

**The Diary of  
Janet Dobson (nee Wicks)**

**November 1902 - 1923**



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## INTRODUCTION TO JANET DOBSON'S DIARY

Janet Dobson, nee Wicks, (1871 - 1946) was the author of the hand-written journals from which the following has been transcribed. She was the widow of Robert Lum Dobson, elder son of David and Mary Dobson.

David Dobson had bought 81 acres of land in The Basin, then known as Scoresby North under a Crown Grant in 1872. The same year he bought a further 102 acres from Emma Dorrington, the daughter of the original owner, William Watson. Most of this acreage was sold to the Salvation Army in 1897.

Janet Wicks and Robert Lum Dobson were married in 1895. Robert died suddenly in March 1902, aged 34 years; leaving Janet with three young children: Janet Mary (Jean) aged 5 years, James David aged 3 years and Robert John aged 7 weeks.

Janet's home was situated on Fernglen Road, later known as Liverpool Road and then Dobson Lane. The lower northern section of her farm had formed part of David Dobson's purchase from Dorrington; and the higher southern section had been purchased by her husband the year before his death, from John Yeadon.

Janet's widowed mother, Janet Wicks, owned a farm on what was later known as Basin-Olinda Road, opposite Sheffield Road; and lived there with her son John Herbert (Jack) Wicks and daughters: Annie, Victoria, and Emily. For about four years after Janet lost her husband, Emily spent much of her time at Janet's home. In 1906 Annie married Arthur Harris, manager at the Griffiths' mansion "Ferndale". Jack and Emily did not marry.

Janet at first employed a farmhand, Joe Higgins, who is referred to throughout the earlier journals. The two farms were run in a co-operative way by the families, with Joe spending time at the Wicks farm working with Jack; and Jack assisting on his sister's farm with jobs that required two men, pruning the fruit trees, and at times carting her farm produce to the market. Janet was involved with the farm work herself, as her mother had been when she was widowed. Her children also worked on the farm from an early age, and at the Wicks farm in later years.

Janet's mother died in 1917 and her brother Jack died in 1921.

## 1902

Cauliflower and Cabbage seed planted October 29. 4 lots of peas planted behind barn October 24, First beans planted November 7.

Monday November 10 1902

Joe started planting potatoes today. He planted out a few self sown tomatoes on Saturday. The children are at Mother's today. Weather beautiful misty rain yesterday. Wages paid today.

Tuesday November 11 1902

Gadd came to help Joe with the potatoes they were planting all day. Jack came down in the evening and lit the cut scrub outside the fence. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 12 1902

Gadd and Joe planting potatoes all day. Weather very hot with very heavy dust storm all afternoon.

Thursday November 13 1902

Joe finished the potatoes and then harrowed them, he horse-hoed the piece of ground near the barn and planted some marrows and pumpkins, and planted out a few tomatoes in the evening. Weather showery all day.

Friday November 14 1902

Joe cleaned out and white washed the fowl house this morning, then he was horse-hoeing the orchard and the ground for cabbage and planted out a few more tomatoes this evening. Weather cold and showery.

Saturday November 15 1902

Joe was painting the barn doors this morning and hoeing Carrots and peas in the afternoon. Weather fine.

Monday November 17 1902

Joe was hoeing peas this morning and cleaning out the irrigation drain in the afternoon; He brought the water down the old creek so as to have it near for the tomatoes. Weather warm and cloudy.

Tuesday November 18 1902

Joe hoeing peas, he made a dam in the drain to turn the water on to the grass. I went over home this evening to see if Annie could drive me to Ringwood tomorrow. Weather hot and sultry.

Wednesday November 19 1902

Joe finished hoeing peas and was hoeing the trees in the orchard. He washed the wagon this morning. I went to Ringwood this morning to get Bobby vaccinated. Annie drove us in the little wagon Mother went too, she was going to town. Weather very hot.

Thursday November 20 1902

Joe was over home today helping Jack plant potatoes. Weather misty rain in morning.

Friday November 21 1902

Joe was helping Jack again today. They were cutting and binding the oats near the house they finished this evening. Bob Jackson called today to pay his bill £3.14.7 Weather hot.

Saturday November 22 1902

Joe went over to Cameron's for some Super-phosphate this morning but he did not have any, so he went on to Hewish's near the station and got half a ton he paid £2.15.0 In the afternoon he was horse hoeing the orchard ready for peas and putting the water on the grass. Weather fine.

Monday November 24 1902

Joe was planting peas in the orchard and started to weed the carrots in the evening. (Wages paid today). Weather hot.

Tuesday November 25 1902

Joe was weeding the carrots this morning and picking peas this afternoon. Weather very hot thunder and rain in the evening.

Wednesday November 26 1902

Joe was picking peas all day. Mrs Dobson and Flora came up this afternoon. Weather light rain all last night. Fine today.

Thursday November 27 1902

Jack came down this morning for the peas 2½ cwt. He sent them by train to Millis. Joe was planting a few rows of potatoes this morning and he finished planting the tomatoes in the afternoon. Weather showery all day.

Friday November 28 1902

Joe went over home this morning to get the dray, He cleared out the barn this morning and harrowed the potatoes in the afternoon. Weather fine.

Saturday November 29 1902

Joe weeding carrots all day. Weather fine.

Monday December 1 1902

Mr Yeadon came this morning with his reaper and binder to cut the oats. Part of it was not ready so he left the machine and will cut the rest some other time. Joe was hoeing beans and following the reaper in the morning then stooking the sheaves in the afternoon. He put in two or three rows of potatoes in the garden near the house. Weather fine and, warm.

Tuesday December 2 1902

Joe went over home this morning to help Jack cart in his hay. Weather very hot and close.

Wednesday December 3 1902

Joe was picking peas all day. Weather very hot and close.

Thursday December 4 1902

Joe was picking peas. Mrs Collier and Mrs Chandler came over to see us this afternoon. Weather very hot.

Friday December 5 1902

Joe was picking peas this morning. We sent them to Millis and Sons, Harry Chandler took them with his to Croydon, there were four cwt of ours and  $\frac{1}{2}$  case cherries and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cwt of Jacks. Annie brought them down in the wagon. I and the children went home with her and walked back across the paddocks. Weather very hot and close like thunder.

Saturday December 6 1902

A large flock of sheep passed here this morning travelling for grass. Joe was picking peas and making a door to keep the fowls out of the wagon shed. He put in six rows of beans yesterday evening. Weather heavy showers all day.

Monday December 8 1902

Jack came down this morning to help Joe pick peas. He sent three cwt and 12 lbs with Fred Dodds to market. Joe horse-hoed the peas behind the barn and the first beans. The children have all got very bad colds. Weather cool light showers in the morning (Wages paid today).

Tuesday December 9 1902

Joe was over helping Jack today. Fred Dodds got 15/- cwt for the peas. Emily has got a very bad cold but the children are getting better. Weather fine.

Wednesday December 10 1902

Joe was weeding carrots it came on to rain soon after dinner and rained all the afternoon. I went to meet Jean coming home from school and take her cloak. Emily's cold is a little better tonight. Weather wet.

Thursday December 11 1902

I went over home today to help Annie pick currants and raspberries. Emily was not well enough to go. I took Bobbie with me. Joe was picking peas. Weather very wet this morning.

Friday December 12 1902

Emily went home this morning and Mother came down after dinner, she is going to stop till tomorrow evening. Joe finished the peas this morning then went on weeding the carrots. He took the peas up to the road for Jack to take down there was only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. Weather fine.

Saturday December 13 1902

Joe finished the carrots and hoed the few potatoes near them then he horse-hoed all the other potatoes. Bobbie has been very sick for two or three days getting his teeth, he is a little better tonight. Weather fine.

Monday December 15 1902

Joe picking peas today he picked  $1\frac{3}{4}$  cwt I sent them down with Fred Dodds tonight. Jack came over tonight he brought a bucket of cherry plums. Weather very rough east wind.

Tuesday December 16 1902

I went home this afternoon and helped Annie pick some raspberries. Joe was planting peas in the orchard. Mr Yeadon came this morning and finished cutting the oats Jack came down this afternoon to help Joe cart in the hay that was cut first. Fred. Dodds got 24/ for the peas. Weather fine and windy.

Wednesday December 17 1902

Emily went home this afternoon to help Annie pick some cherries it was very wet this morning. Joe went to town by the one o'clock train and came back by the 7 o'clock. Weather there is a very heavy thunderstorm tonight.

Thursday December 18 1902

Emily went home this morning and stayed all day. Joe was picking peas. Weather very heavy rain this morning.

Friday December 19 1902

Joe was picking peas he got  $3\frac{1}{2}$ cwt he took them to the top of the hill for Jack to take down. Mother came down this afternoon and I went home with Bobbie and stopped all night with Emily. Weather heavy rain most of the day.

Saturday December 20 1902

It rained. all last night and this morning. I could not get home until after dinner. Joe was cutting thistles and pulling docks out of the grass. Weather very wet.

Monday December 22 1902

Joe picking peas all day Jack got 12/- cwt for the peas he took down on Friday. Weather fine.

Tuesday December 23 1902

Fred Yeadon, Dave McCann and a black boy from the Army were helping Joe pick peas today. Mother came down this morning and I went over in the afternoon and helped pick some raspberries and plums they did not get away to market till nearly 10 o'clock. Joe had  $10\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of peas. Weather fine.

Wednesday December 24 1902

Joe at the market today he got 9/- cwt for the peas things were very cheap in the market, some peas sold for 4/- cwt. Weather very wet a heavy storm blew up this evening.

Thursday December 25 1902

Emily the children and I went home this afternoon and stayed for tea. Louie and her little girl came up this morning. Weather fine and cloudy.



Friday December 26 1902

Joe was planting peas this morning and horse-hoeing some peas at the top of the orchard and the beans outside the wire fence in the afternoon. Weather fine and warm.

Saturday December 27 1902

Joe picking some peas today. Mrs Lum and Henry came up to see us today. Weather light showers.

Monday December 29 1902

Joe picking peas he got 5 cwt he took them to the top of the hill for Jack to take down. Louie and Annie came down yesterday they are going to stop a day or two. (3 weeks) Wages paid today. Weather fine.

Tuesday December 30 1902

Joe got 8/- for the peas. Joe planted nine rows of beans today. I went home this afternoon with Louie and Annie. I took Bobbie with me he is not very well. Weather cloudy like thunder.

Wednesday December 31 1902

Joe went home this morning to help Jack cart in his hay they finished this afternoon and then brought the dray down to cart in ours they did not quite finish there is about two loads to bring in yet. Weather a few showers.

## 1903

Thursday January 1 1903

Jack cane down very early this morning to help Joe finish the hay they finished carting it in before breakfast then Joe went on moulding up the potatoes. Emily the children and I went home in the afternoon. Emma and Ted came up this morning they brought Lily Anderson with them. Weather beautiful.

Friday January 2 1903

Emily went home this morning and Mother came down in the afternoon and brought Jimmie home. Joe had 3 Army boys helping to pick peas today they picked 3/30 they had to go over the old ones. Mother, Jack, Annie, Emily, Jean and Louie and her little girl went over to the Army last night to see the Cinematograph and limelight views they said it was very good. I stopped over home with Bobbie and Jim till they came back. Weather beautiful.

Saturday January 3 1903

Joe was getting the ground ready to plant out some Cabbage and pulling out weeds in the peas behind the barn dear little Bobbie was very bad last but he is a little better today. Weather light showers in afternoon.

Monday January 5 1903

Joe planting peas up near the beans then he planted a row of cabbages near the log fence. We had a very heavy wind storm and heavy rain about five o'clock this morning and a thunder storm during the day. The ground was white with hail. Weather stormy.

Tuesday January 6 1903

Joe ploughing the oat ground today. Mother came down this afternoon to see Bobbie. He is getting better. Louie and little Annie went to town yesterday they are going to stop at Ted's for a week or two. Weather light showers.

Wednesday January 7 1903

Joe ploughing in the morning hoeing peas this afternoon. Weather fine.

Thursday January 8 1903

Joe picking peas all day. Weather fine.

Friday January 9 1903

Emily went home this morning 8c took Joan with her and Mother came down this afternoon. Joe picked.3 cwt peas and took them to the top of the hill for Jack to take down. Mr Dobson and Flora came up this afternoon. I sold the cow Daisy to Mr Pegler for £6.10.0 he sent a man for her yesterday. Weather beautiful.

Saturday January 10 1903

Joe hoeing peas all day. Weather fine. (Wages paid today)

Monday January 12 1903

Joe hoeing peas and thinning carrots. Mother came down this afternoon and stopped for tea, it is little Bobbies birthday he is one year old today. Weather fine. Peas were from 7 to 3 shillings in market on Saturday.

Tuesday January 13 1903

Emily went home this afternoon and took Jean and Jim over to stop as we are going to town tomorrow. Joe horse hoeing peas and thinning carrots. Weather cloudy like rain.

Wednesday January 14 1903

Emily and I went to town this morning we took Bobbie to get his photo taken. Mother went with us Jack drove us to the station Emily had Bobbies photo taken at Coles as well. Coming home Mother left her Basket with purse and other things in the train. She had to send a message up to the Gully station to get it when the train arrived there and send it back. We waited till the train came back at 8 o'clock. She got it alright. Joe was digging some potatoes in the garden for market he dug 4 cwt. He took May to the blacksmiths to get her shoes removed. Weather beautiful.

Thursday January 15 1903

Joe picking peas all day. Weather fine.

Friday January 16 1903

Two Army boys came this morning to help Joe pick peas and beans they got  $4\frac{3}{4}$  peas and 2 cwt beans and 4 cwt potatoes. Joe went to market tonight. Weather very hot.

Saturday January 17 1903

Vegetables were very cheap in the market today peas were from 5/- to 3/- beans 4/- potatoes 3/6. Weather very hot and dusty.

Monday January 19 1903

Joe put in a small lot of peas up near the log fence today and was pulling pea straw up on the new ground. Weather very hot.

Tuesday January 20 1903

Joe pulling pea straw. Weather very hot.

Wednesday January 21 1903

Jo pulling up weeds in potatoes and thinning a few carrots in the morning. Raining in afternoon. Weather wet in afternoon.

Thursday January 22 1903

Joe picking peas all day he had an Army boy helping him in the afternoon. Weather fine.

Friday January 23 1903

Emily went home this morning. Mother came down after dinner. Joe had two Army boys helping him pick peas and beans today they got about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cwt peas and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cwt beans. Weather fine.

Saturday January 24 1903

Things are still very cheap in the market. Peas were 6/- cwt and beans 4/- cwt. Weather fine but windy.

Monday January 26 1903

There was a picnic in the Army flats today. Emily and Jean went over for a short time this afternoon. Jack went down to Mr Fisher's this afternoon and bought a cow for me he paid £4.10.0 for it. Joe was hoeing beans this morning. He went to the picnic in the afternoon. Weather fine but very windy from the south east. Wages paid today.

Tuesday January 27 1903

Jo hoeing and horse-hoeing peas and beans in the morning and irrigating the beans and tomatoes in the afternoon. Weather fine windy.

Wednesday January 28 1903

I went home this afternoon and helped Annie pick some plums. Jo was picking beans and watering. Weather very hot.

Thursday January 29 1903

Emily went home this morning for the day. Jo picking peas he had an Army boy helping him in the afternoon. Weather very hot.

Friday January 30 1903

Emily went home again today. Jo had two Army boys picking today they got 3½ cwt peas and 6 cwt beans and 3 half cases of plums. Weather very hot.

Saturday January 31 1903

Jo got 4/- cwt for beans and 5/- cwt for peas and 2/- a half for the plums. Weather very hot.

Monday February 2 1903

Jo planted a few rows of beans this morning and then went on picking beans. He had an Army boy helping him. Weather not quite so hot.

Tuesday February 3 1903

Jo had two Army boys picking today. Weather we had a cool change today.

Wednesday February 4 1903

The tow Army boys came back to pick again today. They got 12½ cwt peas and 3¾ beans and 1 cwt tomatoes. Harry Carter was pulling pea straw today. Weather fine.

Thursday February 5 1903

Harry Carter the Army boy came to help Jo again.

Saturday February 6 1903

Harry Carter came this morning to help Joe pick beans he did not come in the afternoon. Weather hot.

Monday February 9 1903

Joe went to market this evening. He had 5 cwt peas, 1½cwt beans, 3 cases of apples, 1 case tomatoes, and 4 dozen eggs. He had two Army boys help him. Ted and Emma were up yesterday they drove up just about dinner time. We were all over home for tea. (Wages paid today) Weather very hot.

Tuesday February 10 1903

The market was a little better today. Joe got 6/- cwt for peas and 6/- cwt for beans. 2/6 for tomatoes, 1/3 for apples, 1/1 for eggs. Weather nice.

Thursday February 12 1903

Joe was picking beans all day. Weather very hot.

Friday February 13 1903

Joe picking beans in the morning and watering beans in the afternoon he got 2½ cwt beans and took them to the top of the hill for Jack to take to market. Weather very hot.

Saturday February 14 1903

Jack got 5/- cwt for the beans. Joe was carting in the seed pea straw from the creek and the pea straw in the orchard. He had an Army boy helping him for half a day. In the afternoon he mowed the weeds in the orchard ready for ploughing. Weather hail and very windy from the north it blew up a terrible dust storm about 4 o'clock with some thunder it commenced to rain in the evening.

Monday February 16 1903

Weather it rained a steady rain nearly all day yesterday and has rained all day today. Emily went home this evening. Mother is very sick we think she has got influenza. Mr Shugg called this afternoon about putting his cows in the paddock to graze. I took them in at 9d a head for the cows and 6d for the calf. He will put them in tomorrow morning.

Tuesday February 17 1903

Mr Shugg put his cows in the paddock to graze this morning. Jo was ploughing the new ground up on the hill. He cut the scrub off the track down to the creek. I went home this morning to see Mother. I stopped all day she is not any better. Weather showers in the morning.

Thursday February 19 1903

Joe picking beans all day. Mrs Bray came down this afternoon and stopped to tea. Weather fine.

Friday February 20 1903

Emily went home this morning. Mother is getting better. Joe was picking beans this morning and pulling up pea straw in the orchard near the tomatoes. Weather fine.

Saturday February 21 1903

Jo was hoeing all day. Weather fine.

Monday February 23 1903

I went home this afternoon to pick some blackberries for jam but it rained and I could not pick them. Mother went to town this morning she is nearly well again now. Joe was hoeing peas, beans.

Wednesday February 25 1903

Jo was working the horses all day. I went home this afternoon and helped Mother pick some blackberries. We picked three buckets. Weather fine.

Thursday February 26 1903

Emily went home this morning. Joe was picking beans all day. weather fine.

Friday February 27 1903

Emily went home again this morning and Mother came down in the afternoon. She is going to stop all night. Jo picking beans all the morning. After dinner he took May to Kleinert's to be shod 6/- paid. He went to market this evening. Weather fine.

Saturday February 28 1903

The market was better today. Beans 13/- cwt, apples from 3/- to 1/- case, tomatoes 2/- case. Weather fine.

Monday March 2 1903

Mother and I went to town this morning. I took Jimmie with me. Joe was carting in some more pea straw this morning hoeing in the afternoon and lighting fires up near the creek. Weather very hot and close.

Tuesday March 3 1903

It commenced to rain last night and rained all day today. Joe was burning and clearing away a tree that fell across the carrots. Weather wet.

Wednesday March 4 1903

Jo started to pick beans today he had Harry Carter helping him. I went home and Mother helped me pick a bucket of blackberries for jam. Weather fine.

Thursday March 5 1903

Joe and Harry Carter picking beans and peas. Weather fine.

Friday March 6 1903

Joe picked 4½ cases tomatoes this morning and then went on with the peas he had two Army boys in the morning and one after dinner. Weather fine.

Saturday March 7 1903

Jo went to market last night he had 5 cwt beans, 5 cwt peas, 4½ cases tomatoes, 3 cases apples. He got 12/-beans, 8/- peas, 2/6 for tomatoes and 2/- apples. Weather hot.

Monday March 9 1903

Emily and I went home yesterday with the children the weather was very hot and close a thunderstorm came on towards evening and it rained all night. I stopped all night with Bobbie and Jim. Emily went home with Jean. I did not come home till this evening. I helped Annie pick some apples. Joe was cutting the shoots off the saplings and ringing some trees. Weather fine.

Tuesday March 10 1903

Jack came down this morning to rob the bees he took a loan of Harry Chandlers extractor. Emily went up to see Mrs Yeadon in afternoon and took Bobbie with her. While we were home on Sunday an Army boy robbed Joe's hut they caught him up the Mountain today and he got his things back. Weather fine.

Wednesday March 11 1903

Jack was robbing bees again today he went over them all but 4 hives, he is going to leave them till next week. Jo was cutting the saplings again this morning. He went home in the afternoon to hoe some beans for Jack. Weather very hot.

Thursday March 12 1903

I went home this afternoon and helped Annie pick damsons. Mrs C. Chandler and Florrie came yesterday they stopped to tea. Joe had 2 Army boys in the morning and three in the afternoon helping him pick beans, Weather Cloudy like rain.

Friday March 13 1903

Joe had three Army boss picking beans and peas. He went to market with 9 cwt beans, 2½ and 30lbs of peas, 6 cases tomatoes. Weather rain in afternoon.

Saturday March 14 1903

Joe got from 5/- to 13/- for beans 8/- for peas and from 1/6 to 2/6 per case of tomatoes. Weather fine.

Monday March 16 1903

Joe made two more benches in the barn for apples and picked the Munros Favourite, the John Touns and some of the Jonathons. (Wages paid today) Weather fine.

Tuesday March 17 1903

Joe put in some swede turnip seed this morning and ringing trees in the afternoon. Weather fine.

Wednesday March 18 1903

Jack came down this morning and, finished robbing the bees he got about 7 kerosene tins full altogether. Florrie Chandler came and got a 7lb tin this afternoon. Charlotte and Elsie walked up from Bayswater this afternoon. Joe picking beans all day. Weather beautiful.

Thursday March 19 1903

I went home after dinner today I picked some plums and blackberries. Jo had a little Army boy helping him pick today. Weather fine.

Friday March 20 1903

Two little Army boys came to pick today Joe went to market with  $6\frac{3}{4}$  cwt beans,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cwt peas, 8 cases tomatoes, 6 cases apples. Weather fine.

Saturday March 21 1903

Jo got 5/-cwt beans and 5/-cwt for peas. 1/- to 2/- for tomatoes, 1/6 to 2/- for apples. Weather showery nearly all day.

Monday March 23 1903

Jo put a wire round the verandah this morning to keep Bobbie in then he was cutting saplings and burning rubbish behind the hut. Weather showery.

Tuesday March 24 1903

Jo picked the Five Crown apples today he got 12 cases then he went on with the scrub. Mother and I went over to see Mrs Kerr this afternoon. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday March 25 1903

I went home this afternoon. I went round by the school to get a tax paper and see Mr Shugg and ask him about fitting it in. Joe picking beans. Weather beautiful.

Thursday March 26 1903

I packed some apples for market today. Jo had two little Army boys picking beans. Emily went home this afternoon. Weather fine.

Friday March 27 1903

Emily went home again this morning. Two little boys came to pick this morning and one in the afternoon. Jo went to market with 8 cwt beans  $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt peas, 2 cases tomatoes, 10 cases apples. Weather fine.

Saturday March 28 1903

The market was very bad today things were so very cheap, Joe got from 3/- to 2/- for beans 2/- cwt, for peas 2/- case for tomatoes 3/- 2/- and 1/3 for apples. Weather very windy from the North but changed to south with heavy dust-storm followed by a very heavy thunderstorm and heavy rain. Mother was caught in it going home and got soaked through Emily came to meet her but they passed one another on the road.

Monday March 30 1903

Joe finished picking the Jonathan apples this morning. Mowed some weeds in the garden and then started to plough the pea ground in the orchard. He went home tonight to get Ben he is going to use him tomorrow in the drag-Harrow on the new ground. Minnie came over to see us this afternoon. She is staying at her mothers. (Wages paid today). Weather beautiful.

Tuesday March 31 1903

I went over to call on Mrs Harry Chandler this afternoon. Joe was harrowing the oats ground and Drag-harrowing the new ground up on the hill with the two horses all day. Weather fine.



Wednesday April 1 1903

I went home this afternoon. Joe was working the horses all day. He took Ben home this evening. Weather windy and showery all day.

Thursday April 2 1903

I packed seven cases apples this afternoon ready for market. Emily went home this afternoon. Joe had a little boy helping to pick beans. Weather fine but cloudy.

Friday April 3 1903

I packed twenty-six cases of apples today ready for market. Joe had a little boy helping to pick. Mag could not go to market tonight she took very bad just before it was time to start she had been eating too many young thistles. Harry Chandler came over and gave her a dose of Soda and lent me his horse. She was alright again next morning. H. Chandler took her home to plough in place of his. Joe went to market with 6 cwt beans, 1 case tomatoes and 26 cases apples. Weather fine.

Saturday April 4 1903

Joe got 4/6cwt for beans 2/- case for tomatoes, 3/- for 4- cases and 2/- for all the rest of the apples. Weather fine.

Monday April 6 1903

It started to rain about nine o'clock on Saturday night and rained all night and all Sunday afternoon. Joe started to clear the corner up near the creek along the irrigation drain. Weather fine.

Tuesday April 7 1903

Joe up at the clearing all day. He put in three panes of glass in the kitchen windows at dinner time. Emily went to Bayswater this evening with Jack to a Rechabite entertainment. Joe brought home the calf that Mother gave me this morning. Weather showery all afternoon.

Wednesday April 8 1903

Joe picking beans all day. Weather fine.

Thursday April 9 1903

Emily went home this afternoon. I packed twelve cases of apples for market. Joe picking all day. Weather beautiful.

Friday April 10 1903

Joe went to market with 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cwt beans ½ cwt peas, 1½ cases tomatoes, 16 cases apples, ½ case pears, 4½ dozen eggs and 4 tins honey for Mr Pairmann. Weather fine.

Saturday April 11 1903

Joe got 6/- cwt for beans, 6/- for peas, 2/- case for tomatoes, 2/- for the for the ½ of pears, and 3/6 for 4 cases of apples, 2/6, 2/-, 1/6 for the others and 1/10 a dozen for the eggs. Weather showery.

