the next shipment of
Books daily expected. It was
a beautiful showy growing day.

42° Wind NW 34°
44° cloudy weath
46° fine sunny 48°
44° fine shower W 62°

Saturday 21st Aug 1886
Went through some of the Ewes. They
are lambing fast. It was a showy
sort of day, but splendid growing
weather! Thermeter higher than it
has been since last summer viz 62°
Sunday 22nd Another fine growing day.
helped to shift some Ewes & lambs and
seeing round the Ewes generally
Ernest was taken sick with Head-
ache yesterday and is no better
yet. 7 PM
Tuesday 24th Ernest was still bad
this morning but looks better now
8 PM. I was a good deal with the
men cutting chaff & taking delivery of
24 bags grassed per Jones days
Lizzie finished Drawing - in her 2nd
day
Wednesday 25th Ernest looks better now. I
was with men & cut bottom of Ketchu down
Mrs. James F.S.W. Tuke & Symes with New Tuke
called PM. Snow at Dark. Wind an

43° Cold Stormy Windy W 430

Thursday, 26th Sept 1886
Ernest was still bad, he got up
10 1/2 am, but never left the Sofa all
day. We sent Mr Tod for medicine
at 2 PM. I was off and on
with the men, as I could not
well leave him lying by himself

Friday 27th

~~Ernest~~ Ernest got letter this
morning, was sorry we sent Tod
for medicine. he came 12 1/2 with
a load of fruit for Ernest & medicine
The ground was covered with snow
at daylight and it was snowing
all day with sunshin better than
showers

Saturday 28th I was with the men on
and went round the trees p.m. and
seven lambs dead in one place, the
frost was very hard this morning. Water
exposed had 7/16ⁱⁿ of ice on it

30° frosty 37° 32° Snowy day SW 340

Sunday 29th Aug 1886
Wrote to Mr Colenso, Sturm, Nelson
Bradly & Mr Murphy telling him
to stop sending Cant & AP Journals
after 31/12/86 sent Cheq £1.2.0

42°
Nevd Luke came 2 PM, had
service in Shed. Saw L.S. Dr. for first
time since Footbaling Mr Luke
fainted just after service & Mr
Sheldal & I led him to house
Mr Donald drove Mrs J. and family
& I & I walked
across "Moorehouse" & Willms
& I got home 6.20 PM

Monday 30th Went to Willms to see Mr
Luke. found him all right and he
asked me to join them in a trip to
Sturkarara, we went in below
crossing and down to Cascade creek
and up it nearly to fall and home
Got home about 3 PM visited Junson
for a game of cards after tea

42° Windy but fine 47°

50° Day fine or 46°

Tuesday, 31st August 1886

Burned off the Swamp below the house and a lot of Tussocks off flat
Lizzie Arthur & Tod rode to Bowers where I had a drink of Cold Tea

Wednesday 1st September 1886. Went, with the children and explored Droopate with M Collins for ploughing it. Am, and P.M. I sowed the Swamp below the house with cocks foot seed and finished Cataloguing W. ~~Winters~~ Colenso's letter. Weaned the first calves to Droopate

46° Cloudy but fine calm 45°

Thursday 2^d. Was with men cutting chaff & getting cows back. Am was all up through Cary & Lockes, pulled glasses over up & stormy down and while I was away W. W. Misses Ellis & Hewson (called, driven by their Cowboy. Mrs Shields met them on cutting & turned mail came 8 P.M.

46° Mild rain Am fine P.M. 57°

43° Showy W. 48°

Friday 3^d Sept 1886

With men & garding Am. & P.M. with two men fenced in a plantation 1/2 chow wide & about 5 chows long on W. side of Orhapook finished 5 3/4 P.M.

Saturday 4th Arthur & I rode to Shields, I left him there & rode to Jones to see him about carting. I decided nothing but repaid him to W. Winters, had dinner there and came back to Shields & got Arthur & rode home. Mrs. S. Miss Dale were here, went up the garden with Miss D. He left 4 1/2 P.M.

45° Showy W. 42°

Sunday 5th Arthur's 9th Birth day. The plough horse "Diamond" got in a bog in Johnstone P.M. and it took all hands till 11 Am. (from Breakfast to get him out. P.M. Lizzie the children and I went to top of M. Evans gully to get some Hepatice for W. Colenso and Maggie went to Williams and got 1 lb Butter for us

33° fine with light S.W. 46°

Wednesday 9th March 1887
Was all day with W. Lesson laying
off the Road through Murphys
hollow and out to end of Sheppard
spur. W. Hardy left about
10 am. for Shields or Lois

Thursday 10th Was almost all day
with W. Lesson laying off Road
through Wanderers flat but it
does not go the way I wished
it - at all, it crosses the
Wander creek, at least ten
chains lower down than I would
have done it if I had been doing
it alone. I took all the children
to see the Theodolite and they
all had a look through it: and
were surprised to see me stand
-ing on my head, Got word
that Mr. Michel has a Daughter

4700 ft
580
60° fine but windy W 680

Friday 11th March 1887
Was all day with W. Lesson
and laid off the part of the
road from the Slep to the
Cross ridge & was late in getting
home, Saw 5 ladies & 1 gentleman

Saturday 12th Was all day with
W. Lesson and finished fixing
the Road through Whana, got to
first days work about 4 PM.

The 5 ladies & gentleman came
through the Alley & went by Cott

Sunday 13th Lizzi rode down with
Michel to see Jannie, left 9 am,
I had W. Lesson for Dinner
and he stopped till 3 PM.

Georgie Milne came over to see
May, had Tea with us and
left just after.

Monday 14th With W. Lesson laid off
a road from Murphys Saddle round
the lower side of Springhill and

580
60° calm 580
60° 2
61° 19
65° 2
580
60° 2

Monday 14th March 1887 (cont'd)
but the Alley near the Stock
yard, and P.M. I heard from
where a peg stood on Joe Maguire's
line of fence & then went to the
Brier corner near Lois & home by
6 P.M. Walsh was too late
with the Mail bag & brought
it back

Tuesday 15th Was with Tod and James
drafting lines for the Race &
with W. Lesson getting part of
of the Road & he had Tea with us

Wednesday 16th Taking delivery of stores
per Jones Bunch, helping out with
sheep to Banks, seeing surveys
away & pottering about the place

Thursday 17th Was out all over the
home parts and Tomp & Nape
are all but finished, and my
- thing in general rather patched
up & want rain badly

60° fine Windy N 66°
67° fine N 30°
65° fine N 65°
57° cold N 48°

Friday 18th March 1887
Went out after breakfast all over
District full of Whana seeing
how it can be ploughed, and
over some of the other parts, and
stopped a while with Ernest as
his leg is so bad that it is
not advisable to let him play
too much

