

Sunday 15th Sept 1889

I begin this vol under very exceptional circumstances

When W. Knibbs failed on the 3rd January last he owed me £1059-0-1 for which sum I proved among his other and numerous creditors, I was allowed to remain at Glenross as usual, until the place was sold. It passed to the Mortgagor on 27th July 1889 And on the 4th July I receive a note from Mr. Parker containing a months notice!! which took us all very much by surprise, and it rained almost all the month through, I had very little time to pack up, and to look for a place to stay in, after some trouble we found a place in Puketapu, where we are now living.

I consider that I was very harshly treated by Mr. Goudy in the manner in which let me leave Glenross

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where I had been for sixteen years

On the 30th July I held my last meeting of subscribers to the library when they (the subscribers) presented me with a purse containing 25 sovereigns.

On the 1st August Lizzie and the children all left Glenmore for good and came to Parkes. I went back to settle with the men and left for good on the 5th and gave up posse possession on the 6th and from that date to now I have had nothing to do, and no sign of anything turning up as yet.

Every now & again I take a ride round the country but can hear of nothing.

I rode to Springfield to bring Lizzie home, but it rained so heavily and I came back alone.

Monday 16th. Went again to Appila and had again to leave Lizzie, as it was still too wet.

Wednesday 17th Sept 1889

Went again to Appila & brought Lizzie home & Mrs. Parson came after with Charley.

Thursday 18th Rode to Town to lay off Mr. Colenso's road, but it was too

stormy and he could not come out.

Friday 19th Went again to Town and laid

off the road, & went to Mrs. Harding

& just missed Mary Milne there.

Saturday 20th I got Mr. Elbourn's buggy

& horse and drove Lizzie & Anna para

to Springfield. had a pleasant outing.

Sunday 21st Showy morning. last - cleaning

8 am. I rode through Pletine to Mai-

-waka. Adam was not at home,

I explored the gully where they get

their firewood, came back. And Adam

was home, he made me very comfortable.

Monday 22nd Adam and I rode to the

high yards and I explored a gully

near there and got a few ferns

Lycopodium & two Orchids. & P.M. we

rode round by Ponkinga valley & home

& spent another comfortable night. It

was frosty in the morning. Mrs. Parson
little Anna & myself left for town.

Tuesday 24th Sept 1889

Adam wanted me to stay another day, but the weather looked bad and I left for home. Saw Miss Smith & Marshall in Peter. Had dinner at Bennetts & gave Miss Bennett the ferns which I had gathered.

Angl got home 3PM. having enjoyed my trip very much. altho it rained hard from before I reached Bennetts to home.

Wednesday 25th A fine day but I spelled both the house and myself and did very little all day.

Got letter from Rymer asking me to buy this house & one acre of land

Thursday 26th Went to Town by request of Lee & Son fr Joe Kappes case but it was postponed till tomorrow

Friday 27th Went again to Town on Kappes case and it was again put off till tomorrow

Saturday 28th Lizzie and I rode to Springfield. I left her there and

Saturday 28th Sept 1889 (Continued)

Rode on to Town only to find that Kappes case was postponed until further orders. Lizzie got driven into Town in Springfield trap. I saw her then. Redcliffe is threatening to slip down very bad.

Sunday 29th The Children and Mary walked to Springfield after dinner and Lizzie & I went to meet them after tea. All enjoyed themselves.

Monday 30th After washing Lizzie and I rode to Spfld and I cut up wood all PM. and came home after tea.

Tuesday Oct 1st Got "Tommy" shod by Pat Connolly 6/- and paid Billie 14/- for McDonald's board & "Brown Tommy" post and then Lizzie & I rode again to Spfld and I helped Vick to make a frame for Springcart for taking sheep to show. Came home after tea.

Af Elbowne brought me a Bat in the morning. we gave it some Woodlice which it seemed to relish but it died in the afternoon. It measured 10 1/2 inches across its wings.

Wednesday 2nd Oct 1889
I rode again to Spofford helped Dick
jr. to prepare sheep for Show A.M. and
P.M. finished frame for Spring cart
Heard in the morning that Mary
Hardy's child died yesterday and
Lizzie went in by Coach & stayed there
Thus day 3rd I rode to Town to attend
Funeral, about 2^{1/2} followed to the
grave, came back after funeral
and found "Tommy" had got out of
Codd's park. came home & found he
was not there, rode to Spofford & found
he was not there, came home & went
to bed 9th P.M. at 9.40 he came to
the house & neighed!

Friday 4th Took Tommy to W. Codd's &
brought Lizzie to Spofford. Got "Daphne"
and rode with P.D. jr. to Show. Lizzie
drove in Bugg. & Lizzie Bulchett rode
"Tommy". I saw very few that I
knew. George Bee & Hugh McLean
were the only ones I spoke to, there
were a lot of people there. P.D. jr. &
rode back again & I came on to Spofford

Saturday 5th Oct 1889
I went to Spofford aft Breakfast to bring
Lizzie horse & got home Wm. M. Childs
and DeWolfe came by 4 P.M. coach to stop
over for the night, Lizzie & Wm. S had to go
Sunday 6th took Wm. S Childs to Cambridge, and
then they walked & started for home 15.7
3 At 1 P.M. we walked Glendoe
to help the suffering
Monday 7th Very Windy to Wash. Lizzie and I
rode to Spofford & I began to cut wood when
H. Harvey came with a letter from Carmel
for me to go to town and see him. I
went & saw him & he told me he was
trying to get £50 or £60 together for me
Went to a Philosophical Meeting which
lasted till 10^{1/2} P.M. got a horse & home 1^{1/2} a.m.
Tuesday 8th Went again to Town to see Cars-
well again & he went to the Races and
left me all day looking him and
did not see him till 8^{1/2} P.M. when
he told me to come in again tomorrow
and he would see what he could do.
W Newbold had a Dance in the
Atheneum & I spent best part of the
day in the museum

Wednesday 8th Oct 1889

Rode again to Toton via Spfford & saw Carswell again and got the following letter from Colleagues Clerk

Napier 8th October 1889

To Messrs Wilson & Collierill

Solicitors. Napier

Dear Sirs

W^r. Carswell has instructed me to acknowledge your letter of the 20th Ultimo re his dishonored P/PN.

You are probably aware that Mr. Carswell has no property or means of paying his debt but if your Client will accept Sixty pounds in full of all demands and give up the pro notes W^r. Carswell will borrow that amount to pay W^r. Balfour if not W^r. Carswell will file his petition in Bky

Yours faithfully
A Lascelles

I read the above and told Mr. Cotton

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tells Clerk that I would not for a moment entertain the idea of such a thing, and told him to proceed with the thing's not drop it at that.

I afterward saw Carswell and told him that he was paying everyone else with 20/- to the Pound, and under these conditions I would not accept his offer

I came round by Spfford & got Lygie home. She having been there since Monday

Mr. Anderson called to say then has nothing in the Valuation business

I wrote to Mackie of Keruru re his Wool classing

Thursday 10th Did not do very much, felt tired with riding and walking all the above days and disagreed with the offer made me by Carswell, and his treatment of me generally.

Friday 11th Lygie and I rode to Spfford and I finished cutting my load of wood and cut the ends off about a dozen drain tile for the bathroom. Mrs. Thrus & Herlop called while Lygie &^s was at W^r. Godds

Saturday 12th Oct 1889

May & Edith rode to Spfda and Lizzie
and I walked to back of 8 miles to see
the boys making a Raft - home 5 P.M.
Got letter from Mr. Lang saying that the
wool classing bldst was filled

Lizzie getting down-heated

Sunday 13th A wet sort of a day. reading
wrote again to Mr. A C Lang offering my
services as cleaner for any other shed
Joe Lewis called looking for horses.

Monday 14th Codd & Pinders drays went up
to begin Metally Kuripangs road. It was
a wet sort of a day all through.

Tuesday 15th Another very wet day. I did
not go anywhere but read most
of the day. Nichol called 1st since back

Wednesday 16th A cloudy morning which
turned out a fine day. I went to Town
and was examined in Joe Happers
case. was four hours under exam-
ination, and got home by 7 P.M.

Thursday 17th Went to Spfda to see about
puvij in the Bath drain. There was

Thursday 17th October 1889 (cont'd.)
only P.P. there (all others gone to Town)
and he was busy with his papers having
just come back from Sydney. I came
back in time for Lunch. Adams
called driving a mob of Merino mothers
to Spfda for killing

Friday 18th Lizzie and I walked to Spfda. got
a lift from Archie to Hislops lane. I
helped to plant Potatoes. Phil junior
drove us home.