Monday April 13 1903

I went home this afternoon and took little Bobbie with me, it was not a nice holiday, the ground, was very wet it having, rained nearly all day Sunday. Joe had a holiday today. (Wages paid today) Weather cold, cloudy, little rain.

Tuesday April 14 1903

Joe took Mag to the blacksmiths this morning he got her hind shoes removed and new shoes on the front feet then cleaned out and whitewashed the fowl houses and then went on with the clearing up by the creek. Weather rained all the morning and showers all afternoon.

Wednesday April 15 1903

I went home this afternoon to get some quinces for jam. Joe was up at the clearing all day. Weather fine.

Thursday April 16 1903

Joe picking beans all day. Weather fine.

Friday April 17 1903

I went home this afternoon with Jean. When Jack was going down through the orchard with a big load of fruit to market he got off the track into a deep rut and had to take off all the load before the horses could pull it out, it was ten o'clock before he got started again. Joe did not go to market tonight Mr Jackson took down, 4½ cwt and 15 lbs beans and ½ case tomatoes. Weather rained all the morning and showers all afternoon.

Saturday April 18 1903

Joe was picking some apples this morning (Rhymer) and pulling weeds out of the potatoes. Weather rained a little this morning. Fine after.

Monday April 20 1903

Ted and Emma drove up yesterday. Major Bray's mother died. Saturday evening and was buried at Box Hill today. Jack went to the funeral, Joe digging potatoes all day. Weather fine.

Tuesday April 21 1903

I went home this morning and helped Annie pick some apples. Joe digging potatoes. Weather fine.

Wednesday April 22 1903

I went up to see Mrs Yeadon this afternoon and took little Bobbie with me. Joe was digging potatoes. Weather fine.

Thursday April 23 1903

Emily went home this afternoon. Joe picking beans. Weather fine.

Friday April 24 1903

Joe picked 2½cwt beans. Mr Jackson took them down for me. Weather rained in afternoon.

Saturday April 25 1903

Jo grubbing stumps out by the pig sty. Weather rained heavy showers all day.

Monday April 27 1903

Jean did not go to school- today she had the tooth ache. Joe clearing out by old creek. Weather very wet, rained nearly all day.

Tuesday April 28 1903

Joe clearing in the forenoon digging potatoes after dinner. Weather fine but cloudy.

Wednesday April 29 1903

Jack came down this morning and helped Joe cart 1n the potatoes he had dug. I went home in afternoon with Jimmie. Weather fine.

Thursday April 30 1903

Joe picking beans all day. Weather fine.

Friday May 1 1903

Emily went home this morning. Mrs Shugg and family left the school house today they are going to live in Surrey Hills. Joe digging potatoes all day. He took the beans he had picked to the top of the hill for Jack to take to market. Weather beautiful.

Saturday May 2 1903

Joe digging potatoes all day. Weather fine.

Monday May 4 1903

Mother, Emily, Jean and, I went to town this morning by the first train. I bought Jean a new frock and cap we took her to the dentists to have her teeth pulled but she was afraid and would not go in. Joe was picking some apples (Rhymers) and Rome Beauty. Weather fine but cloudy. (Wages paid today three weeks).

Tuesday May 5 1903

I went home this afternoon and helped Annie pick some apples. Jean was at home from school- to day with the toothache. Joe digging potatoes. Weather fine and warm.

Wednesday May 6 1903

I went home again this afternoon. Joe digging potatoes all day. Weather beautiful.

Thursday May 7 1903

There is a meeting up at the school to night about getting a church. Emily or I did not go to it the children have all got colds. Joe digging potatoes all day he was very ill last night but was alright again this morning. Weather fine.

Friday May 8 1903

Joe picking beans he got 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. I packed 4 cases of apples. Joe took them to the top of the hill for Jack to take down. Weather fine.

Saturday May 9 1903

Joe grubbing stumps out by pig sty too wet to dig potatoes, Jack got 10/- cwt for beans, 4/- case for 2 cases apples 2/6 for one and 2/3 for the other. The great Railway Strike commenced last night all trains stopped running at midnight. Weather showery.

Monday May 11 1903

Joe clearing again today. There were no trains running in Melbourne yesterday it must have been very quiet. Weather showery and very cold.

Tuesday May 12 1903

It is the Bayswater anniversary Tea meeting tonight Jack was going but it was too wet. Joe clearing all day went to Bayswater in the evening. Weather very wet all afternoon.

Wednesday May 13 1903

I went home this afternoon. Joe picking apples all day (Rome Beauty) Weather fine but cloudy.

Thursday May 14 1903

Emily went home this afternoon to help with the apples. Mrs Kerr and May came over this afternoon and stayed to tea. Joe picked about a quarter of beans and then went on digging potatoes. Weather fine.

Friday May 15 1903

Jack came down this morning to help Joe cart the potatoes into the barn then Joe went on digging potatoes. I packed 9 cases apples ready for market. Joe took them to the top of the hill for Jack to take down. Weather fine.

Saturday May 16 1903

Joe digging potatoes all day. Jack got about 3/- a case for 4 cases of apples and 2/6 for the other five. Weather fine.

Monday May 18 1903

Jack came down this morning to help Joe dig potatoes. The railway strike ended last Friday night it lasted just a week we have not had a train to Bayswater for a week and do not expect one for two or three days yet. Weather fine.

Tuesday May 19 1903

Jack came down again this morning to help with the potatoes. Mrs Bray and Miss Whitefield called this afternoon. I was not at home I went home just after dinner and took Jimmie with me I helped Annie pick some apples. Weather fine.

Wednesday May 20 1903

Jack helping with the potatoes again today they carted in all they had dug this afternoon. It looked so like rain. Weather raining this evening.

Thursday May 21 1903

Joe digging potatoes all the forenoon. After dinner he clipped Mag. Weather rained all afternoon.

Friday May 22 1903

I packed 7 cases apples for market. Joe took them up the hill for Jack to take down he was digging potatoes all day. Weather fine.

Saturday May 23 1903

Joe digging potatoes. It came on to rain about three o'clock very heavy. Mother had taken Bobbie and Jimmie up the hill to the school for a walk. They got very wet. I had to run to meet them with umbrellas. Jack got 18/- for apples. Weather very wet.

Monday May 25 1903

It was too wet for Joe to dig potatoes today it rained all day Sunday and has been raining all day today. Joe doing some clearing out by the hut. Weather very wet. (Wages paid today three weeks)

Tuesday May 26 1903

Joe cleaned the harness this morning. He went home after dinner to help Jack kill a pig. I got a letter from Mr Monk today. He wants about 10 tons potatoes. Weather very wet.

Wednesday May 27 1903

Joe went over home today to help Jack they were cutting logs out of the creek near the apple shed. Weather fine.

Thursday May 28 1903

Jack was down today helping with the potatoes. Mr Green? Mr Chandler and Mr Yeadon called this afternoon, they were collecting money for a church. I gave them 10/6 and Emily 5/- there is a meeting at the school tonight to settle on a building site. Weather fine and frosty.

Friday May 29 1903

I packed 7cases of apples this morning for Jack to take to market. Joe digging potatoes all day. Weather fine and frosty.

Saturday May 30 1903

Joe digging potatoes all day. Jack got 3/- a case for 6 cases apples and 2/- for the other one (£1 altogether) and 1/9 for 1 dozen eggs. Weather fine.

Monday June 1 1903

Jack came down this morning to dig potatoes. Joe digging all day. Weather fine.

Tuesday June 2 1903

Jack helping Joe digging potatoes all day. Weather fine. Frost.

Wednesday June 3 1903

Jack digging potatoes again today. Emily went home this afternoon. Weather beautiful, frost.

Thursday June 4 1903

Joe digging potatoes all day. Weather fine.

Friday June 5 1903

I packed 7 cases of apples for market this morning. Jack took them down Joe digging potatoes. Weather rained in afternoon.

Saturday June 6 1903

Joe bagging potatoes all day. Too wet for digging. Jack got 19/- for the apples. Weather wet.

Monday June 8 1903

Joe bagging potatoes. Jack was down all the morning helping him to weigh. Weather still raining.

Tuesday June 9 1903

Jack down this morning helping with the potatoes. They were bagging and weighing all day. Weather little finer.

Wednesday June 10 1903

Joe went to the station first thing this morning he took 1 ton of potatoes in the wagon and ordered a ten ton truck he came back and took another ton before dinner. Jack went down in afternoon with his wagon and two horses and Joe took another load. Weather fine.

Thursday June 11 1903

Jack came down again in morning with his wagon and horses he and Joe both took a load down this morning. After dinner they took another load each. Then they left Jack's wagon and horses here and took the remainder down with Mag. They finished loading the truck (ten tons) ready to go in the morning. Weather fine.

Friday June 12 1903

I packed 7 cases of apples ready for market this morning. Mr Dobson and Charlotte drove up yesterday to see us. Joe digging potatoes. Weather fine.

Saturday June 13 1903

Joe finished digging potatoes this morning then he washed the wagon and cut some fire wood. Jack got £1 for apples. Weather fine.

Monday June 15 1903

Jack came down this morning and helped Joe cart in the remainder of the potatoes, then Joe started to dig an underground drain in the new ground up on the hill. (Wages paid today 3 weeks). Weather stormy and wet.

Tuesday June 16 1903

Joe draining up on the hill. Weather raining.

Wednesday June 17 1903

Joe at the draining on the hill he opened out one on the new piece of ground up near the creek. Weather showery and cold.

Thursday June 18 1903

I packed nine cases of apples for market. Joe putting wood in the drains. Weather fine.

Friday June 19 1903

Jack came down this morning and marked a drain from the road up past the pig-sty to the top fence. Joe filled in the drains on the hill and up near the creek. Weather rained afternoon.

Saturday June 20 1903

Joe chopping wood and clearing rubbish outside the fence. Jack got £1.10 for apples. Weather fine.

Monday June 22 1903

It was too wet and stormy to do much today. Joe cutting chaff and cleaning up the barn. Weather wet and stormy.

Tuesday June 23 1903

Joe digging the drain from the road up through the paddock. Weather still showery.

Wednesday June 24 1903

Mother and I went to town this morning we took Jean to have her teeth drawn. She had three teeth out. Joe was over helping Jack dig his potatoes. Weather fine frost.

Thursday June 25 1903

Joe over digging potatoes for Jack. Weather fine.

Friday June 26 1903

I packed thirteen cases of apples for market. Joe was over with Jack again today. They finished the potatoes. Weather fine.

Saturday June 27 1903

Jack got £2.2.0 for the apples and 1/10 dozen for 3½ dozen eggs. Joe was clearing the line for the drain up through the paddock and cutting firewood. Weather fine frosty.

Monday June 29 1903

Joe carted the manure out of the stable. He started to plough the ground for oats but found it too wet. He ploughed the trees each side of the house se and the patch of pumpkin ground near the barn. Weather fine frost.

Tuesday June 30 1903

Joe over helping Jack again today. Weather fine but windy looks very like rain.

Wednesday July 1 1903

Joe boiling water and getting ready for killing the pig. Jack came down after dinner and killed the pig then went down to Bayswater to meet Mother at the train. Weather very stormy and heavy rain.

Thursday July 2 1903

Jack came down early this morning and cut up the pig. Mother came down just before dinner and put it in Pickle for me. Joe cleaning outside the fence. Weather windy and cold.

Friday July 3 1903

I was packing apples all day. I packed 26 cases. Joe went to Bayswater this morning and brought up a ton of Super. He went to market in the evening with 26 cases of apples and 3 young roosters. Weather fine and cold.

Saturday July 4 1903

Joe got 4/- case for the best apples and 3/- and 2/6 for the others and 4/- pair for the fowls £4.18.6 altogether. Weather rained most of the day.

Monday July 6 1903

Jean was seven years old today. Mother came down to tea. Joe clearing up near the hut. He went to Bayswater in the evening and brought up half a ton of Super. Weather cloudy and cold, rained nearly all day Sunday. (Wages paid today).

Tuesday July 7 1903

Joe went to Bayswater this morning and brought up the rest of the Super (½ ton). Weather cloudy and cold.

Wednesday July 8 1903

Joe started to pull the carrots today and, cart them windy from North and very cold.

Thursday July 9 1903

There was a new church opened on the mountain today near Dodd's store: Church of England. I made some apple jam this morning it is very good. Joe over helping Jack put in some oats. Weather very cold and wet.

Friday July 10 1903

The Army got 7 cwt of carrots yesterday. Joe over with Jack. I went over home in the afternoon and took little Bobbie with me. I took over some letters. Weather fine but cold, frost.

Saturday July 11 1903

We had a very heavy frost this morning. There was ice over ½ an inch thick some of it did not melt all day. It was the coldest day known for over fifteen years. Joe over with Jack today. Weather frosty and very cold.

Sunday July 12 1903

We had another very heavy frost this morning.

Monday July 13 1903

Emily and Mother went to town this morning they came home by the last train. Charlotte and Elsie came up this afternoon. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.



Tuesday July 14 1903

Joe over with Jack again today helping with some drains. Weather rained some this morning but cleared up before dinner.

Wednesday July 15 1903

Mrs Parnell- sent the children over to pay for the honey she had some time ago 2/-. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine

Thursday July 16 1903

Joe was getting some more carrots ready for the Army in the morning and ploughing the new ground on the hill in the afternoon. Weather fine like rain.

Friday July 17 1903

Joe pulling some carrots and ploughing on the hill. An Army boy came for some carrots he got 5 cwt. Weather fine rained last night.

Saturday July 18 1903

Jack and Uncle Bob came down this afternoon he came up this morning and is going to stop till Sunday night. They stopped for tea. Joe went to town this morning. He walked to Croydon he got £1. Weather fine.

Monday July 20 1903

Joe digging a drain from the old creek to the road. Weather light rain most of the day.

Tuesday July 21 1903

Miss Green and Annie and Mrs Collier and Myrtle came to see us this afternoon and stayed to tea. Joe went over home this morning to get Ben to help with the ploughing. Weather fine.

Wednesday July 22 1903

It was too wet to plough today. Joe going on with the drain he was digging in the garden. I went home this afternoon. Weather raining.

Thursday July 23 1903

Joe ploughing all day. Emily has a very bad influenza and cold. Weather fine.

Friday July 24 1903

Mother came down this afternoon to see how the colds were. Emily is getting better but little Bobbie has it very bad and Jimmie and myself are getting colds. Joe ploughing all day. Weather fine.

Saturday July 25 1903

Joe sowing the oats this morning and harrowing this afternoon. Weather beautiful.

Monday July 27 1903

Joe took Ben home this morning and called at the Army on his way home for some gooseberry bushes and a few Raspberry canes from Mr Jackson and planted them up near the wire fence. Weather fine.

Tuesday July 28 1903

Joe finished ploughing the orchard. Weather fine.

Wednesday July 29 1903

Joe digging the drain through the garden and digging out the old creek, so as to make it an underground drain. Mother went to town this morning.

Thursday July 30 1903

I got a setting of eggs from Mrs Yeadon and set a hen in the barn yesterday morning. Mother came down this morning and stopped all day she is making Emily a blouse. Joe digging at the old creek. Weather showery.

Friday July 31 1903

Joe still working at the old creek. I took Jean and Jim over to Mothers they are going to stop till Sunday. Weather cloudy and dull.

Saturday August 1 1903

Joe working at the creek. Weather showery in afternoon.

Monday August 3 1903

Joe clearing alongside the old creek. (Wages paid today). Weather fine.

Tuesday August 4 1903

Jean was home from school today with the toothache. I am going to town tomorrow to have them out. Joe still at the clearing. Weather fine.

Wednesday August 5 1903

Annie and I went to town this morning. We took Jean to have her teeth seen to. She had one drawn in the front the dentist would not pull the others. Jack took us down and came to meet us again at night. Mrs Lum came to see us yesterday afternoon and stopped to tea. Joe at the clearing he went over to Kerrs and got Mr Jacksons grubbing machine to pull out the stumps. Weather one or two heavy showers.

Thursday August 6 1903

Mrs Chandler and children were over today. Jack came down this morning to work the grubbing machine. He was working here all day. Weather fine but cold.

Friday August 7 1903

Jack was down working the grubbing machine they were using it all day. I was digging the flower garden. The Army got 6 cwt of carrots this evening. Weather fine.

Saturday August 8 1903

Jack was down again today helping with the grubbing. Weather fine.

Monday August 10 1903

Jack came down after dinner to help with the clearing. Mother was down this afternoon. Weather fine.

Tuesday August 11 1903

Jack came down for an hour or two to finish some stumps. The little Head's children came to tea this afternoon they are going away from The Basin to Queensland. Weather showery in afternoon.

Wednesday August 12 1903

Joe went down to Kleinert's this morning with a bar of the grubbing machine that they had broken. He took one for Mr Jackson at the same time. Mag went so lame she had to have a shoe on front foot with a piece of iron in front to hold up her foot. She had both front shoes new and back ones removed paid 4/- for shoeing and 6d for bar. When he came home he took back the machine to Kerr's. Weather fine.

Thursday August 13 1903

Joe at the clearing all day. Weather fine.

Friday August 14 1903

I went home this afternoon and took little Bobble with me he is not very well. Jean had her photo taken when she was in town they (little plates) they came up today they are very good. Joe at the clearing. Weather fine.

Saturday August 15 1903

Joe getting the ground ready for peas. He started to plant but did not get them finished. Weather fine.

Sunday August 16 1903

Staff Captain Head had a farewell meeting in the school this morning. There was a good many there we all went, it was the only time I had heard him speak. He was very nice. Major Bray had his farewell in the afternoon. The school was crowded. I did not go I went home with Bobbie and Jim. Emily and Jean went, they thought him very good. Weather beautiful very windy last night

Monday August 17 1903

Joe finished planting peas this morning and planted a few potatoes alongside the barn, then he pulled down some logs for firewood from up by the creek and went on getting the remainder of the carrots for the Army. They are to get 25 cwt but have only taken 18 cwt. Weather very windy all day. Towards evening it came up a very heavy storm of rain. (Wages paid today).

Tuesday August 18 1903

Joe pulling down the log fence up near the foot-bridge. He brought down any of the logs that were good for firewood and burnt the rest. Most of them were rotten. Weather fine.

Wednesday August 19 1903

Joe burning the fog fence this morning and ploughing the potato- paddock in the afternoon. Mrs Bray came down this afternoon to say goodbye. They are going away from The Basin. They are going to live in Hawthorn. Weather very windy and cold.

Thursday August 20 1903

Staff Captain Head called this morning and paid for the honey he got some time ago 8/9. Joe ploughing. Weather windy and cold.

Friday August 21 1903

I went over home this afternoon. Joe finished ploughing the potato paddock today and started to break up the little piece of new ground near the watering place. An Army boy came last night for the remainder of the carrots 7 cwt, 25 cwt in all. Weather showery and cold.

Saturday August 22 1903

Joe ploughing all day. Weather light showers.

Monday August 24 1903

Joe pulling stumps together with Mag and lighting fires. Mother came down this afternoon. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday August 25 1903

Joe making fires, he went to Bayswater this morning for ½ ton of seed potatoes that I had bought from Albert Nicol at £4 a ton. Weather fine.

Wednesday August 26 1903

Mrs Dobson and Maud came up this afternoon. Emily had gone over home. Joe went to Bayswater again this morning to bring up some seed potatoes for Jack there was two loads then he went on with the fires. Weather fine and windy.

Thursday August 27 1903

Joe at the clearing. Jack came down this afternoon to go to Mr Jennings's for a cow and calf he bought for me. Joe went with him they took the wagon for the calf. Jack paid £5 for the cow. Weather fine.

Friday August 28 1903

I went home this afternoon to take Jean and Jim. They are going to stop till Sunday. Joe at the clearing. Weather fine frost.

Saturday August 29 1903

Joe went to Bayswater this morning for two coils of barbed wire, then he went on making fires. Weather fine frost.

Monday August 31 1903

I went home this afternoon to bring Jimmie home. He has been there since Friday. Jean came home on Saturday night so she could go to Sunday School they are practising for the anniversary. The contractors started building the church last Wednesday. Joe at the clearing. (Wages paid today).

Tuesday September 1 1903

Emily went to Bayswater this evening with Jack to hear Professor Mudd's lecture. Joe at the clearing all day. I planted some Cosmos and Japanese sunflower seed this afternoon. Weather fine but windy.

Wednesday September 2 1903

Joe went home this morning to get Jack's dray to cart earth to fill in the old creek. He was carting the earth he had dug from the drain running up past the pig sty. Weather showery.

Thursday September 3 1903

Joe still carting earth to the old creek. Jimmie and I were up on the loft in the barn shelling beans all day yesterday. Weather fine.

Friday September 4 1903

Mother came down this afternoon. She is making me a black dress. Joe went down to the show this morning there was an early train from Bayswater at 8 o'clock. Weather fine.

Saturday September 5 1903

Jack came down this morning to help Joe put a barbed wire round the ground up on the hill. The peas are coming up and the cows and horse were walking over them. Dave Dobson and Daisy called this afternoon he left his trap here and walked over to Barnes's. Daisy stayed here till he came back then they had tea. They are living at Bayswater now. Weather light showers in afternoon.

Monday September 7 1903

Joe planting the second lot of peas. Mr Dobson and Mr Herbert Nicol from Western Australia drove up this afternoon. Ted and Emma were up home yesterday. They were up just before dinner we were all over to tea. Weather fine, showery yesterday.

Tuesday September 8 1903

Joe carting earth and wood to fill up the old creek. Weather cloudy and very windy.

Wednesday September 9 1903

I went home this afternoon to try on my dress it is nearly finished. Emily is busy panting the flower stand, she is painting it green and brown. Joe carting earth from the ditch bank between the grass paddock and the orchard to the old creek. Weather fine but very windy.

Thursday September 10 1903

Mother came down this morning and brought her butter. She made up mine for me. Joe carting earth and drawling logs to the creek. Weather fine but windy.

Friday September 11 1903

Joe dragging logs to the creek with Mag. She fell down between two logs while she was at work but did not get hurt. Weather hot and very windy.

Saturday September 12 1903

Jack came down this morning first thing and started to prune the trees. Joe carting earth from the ditch bank to the creek. Weather very close and very windy.

Monday September 14 1903

Jimmie is five years old today. Mother came down to tea. Jack was down pruning all day. Joe cutting up scotch thistles in the grass paddock, In the morning he nailed some rails round the stable so that Mag need not be tied up. She falls down at night and cannot get up again. Weather it started to rain on Saturday night and rained a nice rain till dinner time on Sunday. The garden had begun to look very dry with so much wind, it is nice and fine today (Wages paid today).

Tuesday September 15 1903

Jack was down pruning all day. Joe finished cutting thistles and then went on with the creek. There was a ladies meeting up at the school this afternoon to arrange about a tea-meeting for the opening of the new church. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday September 16 1903

Joe cutting logs and rolling them into the creek. Jack still at the pruning. Weather very windy from the east.

Thursday September 17 1903

I washed the ceiling and walls of the kitchen today. Jack pruning all day. Joe working at the creek. Emily has neuralgia very bad. She got cold going home yesterday. She went home to get some Epsom salts to give the new cow, it has been sick two or three days and gives very little milk. Weather very stormy and wet.

Friday September 18 1903

Jack came down to prune this morning, but he only did a few trees it was so wet and he went home again, After dinner Joe did a little work at the creek and then cleaned the harness and washed the wagon. Weather very windy and very wet.

Saturday September 19 1903

Jack down pruning. Joe cut down two to three trees and then cut them in lengths ready to put in the creek. Weather showery and windy.

Monday September 20 1903

Jack pruning. Joe drawing logs to the creek with Mag. I planted some sweet pea seed in the garden. Weather fine.

Tuesday September 22 1903

Jack finished the pruning today. Joe working at the creek in the morning and putting up some wire netting round the peas up on the hill to keep out the rabbits. Mother came down this afternoon. Weather fine but windy.

Wednesday September 23 1903

I went home this afternoon. Annie and Louie Chandler were out all the afternoon collecting for the tea-meeting. They collected £4.2.6. I think they did very well. Joe working at the creek. Weather started to rain this evening.

Thursday September 24 1903

It rained all last night and all today. Joe chopped. a little firewood. It was too wet to work the creeks are quite high. Weather very wet.

Friday September 25 1903

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe working at the creek. Weather very wet.

Saturday September 26 1903

Jack came down this evening and grafted some apple trees in the orchard. Joe dragging logs and boughs with Mag to the old creek. Weather fine.

Monday September 28 1903

Emily went to town this morning, she is going to stop a week. Annie drove her to the station. Mother came down this morning, she is going to stop till Emily comes home. Joe got some ground ready for peas but found there was not enough seed so could not put them in. He horse-hoed the first peas up on the hill and carted some cuttings out of the orchard. Weather very like rain.

Tuesday September 29 1903

There was a ladies meeting up at the school this afternoon about the tea meeting. Mother went up. Joe was cutting posts and putting up a barbed, wire fence up near the pig-sty round, the new ground. Weather beautiful, rained very heavy last night.

Wednesday September 30 1903

I went home this afternoon. Joe carting earth from the ditch bank to the old creek. Little Bobbie fell in the wood-heap yesterday and hurt his mouth very badly. He fell on a log of wood and bruised his gums and his teeth cut right through his lip. Jean got a card from Mr Shugg today for regular attendance. Weather beautiful.

Thursday October 1 1903

Joe filling in stump holes and getting some of the ground ready for ploughing. He is going to plough as far as the creek is filled in. Weather heavy showers all day.

Friday October 2 1903

Joe went over for Ben this morning. He has ploughed half the new ground it was not very hard to plough. Weather fine.

Saturday October 3 1903

Joe planted some grafts this morning and then dug the fruit trees near the house. It is my birthday today. Joe planted some peas up in the potato round near the creek. Weather beautiful.

Monday October 5 1903

Emily carne home this evening. Mother went to town this morning and came home with her. She had some shopping to do. Joe digging fruit trees and ploughing and harrowing the ground near the house ready for pumpkins. (Wages paid today 3 weeks). Weather very like rain this evening.

Tuesday October 6 1903

I went up to Mrs Yeadon's this afternoon and took Little Bobbie with me. Emily went up to the school this evening they are going to practice the hymns for the opening of the new Church next Sunday. Joe picking up cuttings in the orchard. He ploughed in the two rows of turnips that were growing there. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday October 7 1903

Joe finished clearing at the far end of the new ground. He made a big fire with stumps and rubbish. It is finished now except filling in the creek. Weather fine.