Saturday 19th Cleaned water filter
helped to draft a few sheep. Heard
men how to repair the Roads
and was dodging about generally
waiting & expecting W. & B come
to come & ride of new road & give
his approval or reverse

Sunday 20th Reading and Writing
but just after dinner we all went over
to McEwens gully & got some petrified
bones. & home 5 P.M. Dabb came
for Tea & Nichol came just after,
Both left after dusk

40° cold N fine day N 56°
57° fine cloudy N 58°
62° fine N 62°
58° fine N 62°

Monday, 21st March 1887
Went with the men for some time
when Mr. Beamish came 10 am &
we talked till 3 1/2 PM. He does
not like the bend of the Road
near the Naupo Swamps
(Earthquake crack) and all-
=vises a resurvey of about
700 or 800 yards of the Road then
I went over it PM, and am
convinced a good grade can
be got and a straighter line
(by Pacing it) 54 yards shorter
but it goes on to Shields land
about three Chains, got home
5 PM. and tried

Tuesday, 22nd Started for Town, get Lizzie
shoes removed at Puketapu and
rode right into Town, saw Lizzie
at Delhi & A.D. walked to Cooks Road
saw Janie & Baby and had some
Ale for supper & slept there

Wednesday 23rd March 1887
Did some shopping and then went to
Spit saw Jack about Road, and
he advised selling the Cattle instead
of selling them, & that he is to
pay off N. Inver Co through W.
White, came back through
Town got horse at Delhi and
called on Mrs. Codd & rode to
Spfld, saw Mrs. Norman and
her sick Boy, and after Tea
I volunteered to take the first
watch with M.D. from 9 PM.
to Mid-night & did so, saw Jack
& Lizzie Norman 3 horse rest

Thursday 24th got Lizzies horse and ride
and went to Taradale and met
Lizzie there and we had dinner
with Jane Codd & rode back to
Springfield and stayed there till
3 PM, and rode home. got up
about 8 PM and tried

520 very fine - too fine, light 9 630

very fine - too fine

Thursday 7th April 1887

Went over Bridge & Drapals ponds and then rode to Ctt left Horse in yards & walked over Station Den and then home 3 PM, Mail came with a letter from Murray Sister with a P.O. for £3-5-0 for me to give him a little at a time, But I do not know when to find him

Friday 8th Rode down to see Mr. Shield about the Road through Wharona and he did not seem to object to anything that might be proposed but would take no initial part in anything, Leaving all to Mr. G.B. Curish, Capt Marshall and others I then went to Korini to see Jones re seed, and they promised to have some here by tomorrow 10 am Pricked the Waggon now on the road had seed on, Home 1 1/2 PM,

45° very fine C 50°
53° remarkably fine calm 53°

Saturday 9th April 1887

Had a ride out over the Run and ponds and saw Dr Fisher & Mr. Mackay who went to Ctt camp & came back 8 PM, Geo Tod & Drapps were also here but did not join them

Sunday 10th Saw Dr Fisher & Mackay off to Kuripap via Nange & then wrote to Mrs McKerchar re her Brother Jas Murray, wrote to Inspector Bullin to see if he knew anything of him, sent an Order for £6 to Mr. Luke for an Easter offering & then walked to Popple Bush, Geo Tod took Ernest & Ladies for a ride & he had Tea with us

Monday 11th Helped to load Shutes dray with seed which came yesterday then inspected Drains & irrigation &c. One of the Cows got ripped through jumping back wire & Tod stayed with us for the day and had Tea, W.I. came home from Kuripap very unsteady

52° very fine C 54°
54° very fine calm 53°
57° 0 of calm 56°

59°
C
52°
U
Tuesday 12th April 1887
Lizji & I went for a ride by the
Lumbago road (reversed) and saw
the Louisa & Potts Shop & and home
then I was with Nick digging potatoes

57°
W
Wednesday 13th Lizji & I rode via Henric
wharf to Wana & home by Browns hill &
Prospect, saw Mr. & Miss Bearwith their
saw George re fencing Concord but he
said if it were not fenced by the
time I wanted it to turn 1 my
Ballocks through on it; he said
he would be able to fix it up with
Mr. Shield re the Road going on his
ground. got home 5 1/2 PM. at
the beginning of the heaviest shower
we have had since November

53°
V
51°
C
Thursday 14th The Nairs stopped about
5 am, but it must have done a
great deal of good. I was with
the men a good deal seeing round
the Potts Woods & and taking delight
of grassed

57°
C
Friday 15th April 1887
Was with Nick awhile and writing
and printed a lot of Circulars for
calling a Meeting of Subscribers to be by
It rained almost all day, which
must do a deal of good, altho it
is rather late

49°
N
48°
U
Saturday 16th A most beautiful day
the grass is growing splendidly
I went over a lot of the potatoes
admiring it - and gathered all
the potatoes that 2 men dug and
wrote a lot of letters

47°
U
Sunday 17th A most beautiful day
Jod & Mary Milne went - Lumbago road
We all went for a walk through Bay
Nichol came after dark for letters

50°
U
Monday 18th Lizji & I rode with
rod to Futachure for Blackberry
& Edith & Ernest & I drove with them
to lay seed in Sisters Nest & Hatm den
& got home 6 PM. a most beautiful day

62° D of W 64°
55° N nearly fine 60°
52° D of W 57°
45° D of C 67°

Tuesday 19th April 1887
Helped to draft Bridge sheep & had
a good look over the pots the feed
is growing splendidly after the rain
Had shuttles in for Cards after Tea

Wednesday 20th Was making preparation
for killing culls. got green clay
in Orchard & fixed a killing yard
on top of a bare hill in Spring Hill
with potatoes cypers &c &c &c

Thursday 21st Was nearly all day moving
& fixing a pair of shuttles on children's
room window. taking delivery of
Grass and Bally, flour & Potmeal by
Jones Wagon. Owen drove
up Jamie Nichol & Baby, but her
things have gone on to Kunging
Nichol came 7 PM. & left 9 PM.

Friday 22nd Had a busy day of it and
fell in. With 3 Men killed 142
Crawlers on a leaf patch on a hill
in Sp Hill Park. to try & make the crows
hold the soil & at grass grow

Saturday 23rd April 1887
Had another busy day of it. With
3 Men killed 135 crawlers on same
leaf patch on a hill in Spring Hill
It was a cloudy day and light rain
came on just as we finished 4 PM.
Held a meeting of Library subscribers
and 8 were present. decided to try and
get books from Napier

Sunday 24th Was writing about Library
matters till noon. and wrote to
Mrs. Pebble for a main couple.
Nichol came 10 am. & stay the night
It was a fine mild rain all day

Monday 25th Was very busy all day. helped
to draft a lot of sheep. made sheep
killing yard at entrance to Orchard
& helped to gather a lot of mushrooms
Joe Tod remained all day. Nichol
left just after breakfast

43° fine 45°
52° 1/2 in 47°
52° dark slight rain 4 PM. 55°

44° Cold Light Show of 460
45° of 50
50° Rain of 55
47° Cloudy
50° Day in 58°

Tuesday 26th April 1887
With five men erected a gallows &
killed & buried 140 old Crawlers
under the Fruit trees in the Orchard
Mr. J. S. Watthouse called PM,
being the first time he has been
at Glenross since Mr. Luke painted
the first time he has been
at the House since last June

Wednesday 27th With 4 Men AM &
2 Men PM, Killed 94 Crawlers and
buried them under Fruit trees
finished about 4 PM.