Saturday 19th Did not feel well all day
nothing was serious but I was far
from being right.

Sunday 20th We had a regular family
gathering to-day. Mr. & Mrs. Codd
jun & Lent. Mr. & Mrs. Codd & family. Phil
jun & Vick Codd which with ourselves
made 17 in all. After dinner we all
walked to the Cemetery, and all
left after tea except Vick Codd
who slept the night.

Monday 21st I did not go away from
the place, was busy clearing up &

Tuesday 22nd Oct 1889

Lijji & I rode to Spfld. I saw they had got the sand for the Concrete & I began digging the drain for the Bath and Dick jnr came with me p.m. and we got all the pipes fixed by tea time, & then Lijji & I came home
Wednesday 23rd Lijji & I worked at the Met W. Bennet at Pheasant mile post & he asked me to go to him and Class his wool

Wednesday 23rd Lijji and I both went again to Spfld. I finished the Bath drain by Darnes time and repaired some cracks in the Dip draining stage till night. Mr. W^m. Hestop & Mr. Corbin came here & then to Spfld & had tea there Lijji & I rode home again after tea May Milne got word by Archie that his sister Lillie was sick in the Hospital and she goes in tomorrow

Thursday 24th Oct 1889

Lijji & Mary left by Archie's coach and the children & I were left alone I first got them to help me to make a variety of six ropes, out of the remainder of the part of the press rope. Then by tea time we had our tea prepared it was time to eat it Mary came back by the 6.30 coach and Lijji is to stay in Town with Aunt Mary some until Sunday or Monday

Friday 25th Wrote a bit and wrote to Mr. Wellwood letting him the another Liximonths rent was due Saturday 26th Did not do much, was reading Sunday 27th Went to Spfld for Lijji had a long yarn with pD who had just come back from Sidney. Lijji & Aunt M.A. came from Town but to stay to help her. I came back alone

Monday 28th Went to Spfld and brought Lijji home, helped them a bit then

Tuesday 29th Doing show the house and cutting wood &c.

Wednesday 30th Oct. 1889

They began to shear at Springfield and I was there on Thursday. Friday and Saturday, and I left Lijji home on Saturday night and brought Tommy home, and while I was taking the saddle off Zopy, Tommy walked under the clothes line and caught it on the saddle and pulled the W.C. down and broke the roof off it Sunday 3rd Nov. M.M. and the children and I went to Spfd. Dickie met us half-way between Spfd and Shirleys with the springcart to bring us. There was a regular family gathering of us there.

P.P. just drove children & M.M. home Monday 4th to Spfd shearing. brought Lijji home

Tuesday 5th The children and I left the W.C. and I was preparing to go to Spfd when Mr. Bennett came and wanted me to lay off a piece of road at Paraite, we rode

Tuesday 5th Nov. 1889 (contd.)

over there p.m. and decided to wait until the Contractors came before I put the pegs in. got home 8 P.M.
Wednesday 6th Attended Shearing at Spfd
Thursday 7th do do do
Friday 8th do do do
and finished 3 P.M., then Lijji & I home
Saturday 9th Went to Town, saw Collector re property tax. Packed boxes at Acote road and waited for dray which did not come. Came by Spfd and brought Lijji home.

Sunday 10th Writing, wrote to Queen re his rent. Settled times of passing us down

Monday 11th All of us & all Spfd people & P.D. Senn & I went to the Park to see the Sports. All seemed to enjoy them selves. Got home at dusk Lijji remaining at Spfd to wash

Tuesday 12th Started after Breakfast to Paraite, got one of the Contractors to help me to lay off the road, and

Tuesday 12th Nov. 1889 (continued)

I managed it to my own satisfaction and got home 5^½ P.M. the Contractor was 4 hours with me.

When I got home I received a letter from Mr. Bennett asking me to lay the road off, and also to get to Newstead tomorrow night. W. Shuld stop.

Wednesday 13th Started for Town after Breakfast via Spfld, returned the old P.M. to Mr. Wellwood, instructed Cottleral to issue a Writ against Carmwell. Got my boxes onto Spfld dray and came on home unloading dray. Made up my swag & started for Newstead got there at tea and was met by my comfortable, Anna Parson came to stay a few days at Parkerg.

Thursday 14th Helped make two tally board and erected a fixed table in Shears cock-house Am, & erected a shelf in same place, sorted some pieces and drafted sheep & filled shed P.M. Boys & I played crib till 9 P.M.

Friday 15th Nov. 1889

Got up 5 A.M., found sheep too wet to shear, turned them out. Skinned one fleece, got horse & Mr. Bennett his two boy & rode to Wharange. Came on home 3 P.M. took "Dinny" to Spfld but was too late. had no success. brought her back 5^½ P.M. Had music till bed time.

Mr. F.S. Waterhouse called just after dinner & told us how the Gardines had turned Garrison out of Glenross house.

Saturday 16th Rain all day. Stayed at home reading.

Sunday 17th Springfield people came for dinner & after dinner Mr. Parson Miss Milne. Uncle Dick Arthur & Jim and I walked to Porch, and after tea the Spfld people went home.

Monday 18th Started for Newstead after Breakfast. Met S. Bennett at Precincts and turned back to Wharange and mended sheep yards am. Hunted with and took them to Newstead P.M. filed the Mr. Bennett statement for exhibition.

Tuesday 19th Nov. 1889

Started shearing, and got stopped by
Dew from 10 am, till after dinner
Wednesday 20th Classing. got stopped again
by Dew from 9 to 11 am

Thursday 21. Mid & Saturday 23rd Classing
and came home with a sugar bag full
of gooseberries

Sunday 24th About 10 am Mr & Mrs
Hollis drove up with five of their
daughters. They left after dinner
and then Springfield people drove
up, just missing the Hollises near
Hecklers lane, I went to Newstead
after all had left

Monday 25th Classing

Tuesday 26th do Rain comes on pm

Wednesday 27th cut out sheep 9 am. got
home and home for dinner showing

Thursday 28th We all went over to Motel
I had to cross the River six times
going & six times coming. Charlotte
was there and Springfield people
came and we had a jolly day
& home 6 PM.

Friday 29th Nov. 1889

Started for Newstead after breakfast
Sheep side we, explored some of the
gully behind Newstead. got Coryphan-
thes. (sp) across the fernery. Discovered
a Loranthus, and had a dim look
at Glenross from the hill tops

Saturday 30th Classing all day and worked
till 5 3/4 PM owing to the rain got home
and got home 9 PM. found only Mary
Wilm. Charlotte (who came, m.) and Arthur
there & found that Ernest had been
climbing a poplar tree & had fallen
down and put his wrist (left) out
and that Mr. Baker had pulled it
in again and Lizzie and him had
gone to Town, I rode right in &
found them at Mrs. Parsons and the
Doctor had done nothing to it, but
ordered fomentation with hot water we
all slept there. Ernest did not
sleep with the pain

Sunday 1st Nov. I went to see Willie
Tait to get his opium on Ernest's wrist

Monday 1st Decr. 1889 (continued)
he advised a Mustard plaster for
taking down the swelling. but I
went to Dr. De, hile and got him
to have another look at it and
he said he did not believe it was
either broken or out of joint, but
could not tell until the swelling
went down. ~~Stiff Gode foot~~

Monday 2nd stayed in Town all day got
~~my~~ Boots soled at Murray's, and
stayed with Ernest all day

Tuesday 3rd Went down Town with Ernest
and Colith, had my hair cut. The
swelling of Ernest's wrist is going down
but the Dr. says he cannot tell
whether there is any break or not
~~yet. May be able to tell Saturday~~
He called again at 9 P.M. but
could not yet tell, and after
that I got Jimmy & rode out to
Knechtelad. got them at mid
night

Monday 2nd Decr. 1889
got up 5 A.M. & cleaned till 10 when
ship were cut out. I got Jimmy
and rode to Paketapu to see what
news had been sent. but there wa
no letter. I waited for Archib. &
he had no letter, message, or package
so I rode into Town, & found town
prospering, but slowly. Slept there
Tuesday 3rd Went to Murray's with my
Boots to get them soled. then took
Ernest & Colith to see the sea, then
the Boots I had on (Walters) was too
tight for me I had to give in, and
remained in the house all day, Ernest
swelling going slowly down

Wednesday 4th Took Ernest & Colith to
Town, to Bank of U.S.A. & to Union B.
and then to Barbers & home to Knechtelad
Road. Had dinner & took horse, rode
via Spfia & Paketapu down to Neukedal
Mary & Arthur went to Spfia to sleep
and Charlotte went to Town.
Shed filled with wet sheep.