Thursday October 8 1903

Joe hoeing peas up on the hill all day. Weather fine.

Friday October 9 1903

Joe hoeing peas all day. We have all got bad colds. Weather hot.

Saturday October 10 1903

Joe hoeing peas, he went to town by the five train and came back by the eight. Emily went up to the Church this evening they are going to practice the singing again for tomorrow. Weather very hot.

Sunday October 11 1903

The new Church has opened this morning. Mr Judkins preached both morning and evening. He was very good, every seat in the church was as full as it could hold and some stood in the porch. It was just the same in the evening. Weather very hot, it rained a little in the night.

Monday October 12 1903

Joe went up to Mr Yeadon's this morning to get a bag of peas that he bought for me. Joe putting up the remainder of the barbed wire fence round the new ground. Weather rained nearly all day. There was a very heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon. There was a tree struck with lightning over home, it was all torn to pieces.

Tuesday October 13 1903

I went home early this morning to help cut sandwiches for the tea meeting. Emma came up by the first train. She went, to the tea meeting with the others I stopped over home with Bobbie and Jim, we stopped all night. The meeting was a great success there was about three hundred people there, they made £15 with the tea and collection, the Sunday collections made it up to twenty pounds. Joe working at the creek. Weather fine.

Wednesday October 14 1903

I did not come home till this afternoon. Emma. went home this morning. Joe dug up all the carrots that were left and carted them to the house then went on levelling the ground near the old creek. Weather fine.

Thursday October 15 1903

Joe down at the blacksmiths with Mag to have her shoes seen to. They were 4/6 he paid for them. He took down the double and single swingletrees to be mended and left them. He brought home the dragharrow and the long graft and gooseneck. Weather fine.

Friday October 16 1903

Joe getting posts and putting them up to continue the wire fence up to the watering place. Weather showery.



Saturday October 17 1903

Joe finished putting up the posts for the wire fence, then he put in some pumpkin and marrow seeds near the house and some cabbage and tomato seed at the top of the orchard. Weather beautiful.

Monday October 19 1903

Joe horse hoeing the peas on the hill and horse hoeing some ground ready for carrots, then he put some new teeth in carrot drill. The cow Primrose calved yesterday she had a bull calf. (Wages paid today) Weather fine.

Tuesday October 20 1903

Joe was making a watering place this morning at the bottom of the grass paddock. He put in two or three rows of sunflowers in the garden near the house, then went on sowing carrot seed up in the potato paddock near the creek. Weather fine.

Wednesday October 21 1903

I went home this afternoon and took little Bobbie and, Jean with me. Joe finished sowing the carrot seed then nailed the barbed wire on the posts he had put in up to the watering place, he pulled the post and rail fence between the orchard and the new ground. Weather fine like rain.

Thursday October 22 1903

Joe putting up a wire fence between the grass paddock and the ploughed ground. Weather fine.

Friday October 23 1903

Joe working up some ground ready for peas and beans and digging a drain up near the carrots. Weather fine looks like rain.

Saturday October 24 1903

it rained nearly all last night. Joe rubbing shoots off the potatoes. I got from Albert then he went on with the drain up near the carrots. It was too wet to do much on the ground. Weather rained all the morning.

Monday October 26 1903

Joe ploughed the old carrot ground and the headland near it and harrowed the little piece of new ground near the creek. Weather fine cloudy.

Tuesday October 27 1903

Joe harrowing the new ground near the house and carting some more earth to the old creek. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday October 28 1903

Mr Kemp came down to work this morning. He is working at the old creek. Joe sowed seven rows of beans this morning and ploughed and harrowed some ground ready for peas. Weather beautiful.

Thursday October 29 1903

Jimmie and I went home this afternoon. I left Jimmie over there he is going to stay all night. Mr Kemp came to work again this morning. Joe sowed some peas today up in the potato ground. Harry Baldwin brought me a little pig this morning on his way to school price 12 shillings. Weather very hot.

Friday October 30 1903

Mr Kemp and Joe hoeing peas all day. Emily went up to see Mrs P Chandler this afternoon. Weather hot.

Saturday October 31 1903

Mr Kemp and Joe carting earth to the old creek and digging the drain along the wire fence. Mother came down this afternoon and brought Jimmie home. Weather fine.

Monday November 2 1903

Yesterday was the Sunday School Anniversary. There were a good many people there in the morning, but there was a very heavy thunderstorm in the evening just at church time so there were not many there at night. I did not go. Emily and Jean went they waited til the storm was over. It was too wet to work out this morning. Joe went on digging the drain by the wire fence in the afternoon. Weather wet.

Tuesday November 3 1903

Joe working up the grounds for potatoes. Mother came down this afternoon. There was a Sunday School concert last night up in the Church and the children got their prizes they all got one. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 4 1903

Mrs Yeadon and Ivy and, Lottie carne down this afternoon and stopped for tea. Mr Yeadon came down in evening. Joe went to Kleinert's this morning to get two swinglebars that he was making but did not come back again till night. Weather fine.

Thursday November 5 1903

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe was getting ground. ready for potatoes, ploughing and harrowing with the two horses, he brought Ben down last night after Joe came home. Weather fine.

Friday November 6 1903

Mother and I went to town this morning. We came back by the last train. Jack came to meet us. Joe working up the potato ground. Weather fine.

Saturday November 7 1903

Joe working at the potato ground in the evening he moulded up the potatoes by the barn and horse-hoed some peas with Ben. Weather fine.

Monday November 9 1903

Jean had a holiday from school today. Emily took her and Jimmie over home this afternoon. Joe ploughing the piece of ground the other side of the grass paddock with the two horses. Weather fine looks like thunder. (Wages paid today 3 weeks).

Tuesday November 10 1903

Annie went to town this morning. She is going to stop for a week. Mother came down this afternoon and Emily went home, she is going to stop till Annie comes back. Joe drag harrowing and rolling the ground up near the wire fence for potatoes. Weather fine like rain.

Wednesday November 11 1903

Joe planting potatoes in the piece of ground up near the creek, he took Ben home this morning. Weather misty rain most of the day.

Thursday November 12 1903

Jack came down this morning and brought the boy he has working for him to help Joe with the potatoes. They finished the ground up by the creek and the new piece behind the fowl yard. Mrs Chandler and Mrs Gilmore called this afternoon. Weather fine.

Friday November 13 1903

Joe harrowed and rolled the ground that was planted this morning. The boy Earnest came down again this afternoon and they started planting the ground up near the wire fence. Mrs Harvey and Ruby with Miss Tong called this afternoon. Weather beautiful.

Saturday November 14 1903

Earnest came down again this morning and they finished planting the ground near the wire fence about three o'clock. Earnest went home and Joe rolled and harrowed it. Weather fine.

Monday November 16 1903

Joe planting peas up in the potato ground. I went home this afternoon. Emily has neuralgia very bad. Joe planted 4 rows of beans today. Weather fine.

Tuesday November 17 1903

Joe hoeing beans this morning and hoeing and horse-hoeing peas in the afternoon. Weather hot.

Wednesday November 18 1903

Emily came down this afternoon and I went over home with Mother in the evening. Annie came back from town last night. Joe working the ground up near the creek by the grass paddock. There are a few more seed potatoes to plant. Weather hot.

Thursday November 19 1903

Joe working the ground near the grass paddock all morning. Cutting weeds in the orchard after dinner ready for ploughing. Weather hot.

Friday November 20 1903

Joe ploughing and harrowing the orchard. Weather hot.

Saturday November 21 1903

Joe still at the orchard. In the afternoon he cleaned out the waterhole in the bush paddock and dug some little drains into it so as to catch the water. Weather hot.

Monday November 23 1903

Little Bobbie has had a very sore eye since last Thursday. It is getting better now. Joe went over home this morning to help Jack plant his potatoes. Weather very hot in the morning. We had a thunderstorm in the afternoon, but not much rain only one heavy shower.

Tuesday November 24 1903

Joe helping Jack with his potatoes again today. Emily went home this afternoon and took Bobbie with her. His eye is nearly well again. Weather very hot.

Wednesday November 25 1903

Jimmie and I went home this afternoon and stayed to tea. Joe hoeing peas all day. Weather very hot.

Thursday November 26 1903

Joe planting peas all day. Weather very hot and close with thunder.

Friday November 27 1903

Mother went to town today. Jimmie and I went up to the road to meet the wagon going down to send some butter down Mr Pegler. It was too hot to send it with the baker yesterday. Joe had an Amy boy helping to pick peas today. Mr Yeadon took them down for me there were  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cwts. He got the loan of the wagon to go to market. It was so wet. There was a very heavy storm of wind and rain this afternoon just after the children left the school. I went to meet Jean and take her cloak. I met the children at top of the hill. I gave Willie Chandler my umbrella and Gussie Jean's cloak. Jean had to run into Mrs Heads. I got very wet. Weather raining.

Saturday November 28 1903

Fred Yeadon brought the wagon back this afternoon. Mr Yeadon got 7/- cwt for the peas. Joe took Mag to Kleinert's this morning to get one of her shoes put on that she had pulled off; 9d paid. When he came back he put the roof on the pigsty and was ploughing the orchard in the afternoon. Weather showery looks very like rain tonight.

Monday November 30 1903

It rained nearly all day yesterday. Joe grubbed a tree and chopped it up for firewood in the morning, it was too wet to work the ground. After dinner he went over home for the dray and went on digging the drain by the wire fence and carting the earth to the old creek. (Wages paid today 3 weeks). Weather it started to rain about 5 o'clock.

Tuesday December 1 1903

It rained all last night. The ground is very wet. Mrs Dobson and Elsie came up this afternoon. Maud is to be married next Tuesday. Joe picking peas. Weather showery.

Wednesday December 2 1903

Joe picking peas he got  $2\frac{1}{4}$  cwts and took them up for Mr Yeadon to take down. Weather very wet.

Thursday December 3 1903

The weather seems to have cleared up for the present it has been a beautiful sunny day today. Joe picking peas. Weather fine.

Friday December 4 1903

Mr Yeadon got 5/- cwt for the peas. Joe picking again today he got 3¼ cwt and took them up to Mr Yeadon's. He is going to take them down for me again. Emily went up to Mrs Harvey this afternoon but not at home. Weather beautiful.

Saturday December 5 1903

Joe went over home this morning to get Ben and the drag harrow. He was harrowing and rolling the piece of ground near the grass paddock all day with the two horses. I went home this evening with the meat. Mother is not very well. Weather fine.

Monday December 7 1903

I went over to see Mrs Kerr this afternoon and took Jimmie with me. Mrs Chandler and Florrie were there. Mr Yeadon got the loan of the wagon to go to market this evening. He took down 1¾ cwt of peas for me; he got 5/- cwt for those he took down on Friday. Weather misty showers.

Tuesday December 8 1903

I went home this afternoon and helped Annie pick some raspberries and cherry plums. Joe took Mag to Kleinert's this morning. She had broken the shoe on her lame foot in halves, 9d paid. When he came back he put in some peas up in the ground near the grass paddock and was horse hoeing some peas. Fred Yeadon brought back the wagon this afternoon. Mr Yeadon got 7/- cwt for the peas. Weather rain this morning fine after.

Wednesday December 9 1903

Joe ploughing in the orchard. He got in a few sunflowers behind the barn. I sprayed the cherry trees and pear trees this morning. I had Jack's spray pump. Weather fine.

Thursday December 10 1903

I went home this afternoon and helped Annie pick some cherries and currants. Joe picking peas all day. Weather fine.

Friday December 11 1903

Emily went home this morning and stayed all day. Mother came down this afternoon and stayed all night. Mr Yeadon took 2¾ cwt of peas for me. Joe picking all day. Weather fine.

Saturday December 12 1903

Joe over home today mowing oats for Jack. Weather light showers. There was a thunderstorm with heavy rain last night.

Monday December 14 1903

An army boy came this morning to help Joe hoe the carrots. He did not come back after dinner it was too wet. Jean is home from school today she has a very bad cold and the tooth-ache. Ted and Emma were over home yesterday. They drove up. (Wages paid today). Weather heavy showers all day the ground is very wet.

Tuesday December 15 1903

Jean is home from school again today. She is very sick she has a very bad cold and her face is very much swollen. It is either an abscess or else she is getting the mumps. I was home this afternoon and Mother sent Jean a bottle of medicine for her cough. Mother went to town this evening. Jack is going down with the horses tomorrow to get the big wagon. It is at Uncle Rob's it has been varnished. Mother is coming home with Jack. Joe has been filling up the gaps in the potatoes today, a great many of them have rotted it has been so wet. Weather showers all day.

Wednesday December 16 1903

Jean is a little better to night. Joe ploughing in the orchard he planted some cabbage plants amongst the potatoes up near the creek then he went to look after the calves Beauty and Clover, we had missed then since Monday. He could not find them they had got out of the paddock. He went out after them again this evening but could not find them. He is going again in the morning. Mr Yeadon got 1/6 cwt for the peas he took down on Friday. Weather showery

Thursday December 17 1903

Emily went home first thing this morning to ask Mother to come and see Jean. She does not seem much better she has been in bed since Tuesday her cough is very bad. Joe was out looking for the calves all the morning. He did not find them. He went to town by the 1 o'clock train. Weather fine.

Friday December 18 1903

Joe picked ½cwt of pees this morning. Jack is going to lake them down. Mr Yeadon came down this afternoon to cart the oats it did not take very long it was 7/6 paid. Joe stooked the sheaves and then went out after the calves but did not find them. Joe got £1- yesterday when he went to town. Weather fine.

Saturday December 19 1903

Jean is getting better now though her cough is still very bad. Joe found the calves today. They have been up in Chandlers paddock al1 the week. The school broke up yesterday for four weeks. Mr Shugg sent Jean and Jimmie a Christmas card. Myrtle and Gussie called in to see Jean on their way home from school. Weather very hot.

Monday December 21 1903

An Army boy came this morning to help Joe hoe peas and beans. Weather fine.

Tuesday December 22 1903

I went home this morning to help Annie pick currants. Jean is getting better slowly. Weather fine.

Wednesday December 23 1903

Joe and the boy hoeing carrots today. Weather hot.

Thursday December 24 1903

Joe hoeing potatoes by the pig sty. The Army boy did not come today. Jimmie is not well today he seems to be getting the same cold as Jean. Weather very hot.

Friday December 25 1903

We had our Christmas dinner at home, then we were to walk over home in the afternoon, but the children were not well enough to walk so far so Annie drove down and took us home in the wagon to tea. Weather very hot.

Saturday December 26 1903

Joe hoeing potatoes all day. Weather very hot.

Monday December 28 1903

Joe had the Army boy helping to pick peas today. Jean is getting quite well again now, but Jimmies' cough is very bad and little Bobbie is getting a cough too. Weather showery.

Tuesday December 29 1903

Mrs Lum came to so see us this afternoon. Emily was over home so did not her. Jimmies and Bobbies coughs ere very bad. Joe and the boy picking peas all day. Weather fine.

Wednesday December 30 1903

Joe and the boy hoeing potatoes. Jim and Bobbie are very sick. I think they have got the whooping cough. Joe took the peas up the hill for Jack to take down there were 7½ cwt. Uncle Will and Willie and Jack were over home today. They did not know they were coming. Weather fine.

Thursday December 31 1903

The children seem a little better today. Mr J. Mason came to inspect the pig today. I had to pay 1/3. Mr and Mrs Dobson came up this afternoon. Joe and the boy hoeing potatoes. Weather hot.

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Friday January 1 1904

Emily and Jean went home this afternoon. I stayed at home with Jimmie and Bobbie they have got the whooping cough. Ted and Emma were up. Joe had a holiday to go to town. He got 10/- Weather a heavy thunderstorm came up about 5 o'clock and rained very heavy.

Saturday January 2 1904

Joe and the boy earthing up potatoes this morning. The boy did not come after dinner. Joe planted out some cabbage and cut scotch thistles in the grass. Mother was down this afternoon to see the children. She got wet going home. Weather rained most of the afternoon.

Monday January 4 1904

The boy did not come this morning so they sent two this afternoon to make up for him. Little Bobbie took very ill today. He was the same as usual up till dinner time except for his cough. When he fell asleep we laid him on the sofa and in a short time we heard him making a peculiar noise and found he had taken a fit. We did not know what was the matter with him. We sent Joe for Mother and Mrs Yeadon. when they came he was better but in a little while he took another, then we took him to the Doctors. Jack drove Mother and I to Ringwood to catch the train. The Dr said it was convulsions he had, we did not get home till nearly twelve o'clock. Dear little Bobbie took two or three fits while we were going and coming home. Weather fine. Joe and the boys picking peas. Mr Yeadon took down 3 cwt for me.

Tuesday January 5 1904

Bobbie was very bad all night taking the fits about every hour. He was so ill about 1 o'clock this morning that Emily went over to the Army's and telephoned to Ringwood for the Doctor. He came about 11 o'clock he said he was very bad but did not think there was immediate danger. The poor little fellow looks very ill he does not know any of us. Mrs Yeadon was down to see him. She brought the money for the peas 29/- for 3 cwt. Joe and the boy moulding potatoes. Weather fine and warm.

Wednesday January 6 1904

Bobbie is a little better today. Mr Dobson and Charlotte came to see him this morning. The Army boy came this morning but did not turn up after dinner. Joe hoeing potatoes. Mrs Kerr came to see Bobbie this morning. Weather hot.

Thursday January 7 1904

Little Bobbie is getting better slowly. Jimmy's cough is bad too and Mother is getting a bad cold. She has been here since Monday nursing Bobbie. Joe had four Army boys picking peas today. Harry Chandler and Bella Kerr called today to ask after Bobbie. Weather very hot.

Friday January 8 1904

Little Bobbie was dressed today for the first time since Monday but he cannot sit up he is very weak. Joe had the four Army boys today picking peas. He went to market with 11¼cwt of peas and 2 cases apples. Weather very hot.



Saturday January 9 1904

Bobbie is getting better. Mother went home this morning. Joe got 9/- and 10/- for the peas and 4/6 for 1 case of apples and 2/- for the other one. Jack came down this evening and helped Joe cart in the hay. Weather very hot.

Monday January 11 1904

Mrs Archie Chandler called this morning to ask after Bobbie. Jack was down today helping Joe pick beans. They had four little Army boys picking peas. Joe went to market with 3½ cwt peas and 2½ cwt beans and 2 cases of apples. Weather hot. (Wages paid today four weeks)

Tuesday January 12 1904

Mrs Chandler called to see the children. Mrs Yeadon and Ivy came down this evening. Jimmy has the cough very bad and has grown very thin. Bobbie was walking a little today for the first time since last Monday but he is very weak yet. Joe got 9/- and 10/- for the peas, 12/- and 14/- for the beans and 2/6 a case for the apples. Bobbie was two years old today. Weather fine.

Wednesday January 13 1904

Mother was down this afternoon. Joe had a little boy helping him. He was sowing peas and beans. There was not enough manure so he borrowed 2 bags of super from Mr Jackson. Weather fine.

Thursday January 14 1904

The four little boys came to pick peas this morning. Jimmie very sick today. Bobbie is running about again quite well except for the cough. Jean is still over home. She has been over there a week now it seems very quiet without her. Weather thunderstorms all afternoon but not much rain.

Friday January 15 1904

Jimmie is much better today. The four little boys came to help with the peas and beans. Joe went to market with 8½ cwt peas and 2½ cwt 40 lbs of beans. Weather very hot and windy.

Saturday January 16 1904

Jimmie is very bad again today. Mother came to see him this afternoon. Joe got 8/- and 9/- for the peas and 13/- for the beans. Weather very hot.

Monday January 18 1904

Miss Green and Miss Gordon a friend of hers came down yesterday afternoon. Emily went to town this morning with Mother she is going to have a tooth out. It has been aching for some weeks. Two little boys came up today to pick peas. They picked 3 cwt. Joe took them up for Mr Yeadon to take down. The little boys went on pulling peas-straw up by the creek and Joe was horse-hoeing peas and beans. The school opened this morning there is a new teacher, his name is Mr Jones. Jean did not go the other children seem to like him very well. Weather fine.

Tuesday January 19 1904

The children are getting better now. Mr Green called today to ask after them. Mr Yeadon got 8/6 cwt for the peas. Two little boys came to help Joe hoe potatoes up by the wire fence, then he moulded them. Weather fine.

Wednesday January 20 1904

I went up after school this afternoon to see the schoolmaster about Jean going to school. He says she may go if she is quite well, so she is going to start on Monday. Joe and the two boys picking peas.

Thursday January 21 1904

Joe and the two boys picking peas all day. Weather fine.

Friday January 22 1904

Mother came down this evening she is going to stop all night. Joe went to market with 7½ cwt of peas and 5½ cwt of beans. There were two boys picking.

Saturday January 23 1904

Joe got 7/-, 8/- and 9/- for the peas and 8/- for the beans. (Joe got his wages tonight). Weather fine.

Monday January 25 1904

We were all home to tea yesterday; the first time Bobbie and Jim have been over since Xmas. Mother was down this afternoon and Mrs Archie Chandler called. Joe had the two boys hoeing peas. They picked 2 cwt this morning. Mr Yeadon took them down for me. There was a very heavy thunder storm this afternoon with very heavy wind it blew all the verandah and part of the roof and one chimney off the Army Dormitories. One boy got his arm and head cut with a sheet of iron the verandah blew right over the roof and smashed in the playroom on the other side. Jean went to school today. Weather very stormy all day.

Tuesday January 26 1904

Joe took Mag to the blacksmith this morning. She had two new shoes and two removed 4/6 paid. He cut some firewood and chaff in the afternoon. Mr Yeadon got 8/- cwt for the peas. Weather rained all day.

Wednesday January 27 1904

Two boys came to pick beans this afternoon. Joe picking all day. Mr Moor came to buy two bullock yokes. He paid 6/-. Weather showers after dinner.

Thursday January 28 1904

Four little boys came to pick today. I picked six cases of plums mostly greengages. One of the boys was sick this afternoon and had to go home. Weather fine.

Friday January 29 1904

The four boys came to pick again today. Joe went to market tonight with fourteen cwt of peas and beans and 3 cases of plums. Weather hot.

Saturday January 30 1904

Joe got 9/- and 10/- for the peas, 12/- for the beans and 1/6 a case for the plums.  
Weather very hot.

Monday February 1 1904

The two boys and Joe picking peas and beans they picked 4¼ cwt and Joe took them to the top of the hill for Jack to take down. Weather hot.

Tuesday February 2 1904

The two little boys came to help hoe peas and beans. Joe was sick all the morning but went to work after dinner. Weather hot.

Wednesday February 3 1904

I went home this afternoon and helped pick some blackberries. We picked nearly three buckets. Joe and the two boys hoeing. Weather fine.

Thursday February 4 1904

Two little boys came to pick peas with Joe today. Weather hot.

Friday February 5 1904

The four little boys picking again today. Joe went to market with 15¾ cwt of peas and beans. Weather looks very like rain.

Saturday February 6 1904

It rained very heavy all night and all day today. About 6 o'clock the irrigation drain burst away and the water came down over the potatoes, bean and peas. It came all round the house through the pumpkins and over the flower garden the front path was like a creek. The Army paddocks were all underwater. I went home to see if it was as bad there. I had to walk through water nearly up to my knees. It is the biggest flood since ninety-one. Jack came down after he came from market, but could do nothing to stop it; it had nearly stopped running by the morning. Weather very wet.

Monday February 8 1904

Two little boys came to pick peas today, it is very cold and showery. They picked 4 cwts between them. Joe took them up for Mr Yeadon to take down for me. (Wages paid today). Weather cold and wet.

Tuesday February 9 1904

I went up to see Mr Harvey about 'paying for the boys but he was not at home. Joe drawing down some logs from the hill with Mag for firewood. Chopping wood in the afternoon too wet to do anything on the ground. Weather a little finer.

Wednesday February 10 1904

Two little boys came to pick beans today. The ground is very wet. I went home today. Mother and I picked two buckets of blackberries. Weather showery toward evening.

Thursday February 11 1904

The two boys and Joe picking beans. Weather fine.

Friday February 12 1904

The boys and Joe picking peas. The weather has been very wet all day. They had to leave off picking for a while before dinner. It was not quite so bad after dinner. Joe went to market with 10 cwt of peas and beans. I had to get the loan of Mr Jackson's horse for Joe to take to market. Mag was too lame to go. Weather wet.

Saturday February 13 1904

Joe got 10/- cwt for the peas and 14/- for the beans. Fruit is very cheap some kinds being almost unsaleable. (Joe got 25/- today). Weather fine.

Monday February 15 1904

The flood did a great deal of harm. The eight rows of beans near the log fence have all died and one big lot of peas have completely gone. The potatoes appear to be nearly all rotten. Joe dug ten cases today out by the pigsty. He was digging all day to get that many. Jack took them down for me tonight. Weather fine.

Tuesday February 16 1904

Joe horse-hoed a small lot of beans up near the creek and pulling fat hen and other weeds out of the peas. Too wet to do much on the ground. Weather fine.

Wednesday February 17 1904

I went home this afternoon and picked some blackberries. Joe pulling weeds this morning and picking beans this afternoon. Weather very hot.

Thursday February 18 1904

Joe picking beans all day. Weather very hot.

Friday February 19 1904

The two Army boys came to help Joe with the picking today. They got 3½cwt of beans and 2½cwt of peas. Jack took them down for me. Weather rained all afternoon.

Saturday February 20 1904

Jack got 13/- and 14/- for the beans and 12/- for the peas. Joe cutting scrub around the fence in the bush paddock. Weather fine but ground very wet.

Monday February 22 1904

Jean and I went home this afternoon and picked a bucket of blackberries for jam. Joe cutting scrub along the fence. Weather fine.

Tuesday February 23 1904

I went up to see Mrs Yeadon this afternoon and Jean went home from school with Lottie. Jack came down this afternoon and helped Joe brand the calves. Daisy, Beauty and Pansy are branded 3 and Clover is branded IV. Joe cutting scrub along the fence. Weather fine.

Wednesday February 24 1904

I went home this afternoon and helped Mother and Annie pick blackberries. Joe cutting scrub. Weather fine but cloudy.

Thursday February 25 1904

Joe picking beans this morning., Two little boys carne to pick this afternoon. It came on to rain just after dinner. Very heavy and rained all the afternoon. Jean got wet coming from school. Weather wet.