Thursday 28th with same men killed
99 Crawlers & buried them under
the Fruit trees in garden.

Tom & Arthur rode to William
& got 2 Turkeys for us

Friday 29th A Beautiful rain from
2 to 7 am. Planted Seakale &
Tom & I began examining Lily Book
& killed & buried 89 Crawlers in orchard

56° Mild rain all day 58 66°

Saturday 30th April 1887
A fine mild rain all day, doing
a deal of good. Tom and I
finished taking stock of the Books
& found 88 in circulation & missing
41 quite done & useless and 79
unfit for Circulation but good enough
to be rehomed. Dobbie came
PM. & left 9/9 to his credit with
one & a nickel came for the night

Sunday May 1st Nichol left
just after Breakfast. I wrote
all am, sent Macdonald Cheque for
Amin Parson. & PM. Went for
Mushrooms to Johnston's park &
got a lot

Monday 2nd Started for Town by Coach
walked to Incline, no coach, so I
walked on, called, Mrs. walked
on saw Ryan at Bottoms shed, engaged
him & Wife for Glenross. provided
Mr. Pebble had not engaged me

Monday May 2nd 1887 (cont'd)

walked on, saw Mr. Shuld, gave him a note from Bolton. walked on and got to Korrini before the Coach. had dinner & got in Coach. Saw Ted in Korrini creek. got to Town 4 PM. Rain from Korrini to Town, saw W K White & slept at Mr. Parsons at Brown and his wife were fighting

Tuesday 3rd A thorough wet day called round Booksellers and Binders & Library Books. saw Mr. Kinross who said he was arranging to invest Coy land. went to Spit. had Dinner on board the "Rio" got suit of clothes at Spit - got letter from Ted

Wednesday 4th took Coach for Tara. Dale. hired a horse from Byrnes and rode to Omaha Mill to see Woolwashing Machine. and back

56° Rain 9 to 10. 34 to 12. PM
Wet all day

Wednesday 4th May 1887 (cont'd)

To Springfield for an hour, then to Mr. Godde for 1/4 hr. took coach back to Bigard. & P D and I surveyed and cut up the "Bowery" into lots.

Thursday 5th Got up early and had to wait 1/2 hour for Coach. Mr. and Mrs. Finnie were in it coming to Mungahua for third time. got up about 4 PM. Mr. and Mrs. Bolton were here & Mr. Tutka but they all left as I came

Friday 6th Was most of the day getting my Books & Papers into order. helped the men to kill crawler & we killed 126 and buried them in orchard

Saturday 7th rode to C H saw Sowers throwing down wood, showed Joe "Snot Burn" in Tindals swamp drain, home & did up last months Books. St. debit £ 149. 4. 9/2
Held Committee Meeting of Libry
5 Present. selected Books from Paper

fine cloudy
54°
very fine cool
42° f c 48°
48°
44° cloudy Muggy

47° cloudy, 90th. S.E. 49/2°

Sunday 7th May 1887

Wrote up a good deal of Libby work & to G.H.K. explaining Wool washing machine, to Inspector Bullen to try and find James Murray. Nichol came just after dinner. None of us went out.

Monday 8th Had a very exciting day

Owen came from Jones to say he could not catch the Buggy - man (to take couple away) he brought a letter from Bolton to say he (Bolton) would not let his couple leave before next Friday fortnight.

Macdonald coach came & took Lizzie and the three children down to see the Circus and en route to me M.D. and took Mr. Walsh in same coach.

Then Ryan came from Bolton to say that he would let them go next Thursday, sent letters

50° Very showery S.E. 52°

Tuesday May 9th 1887 continued

to Misses Bolton & Jones per Ryan then turned to to clean out kitchen & soil pickle for Tongues, and put a pane of glass into Kitchen Window & another into Dining room ditto and Garrison came from W. Leana with two pigs, saw to them and otherwise doing around.

Tuesday 10th A Regular Black

Not Easter. I felt awfully sorry for the Children having such miserable weather for their holiday. I switched up the Washhouse copper with wire to prevent it falling to pieces & doing other odd jobs about Toolhouse.

The New name ceased the whole day

54° Black Not Easter - warm 57°

55° Almost Wet-day NE 58°
52° Very fine calm 66°
52° fine with calm 56°
40° fine 40°

Wednesday 11th May 1887
Another wet miserable day
for the children & Lizzie. I was
with the men for a while &
got Tod Samson & Corn mon to write
out my Catalogue & I read in
school & schoolmaster

Thursday 12th. A most beautiful
warm day. Grass growing splendidly
I had a look round the water
courses. Roads paths &c. and
was expecting Ryan & wife from
Botons but they did not come
nor any mail as yet. (7 PM) Rainy

Friday 13th Waited on till 3 PM
when Ryan & wife came from Botons
with B's team. Jones not calling
for them. Mrs. Shill and I
came for lunch. I was with
the men and dogging
about.

47° Rain till 9 am then very fine at 5:30
49-49
40° fine 40°

Saturday 14th - May 1887
Rain till 9 am, then very fine
I went over Cury Lakes Sister
seeing how much seed would
be required for patching.

Janie & Mary Milne came
to Lake when going to look
of seed but got into a M.
did not do it. M. O. K.
came to get his Discharge
and after I got home I
W.B.C. sending Bishop &
to Lizzie to Mrs. Mc
enclosing two letters from
and wrote to Inst. of Police Wellington
re Murray. Nichol came 8 PM.

Sunday 15th. A showy growing day
Nichol left 3 PM. I read and
wrote nothing particular.

Monday 16th. Was all over aptt, at 11 o'clock
Dispute Shay Banks Cury & other parties
with all the men at diff. times. Helped
to begin to take the names out

Birth. May 11. 1887
BALFOUR.—On the 14th inst., at Capella,
the wife of U. A. Balfour of a son.

52° from 11th to 14th. 52° from 15th to 17th. 52° from 18th to 20th. 52° from 21st to 23rd. 52° from 24th to 26th. 52° from 27th to 29th. 52° from 30th to 31st.