Thursday 5th Dec't. 1889

Sheep in shed not dry enough to shear
waited till 10 am. trying to dry them
but a sudden shower came on and
wet them beyond redemption. turned
them out till Monday. I got home
& Sam and I rode to Puketapu.

W^r H. Lewis came out and invited
me in for dinner. I first declined
but she told me Mary was there
having her dinner. so I went in
& had dinner with them. I then
rode to Appled tatto Topy and
Tommy to see if Arthur would come
home, but he wanted to stay
another night so I came home &
left him there & Topy also

Friday 6th Having hay. After breakfast
I wrote up dairy & got Tommy and
rode into Town. found Ernest getting
on all right. came out again for
Tea

Saturday 7th Rode in again to take
Ernest to D^r de Lille, but was

Saturday 7th Dec't. 1889 (continued)

to late for Norrij call. took him
at 2 P.M. D^r. says he is progressing
very favorably. Lydie and he came
out by last coach. I rode "Tommy"
in and out, but his shoes are bad
and he was very fatigued

Sunday 8th Wrote to Willie Tailor excu-
sing myself for not calling, and
wrote to W^r A. Grant, Ruataniwha
for a billet and rode to Newstead

Sunday 15th Had a full week at Newstead
and expect to finish about Thursday
Springfield people came P.M. and I
rode back to Newstead

Thursday 19th Finished shearing 5 P.M. had
Tea and rode over to W^r Smiths at patea.
He was not at home, and I was di-
rected to go to a nice two roomed
cottage to sleep which I did after
waiting till midnight for W^r. S.
There was no blankets, but I made
shift & slept well without them

Friely Decr 28th 1889

Started to shear Lambs about 6 am,
had a fair easy day of it, and was
made very comfortable in the House.
Got Blankets from W. Smith
Saturday 21st. Had a busy day of it
but managed to keep table clear
for 14 shearers. Mr. Smith came home
and was very nice.

Sunday 22nd: Slept till 9.40, had Brk-
fast kept for me, apologized for
sleeping so late, told them it was
a proof I was comfortable. Dropped
and filled the shed 1 PM, as rain
threatened, walked to top of hill behind
House, found rock Asplenium &
took specimens for Miss Bennett
Monday 23rd: Had a very very busy day of
it - 17 shearers. W. S. helped
me or else I was beat, finished
shearing 5 PM.

Tuesday 24th: Left W. Smith 9.45 am,
he paying me 20/- per day for
my work called on W. Bennett

Tuesday 24th Dec. 1889 (continued)
for my Cheque for him. he paying
me 10/- per day for my work there
(which was heavier than Mr. Smith's)
came home & found Dippy and Lewis
gone to Town ~~on~~ Ernest's arm which
was re-broken by T. Doyle last
Thursday (this day week) and is now
progressing favorably.

Wednesday 25th: Went to a large family
gathering at Notes, over thirty set
down to Dinner and all of the
Dobbel family with one solitary exception
(Mary Wilne) every thing went on
well till about 5 PM when Dick
jnr & T. Hardie had a little disagree-
ment which rather spoiled the fun.
Charlie Coda drove us all home in a
dray about 7 PM. Edith and Arthur
carried off all the running prizes.

Thursday 26th: Wrote to Wilson & Collier
accepting £100 in three installments
from Bassett as payment in full
for what he owes me.

Saturday 28th Dec. 1889

Ernest & I drove into Town to Dr. Dolles - found arm doing well. Took £50 out of H.B.A., and put it in P.O. S.B. Saw Bottrell who said he would advise Carswell. Caught Filter out 3 coach Sunday 29th did not do much. Went with children to wash in River, Aunt M.A. &c. came for Aunt Lizzie.

Monday 30th Went to Newstead to get Roadboard books. Mr. Bonot at home, had a feed of gooseberries. Came home.

Tuesday 31st On the road to Newstead met Mr. Bennett, who gave me the books & authorisation, and began (with Mr. Davey) collecting the Roadboard rates.

Wednesday 1st Jan 1890 Had a quite new year day. In m. went to Town. Lizzie and Annie's dinner cooked a good dinner & we all enjoyed it.

Thursday January 2ⁿ 1890

Started for Pakitiki to collect Roadrates called on Mrs. Graham, Howes, Hughes & Williams. Had Luncheon at Patoka. Mr. Winter being very kind, called on Mr. Lincoln, and slept at Peedles. Had plenty of gooseberries & cherries. was made comfortable but rough.

Friday 3^d Left Peedles after Breakfast went through by Waipuna. Bailed up a Cow for the woman there & went on had dinner from Mr. McIntyre called on Blairs. Carswell & went to Mrs. found no one there, came back to Blairs to sleep. After tea went to Mr. Hallett's camp for a yarn & back to Blairs to sleep. was made comfortable.

Saturday 4th Started for home, called again at Patoka to get Harry Hughes rate. had lunch again with Mr. Winter and on home by 5 PM. Having met with nothing but kindness all the trip. But was surprised to find the settlers settled on such poor land. The only reasonably point I saw was the Wood. McIntyres & Orrs seemed the two best places.

Sunday 5th Jan 1890

Was at home all day. Mr & Mrs Bennett called P.M. and took Mrs Parsons and her daughter to Newstead. Monday 6th started after Breakfast and went through Poraiti, Greenmeadows (had luncheon with Cartwright-Brown) and on through Taradale, Mission St Papakura, Chesterhope, back to Redcliffe, Springfield West, and John Heslop, got every Rate but the last mentioned, and home 7 P.M. Tuesday 7th started for Town and got all the Rates then except M.M.M.s had lunch at Annes & home 5 P.M., as rain came on.

Wednesday 8th Very stormy last night & horing morning. Wrote to T Ford & S.W. & X property Tax Commissioners Joe Price & W Maddick and finished by noon. Charlie Gadd came 10 to 11 am.

Thursday 9th Jan 1890

Lizzie & I walked to Spofford after Breakfast and spent a quiet day there. P.D. and I yarned almost all day.

Uncle Dick drove us home in the dusk & Arthur ran after him for a Natter. Friday 10th The boys and I (with Edith) walked to Spofford after dinner and I helped to bind in the "40 acres" left Edith then & the boys & I walked home. I called again on Mr John Heslop and asked him if he was still in the same mind about paying his Rates. He said he was, that he would not pay his Nooaboard rates until he was summoned for them. He and I both spoke quietly Saturday 11th I mended the Kitchen carpet 9 A.M., and dodging about the place p.m.

Sunday 12th Mr. Bennett came p.m. with Annie Parsons and her family. I told him I had called on Heslop again, Uncle Dick drove up about 9 A.M. & took Annie Parsons & her family to Springfield

Monday 13rd January 1890

Went to poraita for Wilsons road rate
and gave them a bill of lading up for
note sending it to me according to
promise and then had it ride up to
Womd to Nodcliff for Williams rate
he was not there. neither did they
leave the so told the sister to give
them a "talking to" when they came
here. Got a spfd for dinner. P.D.
Paid me Williams rate and I came
on home

Tuesday 14th. Ernest and I drove in by
Rymer, saw Dr. De Lisle, who washed
his arm, but would not give it up
yet. Banked all the road board
money, took Ernest to Coote road and
left him there and came out by coach.