Friday February 26 1904

The boys and Joe picking. They picked 3½ cwt of beans and 2 cwt and 35 lbs of peas. Joe took them up for Jack to take down. Weather fine.

Saturday February 27 1904

Joe went home for the dray this morning and cleaned out the stable and fowl house. He carted the manure down on to the grass near the road and he mended the fowl yard gate that was broken and white-washed the inside of the fowl house. Joe went to town by the 5 o'clock train. He got 10/- before he went. Weather fine.

Monday February 29 1904

Mrs Yeadon, Ivy and Lottie were down this afternoon to tea. We got a letter today to say Emma has a dear little baby girl. Ted and Emma will be very proud of it. Joe cutting the scrub around the fence all day today. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday March 1 1904

Emily went to Mitcham this evening with the Sunday School teachers. They were invited to a social evening and lecture. Mother came down this afternoon and stayed to tea. Annie came down in the evening. Joe cutting scrub. Weather rained a little in the evening.

Wednesday March 2 1904

I went home this afternoon. Annie and I picked two buckets of black-berries. Joe cutting scrub this morning, picking beans after dinner. Weather fine.

Thursday March 3 1904

Joe picking beans all day. Weather fine.

Friday March 4 1904

Two Army boys carne to pick this morning. Jack took the things to market for me. There were 1¾cwt of peas and 4¼cwt beans and I case of apples. Weather fine.

Saturday March 5 1904

Joe painted the barn doors to day. Weather fine.

Monday March 7 1904

There was a special service at the Church yesterday afternoon. Some of the children took part in it. I did not go Bobbie was sick. He had a very bad cold. Emily went she took Jean and Jimmie with her. Joe picked ½cwt of beans this morning. Mr Kerr is going to take them down after dinner. He pulled all the ripe pumpkins and marrows and sledged them to the barn and cut some firewood. Bobbie has been very sick all day today. Weather rained afternoon.

Tuesday March 8 1904

Jean was home from school with a cold today. Bobbie is getting better. We have all got bad colds. Joe ploughing the ground. Up on the hill ready for oats. Weather fine rained last night.

Wednesday March 9 1904

I went home this afternoon. Joe ploughing on the hill. weather fine.

Thursday March 10 1904

The butcher came today for the cow Pansy, of Mother's that was grazing here and paid me for it £5. Jack went to the Box Hill show today. Joe picking beans. Weather fine.

Friday March 11 1904

Joe and two Army boys picking beans today. Jack took them to market for me. There were five cwt of beans a 20 lbs of peas. Weather fine.

Saturday March 12 1904

Joe ploughing up the ground up near the cabbages and carted in some pea-straw. Then he cleaned and painted the plough and horse hoe. Weather fine.

Monday March 14 1904

I went over to see Mrs Kerr this afternoon. Jimmie went with me. There is to be a Sunday School Picnic on Wednesday and Mrs Kerr has invited Emily and Jean to go with them. I hope it will be fine. Joe ploughing pea ground. I went up to the Army home at dinner time today to complain about the boys coming through the place. They have been stealing apples. Weather very hot.

Tuesday March 15 1904

Joe ploughing today. Weather fine looks like rain.

Wednesday March 16 1904

It commenced to rain this morning and then cleared about nine o'clock, so they started for the picnic at Lilydale. Annie, Emily and Jean went. It started raining again very heavy about 12 o'clock and rained all the afternoon. It spoilt the picnic they had to come quite early. It was very disappointing. I went home in the morning with Bobbie and Jimmie we came home in the evening after the rain. Joe picking the John-Toun apples and some of the Jonathan apples. It was too wet to do much. Weather wet.

Thursday March 17 1904

Emily has gone up to the church this evening they are going to practise the singing for the Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday. Joe picking beans. Weather fine.

Friday March 18 1904

An Army boy came to pick today. Joe went to market tonight. He had 4 cwt of beans 3 doz. Cabbage, 12 cases of apples. I had the loan of Ben to go to market. Weather fine.

Saturday March 19 1904

Things were very cheap in the market today beans were- 3/-cwt, cabbage 1/3 doz, apples from 2/6 down to 9d. Emily up at the church tonight. They are going to decorate it for tomorrow. Fred Yeadon came down this afternoon and got some sun-flowers and some melons. Weather fine.

Monday March 21 1904

Joe ploughing all day with Ben and Mag. (Wages paid today 4 weeks). Weather fine.

Tuesday March 22 1904

Annie and I went to town this morning. Mrs C. Chandler went down to the station with us and came back again in the evening. We went to Box Hill on our way down. Joe ploughing he took Ben home this evening. Weather fine.

Wednesday March 23 1904

Joe finished picking the Jonathan and Five-Crown apples today. Weather fine.

Thursday March 24 1904

Mr Dobson and Pollie came up this afternoon. She did not bring the children with her. Flora has a little daughter. Joe cutting scrub round the new ground. Weather hot.

Friday March 25 1904

I went home this afternoon with Bobbie and Jimmie. Joe burning the cut scrub round the boundary fence. Mr Yeadon was helping him. Weather hot.

Saturday March 26 1904

There was a picnic over in the Army paddock this afternoon. Emily went and took all the children. I stayed at home. Joe picking beans. Weather fine but very windy.

Monday March 28 1904

Mother was down this afternoon. Joe finished picking the beans and took them up for Mr Yeadon to take down for me, then he pulled the remainder of the pumpkins and marrows and the preserving melons and carted them to the barn. Jimmy was very sick last night. I think it was with eating Passion Fruit, but he seems better today. Weather fine but windy.

Tuesday March 29 1904

Jack drove Mother and Emily down to Bayswater to a tea meeting, it was very good. Joe horse-hoeing and harrowing the weeds off the ground up on the hill ready for oats. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday March 30 1904

Mrs W. Collier and Myrtle came over this afternoon. Joe working at the ground on the hill. Weather beautiful.

Thursday March 31 1904

The school broke up today for the Easter holidays. They have a week's holiday. Joe picking peas. Weather hot.

Friday April 1 1904

Joe picking peas and beans. Jack took them to market for me. There was 2½ cwt of peas and 1½ of beans. Weather beautiful.

Saturday April 2 1904

Joe working up the ground on the hill ready for oats. Weather fine.

Monday April 4 1904

Annie came down this morning and took Jean and Jimmy home with her to stop till tomorrow night. Joe had a holiday today. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday April 5 1904

Joe sowing and harrowing in the oats. Weather fine.

Wednesday April 6 1904

Annie and I with the children and Mr and Mrs Yeadon with Ivy and Lottie went down to Brighton beach to spend the day it was a beautiful warm day. The children enjoyed themselves very much paddling in the water. Joe finished harrowing the oats and doing odd things about the house. Emily went home soon after dinner to mind Bobbie. Mother took him home with her last night. Weather beautiful.

Thursday April 7 1904

Joe picking beans all day. Weather fine.

Friday April 8 1904

One Army boy and Joe picking beans. I packed 18 cases of apples mostly Jonathans. Emily did not go home till after dinner. She took Jimmie with her. Jean is not well she has been sick since she was at the beach. She must have caught cold. She has a bad sore throat. Joe went to market with 3 cwt of peas and 3 cwt of beans, 18 cases apples and 5 young roosters. Weather fine.

Saturday April 9 1904

Joe got 5/- for the peas and from 6/- to 4/- for the beans, 3/-, 2/6, 2/-, and 1/- for the apples and 2/3 for one pair of roosters and 2/- pair for the others. Weather fine.

Monday April 11 1904

There was a lady's meeting up at the church this afternoon to arrange about baking for a coffee Social. I did not go. Annie was going. Emily went over to call on Mrs Archie Chandler this afternoon. Jean started school again this morning. She does not look very well yet. Joe started to dig potatoes. (Wages paid today 3 weeks),

Tuesday April 12 1904

Mother and Emily went to town this morning, they are going down the bay. Emma is going with them. Joe digging potatoes, Weather beautiful.



Wednesday April 13 1904

Mother and Emily came home this evening. They enjoyed the trip down the bay very much. It was a lovely day. Emma and Emily went to the back beach. Mother stayed on the beach and nursed Emma's baby till they carne back. The baby's name is Gladys. Joe digging potatoes. Annie stayed all night with us while Emily was away. Weather fine.

Thursday April 14 1904

I went home this afternoon. Joe had an Army boy helping him to pick beans and peas. Weather hot.

Friday April 15 1904

Joe went to market tonight with 1 cwt of peas  $\frac{1}{4}$  cwt and 331bs of beans and 21 $\frac{1}{2}$  cases of apples. Weather hot.

Saturday April 16 1904

Joe did not get home till nearly 8 o'clock. Mag was very lame, she could scarcely walk when he got here. Weather very hot and dry.

Monday April 18 1904

Mrs Yeadon carne down this afternoon. It has been very windy all day. About 4 o'clock it commenced to rain and is still raining. Everything was looking very dry even the grass for want of rain and the tanks were nearly empty. Joe digging potatoes. Weather raining.

Tuesday April 19 1904

Joe digging potatoes. Weather fine.

Wednesday April 20 1904

There was a Coffee Social up at the church this evening, we made some cakes and scones. Emily and Jean went. Mrs Archie Chandler called this afternoon. They made £4. at the social. There is still £12. owing on the church. Weather beautiful.

Thursday April 21 1904

Joe digging potatoes and mending the wire-netting up round the oats. The rabbits are eating it. Weather fine.

Friday April 22 1904

Joe picked  $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of beans and then went on digging potatoes. Jack took the beans down for me. He got 9/- for them. Weather fine.

Saturday April 23 1904

Joe digging potatoes. He has to dig over a lot of ground for very few potatoes, they are nearly all rotten. Weather fine.

Monday April 25 1904

Jean had a holiday from school today it is 6 hours day. I went this afternoon for Jean she went home first thing this morning with Jack. Joe digging potatoes. Ted and Emma with the baby were up yesterday. (Wages paid today). Weather beautiful.

Tuesday April 26 1904

I went home this afternoon and helped Annie pack some apples and some quinces for jam. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday April 27 1904

There was a Rechabite Social and Concert at Bayswater this evening. Jack and Annie went down to it. I believe it was very good. Joe digging potatoes. I made some tomato sauce and quince jam today. Weather fine.

Thursday April 28 1904

Joe digging potatoes. Weather fine.

Friday April 29 1904

I packed 6 cases of apples for market today. Joe picked  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of beans. Jack took them down for me. Weather fine.

Saturday April 30 1904

Joe digging potatoes all day. Mother came down last night and stayed till this evening. Weather very close, like a change.

Monday May 2 1904

Joe digging potatoes all day. He finished them today. Weather fine.

Tuesday May 3 1904

I went home this afternoon and took Bobbie with me. Jack came down this morning and helped Joe cart in all the potatoes. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday May 4 1904

Emily went over to Mrs Archie Chandler's this afternoon. She is learning to do point-lace. Joe started to clean out and deepen the big ditch that runs from the creek to the road. Weather rained a heavy shower about 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Thursday May 5 1904

Mrs Kerr and May came over this afternoon. Joe still at the drain. Weather beautiful.

Friday May 6 1904

I went over to Harry Chandler's this afternoon to pay him for some seed beans I got some time ago. Weather rained a little this afternoon. Joe digging the drain in the morning. He went over home after help dinner to Jack with his potatoes.

Saturday May 7 1904

Mother was down this afternoon. She has been making Emily a new blouse, she finished it today. Joe digging potatoes for Jack. Weather fine.

Monday May 9 1904

Joe digging potatoes again today. Weather fine.

Tuesday May 10 1904

Jimmie and I went over to Lilydale with Mrs Kerr today. We started about half past ten in the morning and got home about five. It was a beautiful drive and such a lovely day. Joe still over home digging potatoes. Mrs Archie Chandler called while I was away. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday May 11 1904

Dear little Bobbie is not at all well tonight, he seems to have a bad bilious attack. I hope it is nothing more but I feel anxious about him. Annie came down this afternoon to get the big pickle tub. Joe is going to help Jack kill the pig this afternoon. Weather fine.

Thursday May 12 1904

Bobbie is better today. Joe digging potatoes for Jack. Weather hot.

Friday May 13 1904

I picked two quarters and fifteen pounds of beans today. We did not think there would be any to pick and Joe went over to dig for Jack. I went to look at them after he was gone, so had to pick them myself. My back did ache. Emily packed the apples there was nine cases. It is the last time Jack is going to market this season. Weather very hot and dry.

Saturday May 14 1904

Mother came down last night and stayed all night. Joe over home. Weather very hot.

Monday May 16 1904

Mother and Annie went to town this morning. Emily went home. She is going to stay till they come back tonight. Joe at home today. He was digging out the big ditch in the morning, after dinner he was cutting some chaff and some firewood. It was too wet to do anything else, it started to rain about twelve o'clock and rained very heavy for a time. Some of the neighbours will be glad of the rain as they were very short of water. Some have been carting water for nearly a fortnight. Weather wet. (Wages paid today 3 weeks).

Tuesday May 17 1904

Joe went to town this morning. The Box Hill bank was robbed last night. The robbers got safely away with seventeen hundred pounds. Weather showery.

Wednesday May 18 1904

Joe ploughing the potato ground out by the pig sty. Weather showery.

Thursday May 19 1904

I went up to Mrs Harvey's this afternoon. Joe ploughing. He finished the ground by the pig sty and ploughed the pumpkin ground near the house, then he went up to plough the potato ground near the watering place. Weather dull and cloudy.

Friday May 20 1904

Joe over home helping Jack today. Jack was at Bayswater carting up the Super. He carted 1 ton home in the morning and, he brought 1 ton here in the afternoon. Mag is too lame to cart any. He is going to bring the rest tomorrow. Weather fine, nice rain.

Saturday May 21 1904

Jack brought up the remainder of the Super this afternoon - 1 ton. Joe cleaned. out the drain by the bees boxes and pulled up the old fence from the wood shed to the road and cleared the little corner near the slip-rail. Weather showery all day.

Monday May 23 1904

Joe went over to help Jack this morning but came back soon after dinner. It was too wet to dig potatoes. I went home this afternoon to see about going to town. Annie and I are going tomorrow if it is fine. The weather is bitterly cold. Weather very cold and wet.

Tuesday May 24 1904

It was too wet to go to town this morning, it was bitterly cold night last night. This morning the mountains were covered with snow. Joe was not working today. He has a very bad cold. I went up to Mrs Yeadon's this afternoon and paid for the 3 doz. sacks Joe got from them for the potatoes. Weather very cold.

Wednesday May 25 1904

Annie and I went to town this morning. Jack drove us to the station. Annie went to get her new dress, it is very nice. Joe chopped some fire wood today. Weather fine but cold.

Thursday May 26 1904

Mother came down this morning she brought some eggs to send with the baker. Bobbie has a very bad cold. Joe put up the fence again between the wood shed and the road. It looks much better now it is straight. Weather cloudy and cold.

Friday May 27 1904

Joe ploughing up the potato ground near the wire fence. Jack came down at dinner time and put in some pegs to show Joe where to make the new track out to the road. He is going to make it straight. Weather fine.

Saturday May 28 1904

Jean, Jim and little Bobbie all went over home this afternoon to have tea with Grandma and wish her many happy returns of the day it is her birthday. Emily went to the style near the creek with then and Annie came to meet them. Emily went over in the evening to bring them home. Joe was forming the track to the road and digging a drain. Weather fine.

Monday May 30 1904

Joe clipped Mag this morning. Digging an underground drain just inside the slip-rails. It is to go through the fence and up the new ground. Weather showery all day.

Tuesday May 31 1904

Joe at the drain all day. Weather rained heavy showers all day.

Wednesday June 1 1904

It is very wet today. Joe cutting drain wood. Mother came down this afternoon and brought some butter and eggs to send with the baker. There was a bible class started at the church tonight. Weather rained all last night and heavy showers all day.

Thursday June 2 1904

Joe chopped some firewood and brought it to the house. Then he sleighed down some drain wood and cut some boughs ready for the drain. He dug a little this afternoon. Weather showery all day. The ground is very muddy and wet.

Friday June 3 1904

Jack came down this morning and he and Joe started. to nail on the palings on front of the stable. Weather showery, all day.

Saturday June 4 1904

Jack came down after dinner and went on with the palings. Jog digging a drain in the new ground up by the watering place. Weather dull and cloudy.

Monday June 6 1904

Joe finished the drain on the new ground by the creek and filled it in and sleighed down some drain wood and laid it alongside the drain by the pigsty and cut and dragged in some tea-tree with Mag. Mother came down this afternoon. The Inspector was at the school today, the children got out early. Jean came home about 3 o'clock they do not know who passed yet. Weather fine. (Wages paid. today 3 weeks).

Tuesday June 7 1904

Jean passed in everything and was put into the second class today. Joe digging the drain and putting in wood and boughs. Weather fine but cold and windy.

Wednesday June 8 1904

I went home this afternoon with Jim and Bobbie. Annie came home with us she brought a basket of butter and eggs for the baker. Joe digging and filling in the drain. He nearly finished it. Emily has gone up to the Church tonight for the Bible Class. Weather cloudy and cold very like rain.

Thursday June 9 1904

Joe ploughing in the orchard. He finished filling in the drain by the pigsty. Weather fine.

Friday June 10 1904

Joe ploughed the two lands near the cherry trees beside the house and ploughed some more in the orchard. After dinner he went over to help Jack he is getting some ground ready to sow grass seed. I went up to Mrs Harvey's this afternoon and took Bobbie with me to play with Ruby. Weather fine.

Saturday June 11 1904

Mother came down this afternoon. She brought a nice overcoat for Jim. Jack gave it to him. Joe over helping Jack today. Weather fine.

Monday June 13 1904

Jean did not go to school today it is a holiday. Joe took Mag to the blacksmiths to be shod this morning. Jack came down this morning and went on nailing the palings on the barn. It was too wet to work the ground. It rained nearly all day yesterday. Weather heavy showers all day.

Tuesday June 14 1904

Jean home from school again today. She has a bad cold. Jack working at the barn again today. Joe helping him. Weather still showery.

Wednesday June 15 1904

Joe over helping Jack with some draining. Weather very foggy nearly all day.

Thursday June 16 1904

Joe over home again today. Emily went up to the Bible Class last night there were not very many there. It was a very cold night and looked very like rain. Weather fine.

Friday June 17 1904

Jean is home from school today. She is very sick, she seems to have influenza. There is a good many of the school children down with it. Joe over home. Weather fine, frosty.

Saturday June 18 1904

Jean is still very bad with her cold. She has the ear-ache as well. Joe is at home to day getting in a stock of firewood. Weather fine, heavy frost.

Monday June 20 1904

Jean is up today. She has been in bed since Thursday night. Jim, Bobbie and myself have all got very bad colds and Emily is getting it. Bobbie is very unwell today. Joe over helping Jack bag some kidney potatoes. Weather fine but windy.

Tuesday June 21 1904

Mother came down this afternoon to see the children, They are getting better. Jack is carting potatoes to the station today. 1 ton of kidneys his own and 1 ton 15 cwt of Beauty's for me, to go to Mr Monk. Joe bagging and sewing bags all day. It was getting dark when he went away with the last load. It came on a heavy wind and thunder storm after he had gone. We feel rather anxious. I hope he is home now, it is raining heavy yet. Weather fine all day, thunder storm tonight.

Wednesday June 22 1904

I went home this afternoon to get the butter and eggs. Mother wanted me to send with mine. I have got a bad cold. Jack got home alright after the storm. He got very wet loading the truck. Joe over working with Jack. Emily did not go to the Bible Class tonight. Little Bobbie was crying so with the earache and she has a cold herself. Weather showery.

Thursday June 23 1904

Jimmies cold is much worse today. He has been in bed all day. Little Bobbie cried nearly all last night with the earache. He looks quite pale today. Joe over with Jack. Weather showery.

Friday June 24 1904

Jim is better today and able to get up but Bobbie seems to have got a fresh cold. He is very sick today. My cold seems to have settled in my eyes, I can scarcely see with them, it was too wet for Joe to go home this morning he chopped some firewood and was making a gate. He went over after dinner. Weather cold and wet.

Saturday June 25 1904

Mother came down this morning to see little Bobbie. He is very sick. She stayed all day and as he was no better she did not go home till after dinner on Sunday. Joe over home with Jack this morning. He came home after dinner. It was too wet. Weather very wet.

Monday June 27 1904

Bobbie is much better today. Annie came down this morning. My eyes are nearly well again now. There is a Mission at Bayswater this week connected with Church of Christ. Annie is going down tonight with Mr and Mrs Yeadon and Miss Green. (Wages paid today 3 weeks). Weather frosty.

Tuesday June 28 1904

Mother came down this afternoon to see the children. Bobbie took a very bad turn at dinner time today he seemed to take a chill and we could not get him warm for some time. He was bad for several hours. Mother was going to stop all night but he seems so much better tonight. She went home. Jack has a bad cold and Annie was going to the Mission at Bayswater again tonight. Jean went to school today, she has been home for over a week with her cold. Joe over with Jack draining. Weather frost this morning.

Wednesday June 29 1904

I went over home for the butter this afternoon. Bobbie seems quite well again today. Joe over with Jack. Weather very cold and windy.

Thursday June 30 1904

Mrs Yeadon came down this afternoon. Joe went to town this morning. He got 10/- before he went. He came home tonight. Weather wet all day.

Friday July 1 1904

It rained heavy all last night. The creek was over the banks in some places. Jack came down after dinner and finished nailing the palings on the side the barn. Joe was digging the drain up to the watering place along the wire fence to stop the water from the hill running into the old creek. There was only Jean and Harry Baldwin at School today. Weather very wet.

Saturday July 2 1904

It has been raining all day. The place is very wet and nuddy. Joe cleaned the harness and chopped some wood. Weather wet and cold.

Monday July 4 1904

Joe over helping Jack. Weather fine.

Tuesday July 5 1904

Emily over at Mrs Archie Chandlers this afternoon. Joe over with Jack. Weather dull and cloudy.

Wednesday July 6 1904

Jean is eight years old today. Bobble is very sick today. I do not know what is the matter with him, he is very feverish. Joe over with Jack cutting up some blackberries in the creek. Weather showery.

Thursday July 7 1904

Bobbie was very ill all last night. Emily and I sat up all night with him. We were very anxious. He seemed to get a little better toward morning we went to bed at half past four. Mother came down to see him today. I think he is getting better, he looks very bad. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine but cold.

Friday July 8 1904

Annie came down this morning to see how Bobbie was, he is getting better. Joe stopped home today to plough but the ground was too wet. He carted the manure from the stable on to the grass then he was adzing up some rushed in the grass. Weather fine.

Saturday July 9 1904

Mother came down this afternoon to see Bobbie, he is nearly well again now. Joe was cleaning out the drain in front of the house and the mouth of the old creek. There was a heavy shock of Earthquake here this evening about half past seven. Weather fine windy.

Monday July 11 1904

I went over to see Mrs Kerr this afternoon. Joe over helping Jack. Jim started to go to school today. Weather fine windy.

Tuesday July 12 1904

There was a meeting up at the school this afternoon to arrange about giving the children some tea and cakes after they have planted the trees, they are going to have Arbor Day. Joe over helping Jack. Weather fine but windy.

Wednesday July 13 1904

I went home for the butter this afternoon. It was very cold and very windy from the North. Jim did not go to school. Joe stopped home today, it was so wet. He made a jack to raise the wagon wheels and washed the wagon. Then he chopped some fire wood. Weather very wet, windy and cold.

Thursday July 14 1904

Mother came down this afternoon. Mrs Yeadon and Ivy came down last night after tea and stayed for an hour or two. Weather fine came on to rain this evening.

Friday July 15 1904

There was only half a day's school today. Jean and Jim came home to dinner. Emily and I with the children went up to the school about half past one, most of the people around about were there. They planted the trees. Emily and Jean each planted one to represent the different families, then they had tea in the school, then we all had our photos taken in the school house and in the verandah. I hope they will be good. Weather very cold and windy.



Saturday July 16 1904

Jack went to town this morning. He is going to stop until Monday night. Joe chopping wood all day. Weather heavy showers all day.

Monday July 18 1904

I went home this afternoon and took Bobbie with me. Mother is not well she has the influenza. We had Mr Green to dinner yesterday and Charley Dobson to tea. Joe started to clear the little piece of ground at the top of the old creek inside the wire fence. Weather fine but cloudy.

Tuesday July 19 1904

Emily went home this afternoon to see Mother, she is a little better. Joe at the clearing. Weather fine.

Wednesday July 20 1904

I went home with Bobbie this afternoon. Mother is getting better. Joe at the clearing. Weather beautiful.

Thursday July 21 1904

Mrs Will Collier and the children came up this afternoon and stayed to tea. Joe opening up a drain that had become blocked near the wire fence above the orchard. Weather fine.

Friday July 22 1904

I went home to see Mother. I took Bobbie with me, she seems to be getting better. Joe at the drains. Weather fine.

Saturday July 23 1904

Joe cutting drain wood and boughs for the drains and sleighing them on to the ground. Weather beautiful.

Monday July 25 1904

Annie came down this morning with some letters to post, she say Mother is better than she was, she was going to town for two or three days for a change, but the weather has turned so cold and wet she was afraid to go out. Joe at the drains, he is digging some at the top of the orchard. I went home this afternoon. Weather showery.

Tuesday July 26 1904

Emily went home this afternoon to see Mother, she is much worse. She took bad after I left yesterday and was very ill all night. She has a very bad pain in her side. Emil came home this evening to tell me about it then she went back again to stay all night. I do hope she will be better in the morning. Joe at the drains. (I paid Joe 4 weeks wages less 10/- he got last time he went to town). Weather showery all day.

Wednesday July 27 1904

Emily came home this morning. Mother is a little better. I went home this afternoon for the butter and to see Mother, she is still the same. Joe cutting drain wood and boughs and sleighing them on to the drains. Weather fine.

Thursday July 28 1904

Emily went to see Mother today she took Bobbie with her. Mother is a little better. Joe filling in drains. Weather fine.

Friday July 29 1904

I went home with Bobbie to see Mother, she is a little better but still looks very bad. Joe finished the drains in the orchard and dug an open drain along the fence behind the barn. Weather beautiful.

Saturday July 30 1904

Mother is getting better. Emily went over this afternoon. Joe went over to Baldwin's this morning to get a little pig paid 10/6. Joe at the clearing the rest of the day. Weather very wet. It rained nearly all last night.