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for the children & Lizzy. I was
with the men for a while &
got Tod Samson & Cornmon to write
out my Catalogue & I read in
school & schoolmaster

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warm day. Grass growing splendidly
I had a look round the water
courses. Roads & paths &c. and
was expecting Ryan & wife from
Botolph but they did not come
nor any mail as yet. (7 PM) Rain till 3

Friday 13th. Waited on till 3 PM
when Ryan & wife came from Botolph
with B's team. Jones not calling
for them. Mrs. Shill and son
came for lunch. I was with
the men and dogging
about.

53° Almost wet day. 53°
52° Very fine calm 68°
52° from 11th to 14th. 52°
49-47
40° to 45°

Saturday 14th - May 1887
Rain till 9 am, then
I went over Cury Lakes
seeing how much seed
we require for patching.

Janie & Mary Milne came
to Lake when going to load a Billy
of Ted but got into a mess and
did not do it. Mr. Keown
came to get his License renewed
and after I got home I wrote to
W.B.C. sending Bishop £75 cheque
to Lizzy to Mrs. McRiehan
enclosing two letters from Bullen
and wrote to Inst of Police Wellington
re Murray. Nichol came 8 PM

Sunday 15th. A showy growing day
Nichol left 3 PM. I read and
wrote nothing particular

Monday 16th. Was all over aptt, at 11 AM
Dispute Shay Banks Cury & other parties
with all the men at diff times. Helped
to begin to take the names out

Is the dreadful disease progresses. Dry, hacking cough, attended after a time with skin eruption. In very advanced stage and the hands and feet are covered with a white crust.

35° dly for 42°
35° dly for 42°
47°
45° Rain 0 to 47°

Tuesday 17th May 1887

Had a busy day. Boiled pickle off Tongues. Helped take Nemo out from Ews. Dried Grasses. Datto put a pane in Kitchn Window. Mrs Jane May had pic-nic in McEwens Bush. Took in Sheep nets &c. &c.

Wednesday 18th Node to Wackonini to see about seed. Saw John Peyton & George Ewart - who both said they would try what they could do to get it up. PM, Node to Cott Bush to see road repairs and found a large patch of Lycopodium volu-
-abile on top of the cliff.

Saw Mr & Mrs J S W and shook hand with them both. Mrs looks bad

Thursday 19th Rain all day. Made preparations for Lizzy & children had chickens & cooked for them and they have not yet (6 1/2 pm) come and it is very dark & raining

Mrs J S W had her third Daughter

Friday 20th May 1887

Felt rather anxious about Lizzy not coming yesterday and sent Shute to Williams to see if Coach had gone but it had not. Then sent Janson to Konini and he found no tidings of Coach, but got strong presumption evidence that it had never left Town. Sent Tod to Town & corner to Woodthorpe (i.e. then to Town) but I feel now that they are all right. I was a good deal with the men cutting chaff, making gates and making a firewood bin by dolly window and cleaned the musical box

Saturday 21st Helped two men to make the firewood Bin and fix it then to select wood for paving the feeding yard at the shed & helped to re-hinge stable and where gates

42°
47° heavy rain all day
44°
45° Cold storm

Sunday 22nd May 1887

Was writing nearly all day to
G. Tod, W. Mason, Murphy, stopping
the N.B. & P. Journal, to Colenso
describing "Daddy Long legs" & Boomerang
to Frude (Maudslop). Had
Lizzie M. Donald & Nichol for dinner
Nichol stays all night. Datto
& Davis called, and was pretty
leazy all day.

Monday 23rd Had a leazy but not
exciting day. Took seed & Calvert ship
to Shay park & brought skins to shed
took Hay from shed to stable & home skins
to shed. Took delivery of seed & goods
from Jones Dayman, took stones
from M. Donalds wharf to yards and
three loads of manure for strawling
bed. Jane & May Milne & Mrs. M. D.
went for a pic-nic to Mopoke bush.

Tuesday 24th May 1887

I was getting anxious about Lizzie &
the family and started down the
new road, saw a Bullock logged
near Tunamin & went in to take
them went to on to Peter Nansays
& gave Lydia a feed, did not see
Peter, (which was one of my reasons
for going in) saw the woolwashers
at work at the Mill & rode on with
J. Anerson (of Kereu) to Redcliffe
bridge. Turned off for Sffla and overtook
Lizzie & May Milne by Alerrans,
went on to Sffla & slept there.

Wednesday 25th Lizzie drove in the carriage
along with Ann Parson, Ellen & I went
in by Nyrrers coach. Saw J. K. & told
him I was going to buy a Piano and
that I had got Mr. Milne teaching
the children, told Walter to buy me
one between £40 & £80, giving him £2
Commission, L. and I went to hear Mr. Know and
slept on Delhi.

420 fine last coal 440

380 Hematite fine Colm 420

420 Hematite fine Colm 420
1 Annally fine

Thursday 26th - May 1887

Lydia & I came down to Brickyard for breakfast, and Macdonald wash came 9 am, we drove to Lyford and got the children & I and I rode up but just after crossing Mr. Baldyford, Lydia got into a quicksand and I got pitched off on my shoulder which was very sore all the way home and is sore now.

Friday 27th My shoulder very sore.

did not do much, sent James to Komin for food & "Nobin" he got them both, the former had the latter all right. I read paper &

Saturday 28th Snow on Hange, Wakana Patoka & cold wind blowing. My shoulder getting better. Arthur got a sore throat. Wrote to Walter

Newhouse enclosing cheque £2 for books & order £60 for pians. Luby Books came 4 1/4 PM, and all catalogued

Saturday 28th - May 1887 (contd)

by 7 1/4 PM, and no one came for any. Mr. Ryan told Lydia at tea time that she "was going to bed now"

Sunday 29th After breakfast, I asked Ryan to give an explanation why Mr. N. did not bring in Cocoa as was desired last night but he could give none, nor would he apologize so I gave him a month's notice, and wrote to Maggie Carswell & Mr. Bodley to Mesdames Simon & Newhouse to see if either of them could recommend a girl as I feel tired of couples

Went for a walk to Bay gate

Monday 30th May Midne went down for a holiday till next Thursday week. I printed some Catalogues of New Books = 1106 and was with the men seeing round

Very fine W. Shaws

Cold wind

420 Very fine. cool W. Wind 40°
34° frost 40°

410. My pen 4470
417. 450
38. 4. 360
35. 4. 430
440. My pen 440

Tuesday 31st May 1887

Was with men getting Barley and
grass ready for sowing, and
getting skins in ready for press
sharpened two furrow saws &
helped Lizzy to make a pot of
Lam

Wednesday 1st June. Helped M.D.
to finish sowing Barley in Disput
and seeing round some of the park
with Jamie doing up Strawberry &

Thursday 2nd Posted up the Station
Books! Debit £180. 4. 3. W. Shull
& D. Kin came for Luncheon & brought
some Honeysuckle cuttings

Friday 3rd Helped to draft Rams &
called out 16 of the Alder and burnt
them in Shed Plantation and was with
Jamie & Strawberry for a while