Wednesday 15th. Arthur & I rode in to see
the sports, I did not quite enjoy
them so much as last time I
was at them saw Common and
Kings White. Rode home after
all was over & Ernest came by coach
& while I was idleing my time Knott Dick &
two men brought me six loads of hay

Thursday 16th January 1890

Was all day fixing up the haystack
with Ernest. (Arthur & Daithi being at
the Sunday school pic-nic at Mearee)
got the sheet almost fixed at night

Friday 17th Finished fixing on the sheet
Marys sister (Lilly) came last night and
left by Archie this mornin

W. Duke came up expressly to tell
me of a litter at Smithfield. simply
a Maurice Shepherds place, at £70 per an-

Saturday 18th I started to have a look
at Smithfield. Met Mr. Hutchinson
top of Shaverange who told me
Lizzie would have to cook occasion-
ally for Wayres &c. I went on and
found the house to be 30x16 divided
into 3 rooms. - too small. I came back
by River side road

Sunday 19th Arthur and I rode to
spfd between Breakfast and dinner.
Mr. Shuld called after dinner. W.
Duke called and I told him I had
decided not to take Smithfield and
I wrote to Mr. Hutchinson declining it.
Paid Rent and £10 to G. inst coy

Monday 20th Jan'y 1890

Rode to Spfld & helped to wash some Parms,
after dinner drove Amherstburg & back to
Dauphin to pocketed a pie. Found Mrs. Sheld
there, but she left 2 PM. for Town. Drove
buggy back again, helped Aunt M.A. &
Maryle & rode home for Tea

Tuesday 21st Went to Town to see if anything
had been done re Carswell. Humphrey
told me to Young Lassalle told him
that his father & Carswell had fixed
all up & I would get the money in a
few days. Came back home

Wednesday 22nd A home all day

Thursday 23rd Went to help Charlie Godd
in with his Crop. worked from 11 AM. to 6 PM.

throwing the sheaves on the stack

Friday 24 Same as yesterday worked from
7 AM. to 6 PM. sometimes through showers
off dry on other & stones on stack

Saturday 25th Some light rain fell last night
and we did not get began before 10 1/4 AM.
and we worked from then till 8 PM.

Richard Godd came over with me and we
met Lizzie Annie & Mary at the Nairn and
Mary took Topsy home

Sunday 26th Jan'y 1890

At home all day. Preaches Godd(2) and
Madame Godd & Jessie. Uncle Phillip. 1/2 pm
C Parms 1/2 parms and others which with
ourselves made 20 for the day. we had
some Music & I set up Commonsglass
(which came on Thursday) and we had a
look at the young moon and at Alpha
Centaur & otherwise enjoyed ourselves

Monday 27th I started for C Godds work
for him from 7 AM. to 6 1/4 PM. Lizzie went
home parson the two girls went to
Town by the Coach. Arthur & Edith
went to W. F. Flairs School, and Ernest
is to go next Monday

Tuesday 28th Worked for C Godd from 7 AM to
11 1/2 AM. and had dinner & went to get
in of Pinchers Crop worked for him from
12 1/2 PM. to 6 PM. & rode home

Wednesday 29th Worked for Spencer from 7 AM.
to 6 1/4 PM. sometimes on the stack and
stacking from 3 PM. to the finish, had
dinner with Mr. & Mrs. P. and got a
fine Marrow from them. The oats
were very rusty & it was very hot

Thursday 30th Jan 1890

I felt rather tired and did not do much. Lizzie W. Newbold & her two children came by last night.

Friy 31st I rode into Town partly to get Jas Lyons Rate for Pakehata and partly to see how I was progressing with Russell I got the Rate and was told by Mr. Humphries that Russell had deposited £50 for me and was off to get out the 2 p.m. for £25 cash came home again. Aunt Ma. called Saturday Feb 1st remained at home cutting wood writing &c. the weather remaining cold & cloudy. Not much chance of using Common Glass

Monday 3rd March 1890

Rode to Town, saw Mrs. Bennett & Lazarus and got the balance of the County rates to collect and began 11 a.m. to gather in Napier, only got 16/6, rode home in the dark

Tuesday 4th Was hunting Rates all day about Taradale. Guppies Road, Waverly & Hammedaws, and only got £2-13-2. find it very difficult from gathering the Road rates, feel tired

Wednesday 5th Started from home 8 a.m. & got back home 7½ p.m. Went to Dunns then down Church-lane and Avenue, & along Tanner road, and did a lot about the Mission grounds & left J. White's in Guppies Road at 6 p.m. only got £3-4-2

Thursday 6th Started 8 a.m. & went through Taradale - seeing Alexander and Jeffreys and on to Meander, canvased it with only Dooneys Rate, then through to Papatuna calling at many places but only getting a rate of 2/- and went as far

Thursday 6th March 1890 (continued)
Furneaux. & back by Powdrells
Road. calling on Pulpit & Downing
and started home from Dowlings at
5-3/4 P.M. & home 7-1/4 P.M. in 11 3/4 hours
away only got 5 rates totaling £3-4-2.
Friday 7th Started 7.30 am rode to Clive
did Clive, then Waipureke and back
to Clive. Mc Glashan & But. and
on to Awatoto. Saw Ward. called
on Mr W Jones, then through Meone
(heavy Earthquake while I was crossing
the Bridge) tried to find J J P O'Connell
Called on Dalton. on to Taradale
made envoys for W Lord & then home
at 7.20 - being 11 1/2 hours away and
brought back in cash only £2-6-5
Saturday 8th Called on Mrs Hayes and
Mr Davis, and was the greater part of
the balance of the day writing re Compt.
Nats. Luny 9th P.M. until Syday re "his"
Monday 10th Called on a lot of the Greenmeadows
settlers & got to Town 1-1/2 P.M. and was till
4 P.M. with Mr Fairni. Paid him all
the money I had collected. Home dark
7 am. 106 P.M.

Tuesday 11th March 1890
Rode to Taradale^{7 am}. Called on Mrs. Barry who
was not at home. Went down through
the Greenmeadows settlers & to Bowers' then
along Tamary Road to the end of it at
River - back to main road. up to Taradale
left word for Alexander bne Mr. Fairni
called again on Mrs. Barry. left letter
for her bne Mr. F before Monday next
& came by Spfld home 6-1/2 P.M. and
only got £1-1-11 from Otarara
Wednesday 12th Went to Town again
had a hard day of it, and only got
£1-13-2. did not get home till
till 8 P.M. certainly I did not leave
home till 8-1/2 am, got my Dividends
from H. Kuniwa Estate £105.18 & put it in
W.B.A
Thursday 13th Went to Town again, was till
3-1/2 P.M. (from 10 am.) & only got 10-2 - but sent
in £4 or £5 to the Office. Left home 7-3/4 am.
& returned 6 P.M. put £100 of Dividends into
P.O. Bank

Friday 14th March 1890

Started from home 7½ am. Went to Sput & did eastern & then Western Spits and on to Petone Hotel & then to Hauhau and on home via Whauranga. got home 5½ PM. had a fortunate day but only got 28½

Saturday 15. Did not do any collecting work, except writing for half an hour or so.

Did not go out collecting nor do anything particular until Wednesday 26th

Wednesday 26th Mrs. Parson & Mr. Parson came by 6.30 PM. Coach and Dulcie Grace was born 9.35 PM. Dr. De Lille coming about 11 PM. all going well

Thursday 27th Went to Effles for Breakfast and to Motes in forenoon, and all hours balance of the day

Friday 28th Started for Hawlock 7 am. called at Hastings & "did" it up to Dinn. After dinner went to Hawlock "did" it, went to Te Mata, and back through Hawlock. "Did" balance of it & then on to Pukahu. back through Hawlock & on to Hastings slept there

Saturday 29th March 1890

"Did" balance of Hastings in the forenoon and "Did" Clive ~~pm~~. Papakura, Brandon, Jones - Rose - Thompson in evening and home 8 PM. Kuiy had fair good luck

April 21st Went to Chesterhope with Joe Luere for 460 Ewes & 8 Rams for Charles Codd. was very successful &

got one sheep over the number for Charles Monday 28th Was called to sit on a jury at Paketau Hotel on the body of Ernest H. Peter who got killed by falling over a cliff above Smails flat on the Tutea Kuri River. Was chosen foreman

Tuesday 29th Went to Effles & got Buggy, drawn by Dulcie & I went to there and spent the day there. P. V. Jnr drove them home to save me the journey to there & back. Wrote to Mr. Willwood reminding him that a six mo. rent was due on 21st inst.

Wednesday 30th Went to Town to get list of things in Simons Bof. S. and saw Mr. Fanning and was gazetted Dog Tax collector. Home via Taradale

May

Tuesday 8th Hatch 1890

Wrote to Spffld and got "Comet" and
spring cart and drove to Hastings

Charlotte & Annie paon & Pitt went the
left Hastings after dark and left a
bath with Vases with Ada and got
horse & home 10pm.

Friday May 2nd Wrote to Spffld at Hastings
and with above finished carrying all
the things to the shop and saw
Charlotte & Annie off by 5 PM train
found I could not finish and stayed
all night at Caultons

Saturday 3rd Packed up all things that
I could pack and left Hastings at
dusk, had tea at Spffld and
home 9 PM. Rec'd a letter from
Mr. Bennett appointing me Clerk
to the Paketau Road board at a
salary of £12 per annum, to begin
from today

Sunday 4th Wrote to Newstead to get my
Road Board books and instructions
am. & to John Bicknell P.M. to get
a waggon to bring things from Hastings

Monday 5th May 1890

Was all day making up Rate Book
finished 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ PM.