Monday August 1 1904

I went home yesterday afternoon with Jim, to see Mother. She is not so well again, the pain is very bad in her side and she has a pain in her head. We were in hopes she was getting better. Charley Dobson and Rosie called when I was away. Jack came down after dinner today to help kill the pig. Joe at the clearing. Emily went home this afternoon to see Mother she took Bobbie with her. Mother seems a little better today. Weather very dull misty rain.

Tuesday August 2 1904

Jack came down this morning to salt the pig. Joe at the clearing. I went home to see Mother, she is just about the same. Miss Green called to see her while I was there. The little pig got out of the sty sometime this afternoon and cannot be found, Joe has gone over to the Baldwins to see if it has gone home. Weather dull and miserable.

Wednesday August 3 1904

Emily went home to see Mother today, she seems a little better today. Joe found the pig this morning it was over at Mr Jackson's. Emily is up at the Bible Class tonight. Joe went home for half a day. Weather fine but cloudy.

Thursday August 4 1904

Mother is not well again today, she does not seem to get any better. I was over this afternoon. Joe over with Jack digging a drain. Weather fine like spring.

Friday August 5 1904

Emily was home this afternoon. Mother is just about-the same. I do hope she will be better soon we are so anxious about her. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday August 6 1904

Mother is a little better today. Emily went over soon after dinner. Joe over with Jack this morning, cutting wood after dinner. Weather like rain.

Monday August 8 1904

Emily went home to see Mother this afternoon. She is getting better. Ted and Emma were up to see her yesterday. Joe started to nail the palings on the front fence to day. Weather fine.

Tuesday August 9 1904

I was home this afternoon. Mother getting better. Joe at the palings in the morning. He grubbed a tree in the afternoon and cut two gate posts and brought them down with Mag.

Wednesday August 10 1904

Emily went home this afternoon. Mother improving but she is still very weak. I went over to Harry Chandler's this evening to get a setting of eggs. I set the hen when I carne home. Mrs Archie Chandler called in for a few minutes this evening. Joe at the fence he trimmed the gate posts and dug the holes and nailed on some more palings. Weather fine.

Thursday August 11 1904

Emily went over to see Mother this evening, she is still keeping better. Mrs Yeadon and Ivy and Mrs Harvey and Ruby came down this afternoon and Lottie came home from school with Jean. They stayed to tea. Joe over helping Jack finish the grass. The ground was too wet to get it in before. Weather beautiful.

Friday August 12 1904

I did not go home this afternoon. Mrs Archie Chandler called and I could not get away. Joe up at the clearing. Weather, it started to rain this evening

Saturday August 13 1904

It is a month to day since Mother took bad. She has scarcely been outside the door since. She is getting better. Jean and Jim went over today. I went to bring them home. Mother seems a lot better. Jack came down this morning to help Joe put in the gate posts. Weather cloudy, rained a good deal last night and the place is very muddy.

Monday August 15 1904

Joe went up to the Army this morning to get a little calf. They charged 9/- for it. I think it is too much, then he went on with the palings. (Wages paid 3 weeks) Weather fine.

Tuesday August 16 1904

I went home this afternoon. Mother is a great deal better, she is thinking of going to town tomorrow if it is fine for a change. I hope she will not take cold if she goes Emily is going with her. Joe finished the palings and formed the road from the gate to the panel into the yard. Weather rained last night beautiful today.

Wednesday August 17 1904

Mother did not go to town this morning it was too wet and cold. Joe took the pieces of iron that the big gate hangs on down to Kleinert's to get them made longer. He went on with the clearing when he came back. Weather showery all day.

Thursday August 18 1904

Emily and I planted some roses along the paling fence this afternoon. Joe up at the clearing this afternoon. Weather fine.

Friday August 19 1904

Joe bagging a ton of potatoes for Mr Pegler he wants them tomorrow. Weather fine

Saturday August 20 1904

Jack came down for the dray this morning, he took the-children home with him for the day. Joe went to Bayswater this morning with  $\frac{1}{2}$  a ton of potatoes the roads were too bad for Mag to take a ton. He took the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton down after dinner then he went on with the clearing. Emily went over for the children this evening. It rained very heavy last night and has been showery all day. The roads are in a terrible state. Weather very wet.

Monday August 22 1904

Mother and Emily went to town this morning by the first train. They are coming home tomorrow night. Joe at the clearing. Weather fine and windy.

Tuesday August 23 1904

Mother and Emily came home tonight. Mother was very tired. She is nearly quite well again now. Joe up splitting the trees he grubbed in the piece he is clearing and putting them in the old creek. Minnie called today. Weather showery.

Wednesday August 24 1904

Joe at the clearing all day. There was a hospital concert and ball at Bayswater. Weather fine tonight.

Thursday August 25 1904

Mr Yeadon brought down a bag of seed peas on Tuesday that he bought for me. There is four bushels in the bag, they were 10/6 a bushel £2.2.0. the bag. Joe put in a few potatoes near the front gate today then went on with the clearing. I am busy digging the lower garden. Weather fine.

Friday August 26 1904

Mother came down this afternoon for the first time for over six weeks. We were so glad to see her she is looking much better. Joe went over for Ben this morning and started ploughing the pea ground up near the carrots. Weather fine but windy.

Saturday August 27 1904

Joe ploughing all day with the two horses. Weather fine.

Monday August 29 1904

Mother, Annie and Emily went to town this morning by the first train. It rained yesterday so it was too wet for Joe to plough, he went on with the clearing. Weather very windy and cold.

Tuesday August 30 1904

The weather changed last night. It commenced to rain about twelve o'clock and it has rained all day today, the creeks are very high. They were over the banks before dark, the water was all across the bottom of the grass paddocks and the flats below were all under water. There were only Jean, Jim and Lottie Yeadon at school today. Joe too wet to work. Weather still raining very heavy.

Wednesday August 31 1904

Mother came down this afternoon. Emily has gone to the Bible Class this evening. Joe chopping wood this morning, at the clearing in the afternoon. Weather it rained a lot last night, but stopped altogether before morning. The flood was very high in the night.

Thursday September 1 1904

I sent up to see Mrs Yeadon this evening. I took Jean and Bobbie with me it was a half holiday. Joe at the clearing in the morning cutting up rushes in the grass paddock in the afternoon. I paid Mr Yeadon for the peas he bought for me £2.2.6. Weather misty showers.

Friday September 2 1904

Joe cleaned out the stable and fowl-house and carted the manure on to the grass paddock, then picked over the potatoes in the barn. Weather very cold and windy.

Saturday September 3 1904

Joe finished the potatoes and cut some rushes in the grass. Weather wet and cold winds.

Monday September 5 1904

Jack came down this morning and brought  $\frac{1}{2}$  a dozen Jonathan apples for me and planted a row near the front gate. Joe digging up carrots. Charlotte and Elsie came up this afternoon. Weather fine. (Wages paid today 3 weeks).

Tuesday September 6 1904

Mother came down this afternoon. Emily went over to see Mrs Archie Chandler this afternoon. Joe finished digging the carrots and carted some down to the barn. He dug a drain by the fowl yard to keep the water off the yard. Weather fine.

Wednesday September 7 1904

Emily up at the Bible class this evening. Joe raking rubbish and filling in drain on new ground. Weather fine.

Thursday September 8 1904

Mother and Emily went over to Fern Tree Gully today, they walked over. Joe went over home this morning for Ben then he ploughed the ground up near the wire fence with the two horses for peas. Jack came down this afternoon and started to prune the trees near the house. Weather fine.

Friday September 10 1904

Jack down all day pruning. Joe ploughing with the two horses. Weather fine.

Saturday September 11 1904

Jack down pruning. Joe carting earth to the old creek with Ben. I went home this evening with Bobbie to stop all night. Annie went down to Blackburn this afternoon, she is going to stop till Monday night. Weather very windy little rain.

Monday September 12 1904

Bobbie and I came home last night and Emily went over. Annie is coming home tonight. Joe planting peas, he did not get them finished. Jack pruning. Weather fine.

Tuesday September 13 1904

Joe finished planting peas in the morning, he went down to Kleinert's after dinner to get Mag shod. I went home with Bobbie. Mr Yeadon brought back the 1cwt of bone dust he borrowed some time ago and borrowed 68 lbs of seed peas. Weather there was a thunderstorm this afternoon and some heavy showers of rain and hail.

Wednesday September 14 1904

Jim is six years old today. Grandma came down to tea. Joe dug a short drain up in the new ground; put wood and boughs in it and filled it in again. Weather fine. Showery this morning.

Thursday September 15 1904

Joe cutting up rushes in the grass paddock. Cut some firewood. This evening Emily and Jean up at the church, the children are practising singing for the S S.A. Weather fine but cold.

Friday September 16 1904

Joe carting earth to fill up the old creek with Mag. There was white frost this morning. Weather fine frosty.

Saturday September 17 1904

Joe carting earth and getting the new ground ready for ploughing. It is finished now ready to plough. Jean and Jim went home this morning to spend the day. Bobbie did not go he has a bad cold. Weather beautiful.

Monday September 19 1904

Joe went over for Ben this morning to plough the new ground. Jack pruning. We had a thunderstorm with heavy rain about half past-three. The school children got wet through they came in for shelter. Jean and Jim had their cloaks. (Wages paid today 2 weeks). Weather rain.

Tuesday September 20 1904

Jim did not go to school today. He has a bad cold. Mother and I went to town this morning. Annie drove us to the station. I got a pair of spectacles. I paid 12/6 for them. Jack down half a day pruning. Weather fine.

Wednesday September 21 1904

Joe finished ploughing the new ground with Mag, then he opened up the drain leading from the tank to the big ditch, he put in some old galvanised iron pipes. Jack pruning all day. Mother came down this afternoon. Emily at the Bible Class. Weather fine.

Thursday September 22 1904

I went home this afternoon with Bobbie. Joe mending the fence all around the bush paddock. Daisy is always getting out in the road. Jack pruning. Weather very windy.

Friday September 23 1904

Joe finished mending the fence today, Jack pruning. Myrtle Collier came home with the children from school. She is going to the singing practice with Emily and. Jean tonight. Weather fine.

Saturday September 24 1904

Jack did not come to prune today, he has gone to town. Joe carted in some earth for the track through the garden then he was gathering up the saplings that was left after the fire round the bush paddock fence. Weather beautiful.

Monday September 26 1904

Mother went to town this morning, she is going to stay till Friday night. Emily and Bobbie went with them to the station for a drive. There was a ladies meeting up at the church this afternoon about the social for the S.S. Anniversary. Emily went up to it. Jack came down to prune this afternoon. Joe ploughing, he gathered up some more of the saplings this evening. I took Bobbie and Jim and went over to Harry Chandler's and got a sitting of hen eggs for Mother and a sitting of ducks eggs for Myself. I paid 2/6 for the ducks and 8d for the hen eggs. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday September 27 1904

Jack came down this morning and finished the pruning. Joe went over home and got Ben. He was ploughing the ground up near the grass paddock with the two horses. Joe killed two big snakes today up by the creek one was over three feet long and the other was nearly four feet. I set a hen on a dozen duck eggs this morning. Weather fine and warm.

Wednesday September 28 1904

Joe going round the fence in the bush paddock and gathering up sticks and saplings that were left after the fire. Weather very cold and stormy. Heavy showers of rain, hail and sleet all day.

Thursday September 29 1904

I went home with Bobbie this afternoon. Joe picking up the sticks round the bush paddock after dinner he was chopping up the logs in the old log fence and burning them. Weather fine.

Friday September 30 1904

Mother came home tonight. She has been stopping at Emma's since last Monday. Joe finished burning the log fence and raked up the rubbish. Weather fine.

Saturday October 1 1904

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe ploughed the carrot ground over again, and a piece of ground ready for peas. In the evening he finished whitewashing the hut. Weather beautiful.

Monday October 3 1904

I was out working in the garden nearly all day today. Mother came down this afternoon. It is my birthday. Joe planted 18 rows of peas today and harrowed and rolled the carrot ground. Weather very close and warm.

Tuesday October 4 1904

Joe sowed the carrot seed this morning but it came on to rain before he got it covered. It rained very heavy for about 2 hours. There is a lecture up at the Army Farm this evening. Mr Bray is going to lecture on his trip to England and back. Emily up at the Bible Class. I went home this afternoon with Bobbie. I paid for ½ a ton of chaff. Jack brought it up from the station: price £1- and three shilling for freight and two shillings that was owing at Kleinert's for Mag's shoes. Weather rained afternoon.

Wednesday October 5 1904

Too wet to do anything on the ground today. Joe made a little gate leading into the backyard then he went pulling up willows up on the side hill near the pigsty. Weather showery all day.

Thursday October 6 1904

Mrs Kerr came over this afternoon. Joe pulling up willows. Weather showery all morning.

Friday October 7 1904

Mother came over this afternoon. Jack has a very bad abscess in his face. He has had it for two days. Joe made a new watering place in the grass paddock near the road in the morning and harrowing the new ground in the afternoon. Weather showery in morning.

Saturday October 8 1904

Joe put in some tomato seed yesterday. He was harrowing and picking up cuttings in the orchard to day. Weather fine and warm.

Monday October 10 1904

I planted some cactus dahlias and some sweet pea seed today. Joe harrowing and getting the three cornered piece of ground up near the watering place ready for some potatoes. He went over home with the wagon this afternoon and brought some Kidney potatoes to plant. Emily and Annie are going to town tomorrow if it is fine. Weather beautiful. (Wages.)

Tuesday October 11 1904

Annie and Emily went to town this morning. Joe planting potatoes all day. Weather fine.



Wednesday October 12 1904

Mrs Lum came up this morning just before dinner and stayed till after tea. Joe planting potatoes. He finished them this evening. Emily up at the Bible Class tonight. Weather very close like rain.

Thursday October 13 1904

Emily up at the singing practice tonight. I went up to Mrs Harvey's this afternoon. I took Bobbie with me. Joe planted a packet of red carrot and a packet of white turnip seed this morning, then he was ploughing and harrowing with Mag. In the evening he put a handle in one of the hoes ready to hoe the first peas.

Friday October 14 1904

It rained last night and has been a heavy misty rain all day today. It was too wet to hoe so Joe was cutting thistles and rushes in the grass paddock. Weather rain most of the day.

Saturday October 15 1904

Joe hoed the few potatoes by the house and then finished picking up the cuttings in the orchard and getting the ground ready for ploughing. He made a style out over the big ditch into the grass paddock. Weather fine but cloudy. (very sleepy and tired).

Monday October 17 1904

Jack came down this morning to help Joe give "Spot" some medicine. She does not seem well. She is swelled up very much. Joe cutting up rushes all day. It rained last night so was too wet to work the ground. (Wages paid 4 weeks). Weather beautiful.

Tuesday October 18 1904

Spot had to be put up on the hill away from the grass and she soon got better but she went quite dry. Daisy was put into the grass this week.

Monday October 24 1904

Yesterday was the anniversary of the Sunday School. The children sang very nicely. It was very wet in the morning. There were very few people at church but the weather had cleared up beautiful before the evening service and the church was full and they were standing in the porch. Mr Euenson preached both morning and evening. There is a Social tonight. Joe hoeing peas. The ducks came out today there were ten ducks out of 9 eggs. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday October 25 1904

The Social was a great success there never was so many people in the church before every seat was filled and they were standing outside. The children sang and recited, they did very well, they all got a prize. Jean got a first prize and Jim a second. Joe getting some ground ready for peas and beans. Mother came down yesterday and baked some tarts for the social. She went to it with me. Emily went up this afternoon to help clean the church. Annie and Miss Harris came back with her to tea. Weather very close.

Wednesday October 26 1904

Emily up at the Bible Class tonight. Joe planted some peas and beans today. Weather very hot.

Thursday October 27 1904

Joe horse-hoed the peas and ploughed the new ground over again above the carrots and he horse hoed the few potatoes near the house and filled in the misses. Weather fine.

Friday October 28 1904

I forgot to mention on Monday I had a hen sitting on nine duck eggs and she brought out ten ducks. There must have been two in one egg. I went up to settle with Mr Harvey about the boys this afternoon. I paid him £2.10.0. Joe hoeing peas.

Saturday October 29 1904

Joe hoeing peas all day. Weather beautiful.

Monday October 31 1904

I went home this afternoon with Bobbie and brought Jimmie home. He went over on Sunday morning. He has a very bad cold and has been home from school since Thursday. Ted and Emma and little Gladys drove up yesterday. Ted came down to see us. We were neither of us over as we were expecting Charley Dobson to tea, he came and brought Queenie with him. Emily is up at a Sunday School meeting tonight. Joe hoeing peas all day. Weather very hot and windy.

Tuesday November 1 1904

Mother came down this afternoon. Jim's cold is not much better he has a very bad cough. Joe got 10/- this morning he has gone to the races. Weather very hot and close, there was a heavy thunder storm about 6 o'clock and it rained very heavy through the night.

Wednesday November 2 1904

Major Bray is giving a lecture up at the church tonight on his trip to London and there is to be some lively action songs as well. Emily went up I don't think there will be many there, it is so wet it has been showery all day, but has rained all the time for the last two or three hours. Joe cutting up rushes. It was too wet to work on the ground. Weather wind and rain.

Thursday November 3 1904

Emily went home this morning. Mother and Annie went to town they are coming home again tonight. Joe cutting up rushes. Weather heavy showers all day.

Friday November 4 1904

I went home this afternoon I took Bobble with me. I helped Annie rub some potatoes. Joe finished. the rushes today and carted them off the paddock. Weather dull and cloudy.

Saturday November 5 1904

Joe working the potato ground. Annie went to Blackburn this afternoon. She is going to stop till Wednesday evening. Weather fine but cloudy.

Monday November 7 1904

I went home with Bobbie this morning to stay the day with Mother. She has a bad cold. Miss Green, Miss Gordon and Dorrie Chandler came down to tea yesterday. Joe getting ground ready for peas. (Wages paid today 3 weeks). Weather beautiful.

Tuesday November 8 1904

Bobbie and I went home again this morning. Mother's cold is getting better. Joe went over home yesterday and got "Friday" to help do some drag harrowing, he put in some peas today and a few rows of maize in the fruit trees. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday November 9 1904

Emily up at the Bible Class tonight. Annie coming home tonight. Jack went to the station to meet her. Joe working the ground ready for potatoes with "Mag" and "Friday." Weather fine.

Thursday November 10 1904

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe working the potato ground with the two horses. Weather fine.

Friday November 11 1904

I went home this afternoon with Bobbie. Joe harrowing and rolling the potato ground with "Mag" and "Friday". Weather fine.

Saturday November 12 1904

Joe ploughing the orchard and finished the potato ground. Weather fine.

Monday November 14 1904

The children had a holiday from school today for the King's birthday. They went over to Grandma's to spend the day and little Bobbie went too. I went for them in the evening, There were a great many people up the mountain more than there has been for some time. Joe cutting potatoes. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday November 15 1904

Dear little Bobbie has been very sick all day today. I hope he will be better tomorrow. Emily was going to town this morning but she did not go because Bobbie was ill, she is going tomorrow if he is better. Mother came down to stop with me but she went back again. Two little Army boys came to help Joe plant potatoes. They planted the new ground above the hut with "Hebruns." Weather fine.

Wednesday November 16 1904

Emily went over to see Mrs Kerr this afternoon. Joe and the two Army boys planting potatoes up by the creek. Weather fine.

Thursday November 17 1904

Emily went over to see Mrs Archie Chandler this afternoon. The two boys and Joe planting potatoes. Mother came down this afternoon. Weather, there was a thunder storm and heavy shower of rain at Dinnertime. I took the Children's dinner to them.

Friday November 18 1904

The two boys came this morning. They finished planting potatoes. They did not come after dinner. Annie and Mr Harris came down after dinner. Joe planted some sunflower seed in the orchard. Weather fine.

Saturday November 19 1904

Jack came down for this morning. He has been here over a week helping to plough. Joe finished the sunflower seed and worked up some ground for peas. Weather fine.

Monday November 21 1904

Bobbie has been very sick for some days. He has a very bad cold. Mother has had it very bad too they are getting better now. Emily went over home this afternoon. Joe planting peas and beans. Weather misty, showers .

Tuesday November 22 1904

Emily went to town this morning. I think she will be home on Saturday. Mother came down this afternoon. She is going to stay till Emily comes home. Joe horse-hoeing and hoeing peas. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 23 1904

Bobbie was very ill last night. Mother and I were awake nearly all night. He seems much better this morning though far from well. I went up to see Mr Yeadon this afternoon about cutting the crop. He said he would cut it when he had finished his own. Joe went up to the Army Farm to get 3 cwts of seed potatoes. That Staff Captain Sutton let me have at 3/5 a cwt. I got an Officer and six boys to help with the hoeing. Weather fine.

Thursday November 24 1904

Joe with an Officer and 6 Army boys hoeing peas and carrots. Bobbie is still very bad with his cold. Weather misty showers.

Friday November 25 1904

Joe cut a strip round the oats ready for the machine. Then planted some tomato plants and did some hoeing. Weather fine.

Saturday November 26 1904

Emily came home this evening. Annie drove down to the station to meet her. Mother went with her for a drive. Joe planted some more tomatoes this morning. Mr Yeadon came this afternoon and cut the crop. Bobble is getting better. Weather hot.

Monday November 28 1904

Joe finished planting the tomatoes today. After dinner he went over home to get "Friday" to do some ploughing up by the old log fence. I went home this afternoon with Bobbie. He is nearly well again now. (Wages paid today 3 weeks). Weather fine.

Tuesday November 29 1904

Joe ploughing all day with the two horses. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 30 1904

Emily up at the Bible Class this evening. Mrs Archie Chandler called this afternoon with her little baby it is a very nice little baby. Joe ploughing and horse-hoeing. Weather fine.

Thursday December 1 1904

I went up to Mr Yeadon's this afternoon to pay Mr Yeadon for cutting the oats. I paid him 10/- . Joe weeding carrots all day. Weather hot.

Friday December 2 1904

Joe weeding carrots all day. Weather very hot.

Saturday December 3 1904

Henry Lum came up to see us this afternoon he brought a young lady with him, a Miss Bertha Steel. Joe weeding carrots in the morning, horse-hoeing after dinner. Weather fine.

Monday December 5 1904

I was home to tea yesterday with Jean and Bobbie. Mother came down this afternoon. Joe hoeing peas up by the creek, he planted a few cabbage plants (in the misses in the Kidney potatoes) that he got yesterday up the mountain and watered the tomato plants. Joe planted some peas this morning and 1 row of beans. Weather hot with North wind, it is drying the grass very quickly. The Army oats has turned quite white today.

Tuesday December 6 1904

Joe hoeing peas all day. Weather hot.

Wednesday December 7 1904

An Army boy came to help Joe cart in the hay They got it all carted in and then went on hoeing peas. The children had a holiday from school today. Weather hot.

Thursday December 8 1904

Joe ploughing up the oat ground on the hill. He was weeding a few carrots in the evening. Weather hot .

Friday December 9 1904

I went home this afternoon with Bobbie. Joe finished ploughing; then he was picking out some big stones that he had to plough round. They were a harbour for rabbits. Friday fine and cool.

Saturday December 10 1904

Mother came down this afternoon to finish a muslin blouse she was making for Emily. Joe hoeing and horse-hoeing peas. Weather fine.

Monday December 12 1904

Joe picked  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of peas today. Fred Dodds took them down for me. Weather very warm.

Tuesday December 13 1904

Mr Dodds got 9/- a cwt for the peas. Mother and I went to town today by the first train. Annie drove us to the station it was a very disagreeable day in town so hot and dusty. Joe hoeing and weeding beans. Weather very hot.

Wednesday December 14 1904

Joe horse-hoeing and hoeing peas and potatoes. Weather very hot.

Thursday December 15 1904

Two Army boys came to pick peas today. Joe went over home this evening to get "Ben". He is going to take him to market. There was a Social at Bayswater tonight as a send off to Percy Leach. The people presented him with a gold medal to hang on his watch chain and the lodge presented him with a silk scarf. Weather very hot.

Friday December 16 1904

Four boys came to pick peas today. Joe went to market with eleven hundredweight and a half (11½ cwt of peas. Fred Dodd brought the quarter of gooseberries that I had ordered they were 2/- paid. Weather very hot.

Saturday December 17 1904

Joe got home from market about one o'clock today; he got eight shillings for the peas. Weather very close like thunder.

Monday December 19 1904

Joe horse-hoeing peas and potatoes. (Wages paid today 3 weeks) Weather very hot.

Tuesday December 20 1904

Joe picking peas. The four army boys came to pick peas this afternoon. Weather very hot.

Wednesday December 21 1904

The four Army boys came to pick peas again today. Joe went to market with 12½ cwt of peas. Weather very hot and dry.

Thursday December 22 1904

Joe got home about 3 o'clock. He got about 9/6 a cwt for the peas. "Beauty" calved this morning a heifer calf. Weather not quite so hot.

Friday December 23 1904

Emily went home this morning to help pick red currants. Joe picked 1 cwt and 10 lbs of peas. Jack took them down for me and then he went on hoeing. Weather very hot.

Saturday December 24 1904

Jack got 10/- for the peas he took down. Joe trying to put the water on most of the day. He could not get it to rise high enough to run into the pipes. We are getting short of water.

Sunday December 25 1904

We all went over home to tea. Mr Harris was there too. Mother went down to church in the evening with Jean and I. Weather very hot.

Monday December 26 1904

Albert and Pollie and the children came up to see us this morning. Flora sent me her baby's photo for a Christmas card. It is very nice. Joe had a holiday. Mother came down to tea. Weather a little cooler there was a slight shower of rain.

Tuesday December 27 1904

Joe with 5 Army boys picking peas all day. Weather very hot.

Wednesday December 28 1904

The five Army boys came to pick again today. Joe went to market with 9½ cwt peas. Weather hot.

Thursday December 29 1904

I made some cherry plum jam yesterday. Mother came down this morning to bring some butter. She stayed all day. Joe got 7/6 and 8/- for the peas. Weather hot.

Friday December 30 1904

Joe horse hoeing and hoeing all day. Annie and Mr Harris came down this evening. Weather very hot with hot North wind blowing all day (no sign of rain).