Ryan asked to be kept on again
wanting me to overlook the Cocoa
Musindustries, told him would not
until I have the girl was engaged

Saturday 4th June 1887

The Children & I walked to far-
end of half-way-cuttin, and
Home for Luncheon, P.M. I was helping
to do up flower garden & taking
delays & drafting some straggles
from Whana

Sunday 5th Wrote to Mr Chambers
giving a pair Charcoal to Welch and
wife. to Jones asking him what
he could cut - 5 tons of chuff for
he finding every thing but Horn ped
and hay. & went for a walk to
they cut. Dulis came for Ted
& Michl came just as we finished

Monday 6th Michl left after breakfast
Having previously written to Hain
re bullet. I had a look over my
Banks Lakes lists & found the
best is cutting the feed up a
good deal and I now doubt
the sheep will be short enough for winter

440. My pen 440
370. My pen 440
440. My pen 440

410 Grey pine clouds 67°
44° 49° Storm but 51°
44° 49° 570
42° 49° 49°

Tuesday 7th June 1887

Went to see "Road men", saw
Bullocks on Mt Kinnass and
came home & made out J.S.W.
& Shields G.M. Beames & Attard's
sheep accounts and sent J.S.W.

Wednesday 8th Rain began 9 am.

War with men in Shed all day
pressing skins & cutting chaff
G.M. Beames was to have a put-
washing, Jamieson was going, but
G.M. sent word he was sick

Thursday 9th Went over St Mary
to start up Hill Cury & 7: and
dictating road repairs and
went to M. Lums gully.

Mary Milne came back per
Macdonald coach

Friday 10th Lizzie Jamieson & Arthur were to
Shields & found W. & M. S. gone to
Town. Jamieson got Tommy's food and
left letter re hair & other things. I went
to range & out on Run

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05
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Saturday 11th June 1887

A Showy Morning went with fine
men & sent out chaff of lower floor
of shed. pressed up skins (8 Bales)
stowed grassed & chaff and squeezed
up the shed. am. and was dodging
about 7 PM. W. J. M. Cahy
came at Midnight with letter
and tracing for me and letter
for Mr. Jamieson

Sunday 12th W. M. Cahy left about
10 am. I did very little
but read as it rained all day
Nichol did not come 6 PM

Monday 13th Was busy all day, assisted
to fix chaff cutting machine on top
floor of shed. Made new handle
for gristlestone & helped all day
in toolhouse making gratings for
front door. handling axes &

44° remaining for 1148° 46° remaining for 1148° 46° remaining for 1148°

Tuesday 14th June 1887

Went to shed & found men not at work
inspected their potatoes work and found
that these men had cut 5 cut of
chaff, told them they had not
worked very hard yesterday

Went to Holy land to see road
cleaned culvert at Stewart city
home, helped M. V. to put
bottoms into for chair make a
stool & other odd jobs

Wednesday 15th Lizzy & Jamison
went down new road. Lizzy to
see after a girl (but M. V. has
apologized before she left, so that
they will likely stay on) and
I went to Banks plantation and
helped to strain up the fence
and then explored for trees
The small cut round them
and home 4 P.M. Shute came
for some things out of his box

127 + 143 + 80 = 350 lines with ink

Thursday 16th June 1887

Helped 2 men to get potatoes into
shed & fixed up a Bin for holding
them in and was off and on
with them all day

It was very cold wind am. West 1 P.M.

Friday 17th With 5 Men cleaned out
3 yds dropping from under the shed
in 4 hours & spread them over the
potatoe ground, then cleared some
part of sheep yards. And made a
good job of the whole

Saturday 18th Was with M. V. fixing up
making & fixing up saws & and went
to Ny air. W. Sturrock & M. Alexander
& settled up with Shute & Deary
It was a wet day throughout

Sunday 19th An out & out. Wet-
day from the south. Wrote to Lizzy
& Walter. I read a bit. Michael came
4 P.M. and stay for the night

46° with 3 47°

46° cold Mr. W. 47° 46° cloudy 48 47° 46° S. 46° 43° S. 46° 47° 46° with 3 47°

46° Rain from 10 am. 5 49 1/2
48° Wet 5 50
57° Cloudy but fine W 53°

Monday 20th June 1887

Went out and had a look at
Drains. Roads & Bridge as well as
Pdk. Rain came on 10 am. & drove
me in. Solved dust pan specs &
with M D in tool house

Michel stopped all day

Tuesday 21st A thorough wet
day. Michel left 10 AM.

I was helping M D to repair
some tools & make a case for
Edith's doll

Wednesday 22nd Settled with Shute

found some trees for Jammie. examined
the roads to C H gate say drains
in Tyndals swamp, saw waterfall
of Stranmare, found Stranmare
- mined at C H creek, home and
helped M D & Ryan to put new
ridge capping on kitchen to try &
make it water proof

48° Cloudy but - my fine W 53 1/2
fine
my fine

Thursday 23rd June 1887

Was almost all am with Fox
and helping to rope up Dorettes
foal, and then seeing round
the sheep. Young Shaw

came asking the way to Burns
whare and saying - without any
attempt at concealment - that
he was going there to see if the
country was adapted for cattle
as Donnelly wanted to put some
there & some with F. G. W.

Friday 24th Went down to see Mr. Knes

and got to Spfld and slept there. Every
thing well & Uncle P. still at Auckland

Saturday 25th Rode Lydia to Thymores & got

"Tommy" from them & he has been there
since Lizzy & Garrison went down on
16th inst. then rode Tommy into town, saw
J. G. W. Shute, Geng, Bee & went to hear
Bell Pigeon all by my self
May & Annie Ridgway bought Mattes Piano

Sunday, 26th June 1887

Left Town directly after Breakfast and did not stop a minute anywhere and yet it was 12 o'clock before I got to Ipoh, and then I decided to stop all p.m. and start tomorrow did so. Uncle Philip came back from Auckland, Lizzie May, Luce & P.D. (2) went Rabbit hunting to Johnstons gully, but got none went up Hax gully & home along ridge

Monday 27th Left after Breakfast, very cold & raw, overtook Tracy & Tommy Dodd at Okawa & had company to the Incline & got home all right. But rain came on at Maryatarata and it was bitter cold, so cold that Tracy could not button up his trousers & had to ride with the front of them open.

Very fine calm
Very cold, rain p.m. S

Tuesday 28th June 1887

Snow on the ground this morning I had a good deal of writing to do Opened a paper from Dunedin & found Charles wife had had another son on 14th May. Wrote to Mrs. McKerchar about her brother (James Murray) and enclosed Inspector Shear-mans (of Welling) letter No 322.