Tuesday 6th Looked over rate book for errors
and corrected any, made out list of days
requested by Cork Leitch. Wrote to the
Property Tax Commissioner telling him that
14/4 had been paid to Paketau Road board
out of a sum of £3 u 9.9 and requesting
him to forward the balance, sent him
a copy of the demands as I sent
him of 8/1/90. Wrote to Dr. Murray
his letter of 26th April

Wednesday 7th Started on my first dog
excursion, began at Mr. Heelops and
wound down papakura to Guy Heelops &
home by Redcliff & Spffld got 23 and
had fair good luck

Thursday 8th John Bicknell came with his
spicy waggon to go to Hastings for Davis
furniture, but rain came on and we took
a load of grain back. Rain kept on

Friday 9th Rainy all day stayed at home
writing and filling in a rainy dog book

Saturday 10th May 1890

Started very hunting. finished papa
-Kura & did part of Meamee & home
in the rain, only got 13

wrote to Mr. Wellwood remitting him
that his rent was due, see 29th April.

Mrs. Parsons & her day stars came from
for a few days

Sunday 11th Filled up Dog Book to date
filled in sections sold last week at
Putukituki in road book & writing only

Monday 12th Went with Bicknell Spur wagon
& Hastings and got a load of Davids fur-
-niture & a better cold day it was

Tuesday 13th Was unpacking things and
finishing up Wardrobe & all day

Wednesday 14th Went again with Bicknell
wagon & got the balance of furniture
from Hastings

Thursday 15th Got two hind shoes on Tommy
and he stood so bad that we had
to throw him and then I started
for Patea about 10 am called at Hata
wai - Ardissa & Waikou. slept
at Waikou

Friday 16th May 1890

Left Waikou after Breakfast, crossed the
Mangatutu. had dinner with Mr. & Mrs.
B. Glass. saw Mr. Sheld near Banks
old place & came on to Mangaahau
left Tommy there to feed & walked over to
Glenross. got the dogs there & walked
back to Manga in time for dinner and
slept there. was made comfortable

Saturday 17th Left after Breakfast, called
on Walter Williams. saw Jeffries &
Hollis on road & went on to Kuripapua
saw "Jack the Boar" and went on
to Owohoko and slept there

Sunday 18th Warren & I rode to the
turn-off for Lyons. I went down
there & saw Young Miller & Dick
May cock & was made comfortable
and slept there

Monday 19th Left after Breakfast and
walked across country to John Kelly's
then across the Mangatiki to Birch
woolwash, had luncheon & on to Bush
house. Cacua not at home, went on

Monday 19th May 1890 (continued)
Burkes Homestead, saw Mr. Caccia
then & rode on to Moawhango. Saw
Tod and was made my companion
by W. & W. & J. Battley after this.
Tuesday 20th Tried to get dogs tax from
the Maoris. Got an Interpreter
but found the thing hopeless. Got
horse & rode on to Manatawa
had luncheon with Betsy's Broth
(Mr. Robt. Sutherland) and headed
"Tom" for home by distant from
Napier 96 miles. Got back to the
Battleys and slept there a 2^d time.
Wednesday 21st Left Moawhangan
and got early to the Brick-house
helped to draft some names from
the Cues and Mr. Caccia having to
go to the Homestead. I passed a
very pleasant evening with Capt.
Russells two sons Harold & Nell.
Thursday 22nd Left Brick house after
Breakfast and went across country
to Waikare Pa. Saw Dan Turner &

Thursday 22nd May 1890 (continued)
two other white men there had been
-on crossed the Ngitiki & made across
country for Mangaohane (Ains) and
was made as comfortable as before.
Friday 23rd Left Mangaohane at 8 AM
-part, and made a short stop at
Owhoko. Saw (by good luck) Mr
J. D. Boyd's Men so I had not to go there.
W. Warren came 4 PM, & I slept there.
Saturday 24th Left Owhoko after Breakfast
called at McDonalds & Collars. & so
came out of Patea again after being
just a week in it and owing that
time I never saw the Sun. I had
not much rain but little cold wind
every day & dull hazy & sometimes
Scotch Mist all the time. I was
very much disappointed with Crewhorn
as I had always heard it cried up
and I did not think much of it, but
the country on the South & East of it looks
a deal better. & Moawhangas has got
a future before it. the land being good the
called at Mangaohane after I left the
valley.

Sunday 25th May 1890

I stayed all day with Mr. Vables. Sam
Mr. Sheld. walked over some of paths

Monday 26th Left after Breakfast
and reached Ohana before Luncion

& left 1 PM. & rode on to Ohakamua.
-mura & slept there with W. N. Sims

& Jimmy Sumpter from Palmeru

Tuesday 27th Went to Matapihi &

got the only scury treatment I had
received on my trip. from H. Amos
(Mr. Shrimpton was not at home)
left there 1 PM. and made across
the County for Timanui & got there
about 4 PM. and was made most
comfortable. could not have been
better treated.

Wednesday 28th Left Timanui after
Breakfast. Had Luncion at Okau
with W. & W. Beamish & family &
tried to see Mr. Higgins & got home
again about 4 PM. after having a
most enviable trip as far as hos-
pitably went but the weather was
cold & disagreeable

Thursday 29th May 1890

Was writing up my Dog Book & sorting
collars all day

Friday 30th Same as yesterday

Saturday 31st Writing until 1 PM. when
I attended a Native Payus & Road Board
Meeting as Clerk to the Road Board

Sunday June 1st Was writing for the
Road Board & studying R.B. Act all day
up to 10 PM.

Monday 2nd Went to Town with H. Money
£45. & got more collars & home again

Tuesday 3. Wednesday 4 Thursday 5. Friday 6th
Was all above days marking out Roads
for Road Rates and other road work.

Saturday 7th Went out round Putapap
collecting Dog rates & did fairly well

Sunday 8th Reading most of the day

Monday 9th Went to Town with
Arthur to get one of his teeth extracted
Mr. Gao was not at home and the
poor little Doctor took it out

Tuesday 10. } the whole day writing
Wednesday 11 } and re writing Dog Book
Thursday 12 } and Duplicate. If you then
is as much bother writing as collecting

Tuesday 13th June 1890

Was doing up Road Board Balance Sheet
all day and did not finish it.

Saturday 14th Went through Korokipo
Omehu & Okewa Dog hunting and
tried again to see Higgins
Sunday 15th Read nearly all day. did
some R.B. writing

Monday 16th Went through Greenmead
Dog hunting. Only got rid of 8
Collars & found 11 more dogs. the
owners of which had not Money
in hand to pay, and I feel more
disgusted with the Maori
settlers every time I have any-
thing to do with them. I put
them down as a mean & beggarly
lot. The only exception I would make
are John Tracy, Michael Murphy
and the family of Wrights.

Tuesday 17th Went through Garrison
Saw Jack Scullin who promised to
send up some potatoes &c. for me.
Came through Greenmeadows &
Mr. Brown's home, with rather better
luck than yesterday. Mr. Hallatt called & I
told him I was going to the
Road Board meeting at Te Kuiti.

Wednesday 18th June 1890

P.P. jnr. came for us before we had finished
Breakfast & drove them where we spent a
pleasant day, only it was rather wet. P.D.
drove us home again in the evening.

Thursday 19th Went dog hunting through
Whauerau. Visited Waiteti and
Waraponga and had fair good luck.
Had luncheon with Mr. & Mrs. Clark.

Friday 20th Went into Town with £24.12.
of Dog Money & got my Cheque for
£9. for the £45 I took in 1st time.
Went by Spoffa & got P.D. & Elbinnes
Dominion papers put to rights, and
did not get home till nearly 8 P.M.

Saturday 21st Held a public meeting
for the nominations of Wardens for the
Puketapu Road Board. First Mr.
Philip Dohlel sen. & myself, read
my Declaration as returning officer & then
declared to the Meeting that as there
was no more nominations than there
were vacancies. Messrs Hallett
Winter Dohlel & Elbina Kelly elected.
Then got my Cow from Johnstone's gully with
a Dohlel job shod her up & matted her.