Saturday December 31 1904

It is a very hot day today. There seems to be bush fires everywhere. There is a big one all over One Tree Hill and another up the side of the Observatory. It is all round old Mr Kerr's. The people in Barnes's house and Mrs Davis nearly got burnt out. Joe put the water on this morning. This afternoon he went over to Mr Kerrs to see if he could help with the fire. Jack came down this evening he and Joe went over to the fire they are burning a break between Baldwins and Kerrs. Weather fearfully hot and dry.

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Sunday January 1 1905

We were all over home to tea today. Weather very hot. Fires still raging.

Monday January 2 1905

Mother came down this afternoon and stayed to tea. It came on to rain about 4 o'clock and rained some nice showers; it will do the crops good. There was to have been a Cinematograph and Limelight views up at the Army's tonight but it was too wet. It was put off for a fortnight. The neighbours were invited. Miss Harris is coming up to stay a few days over home, they expect her up tonight. (Wages paid today). Weather nice and cool tonight.

Tuesday January 3 1905

Joe horse-hoeing the potatoes and peas. Annie and Miss Harris came down to tea this afternoon. Weather cool and cloudy.

Wednesday January 4 1905

Joe had an Army boy helping him to hoe today. Weather cool and cloudy. There were some light showers last night.

Thursday January 5 1905

Two Army boys came to pick today. Jean went home this morning to spend the day. Weather hot.

Friday January 6 1905

The two boys came to pick again today. Joe went to market with  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of peas and 1 cwt and 15 lbs of peas and 2 buckets of raspberries for Jack. Weather hot.

Saturday January 7 1905

Miss M. Harris went home today. Emily and the children walked up to the road to meet the wagon and went to the station for a drive. Joe got from 12/- to 14/- for the peas, 5/- for the beans and  $2.1/2$  for the raspberries. Weather hot.

Monday January 9 1905

Two boys came today to hoe and pull up pea-straw. Joe went up and paid Mr Sutton for the potatoes I had some time ago. 3 cwt and  $3/4$  they were 14/- and 6. Weather very hot.

Tuesday January 10 1905

The two Army boys came again today. They were pulling pea straw and hoeing, and helping Joe, he planted some peas; the last in the flat and some short rows of beans below the tomatoes. Weather very hot. There is a big fire all round J. Maguires and A. Chandlers and E. Hansen's and another up near Mr Farlands.



Wednesday January 11 1905

Two boys came this morning to pick peas and three after dinner. Joe went to market with  $3\frac{3}{4}$  of peas and  $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt and 16 lbs of beans and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cases of apples, 1 bucket of raspberries for Jack, 1 crate and 2 buckets of raspberries for Mr Jackson and 1 cwt of beans for Archie Chandler. Weather it has been very hot and close all day. The heat was almost unbearable about five o'clock with a thunder storm came up but very little rain fell. Then the wind commenced to blow from N.E. it is 9 o'clock now and blowing quite a gale. I do hope we will have more rain the fires are raging all day there was a very big one all round Hazel Dell and right to the top of the mount.

Thursday January 12 1905

Two boys came to weed the potatoes today. Joe got 10/- for 1 half cwt of peas and 12/- for the rest. 8/- for the beans and 2/9 a case for the apples. Mother came down to tea, it is Bobbles birthday. He is three years old. Weather very hot.

Friday January 13 1905

Three boys came to pick this morning and two after dinner. Mr Dodd's man took down 2 cwt and 20 lbs of peas for me. Joe went up to Dodd's after dinner to see if he would take them. The bush fire was all round their house. All their hay got burnt. Joe stopped to help them it was nearly five when he got home the fire travelled down to Sir Mathews' in the evening. There were about twenty men up there keeping the fire from the house. Some stayed all night; some of the sheds were burnt down. It is a dreadful fire it is coming down toward Mr Jacksons now. Weather very hot no sign of a change.

Saturday January 14 1905

Two boys came for half a day to pull up pea-straw. Joe carted some in that they pulled before. After dinner he watered the beans and tomatoes and, chopped some wood. "Primrose" calved today, a bull calf. I got 11/- cwt for the peas. The bush fire was all round Mr Jacksons today. The Army boys were over helping him keep it back from the house and barn. The fire was all round the house at Hazel Dell. They were nearly burnt out, all Chandlers were up helping them, they sent down home for Jack, to go up they had two of their bridges burnt and their fern gully was all burnt out, the fire went from there up to Dickenson's the same fire went over the mountains and burnt down Mrs Leak's house and Mr Fitzgerald's house. It is still very hot and no sign of a change. Joe got 10/- tonight. Weather very hot.

Monday January 16 1905

Two boys came to pick beans today. They picked.  $1\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of beans and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of peas. Mr Kerr took them down for me. Joe harrowing the ground up on the hill ready for peas. There was a cool change about 6 o'clock on Saturday night and on Sunday morning we had some very welcome rain. It rained for two or three hours. A light rain but it will do a lot of good. It put out the bush fires. Weather nice and cool.

Tuesday January 17 1905

Mrs Archie Chandler came over this afternoon. Joe planting peas up on the hill, He did not get them finished today. Mr Kerr got 13/- for the peas and 8/- for the beans. Weather fine and cool.

Wednesday January 18 1905

Mother and I took the children down to the beach today. We went to St. Kilda. They enjoyed themselves very much. They had a ride on the Merry go Round and saw the donkeys. We went by the first train and had a nice long day. Weather fine and warm. Joe finished the peas then did some watering.

Thursday January 19 1905

Joe picking peas all day and looking to the water. Weather fine.

Friday Jan. 20 1905

Joe went to market tonight. He had a very small load. There were  $1\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of peas, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  and 10 lbs of beans, 8 cases of apples, 2 pairs of young roosters, 1 case of potatoes. Weather fine.

Saturday January 21 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe got 13/- for the peas, 2/- a gr for the beans, 3/6 for two cases of apples and 2/- for the rest and 2/3 for the potatoes. Weather fine and warm.

Monday January 23 1905

I went over to see Mrs Kerr this afternoon. I took Bobbie with me. The children started school again today. Bobbie seems very lonely without them. Joe planted some beans in the first pea ground. Weather fine but very windy. Wages paid today- three weeks.

Tuesday January 24 1905

Joe watering beans and hoeing. Weather hot.

Wednesday January 25 1905

Joe took "Pansy" over to Kerr's this morning. After dinner he was hoeing and finished watering the beans. Mother went to town this morning. Weather not quite so hot.

Thursday January 26 1905

Emily went over to Mrs Hansen this afternoon. Joe picking beans and peas. Weather fine.

Friday January 27 1905

Joe picking peas. Mr Dodd. took them down for me. There was 4 cwt altogether. Weather fine.

Saturday January 28 1905

Joe went to town this morning. He got £1 before he went. Mr Dodd got 14/- cwt for beans and peas. Weather very hot and close.

Monday January 30 1905

The children have a holiday today it is A.N.A day. Jean went home to spend the day. Joe went up to Sir Matthews this afternoon. The managers of the bank are going to pay all those who helped to keep back the bush fire and save the house; they got 30/- each. The weather changed on Saturday night and it rained nearly all day Sunday. It is showery today. Joe weeding potatoes and cutting wood. Weather showery.

Tuesday January 31 1905

Joe weeding potatoes over near the creek all day. Weather slight showers.

Wednesday February 1 1905

Joe weeding potatoes. Weather fine and cool.

Thursday February 2 1905

Joe picking beans and peas. Weather fine.

Friday February 3 1905

Joe picking peas. Jack brought down a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of beans to be sent with mine. Jim Kerr took 3 cwt and F. Dodd 1 cwt. Two Army boys picking. Weather fine.

Saturday February 4 1905

Emily went up to help decorate the Church this afternoon for the Church Anniversary to be held tomorrow. Major Bray is going to preach both services. There is to be a lecture by Mr Edgar and a coffee supper on Tuesday evening. J. Kerr got 15/- and 14/- for the peas, F. Dodd got 14/- for the beans. Weather fine.

Monday February 6 1905

Joe finished weeding the potatoes near the creek. Weather fine.

Tuesday February 7 1905

Emily made some cakes and sponge cakes this morning. Mother came down after dinner to bake some Jam tarts. We all went to the social in the evening. Mr Edgar did not come he was called away to Tasmania. Sister Hanna came in his place and gave an address. She was very good. Miss Edgar, Sister Hanna and other ladies sang. Joe ploughed a land nearest the maize and sowed some oats for green stuff. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday February 8 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Emily went up to help clean the Church. Joe hoeing potatoes all day. Weather fine.

Thursday February 9 1905

Emily went home this afternoon to help Annie pick some plums. Joe picking beans and peas. Weather very hot.

Friday February 10 1905

Jack was out all day yesterday looking for an old man. He had wandered away from his home at Narre Warren and got lost in the bush. There were a lot of men and the black trackers out looking for him. They found him just after dark in Hansen's paddock. He had been wandering about since Monday. Joe picking peas. Fred Dodd took  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of beans and about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cwt peas and 3 half cases of plums to market for me. Little Army boy picking. Weather very hot.

Saturday February 11 1905

Mother came down this afternoon and brought Bobbie home, she took him away with her yesterday. Joe watering the beans, weeding and chopping wood. Fred Dodd got 18/- cwt for 1¼ cwt of peas and £1 cwt for all the rest. It has been dreadfully hot all day with a hot North wind blowing very hard; there are some dreadful bush fires about. There was a very big one at Mitcham this afternoon it burnt Seven houses. There was a change about 6 o'clock it commenced to rain. It has been raining about 2 hours now and is still raining steady, it will put out the fires. Weather very hot and windy.

Monday February 13 1905

Emily went home this afternoon. The hen I had setting brought out eight black chickens this morning. Joe hoeing and weeding the potatoes above the hut. He finished them. (Wages paid 3 weeks) Weather fine.

Tuesday February 14 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Emily went over to see Mrs Archie Chandler this afternoon but she was not at home. Joe hoeing the beans below the tomatoes. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday February 15 1905

Joe hoeing all day. Weather fine.

Thursday February 16 1905

Joe picking peas and beans. He had two boys to help him after dinner. Weather fine.

Friday February 17 1905

Emily went home this morning. Joe picking peas. Jean has been home all this week. She has a very bad eye. Mr Harry Chandler took down 3 cwt of peas for me and Mr Kerr took 3 cwt and ¼ of beans. Weather fine.

Saturday Feb 18 1905

Mother came down this afternoon to see Jean's eyes. I think they are getting better. Mr Chandler got 16/- cwt for the peas. Mr Kerr got from 14/- down to 6/- for the peas and beans. He took down. The price of things came down very low today. Weather fine.

Monday February 20 1905

One Army boy came to help Joe with the hoeing today. Jean's eyes are getting better. Weather fine.

Tuesday February 21 1905

The Army boy came to hoe again this morning. They were hoeing the peas on the hill. I went up to see if Mr Sutton could lend me a horse to go to market. I could not get one. I took Bobbie with me and went over home. Weather fine.

Wednesday February 22 1905

Jack went down and asked Mr Dobson to lend me old "Tom," he lent him for two or three weeks. I was using Jack's horse "Ben" but he is too lame to go to market. The Army boy and Joe picking beans all day. Joe is going to the Market Gardener's Picnic to Mornington tomorrow. He got 10/- tonight. Weather cloudy like a change.

Thursday February 23 1905

Mrs Lum came up first thing this morning and spent the day with us. Emily was not at home. She had gone over home just before she came. One Army boy came to pick beans, he was picking all day by himself. Jack went down to Dobson's this afternoon and brought up old Tommy. It was a disagreeable day it rained heavy showers all the afternoon. Mrs Lum got wet going home. Weather showery.

Friday February 24 1905

Joe went to market with 6 cwt of beans, 6 cases potatoes, 1 case apples and 1 cwt peas. Mother came down this evening to stay the night. Weather fine.

Saturday February 25 1905

The things in the market were very cheap, beans were from 4/- down to 2/- cwt, peas 14/- cwt, potatoes 3/- and 2/6 a case. Joe could not account for the money when he got home. He had lost £1. I will have to keep it out of his wages. Weather fine.

Monday February 27 1905

One Army boy came to help Joe get some potatoes ready for market. He went to market with 10 cwt of potatoes and three cases. Weather fine.

Tuesday February 28 1905

Mother and I went to town this morning. We took little Bobbie with us went to get his hair cut. We went to Bartram's and bought a separator. It will separate 2.8 gallons an hour. Joe got 6/- cwt for the potatoes and 3/- a case for the three cases.

Wednesday March 1 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Mrs Archie Chandler's brother fell off his horse and broke his leg in two places yesterday. Joe picking beans. Weather fine

Thursday March 2 1905

I went over to Mrs Archie Chandler's this afternoon to ask after her brother. He is as well as could be expected. His leg is very badly broken. The bone was right through the flesh. Joe picking beans he had one Army boy helping him. Jack came down this evening and killed two calves for me they are for Mr Lloyd.

Friday March 3 1905

Joe went down to the station first thing morning with the claves for Mr Lloyd. Two Army boys came to pick this morning. Joe went to market with 5 cwt  $\frac{1}{4}$  and 15 lbs of peas and 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  cwt and 12 lbs peas, 2 cases tomatoes, 3 cases apples. Weather fine.

Saturday March 4 1905

Joe got 5/- cwt for the beans , 12/- for the peas, 1/3 a case for the tomatoes, 1/6 for one case of apples, and 2/6 for each of the others. Weather fine.

Monday March 6 1905

Uncle Bob was over home yesterday. He is up at Hayes' with his wife and her niece. They are going to stop till next Monday. He is going home tomorrow and coming up again next Saturday. Joe and one Army boy digging and bagging potatoes. He went to market with 9 cwt of potatoes and three cases. He took the wagon to Uncle Bob's and got some nuts put on one of the springs and new irons on the brake and washers on the wheels. Weather fine.

Tuesday March 7 1905

Annie and Emily went up to see Uncle Bob's wife and the baby this afternoon. Joe got 8/- , 7/6 and 7/- for the potatoes and three shillings a case for the three cases, 1/6 for the case of tomatoes and 9d for the half. Weather cool but dry.

Wednesday March 8 1905

Joe horse-hoeing the peas up on the hill. They do not look well, it is too dry for them. Then he put some more posts in the wire fence up near the pig sty to try and keep the spotted heifer out of the potatoes and orchard. Weather fine

Thursday March 9 1905

Two little boys came to pick beans today. Weather fine.

Friday March 10 1905

Two little boys came to pick peas today. Joe went to market with 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  cwts of beans 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwts of peas, case tomatoes 3 cases apples, 1 case potatoes, 3 cwt of potatoes. Weather fine

Saturday March 11 1905

Mother came down yesterday and stayed all night. Joe got 10/- cwt for the beans, 18/- down to 14/6 for the peas, 2/- for the tomatoes , 2/6 for two cases of apples and 1/- for the other one, 8 cwt for the three cwt of potatoes and 8/- for the case. Weather fine.

Monday March 13 1905

One Army boy came to help Joe dig potatoes. Joe went to market with 9 cwt of potatoes and 6 cases and two cases of tomatoes. Mother came down this afternoon. I was picking Jonathan apples all day. Emily was picking this afternoon. She did not finish them. We are picking them because the Starlings are eating them. Weather hot very cold in the mornings. (Wages paid today 4 weeks.)

Tuesday March 14 1905

I finished picking the Jonathon apples this morning. Joe got 7/6 and 8/- a cwt for the potatoes and 3/-, 3/6 and 3/3 for those in the cases and 2/-, 1/9 for the two cases of tomatoes. Weather fine and warm but very cold at night and in the morning.

Wednesday March 15 1905

The cow "Daisy" calved today she had a bull calf she does not seem altogether right. Mr Kerr came over and did what he could for her, the calf is very weakly too. I hope she will get alright. Jack's horse "Friday" got his leg very badly cut on the barbed wire. He can scarcely walk. Joe carted in the apples this morning, then he picked  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a cwt of peas, Mr Kerr took them down for me. Weather hot; cold in the mornings.

Thursday March 16 1905

One Army boy came to help with the picking. Weather fine.

Friday March 17 1905

Two Army boys came to pick today. Weather fine.

Monday March 20 1905

One boy came to help Joe get some potatoes ready for market. I picked 9 cases of tomatoes. Joe took 4 cwt of beans for Jack. Weather fine.

Tuesday March 21 1905

Beans were 8/- a cwt and potatoes 7/6 cwt. Weather fine.

Thursday March 23 1905

Two boys came to pick today for half a day. Weather rained heavy all the morning.

Friday March 24 1905

I picked 8 cases of tomatoes. Two boys came to help Joe. Weather fine.

Monday March 27 1905

One boy came to pick today. Joe took down 2 cwt of beans for Jack. Annie went to Blackburn last Saturday, she is coming home tonight. Weather fine.

Tuesday March 28 1905

Beans were 4/6 a cwt today. Weather fine.

Wednesday March 29 1905

An Army boy came to pick today. Weather fine.

Thursday March 30 1905

Two boys came to pick today. Mr Jones the school master is going away this week. The parents of the children collected some money and bought him a travelling bag and brush. They went up to the school this afternoon and took their baskets and had tea. Mr Yeadon presented him with the bag. I went up and took the children. Weather very cold and windy.

Friday March 31 1905

Two boys came to pick today. Joe went to market with 8 cwt of peas, 1 cwt of beans, 4 cases of apples, 6 cases of tomatoes. Weather fine.

Saturday April 1 1905

Joe got 6/- cwt for the peas, 5/- for the beans, 2/6 case for the apples, 1/- and 1/3 for tomatoes. Weather fine.

Monday April 3 1905

One boy came to help Joe today. He went to market with 5 cwt of potatoes and 8 cases and six cases of tomatoes. He took  $\frac{3}{4}$  of peas for Jack and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of beans. Wages paid today 3 weeks. Weather fine. We had a white frost on Saturday morning.

Tuesday April 4 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe got 10/- cwt for the peas and from 5/- to 3/- for the beans, 5/- and  $\frac{5}{3}$  cwt for potatoes, and  $\frac{2}{6}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$  a case for those in cases and  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  for the tomatoes. Weather light rain.

Wednesday April 5 1905

Joe got some firewood this morning and mended the fence down near the bridge the cows got out yesterday. He made a yoke and put it on the spotted heifer, she lost the one she had and had been getting into the crop again. Weather rained some heavy showers in the night, fine today.

Thursday April 6 1905

Two Army boys and Joe picking peas all day. Weather fine today.

Friday April 7 1905

One boy came to pick this morning. They were picking peas. I picked 11 cases of tomatoes and packed 4 cases of apples. Joe went to market with 6 cwt of peas, 11 cases of tomatoes, and 4 cases of apples. The new teacher started school today; Miss Murry. Weather fine.

Saturday April 8 1905

Joe got 9/- cwt for the peas, 2/- and  $\frac{2}{3}$  for the tomatoes and 3/- for 1 case of apples and  $\frac{2}{6}$  for each of the others. Weather rained some very heavy showers this afternoon. (Joe got 5/- this evening.)

Monday April 10 1905

There was a dreadful accident up near Mr Chandlers this morning. George Cooper a little boy who has been living there for the past 12 months got killed; he was sent to the paddock some distance from the house with a horse he was leading it with a rope tied round its neck and he must have tied the other end round his waist and the horse took fright and galloped away down the road dragging the poor little fellow along the ground it went right up to the Army and tried to get over the fence and broke one of its legs. It had to be shot. When the Army Officers caught the horse the poor little boy was quite dead. Nearly all his clothes were torn off. Joe picking apples "Five Crowns", picked 37 cases. I packed 10 cases of Jonathan ready for market. Weather showery.

Tuesday April 11 1905

Two boys came to help Joe pick peas today. Poor little George Cooper was buried today at Box Hill. Weather heavy showers this afternoon.



Wednesday April 12 1905

The two boys came to pick again today. I picked  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cases of tomatoes. Joe went to market with  $5\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of peas and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of beans, 10 cases of apples,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cases of tomatoes and 4 cwt of beans for Jack. Weather fine.

Thursday April 13 1905

Everything in the market was very cheap today, except apples. Peas were 5/- a cwt, beans 3/- a cwt, tomatoes 1/3 a case, apples 3/- a case. Weather fine.

Friday April 14 1905

Joe chopping firewood. He cleaned out the pigsty and got a load of grass for bedding. Weather fine, looks like rain.

Saturday April 15 1905

Joe picked some peas this morning for Monday's market and mowed some grass for the cows. Weather it rained most of the night and till about half past ten this morning.

Monday April 17 1905

One Army boy picking peas today. Joe went to market with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of peas, 12 cases of apples, 10 cases of tomatoes and 3 cwt of beans for Jack. Weather fine.

Tuesday April 18 1905

The market was very bad. again today. Joe got 4/- cwt for the peas, 3/6 for the beans, 3/- for four cases of apples and from 2/6 down to 9d for the others, and 2/3 and 1/- a case for the tomatoes. Joe got 4/- today. Weather hot.

Wednesday April 19 1905

Joe digging some potatoes for the market. There is Rechabite Social down at Bayswater tonight. Weather showers all day and very cold.

Thursday April 20 1905

Joe picking beans all day. Weather fine.

Friday April 21 1905

The school broke up yesterday for a week for Easter. Joe went to market with  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cwt of beans, 6 cwt and 1- case of potatoes, 4 cases of tomatoes and 12 cases of apples and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  dozen eggs. Weather fine.

Saturday April 22 1905

Joe got 6/-cwt for the beans , 6/- for the potatoes, 1/- for the tomatoes, 3/- a case for 6 cases of apples and from 2/- down to 9d for others and 1/7 for the eggs. Joe got 4/-.  
Weather fine.

Monday April 24 1905

Ted and Emma and little Gladys came up yesterday. They are going home tonight. Gladys is running about now. They came down to see us this afternoon. Joe has a holiday today. He got 2/- before he went. Weather a few light showers this afternoon.

Tuesday April 25 1905

The children are all over home spending the day. They went over soon after breakfast. Joe made a bench in the barn and then picked some Rhymer apples and some Five Crowns (Wages paid today three weeks). Weather fine.

Wednesday April 26 1905

Joe mowing thistles and weeds on the old pea ground getting it ready to plough for oats. Weather fine.

Thursday April 27 1905

Joe picking beans all day. Weather fine.

Friday April 28 1905

I packed 17 cases of apples ready for market. An Army boy came to help today. Joe went to market with 2 cwt of beans, 1 cwt of peas, 17 cases of apples, 5 cwt of potatoes and 1 pair of drakes. Weather beautiful.

Saturday April 29 1905

Joe got 5/- cwt for the beans, 4/-cwt for the peas, 5/- for the potatoes, 4/- case for the four cases of Jonathans and 2/9 a case for 10 cases of Five Crowns, 2/- case for two cases of Monroes and 1/6 for the other, 1/6 a case for the 2 cases of tomatoes. He sot 1/6 for one drake, he could not sell the other one he brought it home again. Weather beautiful, very cold this morning.

Monday May 1 1905

An Army boy came today to pull pea straw. Joe picking apples all day. Rhymers, Five Crowns and Rome Beauty. Mother came down this afternoon. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday May 2 1905

The Army boy came again today. Joe working with him and picking some more apples. Emily went home this afternoon. Weather fine.

Wednesday May 3 1905

Shaw the Army boy and Joe pulling up pea straw and mowing weeds. Weather fine.

Thursday May 4 1905

Shaw came again today, he was helping Joe cart in some pea straw and pick beans. Joe went down to Bayswater tonight. He got £1 before he went. Weather fine and dry.

Friday May 5 1905

I packed 20 cases of apples ready for market. Joe went to market with 2cwt of beans, ½ cwt of peas, 1 case tomatoes, 20 cases apples, 3 doz. eggs, 1 cwt potatoes. Weather fine.

Saturday May 6 1905

Joe got 5/- cwt for the beans, 2/6 for the ½ of peas, 5/- for potatoes, 1/- for tomatoes, 4/6 a case for 3 cases of Jonathans, 2/9 and 2/6 for all the good Five Crowns, 1/6 and 1/- for the poor ones. Weather fine.

Monday May 8 1905

Emily went home this afternoon. Joe took the old roof off the fowl house and put a new iron roof on, he lit fires all over the bush paddock this morning; they did not burn much. There was a thunderstorm about 1 o'clock and heavy rain. Weather raining.

Tuesday May 9 1905

It has been raining nearly all day. Joe cleaned the harness and chopped some wood..  
Weather very wet.

Wednesday May 10 1905

Too wet to do anything on the ground today. Jog grubbed two or three trees up near the pig sty and chopped some of them into fire wood. Weather showery.

Thursday May 11 1905

The inspector was at the school today. Joe digging potatoes for market. Weather fine.

Friday May 12 1905

Joe went to market with 5 cwt of potatoes, 1½ cwt beans, 23 cases of apples. Weather showery all day.

Saturday May 13 1905

It was a light rain all night, the ground is very soft and the place very muddy. Jean passed in everything at school on Thursday and is going into the third class and Jim into the upper first. Joe got 5/6 cwt for the potatoes, 6/- for 1 cwt of beans, 4/- for the half, 2/9 for all the good Five Crowns, 2/- for the Rhymers down to 1/- for the poor ones. Joe got 5/- today. Weather showery.

Monday May 15 1905

Joe started digging the potatoes today for seed. Weather fine.

Tuesday May 16 1905

Jack came down this afternoon and killed the pig. Joe digging potatoes. Annie and Mr Harris came down this evening. Weather fine.

Wednesday May 17 1905

Mother came down this morning and salted the pig for me. Jack came over and cut it down first thing this morning, and then we went home. He is very busy picking apples. Joe ploughing the ground for oats. Weather fine and windy.

Thursday May 18 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. While she was here it came on a very heavy storm of wind and rain and she stayed all night. Joe finished ploughing, then dug some potatoes, it looked too much like rain to start sowing. Weather very wet.

Friday May 19 1905

Mother did not go home till after dinner today. Joe digging potatoes. Weather very light showers.

Saturday May 20 1905

Joe sowing oats, he finished all the ground he had ploughed and harrowed it in. Weather beautiful and sunny.

Monday May 22 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe digging potatoes all day. He went down to Ringwood this evening. I milked the cows. Jimmie was home from school all day, he is not very well. Joe got 2/- yesterday. Weather fine, white frost yesterday.

Tuesday May 23 1905

Bobbie is very sick today. He took bad in the night. I don't know what is the matter with him. Jimmie is not any better. Joe digging potatoes. Weather fine.