Wrote to Maggie Carswell, congratulating her on her coming marriage, Mrs. Innes Wayson came with trees & I began planting them round Shearman's wharf and planted till time to come home

Wednesday 29th Was all day with two men planting trees by Shearman's wharf in yards-plantation, Dreaming gully both sides, & at it till dark

Thursday 30th Was all day planting trees in Dreaming gully, above house & in Putakos & dispute plantations. A. Strype is rather sick in Shearman's wharf
H. D. #166. 18.10

390
17 min
34° Snow am.
39° of 836°
39°
42°

56° fine with West Showers 6:30
57° fine with W. 4:30

Thursday 7th July 1887
Was busying about all day,
was in expectation of dry coming
with Miss & I helped to cut up
Pigs, fixed balance board above D.R.
window & several other odd jobs
Sent Tod to see Donnelly's cattle, he
saw J. & J. who said he was coming to
see me about cattle

Friday 8th Had a very busy day of
it! Got Bullocks in & took hay to
stable, flour to Cook, fat from
Cook to Bakehouse, and fencing stuff
to dispute fence in Turrips

James Wagon came with Wain and
dries and Piano, got P. into
the house all night, but had to take
it out of case before it could get
through the gate in the Peranda
Mepond went to Town over
Zulu

47° fine with Showers 8:40

Saturday 9th July 1887
Was with Jimmie & I College's deidy
the Turrips from Bally in Dispute
was all day at it. Mr. & Mrs. L. & I
& Boys came, and the prairie over
Piano.

Sunday 10th Wrote to Walter, telling
him we got no key for piano, and
just when nearly finished Jimmie
Tom M. McCarthy came up, and
we had a walk round the place
in the afternoon, and at night
he sang & Mary played "Pentance"
and kept it up till 9 P.M.
Lizji Mary Childen & Tod went for
a walk to Table hill

Monday 11th Was with the men
all day fencing off the Turrips
in Dispute and heard long
Mick that Mr. Jones was
very sick indeed, so sick that
the next 24 hours would tell one way
or other. J. M. McCarthy left after breakfast

fine, north 4:30

Monday 11th July 1887 (contd.)
W^{rs} W^m Jones Died 10 PM. at the
Konini Hotel, I am awfully
sorrow for Jones, this being the
second wife he has lost, both
being Sisters, he is left with
one Boy by first wife & four children
by the second - three boys & 1 girl

DEATH.

JONES—At Konini, on July 11, Edith
Harriet, the dearly loved wife of
William Jones, aged 24 years.—The
Funeral will leave the Hakowhai
Crossing at 1 p.m. on Wednesday for
the Puketapu cemetery. Friends will
please accept this intimation. Wel-
lington papers please copy.

Piano Five Insurance cases 1888

This Diary ends
@ M.B.

July 1885

- 12 My Birth-day This Diary begins
" Pa. Murry arrived
14 Kitchen Sink choked by Rats
15th Murray promised to teach children
16 John Hollis came
19th Lizzie sent £3. Home
21st Murray began giving lessons to ^{the} children
" Got petrified Fern tree
25: W.C. emptied
" "Jenny" the parrot died
28th Metalled Sheep yards
" Fossil Bone of Duck?
31st Jones' 15 Sacks Grassed

August - 1885

- 1st F H Potter Married
2nd Children snowballing on Mt. Kinross
3rd Wm Carrwell brought "Tommy"
6th Mr. Marsland
7th P.D. M2 and Jack
10th Phil Parson left with Nichol
11th Poplars [&] planted at Sheep yards
" G.R. Bearnish & the Bull
12 Flooded Droppings from under Shed
14th Tho Dyham Carpenter came
15th Wrote to Wm. Nankin
18th Blue Ferns cut down by W.C.
20th Got invoice of Libby Books
" Went to Town
22nd W. Todd & Sons Harrows
24th Nichol left to go to Wainakoa
26th Libby Books came from Mudie
27th Had a bout of Colic & fainted
29th Wrote to Wm. Todd

September 1885

- 1st Gave Dabbs 12/ worth of Lantier tires
- 2nd Kitchen Bed room papered
- 4th Nose &c. planted in large Smiter pot
- 5th Arthur's 8th Birth day
- 9th Witnessed Eclipse of the Sun
- 10th Maggie Carswell & Nelson came
- 12th Saw John Carswell for the last time
- 15th Lizzie's Saddle Chambered
- 16th Alexander John McDonald Born
- 19th Nelson's Hop Pillow
20. 4 Bull calves - all Bulls
- 21st Oats Sown. W. Shield
- 22nd Magic Lanters at Manya for Lizzie
- " Mary Midway came up
- 24th Const Litch came with Summons
- 25th Fern - Sargisson - Shute
- 26th Two Working Bullocks found dead
- " Chase after a Blind hare
- 28th Went to Town & had a drink of Water
- 29th L.S.D. 24K
- 30th Home

October 1885

- 1st Lizzie went to Hastings to a Ball
- 2nd Promised Murray 2/6 for teaching children
- " W^m Tod arrived 4 PM.
- 5th Fixed Standard on to Sofa
- 6th Annie Bennett died
- " Potatoes planted
- 7th Made 960 lbs Soap
- 8th Altering woolwash
- 11th Wrote to Reid & Grey re Patent
- 13th Ceiling put in Kitchen
- 15th Docking Nelson
- 16th Jas Nichol came on a visit
- 19th George Tod. 20th Property Tax
- 20th Lizzie & Mary Midway
- 23rd To Town re £40 to C.A.S.P.
- 24th Lizzie M.R. and G. Tod
- 26th Drain at 1st Bridge. Carpet-laid &c
- 27th Musters started
- 28th Bath finished at last
- 31st Fungated oats. Caught Eels &c
- " my poor Yellow Mouse died

November 1885

- 5th Made a quiet start at Shearing
7th Mammell left Provinces
8th Mary Midway Crown from "Inanga"
10th Stuart took MR, down
11 Shep inspection
" Lizzie bad with Toothache
12th Jack Scullin's partner on the Speer
13th Messrs White & Du Croz
17th "Diamond" Bogged
18th 9th Anniversary of Wedding. Scott's Fell
20th Mr & Mrs Groom
23rd Letter from Town to Stephens
26th Wm Jones & J. M. Milne
29th Stephens. Maggie's Holiday
28th John Casull died
29th Pterostylis blossoms to Sir J. D. Hooker

December 1885

- 2nd Finished 1st Shearing
" Mr. F. S. W. delivered of a Daughter
3rd Mr. & Mrs. Luke & Mr. Bolton
" McDonald & Williams children Baptized
4th Rain after long dryness
6th Maggie came back after her Holiday
11th Dr. Moore, Mr. Gough & 3 luggies
17th Began dipping. did 4709 w:
18th 5 men dipped 5294, Each thrower threw 1765
19th 7 men dipped 8423 in 5 hours
22nd Annie Parson & came
23rd & 24th Disgusted with 2 men Shearing
25th Shearing on Xmas day
30th Pic. nie in Ctt lunch
29th Mary Mollat Married
31st Burned the old year in effigy