Sunday 22nd June 1890

Had rather a job baiting the Jersey Cow. Put up a wing to bail. Got the stable boy to help, but he "funked" & then I got Knock & she went in all right. at night got Mr. Elbman Monday 23rd. Had more difficulty with the Cow today. got Alf in the morning & Mr. Elbman so night. She went in all right in the morning, but we could not get her to go in at night & I had given her up when Sam'l Bennett came to pay his dog Tax & he lent a hand & roped her & we pulled her in by force. She is very quiet, but very timid.

Tuesday 24th - A Wet day. Got Alf both morning & evening to help & Bail cow. She went in am. all right, but PM had to pull her in with a rope again. We did little else than get wet and dry my clothes again. Wednesday 25 Same as yesterday only I pulled the Cow in with a rope both morning & evening. May help me. Wet all day

Thursday 26th June 1890

Wet again all day. Did nothing but milk & feed Calf & get out & then dry my clothes again.

Friday 27th Just same as yesterday

Saturday 28th just same till sundown when clouds rolled away & Moon and Stars shewed out. Had Alf & his father & the Brothers Davis & shewed them the Moon & Stars through Commons Glass & then had Alf in for Music till 11th P.M.

Sunday 29th The Cow followed Mary into the Bail for a hanaful of hay both morning and evening & she is now doing well

Monday 30th Lizzie May & Edith all went to Town leaving me all alone (the boys being at Springfield) I got on very well with both Cow and Calf. Lizzie & Mary came back 4 P.M. leaving Edith in Town. No rain during the day but heavy rain last night.

Tuesday July 1st 1890

The Calf now follows me into the Barn for a handful of hay and the Calf drinks out of a bucket. So I think that difficulty is over come. There was no rain to-day till after dark but too threatening to go far from home.

Wednesday 2^d. W^m Davy took Chalk Boxes & town we got him to go by Epple & Lizzie & I stayed the day there & a very Showy day it was PP jr drove us home at dusk. Mary stayed at home alone.

Thursday 3^d. G Myer came with the Range by 1 PM. Coach. he and I started to put it in and finished by the 4 PM. Coach and it seems to act very well.

Friday 4th. Unpacked & repacked the case from Hastings sent Cheque for £12 to Mr Myer for 20 weeks rent as I promised him if he got me a Range. the time runs to the 19th November.

Saturday 5th July 1890

I killed Sugars Calf after Brakth fast & bobbed about till 2 PM. when I cut the Calf up (or down) Uncle Dick brought the Boys back after their holidays & I left camp by 4.30 Coach. I gave Mr. Oliver a good quarter of the Calf.

Sunday 6th. Rain the whole day and heavy at that. I got three quite wet.

Monday 7th A fine day, but there was so much mud and water about that I made a lot of drains to carry off the surface water off but did not do much more except milk.

Tuesday 8th. Another fine day. Did not go out yet. W^m McDonald came to see us. Also J Nelson. I finished drying the swamp & per mail got a cheque from John McDonald auctioneer Hastings for £7-9-8 for the odds & ends I left from Dunions furniture

Wednesday 9th July 1890

I got up early & fed "Tommy" to make a start for Peterore, but while at Breakfast rain came on again and I turned the horse out again, but about 10am it cleared off beautiful and I was sorry I had not started Thursday 10th. Started early and did Western Spiti & when I had finished it I found I had only six collars left, which was too few to start for Peterore with. Rain came on & turned back & left 4 more collars at Green meadows & came on home & prepared Books. Money £0° for Town tomorrow Friday 11th Llygi Dulciss & I drove into Town & got Pearce £0°. Prepared to take out 12 summonses for defaulting Dog owners home - was busy all day. Gave Mr. Flannin £10-5 dog money Saturday 12th My 49th Birth day. Went to Spital to see about Cow shack for a Road Board meeting, which came off very well

Saturday 12th July 1890

PD stayed till after tea & I took him home & got back by 10pm. Sunday 13th Was writing almost all day C Codd brought Annie Parson over to stay Monday 14th Went to Town to Bank all the money I had & home dark. Took out 11 summonses for defaulting dog owners Tuesday 15th Started for Puketitie, got to Hutchins for luncheon & to Waitas for the night and did very well and was made comfortable Wednesday 16th Called on Jack Lincoln & then made for Hawkstone at noon when rain came on. I stayed there for night Thursday 17th Raining heavy. Stayed at Hawkstone till after luncheon & the rain clearing off I started for Puketitie got into snow about half-way and it was bad travelling. Made Blairs & slept there

Friday 18th Left Blairs & called on Dunn and made puddles 2pm he did not come till 9pm. I slept there

Saturday 18th July 1890

Left paddles after 9 a.m. had luncheon with W. Winter and made straight home in the rain. home 7 p.m. and it rained all day.

Sunday 20th Weather until 11 a.m. rather McDonald wife & family (8) came for the day and they left at dusk.

Monday 21st Was writing the whole day, did nothing more but mill.

Tuesday 22nd Went to Town with the men and collected rates all day in Town.

Annie went in to Town also to stay.

Wednesday 23rd Tried to ride to Spofford Shilly creek to high. walked them for luncheon back p.m. and up to Becknells meeting till 9 P.M.

Thursday 24th Went round poraite. grassy meadows. Told W. McCutchan that I will issue a summons for her three dogs if not registered before Monday 28th but want to missin - foot of putatapu cutting & home

Friday 25th July 1890

Spopped at home writing. Wrote to Mr. Shirnpton for 15/- pr 3 dogs. McVegor at Western Spit for 1 do 2/- as Lyon for his rate of 19/10 and 4 dogs from Mills, 8/- for mining & 1 pr 2/- V. Luckin jnr, and sent my £36 interest to Northern most coys and £7-19-6 to D. V. De Lise & Innes by the morning coach)

Saturday 26th P.P. jnr came for us after Breakfast and we all but Mary drove to Spofford the day there. I made two "Reverse" boards one for Spofford & one for my self and the children & I had a few games after we came home.

Sunday 27th Did not do very much. No strangers came - dull day.

Monday 28th Went to Town to meet the 11 men I had summoned for keeping unregistered dogs. 9 of whom, summonsed of Court. & my Jeffresses & Scallion appeared. And Wardell the presiding P.M. decided both the cases against

Monday 28th July 1890 (continued)
me and told me I ought to leave
my business better before I brought
such cases to Court and that I may
think myself lucky the Defendants
did not call for expenses. But he
decided the case wrong because he
asks me to prove that the man had
the dogs 14 days in their possession
whereas it is the Defendants who
has to prove that

Tuesday 29th Got Bicknells Wagon &
brought a load of hay from Hammond
Gully to here, it took us all day.

Made a Cook of it

Wednesday 30th Did not go far, having

a sort of a spell, waiting for Auditor

Thursday 31st The Govt Auditor came

10 am & was with him till 2 pm, Mr

Sybil Annie Parson & Pratt walked as far
as Heelops Beach and home again

Friday 1st Aug. Rode into Town, saw

McVay's foreman who sent me 50
collars to Petone. I rode on to Petone

Friday 1st Aug 1890 (continued)

and got all the dogs as far up as
Mtt St mouth & then rode on for Kauwaka
called on Mrs. Nicol. met Adam &
Neil Wallace & rode on with him. got
there at dusk

Saturday 2nd Left Kauwaka after
Breakfast, and had a long ride to
the Titiroaia Saddle. Had lunch
with Ch Woodman (Saddle coming)
saw J Peddle. got some seed of
Cordyline indivisa & some ferns
returned, got some suckers of Cordyline
Banksii' and came on to Natta-
moana & stopped all night with
W. Moore. & Mr. Bruce

Sunday 3rd Left Nattamoana after
Breakfast and made for Glenbury
and after a lot of doubt I reached
it 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ PM. had dinner with Mr
& Mrs. Carmichael & family and
left for home which I reached 7 PM
after one of my hardest trips
yet, because I had to lay low for
tomorrow

Monday 4th Aug 1890

Took Coach to Town being too tired to ride. Mr. Parson & two P. Dobbels rode in with us. The case of D.M.B. versus Oliver McCutchen came on & I gained the day. He having to pay 5/- fine & 7/- costs. Called at office and got instruction to remind said O.M.C. that his dogs are not yet reported & for him to do so within seven days. Wrote him to that effect. Came home by 4th PM Coach.

Tuesday 5th. Was almost all day writing up my Dog list; did not do anything else.