Wednesday May 24 1905

Today is Empire Day. Jean went to school this morning, the children hoisted their flag and sang God Save The King, then they all took their lunch a basket of apples and lollies and went across the paddocks for a picnic with their teacher Miss Murray. They enjoyed themselves and returned home about four o'clock. Jim was not well enough to go. Bobbie does not seem any better. Weather fine.

Thursday May 25 1905

Mr Jackson got 5 cwt of potatoes this morning at 5/- a cwt. 25/- paid. Bobbie and Jim are better today. Mother came down this afternoon to see them. Mr Tyrell came this afternoon to rob the bees for me. Joe digging potatoes. Weather beautiful.

Friday May 26 1905

Bobbie is getting better now. Jim has gone to school today for the first time this week. Joe went to market with 34 cases of apples and 5½ dozen eggs. Weather fine.

Saturday May 27 1905

Joe went up to the Army tonight for a pig. He got one price 8/-. He got all prices for the apples from 4/- down to 1/- and 1/6 doz for the eggs. (Joe got 5/- today) Weather misty and showers.

Monday May 29 1905

I went home yesterday with Bobbie. It was Mother's birthday. Jean and Jim were going too but it was such a very wet day I left them at home with a promise to go another day. Mr Tyrell came this afternoon and finished robbing the bees for me. It was too wet to dig potatoes today. Joe grubbed two trees up by the pigsty this morning, this afternoon he was looking for the heifer that was in the road. "Jumper" we have not seen her since Friday. He did not find her. He went up to the Army first thing this morning to pay for the pig. 8/-. (Wages paid today 5 weeks). Weather misty showers.

Tuesday May 30 1905

"Jumper" the heifer Joe was looking for came home this morning. He put her up on the hill. I hope she will not break in again. Joe digging potatoes. Weather misty showers in the morning, fine afternoon.

Wednesday May 31 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Jack came down this evening and killed a calf for me. I am going to sent it to Box Hill. Joe digging potatoes. Weather fine rain most of the day.

Thursday June 1 1905

Joe dug some potatoes first thing this morning, then he took the calf down to the station to send it by the 12:15 train. He did not get back till three o'clock this afternoon and then he could not do anything. He had been to Dodds at the corner. Weather very wet, rained all day.

Friday June 2 1905

Joe did not do anything this morning. He picked up the potatoes he dug yesterday morning, cleared the mud off the track from the grass paddock to the barn and cleaned up the barn where the calf had been tied. Weather showery.

Saturday June 3 1905

Too wet to dig potatoes. Joe cut some firewood and carted some down. Weather wet.

Monday June 5 1905

Joe digging potatoes. Jack got £1 for the calf. Weather showery.

Tuesday June 6 1905

Joe digging potatoes. Weather showery.

Wednesday June 7 1905

Too wet to do anything on the ground today. Joe put in a round post and put up a gate behind the barn and panels into the stable and into the barn next to the stable. Weather raining all day.

Thursday June 8 1905

Joe digging potatoes. Mother and Emily went over to Fern Tree Gully to pay the rates. Mine came to £4. Weather fine today, rained all night.

Friday June 9 1905

Bobbie was very sick all last night and this morning. Emily went home after dinner and sent Mother down. He is better this evening, but looks very pale. Joe digging potatoes he has nearly finished them. Weather fine and windy.

Saturday June 10 1905

Mother stayed all night. Bobbie seems quite well again today. Annie went to Blackburn today, she is going to stop till Monday evening. Joe finished the potatoes and sledged them all off the ground into the barn. Weather fine but very windy.

Monday June 12 1905

I went over home yesterday with Jim and Bobbie. Jean went up with after church. I left Bobbie with Mother to keep her company. Joe bagging potatoes all day. Emily went home this afternoon and brought Bobbie home. Weather very windy and cold both yesterday and today.

Tuesday June 13 1905

There was a Social and Service of Son entitled "The Californian Nugget" up at the church tonight. There were twenty-five singers, it was very nice, but there were very few people there it was such a very wet night. Mother came down this afternoon and did some baking then she went to the Social with us we all went. Mother came home with us and stayed all night. The road was too muddy for her to walk up the other way. Annie and Arthur, Mr and Mrs Yeadon and Miss Green went to General Booth's meeting in the Exhibition last night. They did not get home till very late Weather rained all day.

Wednesday June 14 1905

Mother went home this morning. She took Jim and Bobbie with her. Jim did not get up early enough to go to school. Jack came down this afternoon for the pickle tub. He brought the children back with him. Joe sledging the stone from down the hill ready to mettle the track behind the barn. He went home with Jack this afternoon to help him kill their pig. Weather fine but damp and foggy.

Thursday June 15 1905

Joe draining the ground up on the hill. I went over to see Mrs W. Collier this afternoon. She has been very ill she is getting better now. It was a very muddy walk down through the paddocks. Weather misty showers all day.

Friday June 16 1905

Too wet to dig the drain today. Joe cutting drain wood. Weather very wet.

Saturday June 17 1905

Joe cutting drain wood and firewood. Mr Harris went down to town this evening to see the doctor, he is very ill and has a lump on his arm it is very painful we are all very anxious about him. Weather a little finer.

Monday June 19 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. We have not heard how Arthur is since he went down. Joe draining all day. He got 2/- yesterday. Weather fine and sunny, but very windy from the North and bitterly cold. It rained. all day yesterday.

Tuesday June 20 1905

Annie came down this morning to tell us Arthur came back last night. He is much better we were, so glad to hear it. We had been so anxious about him. Mother is not at all well. She has a pain in her head and side. I hope she will be better tomorrow. Joe digging the drain. Weather fine and sunny but bitterly cold and windy.

Wednesday June 21 1905

Mother is better today, she came down this afternoon. Emily went over to Baldwins this afternoon to see Leslie, he has been ill about two weeks. He is getting better now. Joe draining up on the hill. Weather very cold and windy.

Thursday June 22 1905

Joe draining all day. Weather showery.

Friday June 23 1905

Joe cutting drain wood. Weather we had some very heavy showers of rain and hail through the night and has been very wet all day.

Saturday June 24 1905

Joe went to town this morning. I paid him four weeks wages before he went up till today. £2.10. Weather fine.

Monday June 26 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe at the draining. Weather fine.

Tuesday June 27 1905

Emily went over to Mrs Archie Chandlers this afternoon. The Bible Class started up in the church tonight. Emily did not go. Jack bought a bicycle yesterday from Mr Lyons, he is going away from the district. Joe putting wood in the drains up on the hill. Weather frost this morning, then fog till dinner time and very cold, fine after.

Wednesday June 28 1905

I went over to see Mrs Kerr this afternoon. Joe at the drains. Weather fine windy.

Thursday June 29 1905

Joe digging another drain up on the hill. Weather fine.

Friday June 30 1905

Joe at the drain. It started to rain about 4 o'clock. Weather raining.

Saturday July 1 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe cutting saplings and drawing them to the drain with Mag. Weather fine.

Monday July 3 1905

Joe at the drains. Weather fine.

Tuesday July 4 1905

Joe finished the drains up on the hill, he started to mettle the road behind the barn leading into the grass paddock. It gets so muddy with the cows coming in to be milked. Weather fine.

Wednesday July 5 1905

Joe breaking stones and carting some down from the hill. Weather rained this afternoon.

Thursday July 6 1905

Jean was nine years old today. Mother came down to tea. Joe at the mettle. Weather very cold and windy.

Friday July 7 1905

Joe up on the hill picking stones ready to cart down. Weather, showery very cold and windy.

Saturday July 8 1905

Mr Hall left me a nice bundle of rhubarb roots this morning. Joe at the mettle, he went over to Baldwin's this afternoon for Jumper, she is with their cows. Weather very windy and cold.

Monday July 10 1905

Mother and I went to town this morning. I took Jean with me to buy her a hat and Jacket. Jimmy is home from school today with a bad cold. He did not go Friday either. Joe digging another drain up on the hill. He thought he had finished but after the last rain he found he would have to put in another one. Weather showery all day.

Tuesday July 11 1905

Jack came down yesterday afternoon and took Bobbie home with him. He did not come back till tonight. It was so quiet without him. Joe at the drain. He had to go to Baldwin's again this afternoon for Jumper. I have had her put in the paddock. I hope she will not get through again. Weather showery.

Wednesday July 12 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe at the drain weather fine.

Thursday July 13 1905

Joe took a load of potatoes down to the station this morning and another this afternoon. They are for Mr Monk, he wants 2 ton. Weather fine but cold.

Friday July 14 1905

Joe went to the station this morning with the remainder of the potatoes and a bag for Mr Dodds. He got home at dinner time after loading the truck. After dinner he took the dray down the road and got two loads of gravel and formed and gravelled a narrow footpath from the back gate to the door. Mr Dodds paid him for his potatoes 1½ cwt at 5/6 a cwt. 8/3. Joe got 5/- today. Weather fine.

Saturday July 15 1905

Joe finished the path at the back door and brought two more loads of gravel and put it on the mettle. He is doing behind the barn . Weather fine very windy.

Monday July 17 1905

Mother and Emily went to town this morning. They are coming home tonight. The children are home from school today. They have very bad colds. There is a Social down at Bayswater tonight as a send off to Gilbert Chandler he is going to America. Joe got 2/- tonight. Weather fine.

Tuesday July 18 1905

Annie came down this morning with the wagon. She brought back the pickle tub and some things Mother bought for ne yesterday. Bobbie went home with her. Mother brought him back this afternoon. Joe finished the drain up on the hill. Weather fine.



Wednesday July 19 1905

I went over to see Mrs Beaumont this afternoon. Joe ploughed the garden each side of the house and chopped some wood. Weather fine.

Thursday July 20 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe ploughed the ground near the wire fence above the orchard where the beans and, maize grew ready for more oats. Then he carted a few loads of earth from the road behind the barn up on to the potato ground in the hollow of the old creek. Weather fine.

Friday July 21 1905

Joe ploughed some of the ground up on the hill in the morning. After dinner he quarried out some stones to finish the road behind the barn. Weather it rained this evening.

Saturday July 22 1905

Joe metalling the track behind the barn and carting down some stones. It commenced to rain about 5 o'clock and it rained very heavy and steady for some hours. Weather wet.

Monday July 24 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe finished the track behind the barn and cut and carted down a load of firewood to the wood shed. Wages paid. Today 4 weeks. Weather rained very heavy this evening.

Tuesday July 25 1905

Joe went over home this morning to help Jack pull down some big trees on the hill with the grubbing machine, Jack borrowed it from Mr Griffiths. It rained very heavy after he got over. He came back again to dinner but went over again after and they pulled down two big trees. Weather very wet.

Wednesday July 26 1905

I went home this afternoon. Jim is still away from school with his cold, he has been home since last Friday. He is getting better now Bobbie has a cold too. Joe over helping Jack with the trees. Weather showery all day.

Thursday July 27 1905

Bobbie was very sick last night but he is better today. Gilbert Chandler went away yesterday. Joe over helping Jack this morning. He had to come home after dinner it was too wet to work. It has rained every day since last Saturday and the ground is very wet and muddy. Weather very wet.

Friday July 28 1905

May Kerr and her cousin called this afternoon. There was a house went past here today in two parts drawn by sixteen horses. They took it up to Mr Jackson's place. Joe opening a drain that was blocked in the grass paddock. It has been raining heavy showers all day. Weather wet.

Saturday July 29 1905

Joe cleaned the harness and dug some of the drain in the grass paddock near the road. Weather very wet and cold.

Monday July 31 1905

Charlie Dobson and Queenie were over yesterday to dinner and tea. Joe cutting fire wood most of the day. He made covers for two of the cows. Weather fine today. It rained nearly all day yesterday and was very windy and cold.

Tuesday August 1 1905

Mother has had a bad cold but it is getting better now. I went over to see her this afternoon. Bobbies cough is still bad. Jimmies cough seems nearly better, but he looks very pale and thin and seems weak. I must get him some medicine. Joe over helping Jack with the grubbing machine. Weather beautiful, light frost this morning.

Wednesday August 2 1905

I went down to Bayswater this morning to see Mrs Dobson, she is very ill. I walked down and they drove me back. Joe over with Jack. Weather beautiful, very heavy frost this morning.

Thursday August 3 1905

Joe over helping Jack. Weather fine.

Friday August 4 1905

Joe cutting drain wood all day. Weather fine.

Saturday August 5 1905

Joe went home this morning for the dray. He brought a load of gravel round with him and put it down at the back door and some on the mettle at the back gate then he carted some green stuff down for the cows and some for tomorrow. Weather very like rain, very cold and windy.

Monday August 7 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Jack went out to Northcote to see Ted yesterday on his bicycle. He is not home yet. Joe ploughing the ground up on the hill. Weather heavy showers.

Tuesday August 8 1905

Jack came home last night. Uncle Bob was over home today. He came up by the first train and went down by the 5 o'clock train. Joe finished ploughing up on the hill and cut the weeds off the potato ground by the orchard ready for ploughing. Weather fine.

Wednesday August 9 1905

Joe carted the manure from the stable to spread it on the potato ground that he is going to plough. After dinner he went on ploughing. Weather fine.

Thursday August 10 1905

Joe sowed some more oats this morning up near the wire fence, then he went on ploughing the potato ground. Mother came down this afternoon. Weather fine.

Friday August 11 1905

Joe put in two or three rows of potatoes in the garden near the big gate. He did not have enough manure to finish them. Weather, changed this afternoon and has been raining steady since about 5 o'clock. I forgot to mention Mother gave me a nice little calf one of Sallies it is a little more than a week old. I sent Joe for it last Tuesday and he got some bark over there to cover the pigsty.

Saturday August 12 1905

Joe digging a drain in the orchard. Weather rained nearly all the morning and very cold.

Monday August 14 1905

Joe at the drain in the orchard. Weather fine.

Tuesday August 15 1905

Joe sledging wood and boughs to the drain in the orchard. Weather fine.

Wednesday August 16 1905

Mother and Jack went to town yesterday. Jack is coming home tonight. Mother is coming home tomorrow night. Emily went over and stopped all night with Annie on Tuesday night and Jean went over to stay tonight. Joe finished the drain in the orchard and cut some more drain wood. There is a Hospital Concert at Bayswater tonight. Weather very wet.

Thursday Aug 17 1905

Mrs Kerr came over this afternoon and stayed to tea. Joe cutting drain wood in the morning. Over home in afternoon. Weather fine.

Friday August 18 1905

Joe cutting drain wood in the morning. After dinner he went down to Bayswater to bring up bone dust. He brought up two loads 13cwt each time. Weather fine.

Saturday August 19 1905

Joe went to Bayswater first thing this morning for the rest of the Super. He took one load home for Jack 12 cwt. then he went down for the rest of mine 14 cwt. There is still 8 cwt at the station for Jack. Weather fine.

Monday August 21 1905

Annie and I were going to town this morning but it was too wet. There was a very heavy fall of snow last night. The shrubs and young saplings were bent down with the weight of it. Everything was so white the mountains looked so pretty. The snow was still on parts of them this evening. (Wages paid today 4 weeks). Weather very cold and showery all day.

Tuesday August 22 1905

I went over home this afternoon to see about going to town tomorrow Uncle Jim was up. He went down by the coach this evening. Joe cut some tea-tree in the road this morning for the drains in the grass paddock. Then he sledged down some wood from the hill ready for the drain. He can't finish them just now. Mr Dobson wanted the draining tools for a week. Weather fine but cloudy.

Wednesday August 23 1905

Annie and I went to town this morning by the first train. We did some shopping and then we went out to Richmond to call on Mrs Brinton her husband died two weeks ago and she is all alone. Mrs Nicholas was there when we called. When we were coming home we called to see Mrs Dobson she has been very ill with the influenza. She looks very bad. Joe chopping and sledging down drain wood. Weather beautiful.

Thursday August 24 1905

Jack came down this evening to help Joe kill a pig, it was a porker, and has to be sent down to Lloyds in the morning. The rest of the day he was cutting the shoots off the saplings round the road fence.

Weather fine.

Friday August 25 1905

Joe went down to the station first thing this morning with the pig it weighed over one cwt. After he came back he was harrowing the ground ready for peas. Weather fine.

Saturday August 26 1905

Joe got 1 bushel of peas from Mr Yeadon and planted them up on the hill. Weather fine.

Monday August 28 1905

Joe ploughing the old potato ground. Mother and the children and I went for a walk yesterday afternoon up to Sir Matthew Davies place. Jack got 36/- for the pig from Mr Lloyd. Weather fine.

Tuesday August 29 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe is over with Jack. Jack is showing him how to prune the trees. Weather it commenced to rain about five o'clock.

Wednesday August 30 1905

Joe did not go over to Jack this morning he has a very bad cold, he stayed in his room all the morning. He went over this afternoon. Weather some showers in late this afternoon.

Thursday August 31 1905

Mother was down this afternoon, she is not very well, Bobbie has a very bad cough and Joes cold is no better. He went down to Box Hill to see the doctor and he put him on the lodge for a week. Weather fine.

Friday September 1 1905

Mother came down this afternoon to see Bobbie. His cough is no better. May Kerr called this afternoon and paid me three shillings they owed for honey. I got a string of hen eggs from Fred Yeadon last night, I set a black hen on 14 eggs up on the apple bench this morning. Weather fine.

Saturday September 2 1905

I kept Bobbie and Jim in the dining room all day with a fire. Their colds seem to get worse. Weather commenced to rain about 6 o'clock.

Monday September 4 1905

Bobbie was in bed all day yesterday and today. He is very bad tonight. Mother came down to see him she is going to stop all night and poultice him. His cold is very bad on his chest it hurts him to breathe. Jim is not so well tonight either. Emma Ramage died on Saturday morning, her funeral is today at 3 o'clock at Box Hill. Weather fine.

Tuesday September 5 1905

Bobbie is a little better today, he is still in bed. Mother went home this evening. Joe got 5/- last Sunday. He went to Bayswater and saw the doctor on Monday and came back to night. He is getting better. Weather very cold.

Wednesday September 6 1905

The mountains are all covered with snow. It is bitterly cold with heavy sleety showers all day. Bobbie is in bed yet, but seems to be a little better. Weather very wet, windy and cold.

Thursday September 7 1905

Bobbie is getting better, but not well enough to get up yet. I forgot to mention the children are at home from school this week, the school is closed for 2 weeks the school master met with an accident and hurt his knee. Weather heavy showers all day.

Friday September 8 1905

Bobbie is sitting up in bed playing today. He will be able to get up tomorrow. Joe went to Box Hill to see the doctor today, to see if he can go off the lodge. He is coming home to night. Joe got 2/-today. Weather wet.

Saturday September 9 1905

Bobbie is up today and out in the dining room, he has been in bed since Sunday, Joe came home last night. The doctor will put him off the lodge till Monday. Weather fine, cold and windy.

Monday September 11 1905

Bobbie is nearly well again now. He was out in the kitchen and verandah today. School started today. Jim did not go he was not well enough. Joe is working today. He is pruning. (Wages paid today 3 weeks). Weather showery.

Tuesday September 12 1905

Jim went to school today. Elsie Dobson came up soon after dinner and stayed to tea. She says her Mother seems a little better. Joe pruning all day. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday September 13 1905

Mother came down this afternoon and brought her butter to send with mine. She only stayed a short time, she had to hurry home, there was a thunder storm coming up. She got home just before it came. There was very heavy thunder and wind and a good deal of rain it is still raining. Jim is not well again tonight, he seems very pale and weak and does not eat well. Joe pruning all day. Weather fine all day rained this evening.

Thursday September 14 1905

Mother came down to tea this afternoon. It is Jims birthday, he is seven years old, he is not so well today. He could not go to school and was in bed till after dinner. Joe pruning. Weather cold and windy.

Friday September 15 1905

Jim is much better today but not well enough to go to school. Joe pruning all day. Weather cold and showery.

Saturday September 16 1905

Jim is getting better, he was outside for a little while today. Joe finished the pruning today and grubbing up the two old peach trees in the garden, he planted a black currant bush in the place where the big one grew by the kitchen window. Weather fine.

Monday September 18 1905

Mother and Emily went to town today by the twelve train. Mother is coming home tonight, Emily is not coming home till Saturday. Joe picking up cuttings in the orchard and sledging them up on the hill to burn. He planted three small apple trees near the house and three that Mr Hall gave me up in the orchard. Weather fine.

Tuesday September 19 1905

Mother came down this morning. She is going to stop till Emily comes home. Joe picking up cuttings. Weather fine.

Wednesday September 20 1905

I went home this afternoon to see Annie and get the butter and eggs. Joe finished the cuttings and sprayed some of the apple trees for white aphids. This afternoon he started the drains again that were opened in the grass paddock some time ago. Weather fine and sunny.

Thursday September 21 1905

Joe at the drains all day. Mother went home this morning to see Jack before he went to town, he is going about the new house. Weather there was a heavy shower about dinner time, then cleared.

Friday September 22 1905

Joe at the drains sledging boughs this afternoon. Weather showery.

Saturday September 23 1905

Mother went home this afternoon and Emily came home. Jack went to the station to meet her. Joe took the bushel of peas back to Mr Yeadon, that I borrowed two or three weeks ago, then he went on with the drains, filling them in. He finished them and sowed some grass over them. Weather fine and cloudy.

Monday September 25 1905

There was a very heavy fall of snow here this morning, the heaviest I have ever seen, everything was bending with the weight of it. It was piled on the roofs and fences and trees it was about 4 inches deep it looked beautiful. Joe went up the mountain with Jack to see it. He was away all day. Weather, very cold with heavy falls of snow and sleet, all the morning. The mountains are covered with snow tonight it is about a foot deep on top.

Tuesday September 26 1905

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe cut some fire wood this morning then he was cutting the shoots off the saplings round the fences. Weather showery all day.

Wednesday September 27 1905

Joe cutting the sapling shoots all day . Weather showery all day.

Thursday September 28 1905

Too wet to do anything on the ground. Joe finished cutting the sapling shoots tonight. Weather misty rain all day.

Friday September 29 1905

Joe started to cut scrub on the hill straight up from the house. Weather wet and cold.

Saturday September 30 1905

There was a tea meeting down at Bayswater tonight for the Salvation Army. There was a concert and band after the tea. Mother, Jack, Emily and Jean went down to it, they say it was very good. It was a very wet day. Joe cutting scrub. He went to the tea meeting this evening. Weather very wet.

Monday October 2 1905

Emily went home this afternoon and took Bobbie with her. Joe cutting scrub. Jack got a letter today from Uncle Jim, he says the man will be up on Wednesday to start the house. Weather fine but cloudy.

Tuesday October 3 1905

It is my birthday today. Mother came down this afternoon. Joe over helping Jack move some big logs and dig out some big blocks of stone where the new house is to be. Weather fine.

Wednesday October 4 1905

Jim and I went down to Bayswater this morning. We walked down and Mr Dobson drove us back as far as the school. Mrs Dobson is no better. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Thursday October 5 1905

Joe up on the hill harrowing the ground ready for more peas. He drilled the ground ready to plant tomorrow. Weather fine.

Friday October 6 1905

Joe started to plant peas this morning. He just got one land planted when it began to rain. He harrowed them in and had to leave off and come down, it rained so much I had to take the children's dinners up to them. Joe washed the wagon and cut chaff. Weather very wet.

Saturday October 7 1905

It was too wet to work on the ground today. Joe up on the hill cutting scrub. There is a fortnights Missions starting up in the church tomorrow morning. Weather fine.

Monday October 9 1905

The church was full last night and there was a good congregation in the morning. Emily and Jean went up tonight, there was a good many there and it was very good. Joe dug the carrots and ploughed the ground . Weather beautiful, frost this morning. (Wages paid today 4 weeks).

Tuesday October 10 1905

I went to the mission tonight. I took Jean with me. The church was full. Joe finished planting the peas today and four rows of potatoes. Weather fine.

Wednesday October 11 1905

Emily went to the mission tonight with Jean, there were a great many people there and it was very good. Joe went over home today and got Ben to plough. Weather fine.

Thursday October 12 1905

Emily went to a ladies meeting this afternoon and mother and her went up this evening. Joe ploughing. Weather fine.

Friday October 13 1905

I went up to see Mrs Harvey this afternoon and I went to the mission in the evening. Joe ploughing. Weather fine.

Saturday October 14 1905

Joe ploughing. He went to Box Hill by the midday train and came home by the half past three. He cut some scrub when he came home. Weather fine.

Monday October 16 1905

There was a lecture up at the church this evening in connection with the lecture and lantern views. I went and took Jean and Jim. Emily stayed home with Bobbie. Weather very windy and cold.



Tuesday October 17 1905

It commenced to rain last night and has rained all day, until 6 o'clock this evening, when it stopped for a short time, but it is raining again now. There was to be a great festival over at Fern Tree Gully today at the opening of the Clergy House. The Governor and Lady Talbot are coming to open it but it is so wet, I think it will be a disappointment to a great many. Joe went over to it. Emily went up to the Mission this evening. There were not many there it was too wet. Weather very wet.

Wednesday October 18 1905

Emily has gone up to the mission, this is the last. Joe cut some thistles in the grass paddock this morning. After dinner he was rubbing the potatoes.

Thursday October 19 1905

The church was full last night. It was the last night of the mission, it will be very quiet when Mr Morton goes he was such a nice man. Joe rubbing the shoots off the potatoes. Weather showery.

Friday October 20 1905

Joe digging the fruit trees near the house and ploughed the lands between the trees. Mother came down this afternoon. Weather fine.

Saturday October 21 1905

Charlotte Dobson came up this afternoon. She says her Mother is a little better. Joe ploughed some furrows and planted some rows of maize behind the woodshed. Then he started to shovel out the drain up along the wire fence. It was blocked with grass in some places. Weather beautiful.

Monday October 23 1905

Joe ploughing with the two horses. Weather misty rain.

Tuesday October 24 1905

The men started the new house over home today. Uncle Jim came up with them. Joe ploughing. Weather fine.

Wednesday October 25 1905

Joe went down to Bayswater this morning for the drag-harrow, then he started to put in some peas up in the paddock next the grass; he had nearly got them finished when it rained and he had to leave them. Weather fine during the morning wet after.

Thursday October 26 1905

Too wet to get on the ground. Joe rubbing the Vermont potatoes. Weather wet.