January 1886

- 1st Had 1st Apricot - pi of Season
5th Messrs Amos & Taylor. Toos Man died
7th Refused a man to stay Therm 105°
8th 1st Ripe Peaches & Apricots
" & 13th 70 mile Bush fire
14th G. Beamish brought the Bull back
15th Messrs Bennett & Tracy
16th Caught 6 Eels with Spear made of Old Shears
19th Sixth Anniversary of Glenross
" W. Luke had service in Shed 27 per-
20th Began Mowing Oats with Machine
21st Freddy fell in the creek
22nd Finished Mowing Oats with Machine
24th To Doctor re Maggot in my Eye
27th Began carting in Oats. Chapter of accidents
29th 111 Libary books in circulation
30th Lizzie Anne parson & Xmas visitors left

February 1886

- 1st Weaned Lambs & showed Men how to tie Oats
6th 1972 Sheep from Paukawa to feed
7th N D D McLean. Tracy & Co.
12th Wrote to Beamish & Messel re their cattle
13th Lizzie came home. Left 30th Dec.
16th Began Making Whiskey Wine
20th Lizzie began to make her 2nd Mayrag
21st Gathered Apples
25th Aunt Mary Anne Jamison & i. & i.
27th Pic-nic to Gt Bush & Immigration

March 1886

- 1st Nichol .. Hardy
3rd to Kuripapango 5th Aunt & i. Left
6th Mary Ridgeway - fast riding
10th Lizzie to Town. Sewing Machine
11th 27 miles of fencing on Glenross
14th Lizzie & Nichol came home. Tod left behind
16th Tall Orchid 19th Larva of Ant-Lion
20th Meeting of Liby £26 or & 890 Books
22nd Murray left. 24th Put Names in 28th Census
31st Arthur got flute

April 1886

- 1st April fool
3rd Committee Meeting of Library
4th Maggie went for a Holiday
9th Messrs Waterhouse & Goudy to Taupo
11th Messrs Kimross Du Croz & Bailey
12th Jane Roberts left to get married
13th 1st Frosty morning - no more came for men
16th Digging potatoes
17th Saw Occultation of Jupiter
" Cut a Branded 1st Calves of 2nd lot of cows
20th Grassed 22nd Sowed Sunday corner
23rd Shields Straining gear
" Lizzie went down for James Wedding
25th Kate Grant had Tea
26th Nomination paper for Road Warden
27th With Sowers in Doldrums Corner
28th James Wedding day - Did not come off
29th Nomination papers for Wardens have for 200

May 1886

- 1st Lizzie came home. No wedding
2nd Dabbs came Walking, & we saw a ^{no wonder} Comet
1st Got Female Green Lizard from Common
3rd Racked Rhubarb Wine
4th Arthur Ernst & I Muster Men through the hills
5th Earnmarked Naukawa withers
6th Casterated ~~some~~ ugly strange Nam
7th Took Nams out
9th Lizzie started again for James Wedding £5⁰
11th Wrote to Bishop re reconstruction of Tent
12th Jane & Nichol Married 13th Davis ferns
16th Bunged up Imper Wine
18th 2000 sheep on the place, from 7111 = 1st thing
" Lizzie sick at Shirley. 22nd came Home
25th Flower garden done up. Lizzie lost bag
27th Pork Pies - got 1st Meat from Nichol
30th Vaccinated Alex. McDonald
31st Suspension Bridge

June 1886

- 1st Suspension Bridge & Mr. Chester
- 2^d Mr. FSW, Misses Gleason & new fern
- 5th Road from shed to gate reformed
- 6th Pittisporum planted in flower garden
- 8th Old Jack left 9th Suspension Bridge finished
- 10th Mary gave up Jack on 7th mt. Mails
- 13th Heard of Volcanic Eruptions
- 14th Messrs White & Wellwood
- 16th Lizzie & I to Shields re Cook. (Tommy's visit)
- 17th Common Green Lizard found
- 18th Made up first monthly return
- 20th Heard 1st Luis in garden & made "Luis nest"
- 21st Made irrigation drain on Bay Mares Spur
- 23^d Arthur to Burns Wharf, 1st heard of Football
- 24th FSW asked me to give them 1/2 holiday on Saturday
- 26th Mr R White & Dickenson, Friday Birthday
- " Snow & Snow balling
- 28th Told men what I thought of Foot Bally ^{spfd} out to
- 29th To Town re improvements & back to Spfd
- 30th Mary Queen - P.D. June & home

July 1886

- 2nd To Karapapango with M.L.
- 4th Snow balling in C.H. bush
- 5th Mrs. James FSW & Bolton - cup of water
- 6th "Martin" in Bog
- 7th Mary Queen & Mrs. Dick left
- 8th FSW footballing
- 12th planted early potatoes (Did well 24/1/87)
- 14th Green Lizards
- 16th John Scott (Borward)
- 17th Lizzie & Mary Ridgway came up
- 18th James A.P. settled
- 20th Made Scouring Soap
- 22^d Mail bag lost
- 26^d Mary Ridgway & Mr. Todd sent down
- 28^d Thermometer 30°
- 29th Willows planted by Saper
- 30th Drains in Straits kept
- 30th Transplanted Nisau

August 1886

- 1st Analysis of Tarama sand
- 2nd Potos quilt
- 4th Sowed Sorrel seed on W. Knives
- 5th Wm. Colenso made F.R.S.
- 6th Slippy Robin to W. Knives
- 11 Oats down in Shay park
- 12 W. Bishop & Chaigler also 16th
- 13 Heard axes for Shay park to G.H. Bush
- 15 L.S.D. Botany
- 17 R. J. Warren & Shearing at 17/6
- 18 Coldest checked by willow roots
- 19th New Chaff in Bed
- 20 Ewes Lambling
- 24 Ernest Sick Rag rug finished
- 25th Snow
- 26 & 27 Tod for medicine for Ernest
- 28th Heavy Frost: ice $\frac{1}{6}$ inch thick, outside
- 29 Stopped A & P Journal. W. J. K. sends
- 30 Jamison for boards

September 1886

- 3rd Plantain above Cow Shear fenced
- 4th To Jones re Carting. Arthur to Shields
- 6 Explored Jamison's track
- 8th Raised Sheep yards
- 12 Mary Ridgway came 8 PM in train
- 17 Libby Books came from Madie
- 19 Corby formed Killing Lambos
- 20 House gate shifted & sofa covered
- 21st to Town, Glassblowers & Co.
- 23 to Carnwell by L.S.D.
- 24 A. Bennetts
- 25 Estimate of Law bench & Chaff cutter
- 26 Mary Ridgway left
- 27 F.S.W. and Patia road fence.
- 27 Joe to do drains @ 2/6 per drain
- 29 Sewing Lamp in Dining room fixed