Wednesday 6th Lizzie Dulcie & I took N. Dwyer's express to Spfld. I went on to Saradale. & gave N. Craig the parcel of Corky linn Indenis seed the suckers of C. Banksiae & some Specimen of Veronica, swelled to Spfld. Came home, with Dulcie in Pram. First parcel of Asplenius Flabellifolium. Polygalla Gramaticales. Corky linn pumillo & for Mrs. Bennett by S. Bennett

Thursday 7th August 1890

Could not start for Petone for want of my Trousers, which has got worn out riding. Did not do much.

Friday 8th. In the same fix as yesterday, but Trouser came by P.M. Coach.

Saturday 9th. Did not care to go to Petone as I am afraid I cannot do it in a day. Lizzie Dulcie & went out on Johns hills and W. & Mrs. Lake called while we were away.

Sunday 10th. Mr. McDonald came while we were at Dairies & stayed till dark.

Monday 11th. Started early for Petone, got to Dairies for dinner, went as far as R. C. Miller's & came back. Came round by Petone pub. crossed there & called on Major Richardson & D. M. May (was angry with the latter because he made me believe he had only two dogs when he had five. Got home 8 P.M.

Tuesday 12th was writing up my Dog book and preparing for going to Town tomorrow.

Wednesday 13th Rode into Town. Saw W. J. B. Hardy jr and his 24 hour old daughter. Paid in Petone dog money & home again.

Thursday 14th Aug 1890

Rode by Spofford and on to Meadue
had dinner with the Lyman family.

got 6 willows from G.R. rode home again

Friday 15th. Planted 5 willows facing the
Road and one behind the Kitchen
for washing under. Aunt M.A. came
PM. with P.A. for only. Lizzie Dulcie
& I drove to Johnstons gully with them
Saw "Tiney" there and then got a
lift from W Gibbie from there home
(I came out & wheeled the plum home)

Saturday 16th. Got taken with a bad cold
and did not go far

Sunday 17th. Was very bad with Cold
did not get up till 10 am.

Monday 18th. Lizzie Dulcie & Mary
drove into town by Palmer (Lora)

I stopped inside all day. very bad

Tuesday 19th. Worse than I was yes-
terday. but not so bad as I
was on Sunday.

Wednesday. Thursday & Friday getting
better from cold. Almost right.

Saturday 23rd August 1890

Arthur & I got a lift into Town from
Dr. Bicknell and we went to Mr.
Cars to get Arthur's tooth drawn
Mr. C. would not do it as it is his
Sabbath. the little Dr. took it
out and he seemed all right till
night when his jaw seems very stiff

Sunday 24th. Arthur's mouth is very
stiff, but I think it will get
all right. He is a little feverish

Monday 25th. Made up 7 dollars for
posting & did up some road signs.

Tuesday 26th. Lizzie & Dulcie & I rode to
Spofford. Stayed there all day. W. Mrs.
Bennett came as we were leaving.

Saw Heron with Bull in front Park.

Wednesday 27th. Wrote to Shumpton
Lyon Luckie & Miller about their
dogs Registering. W. Carswell came
11am, and stayed for dinner

Thursday 28th. Went to Town to get dollars
and found they were not ready. had
my journey for nothing, saw May &
Lizzie Dulcie & most two people

Began Meane Bridge 4th Dec
1891,

got 2nd Hestops Notes and Day tax on
8th Jan 1891. his 3 days are Numbered
1119. 1120. 1121.

March 6th Finished Meane Bridges
approaches - Sides not yet taken out -

Tuesday 10th March began gathering dog tax
Went down Left Bank of River from Meane to town
a good half day after dogs

Wednesday 11th Went to Maranui re day,
home 2 PM, a good half day

Thursday 12th Went down Papakura to
G. Heslop's and walked my way home
by 8 PM, a good long day

Friday 13th Did from Mission Station down
Powdells lane & back up of Papakura
& all Meane and up again as far as
Mission and home, another good day

Saturday 14th Writing up dog Book and
Duplicate till noon, a good half day

Monday 16th Did the dogs in the two lanes
adjoining Taradale Town board and

Monday 16th March 1891 continued
Jarvisburg, then went to the Meane
Bridge and saw them (ie. Joe Walsh
Sam Kidgway & Co) They had another (Jim)
draw two piles in one & a quarter hour
with a badly fitting Grate wrench, they
drew remarkably easy, but though
me not being supposed to be with them
I left after hearing Mr. Glendinning tell
the men not to draw any more, but
cut them off at water level and
blast the stumps out. I then did the
dogs in Tanneys Road & got to Newark
6.10 P.M. & then home.

Tuesday 17th. A public holiday. I did not
go to Greenmeadows as I suspected as
they would be all racing mad.
Wrote up dog book and duplicates
till 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ am, a fair half day

Wednesday 18th. Went to Meane Bridge and men
sawing off piles, tried for Kanes dogs &
came back and did nearly all Green-
meadows. and home 6 P.M. a
very fair day

Friday 20th March 1891
Went to Hastings to see the seed Mr.
Wellwood was sowing on Craiglee, but
found he had finished it. Did not
see him. Found only 35 Willows alive
but only 22 worth paying for as all the
others were dead at top and shooting
from the bottom only.

Went to Mr. McCoulens and he and
I signed an agreement for three years
in presence of John Powers brother
startled for home and did the dogs on
the Omaha road equal to a quarter day

Saturday 21st Was all am, writing up
dog book and duplicates a good $\frac{1}{2}$ day
Tuesday 22nd Went into Town with
dog money which would count $\frac{1}{2}$ a day
for dogs. Got McCoulens agreed
stamped and home again

Did not do much a dogs worth
recording until

Saturday 4th April when I started
for Hawkstone. Did Address
& Mailing address & Caswell & Son. Sleep-
at Mayfield. Saw W. Lamb there

Sunday 5th April 1891

Got the dogs of Hawkstones and slept
then all night

Monday 6th Started back home. Got the
Wakou dogs, and Dartmoor and
Hakowai and home 8pm a long
day & a heavy one

Tuesday 7th Half a day currying up Dog
Book.

Wednesday 8th With Census taker Doing
Road Board work all day

Thursday 9th With Census taker am &
P.M. got Peacock's dogs and tried
to get the Pa dogs - had a day

Friday 10th Did the balance of Green.
- meadows, Quarantine & Parasite
dogs & home 5th P.M. Looked at
several houses that were to let.
Saturday 11th Visited Mr. Bennett's and
home 2 P.M. Seem to have caught
a cold

Sunday 12th Was remarkably bad
with Cold & sore throat. Felt at
times quite delirious. Messrs
Glendining (mr) & Ridgway came for
Dinner & to compare accounts

Monday 13th April 1891

Was very bad with my Cold
was quite delirious during the
night, but that is gone, did
not do much

Tuesday 14th Not able to go Dog hunting
Worked a little at Graces Tombstone
& Lizzie washed

Wednesday 15th Did not feel
inclined to go Dog hunting. Finished
Graces Tombstones & pedestal
all except the painting.

Lizzie & Dulcie went to Spennymoor
with Davy

Thursday 16th Still unfit to go to
work! Travelling. did not do much

Friday 17th Began to make out the
Balance sheet of the Road Board
and worked all day at it and
did not do it

Saturday 18th. Worked at Balance
sheet. Got W. T. Home for two hours
& could not. Went to Road Board
Meeting explained &c but could not
show it. Got my Years Salary £12.0.-
Jane Nichols & family came by coach

Sunday 19th April 1891

Worked all day the Balance shut
and could not do it.

Monday 20th. Got Nelson and he &
I worked till 4 P.M. with no better
luck. could not do it.

Tuesday 21st. Went to Springfield to
see if Uncle Philip could do it
and we worked till after dark
and got the balance of the
Two Wards coupon and the
Thirds. but not the balance of
the two Wards. home 9 P.M.

Wednesday 22nd Trained all day to
get the balance of the Two Wards
and could not. Lizzie & Jane
and family went to Springfield. W.
McDonald came here to see them.

Thursday 23. Lizzie & Jane, with Uncle
Herbert and Gertrude went to Town by
coach. I worked at accounts and
wrote to W.W. telling him I could
not accept a p.n. of payment date
than 1st August current.

Friday 24th April 1891

Went to Springfield and Uncle ph
and I were till 8 3/4 P.M. before we
could bring in the Balance of the
two wards. home 10 P.M.