October 1886

- 1 Got Copy from W. Kinross. Lizzi & Shed
- 3 wrote to W J Guinness
- 4 Top-story bins made in Shed
- 7 Nelson came to do up Books
- 9th Docking Lambs & foals. Maggie &
- 10 Arthur's first ride to Springfield
- 12 planted potatoes
- 13 Sowed Turnip & Rape
- 16th Horses lost from Springfield
- 18 Cut last of Chaff
- 20 Earthquakes & Docking
- 21 Liz Arthur Freddy parson & W. came
- 25th Started Mustering
- 26 Measuring & Condensing Does furwood
- 27 "Mable". "Dorette" "Martin" &
- 31 To Town in L S D

November 1886

- 1st Had a day loafing in Town
- 2nd HSK L S D
- 4th Began to Shear
- 10th 1st Load of wool left - Shed
- 18th Turned Showbath water on to potatoes
- 20 Paid off Old Scott
- 22nd Lizzi & Ellen went down
- 25 Larnumpton Marys set in
- 26 Made Bridges part of Swamp ^{with dry drain} filled
- 28 Lizzi home. Heard Michel had filed
- 29 Bill Allason came for the night

December 1886

- 5th Capt. Piper Macromis calf
- 9th Rev. Ed. Luke wished Lizzie to go to Manja
- 10 Collection for Hospital £18. 7-6
- 13 Lumbago
- 15 Snow on Watarara
- 17 Finished Shearing
- 18 Dipped 4920 in 5 hours = 984 per Hour
- 19 Wrote to Mr. Mc Kerchar
- 21 Dipped 5625 in 8 1/2 Hours = 662 per Hour
- 22 finished dipping, averaged 662 per Hour
- 23 Annie Parson & Co. Came
- 24 Defaulting Lib. Subscribers. "Robin"
" Mary Ridgeway & Fred Corbin
- 25th Joe Hollis
- 26 Dishonoured Order
- 27 Mary & Fred left
- 30 G. R. Beamish
- 31 Mr. Lennan (Pohui) Hawkes
" Saw Old year out & New year in

January 1887

- 1 Pic. Nic to Conical hill
- 2 Made up L. Day eye
- 3 checked Library Books
- 4 Eel fishing
- 7 Shearing stragglers from Manja
- 8 Eel fishing
- 9 Joe Hollis
- 11 Began Mowing Pato
- 14 to Kuripapango
- 15 Charlotte & Tom Hallett came
- 19 To Kuripapango
- 20 Note from Wellington re L. L. Libby
- 22 To Lois
- 25 Finished Carting in Pateru Bay ^{24 last}
- 26 to Burns Wharf
- 28 Pic. Nic at Conical hill
- 29 Mr. Shild & Dukui
- 31 Charlotte came.
" Got Aylesbury Ducks

February 1887

- 1st Miss Goady
- 2nd M^r D^r Heath re-laid
- 4th Made one of 25 in Theatre
- 5th Engaged Walsh & wife
- 7th M^r Parson went down
- 8th Grizer wine
- 10th Maggi Carrull left Walsh & M^r Milman
- 13th Last of wool left Station
- 15 Children started School
- 16 & 17 Roads & deviations in Whanae
- 21 Irrigating grass land
- 24 Measure & Cost of Old Station p^{er}ch
- " Last week's letters sent back in M^r bag
- 25 Settled Jones &c
- 27 M^r Milman to Taranui Thunder

March 1887

- 1st Lining Washhouse, Surveyors M^r Lawrence
- 4 M^r Hardy
- 5 Washhouse finished lining
- 8th Lizzie & Dad Hardy to Kuripapara
- 10 Children saw through a Thodolite
- " M^r Nichol had his 1st Daughter
- 11 & 12. 5 ladies & 1 gentleman
- 13 George Milne came to see Mary
- 16 Surveyors left
- 20 Petrified Moss
- 21 Bearnish objected to Road
- 23 Road. L.S.P. Lizzie worms sick child
- 24 Lizzie & I rode home
- 26 Sowed Sparganium
- 27 Jas Lyon
- 29 Sowers went out Alan left
- 30 J^r Howard
- 30 M^r Nichol sick

April 1887

- 1 April fools
- 2 DPB 1873
- 3 Picked last of apples
- 4 Put in the Names
- 5 Linoleum laid in dining room
- 6 Made Black board
- 7 Murrys sister £3.5.0
- 8 Mr. Shild & Noad
- 9 Dr. Fisher. Mackay & R.
- 10 Mr. Tukes Ester offering
- 11 W. J. unsteady
- 13 Lizzie & I to Whana. Drought broke
- 18 Blackberry gathering
- 21 Mrs. Nichol & baby - Shuttles
- 22 Killing Crawlers
- 23 Meeting of Library
- 26 FSW at Glenross
- 28 Got 2 Turkeys
- 29 Planted Sea Kale
- 30 Note re Library books

May 1887

- 2nd Walked to Konini Ryan
- 4 Saw Woolwashing Machine Ombu
- 6 Committee Meeting of Library
- 7 Murray &
- 8 Walsh left Children to Circus.
- " Pip from Whana
- 13 Ryan & Wife came. W. Shild
- 14 Billy of Tea, Mess Murray
- " Mrs. C A Baffin of a Son
- 16 Taking out the Names
- 20 Mrs. FSW of a Daughter = 3rd D
- " Sent men to look for Lizzie & ch
- 24 To Town to look for Lizzie & children
- 25 Mikado
- 26 Got thrown from Lydia
- 28 Piano & Liby books
- " Mrs. Ryan did not make Cocoa
- 30 Mary Milne for a Holiday

June 1887

- 2 First Honey-suckle planted
- 3 Ryan wants to stay
- 9 M. Milne came back from holiday
- 11 J. McCarthy came at mid-night
- 13 Grating fixed at front door
- 14 4 men cut 3 cwt chaff
- 15 Luggin went down. Mrs. Ryan applied
- " 350 lines written with 1 dip. of pen
- 17 Cleaned out underneath shed
- 18 Shute & Leary settled with
- 21 Made a base for South's doll
- 22 New Ridgapping put on kitchen
- 23 Shaw & Co. at
- 25 Heard Bell ring
- " Ann & Mary Ridgway bout the piano
- 27 Home by new road. Tracy catch
- 28 Slight fall of snow. Fees
- " Sec. stranger = Mr. Smith

July 1887

- 1 Jubilee plantation made
- 3 Ice $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch thick = Heavy frost
- 4 Mrs. Nichol left
- 6 Disinfecting Whare & grounds
- 8 Piano came. M. J. to Town re Nichol
- 10 Tom McCarthy
- 11 Mrs. Jones died
- " Piano insurance ceases

Diary ends

DPB,