Saturday 25th Was most of the day
fixing up the Ac. Lizzie & Jane
went over W.W. McDonald

Sunday 26th Did not do much. Rain

Monday 27th Had to stay till noon for
the Nomination papers, and P.M.
was writing out advertisements for

Tuesday 28th Started Peter distant for
days. Did Western Split & up as far
as Tolls. and to Mc'Nulls and
stopped there all night. Rain 4 P.M. to day

Wednesday 29th did all the Valley
except Wallace & Willow and on
to Glengarry and slept there.

Thursday 30th Did Esknowm and
on to Nakamona and slept there

Friday May 1st Left Nakamona
8 A.M. did Pohie. Poddles and
tryed to find Pakatutie. got to a dead
where at dark and stayed there

Saturday 2nd May 1891

Got back to Mohaka Hotel and had a feed at 10 am. just being Twenty seven hours without food. Did not feel hungry. Told "Tommy" and rode on to Kaiwaka and sleep there all night.

Sunday 3rd Slept for home. Did Wallace & Diltons & then the Wairoa district. Called on Mr. Bennett and gave Mr. B. 2 Cordylin seeders about 20 sacks of C. Banksii and some seed of the fine green prickly shrub with the white berries and home 6 p.m.

Monday 4th Preparing to start for Patka to do the dogs in that district and hold the A.B election tomorrow Started 10 a.m. Got to Patka and did a fair good day for Dogs

Tuesday 5th Held an election over \$1000 off got all the votes. could count half a day for Dogs

Wednesday 6th Came home. which is another day gone to the Dogs

Thursday 7th May 1891

Enticing up dogs till noon. Then at the Road Board meeting PM, got extra work put on me. but got extra £3.00

Friday 8th Was all am. doing road work till PM. Duplicate Dogs PM.

Jane & family left and Lijin went to town with her

Saturday 9th Went to town with dog money, home 5 PM. another day gone to dogs

Sunday 10th Was the whole day doing up collars. Lijin & family walked to Springfield

Monday 11th Finished doing up collars at 5 PM. and preparing to go to Peter E Moore of Greenmeadows sent £1/10 for registering his dog. Sent it back again & requested the full amt of 5/-

Tuesday 12th Intended to start for Patka but there was too much rain and weather very unsuitable. Duplicate

116 dogs (3 shots) and reckoned the percentage of sheep dogs last year and this year. Last year 73.43% were sheepdogs and this year as yet only 67% finished noon

Wednesday 13th May 1891

Started for the Matai trip. got to Jones for lunch. called on W. Shultz and got to Manga 3 P.M., rode on to Glenross saw Cummum & Calshaw. did not go beyond McD. wharf. back to Manga for dinner asleep there. I am half done.

Thursday 14th Went on after breakfast called on W Williams & saw Macdonald at the Bridge. he would not Register his dogs. unless I would insert in the declaration the words. "and killing pigs" after the word "Cattle". I told him I could not do so. So he told me he would rather be summonsed and pay the costs than be imposed on. I rode on to Whakato, saw W. Warren going to the Bridge, near his own place, he told me to go to the house & make myself at home until he came back. I did so

Friday 15th Mr. W. did not come home raining very heavy. and rained all day. stopped all day. Mr. W came home after tea. my warm

Saturday 16th May 1891

Mr W and I started for Island. I called on two of his Camps and went to Jones where I was made at home for the night. Sunday 17th Rode on and got to the Brick House. Neither Mr Birch nor Mr Gaccia was at home. and the Cook told me I should or not stop for the night. but after some considerable talk I got a blanket in the whale and made myself comfortable.

Monday 18th Rode on through Moawhango and on to Punjatamawa and stopped the night with Mr & Mrs Laurenson. was made welcome.

Tuesday 19th Very foggy. left and did not try for McMillan owing to the fog. made back for Moawhango and did all I could and kept off Battys.

Wednesday 20th Came back to the Brick house.

Mr. Birch & Miss Studholme weather get their rain, and stayed all night and rather took the skin out of the cook who would not let me stay at all going up.

Thursday 25th May 1891

A very rough snowy morning.
Mr. Birch & his Stud horses with
me to stay all day, but I was afraid
of the Rangatiki River getting up
left about 10 am, and my row had
a very rough trip across the Taieri
plateau. Snow. Sleet & cold wind
but I got to Warrens 3 PM, arrived
all right for the night.

Friday 26th Left Owahu, saw Mac-

=donalds two dogs behind the
Smiths shop. came on to Manaia
arranged a lot of Collars then &
went on to Tiris and spent the
night with Dabbs, Freer and
the two boys

Saturday 23rd Went to Whana for lunch
was treated kindly. left 2 PM and got
to W. Sims. He was not at home
but I got leave to stay, and was made
comfortable

Sunday 24th Was taken bad with
one of my Colics and had to
call the man about 4 am. to get

Monday 24th May 1891 (continued)
me some hot water, which when
applied to my feet I got easier but
did not get up till 11 AM, and
could only lounge about in the
room all day. Mr. Sims and his
sister Annie came 4 PM, and
they and the Married couple (Wode-
house) treated me with every
kindness and consideration.

Monday 25th Left Sims, but did not
feel all right came to Shrimpton's and
waited until he came home. had
lunch with Mr. & Mrs. S and four
young ladies, and rode on called
on Michaeligan, and after he left
blasted a bit I got his dog & can
on to Lowrys. & got his only - not his
shephards - and took all by surprise
at home which I reached 6 PM.

Tuesday 27th While I was away Mr.
Rymer had got a Wash house built
and a fence by the kitchen door, but
there was only one small shelf in wash
house & I was all day putting two more in.
Anne went to Motueka & came back 9.20 PM. w^t C code

Wednesday 28th May 1891

Annie Parson left after keeping Lizzie company while I was away, and Lizzie went to Town with her. I was all AM, at Road Board work and PM at Dog work.

Thursday 28th. Was the whole day up to 8 PM, doing up Dog duplicates.

There was a Punch & Judy show in the School room tonight, all the children were at it.

Friday 29th. Went to Town with Dogmoney called at Bates & McDonalds. David Lemon died 2 AM. The children went to a dance at Willowford.

Saturday 30th. Fixing path & walkhouse door & new firewood stand & fixing copper & Potting about. No time for Dogs or Board.

Sunday 31st. Arthur and I went to Semion's funeral and got home 5 1/2 pm. John Parson called from Dartmoor.

Monday June 1st Was all day fixing up duplicates of dogs.

Tuesday 2nd I had no Collars so could not go out all AM, at Road Cleaning and all PM, for myself.

Wednesday 3rd June 1891

Collars came last night, was all am fixing them up & sending them. Lizzie went to Town, leaving Dulcie for the first time.

Thursday 4th Friday 5th & Saturday 6th fixing up Dogs & safe in Shady corner and making a Notatong Churn out of a Kew bottle.

Sunday 7th Lizzie & I with Dulcie & I walked & the boys rode to Spofford. Mr. & Mrs. Hardey & Mr. & Mrs. Codd were there. Annie Niagara & her intended came. (and P.T. O'Sullivan came to see after my Bridge Inspector) making 27 in all. Uncle Dick drove us home.

Monday 8th I cleaned, while Lizzie washed and PM. Did 3 hours Dog work.

Tuesday 9th Went into Town with Dogmoney £20.3s. 0d & got instruction from W. Kennedy re Tutae Kue Bridge and came to Bridge & fixed pegs for first pile and so began on the Bridge. And I find I have been equal to 45 days on the dogs & said £29. 16. or 13/3 per day gross. & the expenses has been 13^d per day, leaving the 13/- clear.

October 17th 1891

Made my first trip up the New
Taups Road

Monday 26th June 1893. The Boys began
again to go to Taradale School after Mr. Asles

July

Tuesday 18th July 1893. Got Hay from Johnstons
Gully - Saw first Willow Sprouts
Wednesday 29th Mr. Nichols Mrs. Parson came
by 5th PM couch

Monday 31st Got Hay from Johnstons July 2nd time

Thursday 12th October 93. Lost my P.O. Bank
Pass Book between Lingland & Wilsons
(Boot-maker) I have in that Bank £33-1-0

Monday, 30th Oct 1893. Boys began going by Coach
to Taradale School

Nov. 1st/93 Lijja calved (Bull)

" 24 " W. Long called here coming down
from Mr. Jones's & Francis came for her PM.

" 28th Arthur stopped going by Coach &
and Ernest on 13th Dec 1893

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Jan 29th Lijja Edith Arthur & Dulcie came
right through from Leicestershire to-day
Leaving Ernest behind for a fortnight.