Friday October 27 1905

Jim did not go to school today, he is not well. Jack came down this afternoon to plough near the fruit trees with Ben. He took Ben home with him when he went, he has been here a fortnight now. Mother came down this afternoon to see Jim. Weather fine.

Saturday October 28 1905

Jim is not any better today, he has been in bed most of the day. His throat is very much swollen.

Monday November 27 1905

I have not written in this book for a month. I have been so busy. I could not find time to write. We have all been ill since I wrote last. Jim was sick for about a week, he was in bed most of the time. Then Bobbie took bad just the same as Jim he seemed very sick and had a bad sore throat. Before he got quite well Emily and I took sick. First mine was not so bad though. I felt very ill. Emily felt so much better by Sunday that she went to Sunday School and Church and she got cold in her throat. She had to go to bed on Monday and was in bed two or three days. The Sunday School Picnic was on the Tuesday so that neither of us could go. Mother came down and took the children. I stayed with Emily. I only went over for a short time in the afternoon. The following Sunday was the Sunday School Anniversary and Emily went in the morning, her throat was not better and she got cold again and was very bad. Mother came down Monday to see how she was and stopped to look after her but Mother took bad herself on Tuesday so I had them both in bed. I was not well myself and my knee and ankle was swollen so much and was so painful that I could scarcely get about. Mother was in bed for two of three days. Tuesday there was a Social up at the Church for the S.S.A. and the children got their prizes. They both got a special prize they had not missed a day since last anniversary. Mother and Emily were both in bed so I could not go. I sent the children by themselves. I made a basket of cakes and sent them up with Joe. Mother stayed here a week and two days nursing Emily her throat was so bad. Mother thought she would have to send for the doctor. She could scarcely open her mouth. She is quite well now. Jean was bad the same time as Bobbie. Joe put some potatoes (Vermonts) in the ground above the hut and I think he has put in some peas since I wrote last and one lot of beans, some pumpkins, turks caps and marrows, carrots and tomatoes.

Tuesday November 28 1905

Daisy Chaundy rode over on horseback to see us yesterday. I have not seen her for about 6 years, I scarcely knew her. Joe has not been at work since Friday, he was not well all last week, he had the same as we all had cold and sore throat. One of the Kerrs took him to the Doctors on Sunday and he got put on the lodge last week he cut all the seed potatoes ready to plant on Monday. I will have to get them planted while he is on the Lodge. Jack is going to try and plant them for me though he is so busy himself he does not know what to do first. He came down yesterday afternoon and planted some. He did not come today. I think Uncle Jim must be up. Emily and Bobbie went over this afternoon. Bobbie likes to see the new house, they have the four front rooms up now and they are plastering it and putting up the verandah. Mother went to town on Monday and bought a lot of things for Annie. She is to be married at new year. The weather has been very dry for about three weeks.

Wednesday November 29 1905

Jack came to plant potatoes again today but he cannot get along very fast doing it all himself. Mr Harry was away in town so he could not get a boy to help him plant. Joe has been up staying with Yeadon's since Monday. Weather very hot.

Thursday November 30 1905

Jack came to plant this morning. Joe came down from Yeadon's. Jack sent him over to ask Mr Kerr to let Tommy Thompson who is working for them come over and help him after dinner he came and they nearly finished them. Weather looks like thunder and is very close and hot.

Friday December 1 1905

Jack came down and finished the potatoes this morning. He went home after dinner. Joe picked a nice bucket of peas in the oats. I forgot to mention Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Dowling a missionary had a mission lecture and showed a lot of curios, last night. Weather fine and hot.

Saturday December 2 1905

Joe went down to Box Hill to be put off the Lodge. He says he is better. Weather; there was a severe thunderstorm just before dinner today and it has rained all the afternoon.

Monday December 4 1905

I went home this afternoon. Joe mowed the high grass in the yard and then went on getting fire wood. He brought down some cut wood and some logs. Weather, it rained all day yesterday, the creeks were over the banks, it is raining again this evening. It commenced about 5 o'clock.

Tuesday December 5 1905

I went over to see Mrs Kerr this afternoon. Joe cutting scrub this morning. After dinner he was cutting some oats, not the crop but some that had been sown for green stuff and not all used. Weather, few misty showers. Emily is up at a S.S. meeting tonight.

Wednesday December 6 1905

Joe harrowed the potatoes that are just coming up, then he horse-hoed the few rows of potatoes up on the hill and hoed them. He took Beauty to Kerrs. Weather fine.

Thursday December 7 1905

Joe horse hoeing peas. Weather fine.

Friday December 8 1905

I went to town this morning to meet Mother to do some shopping and buy a dress. Mother has been down since Wednesday. Joe planting peas. Weather fine.

Saturday December 9 1905

Joe finished the peas today. He went to Box Hill this afternoon. Weather fine.

Thursday December 28 1905

An Army boy came this morning to help Joe get in the hay. They got it all in. Weather very hot.

Friday December 29 1905

Mother went to town this morning by the first train. She went to the station in the coach. She is not coming home till tomorrow night. Emily is home today picking red currants. Joe and the boy hoeing potatoes all day. Weather very hot.

Saturday December 30 1905

The Army boy came for half a day to hoe. They have finished the potatoes and started the carrots. Emily came home this morning. There was a thunder storm this afternoon but not much rain. Weather very hot and close.

## 1906

Monday January 1 1906

Emily and Jean went home this afternoon. I stayed home with the boys. The boys were over yesterday. Emma and Ted and little Gladys were up they came up yesterday in the coach. Gladys is such a dear little thing just beginning to talk. Joe at work hoeing carrots all day. Major Sutton sent down to borrow the wagon to bring people from the station. There was a lot of people there all day. In the evening they had the cinematography and limelight views. All the neighbours were invited. I went and took the children. Emily and Jean went from home with Mother it was very good we did not get home till after twelve. Weather fine.

Tuesday January 2 1906

Emily went home this evening, she is not home yet and it is 1 o'clock. Joe planting peas. The little cow Star that got hurt with the tree does not seem to get better it has been bad two weeks now, but it cannot stand. Weather fine.

Wednesday January 3 1906

Emily was over home today cleaning the windows and helping Annie to clean out the new house. Annie was to have been married today but it was put off till next Thursday. The house was not finished. I mean the four front rooms. Joe had an Army boy helping him today. The boy was hoeing peas and Joe was planting peas. Weather very hot.

Thursday January 4 1906

Emily is home again today. I think she is picking currant. Bobbie has not been well all day, he has a bad sore throat. He seems worse tonight. He is very hot and restless. Joe had the boy helping him to cut seed up near the creek. Weather very hot and close.

Friday January 5 1906

Mother came down this evening to see Bobbie. She is going to stay all night. Emily stayed home tonight, they are shifting the furniture. Jack went to market tonight, Joe and the boy hoeing the maize by the pigsty. They planted some potatoes up by the creek where the others rotted. Weather very hot.

Saturday January 6 1906

The boy came this morning. Joe thrashed some of the grass seed they cut on Wednesday. Then went on hoeing the maize till dinner time. The boy did not come after dinner. Joe went over to Mr Kerrs to get some cabbage plants he said I could have. Emily has been home all day she is not home yet. Weather very hot.

Monday January 8 1906

Joe planted the cabbages this morning and hoed the tomatoes, then went on hoeing the maize. Weather much cooler.

Tuesday January 9 1906

Joe sowed some maize this morning. The boy hoeing peas. Weather very hot.

Wednesday January 10 1906

Annie is going to be married tomorrow. There is such a lot to do putting the house to rights, as well as preparing for the wedding and the men are working at the back. Mother came down to cook some fowls they have not any stove to use at home yet. Weather very hot and close.

Thursday January 11 1906

Annie and Arthur were married today about 12 o'clock. We were all over. Edie Harris and Jean were bridesmaids. Emma and Gladys were up. Ted could not get away. The wagonette came to the house about 2 o'clock and they were driven to Ringwood. It was a beautiful day. There was a lot of heavy thunder last night and early this morning. There was a little rain just enough to make things look fresh. Joe earthed up the potatoes. Him and the boy hoeing. Weather fine.

Friday January 12 1906

Bobbie is four years old today. Jean went home first thing this morning. They only have today to get a load ready for market. I and the children picked four half cases of cherries and Joe and the boy picked 1 cwt of peas, then they pulled up some of the dried pea straw up on hill. Joe took the cherries and the peas and 2½ pairs of young roosters up to the road for Jack to take down. Weather hot.

Saturday January 13 1906

There was a light misty rain this morning. Joe horse-hoed the maize near the pigsty and cut the thistles in the grass paddock. He had a half day off to go fishing up near Gembrook. Mother came down this afternoon and brought Jean home. Weather very hot.

Monday January 15 1906

Joe over home today helping Jack pick Cherry Plums for market. The little cow Star that was hurt with the tree falling on her is getting better, she can walk all about the yard and feed. She has been bad 5 weeks, she lay down nearly the whole time for 4 weeks only turning from one side to the other. Joe got 5/- tonight. Weather very hot and close.

Tuesday January 16 1906

Emily came down this afternoon and stayed to tea. Joe putting in peas. Weather hot and dry.

Wednesday January 17 1906

Joe over home today cutting grass seed and thrashing some beans. Emily came down this evening to stay all night, so as to help me with the children in the morning. I am going to take them to the beach. Weather very hot.

Thursday January 18 1906

Mother, the children and I went down to St. Kilda beach for a picnic. It was a nice day. The children enjoyed themselves very much, paddling in the water and riding on the merry-go-round. Joe painted the gates and hoed some peas. Weather hot.

Friday January 19 1906

Mother came home with us last night and did not go home till this evening. Joe working up some ground for beans and planting beans. Weather very hot and close.

Saturday January 20 1906

Joe finished planting the beans, then he went down to Truswell's for some cabbage plants. It came on a light misty rain about 1 o'clock but soon cleared away again. The place is beginning to look very white and dry and we are getting short of water. Weather very hot and close.

Monday January 22 1906

Emily came down this afternoon. She got a letter from Annie to say they were coming home tomorrow. Joe planted the cabbage plants this morning and then he went to town by the midday train. He is not home yet and it is quarter to eleven. I paid him a month's wages £2.10 this morning leaving two weeks owing-up to date except 8/- that he has had at different times. Weather a little cooler today. The children started school today. Bobbie is very lonely without them.

Tuesday January 23 1906

Joe digging out the irrigation drain this morning. Jack came down to help him after dinner, he could not come this morning because Uncle Jim was up. Weather very hot.

Wednesday January 24 1906

Joe at the water dam all morning. The Army officers sent over a boy to help him. He brought the water down to the house this afternoon. The tanks are nearly dry. Weather very hot and dry.

Thursday January 25 1906

Mother came down this morning she wanted to see the butcher, she stayed all day. Jack came down this morning to help Joe make a new foot bridge across the creek into the Army paddock. Mr Yeadon had the other one pulled up that we used to cross in his place. Weather very hot.

Friday January 26 1906

Joe started to pick some peas yesterday afternoon. He has a boy helping him today though there are so few the picking is so bad it takes a long time. There was 2½ cwt. Archie Chandler took them over with his own for Jack Maguire to take to market. Weather it has been the hottest day for 28 years today. The bush fires are dreadful up country in one place 'Toora' six little children were burnt to death on their way home from school. Rain is needed very much. In this district the water is getting so low.

Saturday January 27 1906

Jim Kerr brought me a ¼ of onions today from the market. They were 9d paid. Joe watering beans all day. Weather very hot and dry.

### Anticipation

In that new earth when Faith is merged in sight,  
 And mortal mists have passed beyond the range,  
 Where Hope is clothed in everlasting light,  
 How shall we bear the bliss of that great change  
 When we reach home?

Those visions seen of old by holiest men,  
 Those Eden-dreams of earth's unsullied youth,  
 We too shall see and shall not lose again,  
 Dreams now no more, but God's eternal truth,  
 When we reach home.

Our world is lovely; earth and sunny skies,  
 The play of light upon the sea and shore;  
 But yet beyond earth's utmost gate there lies  
 A splendour never man has seen before,  
 When we reach home.

When darkening doubts that blur the light of day,  
 And stood between us and that fair, far land,  
 Shall disappear and on our onward way,  
 Leave anything that we may not understand,  
 When we reach home.

When friends meet friends once more round that new hearth,  
 After long years of waiting, night and day,  
 When we have laid aside these bonds of earth,  
 There will be much for loving hearts to say  
 When we reach home.

For all in this sad earth that gave us pain  
 Shall fall away when we have crossed the river,  
 And all that's best shall still with us remain,  
 And all that's wrong be blotted out for ever  
 When we reach home.

To be at rest, earth's sin and sorrow gone,  
 To hear at last the angelic host out pour  
 The mighty anthem, heard in heaven alone,  
 Of love that death can sunder nevermore,  
 When we reach home.



### Bereaved

Thou hast passed away from me into the land of Shadows,  
 And never, never more shall I behold thy face,  
 Till, too, have passed beyond the reach of Time and Sorrow,  
 And in Eternity have found a resting place,  
 But wherever thou art, I know, in that unknown land of spirits,  
 My soul at last shall seek; and surely find, thee there  
 Tho now between us lies such impenetrable Silence,  
 And life, without thee, dear, is very hard to bear.  
 Oh! if I could only hear from out the eternal Silence,  
 That sometimes overwhelms me even as I pray;  
 Oh! if I could only hear thee whisper from the darkness,  
 The bitterness of death would almost pass away.  
 But ever since the day when death reft our souls asunder,  
 And thou art called afar from sorrow and from pain;  
 Oh! ever since that day of agony unavailing  
 My heart has hungered for one work of love in vain.  
 And yet I know full well that all with thee is peace  
 Nor would I call thee back in spite of all my tears  
 Tho' I weep, I know tis well that never more for thee  
 Can be the heavy burden or the heavy weight of years.

Monday January 29 1906

The children have a holiday today for A.N.A day. Emily came down to tea. Joe hoeing peas and watering beans. There was an accident on the Gembrook line yesterday, there was a good many injured but none killed. Weather fine.

Tuesday January 30 1906

Joe watering and hoeing. He brought down the pea straw from the hill and cut some fire wood. Weather hot.

Wednesday January 31 1906

Jimmy is home from school today. He has a sore throat and is not at all well. The heat seems too much for him. Joe hoeing and watering. He thrashed the peas out of the straw he brought down last night. There was a lot of it lost there was a very heavy wind and it blew the straw off the dray all across the yard the ground is white with peas. Weather very hot and very windy from the North. Cool this evening.

Thursday February 1 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe watering peas and hoeing. Weather very hot.

Friday February 2 1906

Jim is still home from school. His throat is not better. I hope he will be able to go on Monday. Joe hoed the carrots and pulled the big weeds out of the potatoes. Weather hot.

Saturday February 3 1906

Joe horse-hoeing and running the water on the grass. Uncle Jim was over home yesterday. The men have nearly finished the house now. Weather hot and dry.

Monday February 5 1906

Joe watering and hoeing. He picked  $\frac{1}{4}$  of beans (the first) Archie Chandler took them down for me. Jim is not very well yet but has gone to school. Weather hot and dry. Paid 4 weeks wages today.

Tuesday February 6 1906

Emily went down to see Mrs Collier this afternoon. She has been very ill but she is getting better now. Emily came in to tea on her way back the children wanted her to stop all night, we miss her very much. Joe has a holiday today. He has gone to the Fruit growers picnic with Kerrs. A black hen stole a nest up on the hay and brought out seven little black chicks yesterday. Weather very hot.

Wednesday February 7 1906

Joe picked a few Duchess apples this morning and he took Pansy over to Kerrs. He dug a drain across the top of the grass paddock and run the water on to the maize. Weather very hot.

Thursday February 8 1906

Mother was down this afternoon. Bobbie was very sick all day yesterday and last night. I did not get to bed till 2 o'clock; he is much better today. I think it is the hot weather. Jim is not at all well either. He is very pale and thin. Joe watering, he picked  $\frac{3}{4}$  of beans this afternoon. Weather very hot.

Friday February 9 1906

Joe picked one cwt of peas today. Jim Kerr took them down for me and the  $\frac{3}{4}$  of beans. "Spot" calved today a heifer calf. Weather: much cooler today but not much sign of rain. It is very dry and rain is badly wanted. Everybody is short of water, my tanks are empty and we have been getting water from the creek for the last week. I have not done any regular washing for 4 weeks.

Saturday February 10 1906

Joe picking Greengage plums all the morning. Jim was helping, they got  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cases. Joe watering the maize this afternoon. Jim Kerr got  $28\frac{1}{3}$  for the peas and beans. Weather hot and dry.

Monday February 12 1906

The children and I went over home this afternoon. I have not been over since the 11th of January, nearly 5 weeks. Jack came down first thing this morning to pick peas. He could not get any boys, the Army was so busy they picked 1 cwt of beans and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of peas and Jack brought down a case of plums and there was the  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cases they picked on Saturday and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cases of apples. Weather fine.

Tuesday February 13 1906

Joe got  $17\frac{1}{2}$  cwt for the peas,  $13\frac{1}{6}$  cwt for beans,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  case for the two best cases of apples and  $1\frac{1}{6}$  for the other two.  $3\frac{1}{6}$  for Jacks plums and  $3\frac{1}{6}$ ,  $3\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  for my Greengages. Weather very hot.

Wednesday February 14 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe watering some peas. Weather very hot and dry.

Thursday February 15 1906

Joe picking peas, some they did not get over on Monday. He got 1 cwt. Watering after dinner. Emily came down this evening on her dray to the Bible Class and brought the butter. Jean is not very well tonight. She has a sore throat. Weather very hot and close.

Friday February 16 1906

Mother went to town today she brought me some butter paper. Jack ran down from the top of the hill with it so that I could send my butter tomorrow. I was quite out. Jack says Mother is quite done up with the day so dreadful hot. Joe picked  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of beans and 35 lbs. Rafe Chandler took the 1 cwt of peas and the  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 35 lbs of beans down for me. Weather very hot.

Saturday February 17 1906

Mother came down this afternoon, it has been a very hot day. Joe cutting some scrub up toward the clearing. Weather very hot and dry.

Monday February 19 1906

Joe picked 1 cwt of peas  $1\frac{1}{2}$  and 35 lbs beans. Fred Yeadon took them down for me. Rafe Chandler got 15/- for the cwt of peas, 7/6 for the half of beans and 4/- for 35 lbs - £1.6.6 altogether. I went over to see Mrs Harvey this afternoon. Mother stayed with the children till I came home. Weather very hot.

Tuesday February 20 1906

Fred Yeadon got £1.7.6 for the things he took down for me. It has been very hot and very close all day. Just as the children got home from school a thunderstorm came up very fast. It was a terrific storm while it lasted, but for a very short time. I had left Jim's bedroom window up and the wind blew the rain right across the room into the dining room and wet the clothes on his bed. It would blow down a lot of fruit, it is thundering yet and there are a lot of black clouds about so we might get some more rain yet, rain is badly wanted. Weather very close.

Wednesday February 21 1906

I have been writing two or three days at once and made a mistake. The thunderstorm was today, not Tuesday. Joe watering all day. He horse-hoed a little this morning. Weather very close.

Thursday February 22 1906

We did not have any more rain, it seems all cleared away now and it has turned very cold. The storm was much more severe in some places than we felt it here. Over home all the roof was blown off the barn and stables and carried right over the creek into the orchard some loose sheets fell in the creek about twenty or thirty. Some are all doubled up. The front of the stable was blown in and the doors of the wagon shed are cracked. The wagons were not hurt. It is a good thing no one was about at the time. Jack had taken Friday out of the stable not long before. The hail was very heavy up at Yeadon's but we did not get any down here. Joe picking peas. One Army boy came to help. Weather very dry and cold.

Friday February 23 1906

I picked 1½ cases of plums off the red tree in the corner. Joe went into market with 4¾ and 10 lbs of peas and 2 cwt and ¼ and 15 lbs beans and 1½ cases plums. The boy was here again today. Weather very cold.

Saturday February 24 1906

Joe got 12/- for the peas and 8/- for the beans. 2/- for the ½ of plums and 3/- for the whole case. Weather cold and dry.

Monday February 26 1906

There is a Lantern lecture up at the church tonight. It is to be given by Mr Power a Chinese Missionary. I did not go it was very windy, and I was afraid it would make my eyes bad again. Joe put another barbed. wire on the fence between the grass paddock and the maize to keep Beauty the cow from getting through. He went over to help Jack put the roof on the wagon shed after dinner. There was a thunder storm here about half past three. It rained very heavy for about half an hour, it filled the tank in the verandah, in a very short time and the other is half full. It will make the grass green again. Jack came down this evening to help Joe put a rope from Jumper's head to her front foot to try and stop her getting into Yeadon's.

Tuesday February 27 1906

Joe is over with Jack again this afternoon. It was today and not yesterday we had the thunderstorm. I made the mistake through writing two or three days at once. Weather rain very close.

Wednesday February 28 1906

Mother and Mrs Harris came down this afternoon and stayed to tea. Mrs Harris has been over home since Monday morning. Joe cutting some posts to strengthen the wire fence in the grass paddock where Beauty gets through and picking beans after dinner. Weather light showers and very close.

Thursday March 1 1906

One Army boy came to pick peas this morning and 2 after dinner. Jean has the toothache very bad. She has cried ever since she came home from school. Weather fine.

Friday March 2 1906

Only one boy came this morning. Mr Harvey could not spare the other one. Joe went to market with 5¾ cwts of peas and 4 cwt and 201bs of beans. Weather fine.

Saturday March 3 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe got 11/-, 12/, 13/- for the peas, 5/-, 6/-, and, 8/- for the beans. Weather fine.

Monday March 5 1906

Joe picked ½ cwt and 40 lbs of beans. Jim Kerr took them down for me. After dinner Joe took Mag to the blacksmiths to get her shoes removed. Weather fine.

Tuesday March 6 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. She is not at all well. I hope she will be better tomorrow. She has been keeping so well lately. Jim Kerr got 6/6 for the peas he took down for me. Joe ploughed a land and put in some oats for green stuff, the ground was too hard to plough any more. After dinner he picked the Emperor Alex apples. They have nearly all got the codling moth in them. All the apples are very bad this season. Wages paid today (4 weeks). Weather very windy.

Wednesday March 7 1906

Jack came down this evening. Mother is not better yet she is just about the same. He says Annie and Mrs Harris came down home this afternoon. Mrs Harris has been up there since last Thursday, she is going home next Saturday. Joe put some extra posts in the wire fence near the maize to keep the cows out and cleaned the harness. Picking beans after dinner. Weather fine, cloudy.

Thursday March 8 1906

One Army boy came to pick beans today. Weather hot and close.

Friday March 9 1906

One boy came this morning and two after dinner. Joe went to market with 5 cwt of beans, 3½ cwt a 10 lbs peas, 4½ cases apples and ½ case yellow plums. Weather, very hot and close.

Saturday March 10 1906

Joe got 6/- for the beans, 15/- and 14/- for peas, 3/6 for apples, and, 2/- for the half of plums. It started to rain about 5 o'clock this morning and has rained nearly all day. There was a very heavy shower about 6 o'clock this evening. Weather raining.

Monday March 12 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe took Ben to get him shod this morning. He did not come home till 2 o'clock, then he cleaned out the stable and cut some wood and chaff. Weather fine, rained nearly all day Sunday.

Tuesday March 13 1906

Mother and Annie came down this afternoon. It is the first time Annie has been down since she was married. Arthur came down to tea and spend the evening. Joe ploughing all day. Weather light rain morning.

Wednesday March 14 1906

Joe ploughing all morning. Picking beans after dinner. Weather fine.

Thursday March 15 1906

Two boys came to pick beans today. Jean has been home from school both Tuesday and Wednesday. She has ear-ache and tooth-ache and is not at all well. She has gone to school today with her face tied up. Jimmy is home today he was very ill last night with croup. I was by myself and was so frightened I did not know what to do with him. He seems better today. Weather fine.

Friday March 16 1906

Jimmy has gone to school today. He looks very pale, though he is much better than he was, he has a very bad cough at night. One boy came to pick today. Joe went to market with  $9\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of beans and  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cwt of peas, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of beans for Jack. He brought them down last night. Weather fine.

Saturday March 17 1906

Joe got 11/6 for the beans and 17/- for the peas. It was the best market I have had for a long time. Weather fine.

Monday March 19 1906

Yesterday was the Harvest Thanksgiving, the church was nicely decorated, there were a good many people there in the morning. Jack is going to market tonight. Joe piked  $1\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of peas and took them to the top of the hill in the wheelbarrow. Weather fine.

Tuesday March 20 1906

There was a meeting up at the church this afternoon about the Church Anniversary. There is going to be a tea meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April. The children and I went over home this afternoon to pick some blackberries for Jam. Jack got 16/- cwt for the peas he took down for me, beans were 12/- cwt. Joe burning the bush paddock today. Weather very warm.

Wednesday March 21 1906

Joe drag-harrowing the sorrel out of the pea ground up on the hill to be ready for grass. Weather warm.

Thursday March 22 1906

Two boys came to pick peas today. I wanted some more but they were too busy. Weather fine.

Friday March 23 1906

One boy came to pick peas this morning. I wanted some more but they were very busy and could not let them come. Joe went to market with 7 cwt of beans and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  cwt of peas and 3 cwt beans for Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday March 24 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe got 16/- cwt for the beans and 18/- for the peas. He lost 14/-, somehow he could not account for it he paid me out of his own money that he had coming to him. Wages paid 3 weeks

Monday March 26 1906

I went down to Bayswater yesterday to see Mrs Dobson. She is very ill again. Mr Dobson is very bad too. I drove down with Mr Brown the minister. We were down in time for dinner. Jenny was there and Polly with her two children. Jack took down 1- cwt of peas for me. Weather fine.

Tuesday March 27 1906

Jack got 19/- for the peas. Joe working up the peas ground up on the hill for grass. He had to go and get 2 cwt of Super from Harry Chandler there was not enough here. I did not pay for it. Weather fine.

Wednesday March 28 1906

Joe sowed the super ready for the grass. I picked beans after dinner. Weather misty.

Thursday March 29 1906

Two boys came to pick peas today. The heifer I had running in the bush paddock belonging to Mother calved yesterday. A heifer calf. Jack came down for her tonight, she is very quiet. Joe took Pansy down to Trustwells yesterday. Weather heavy showers all day.

Friday March 30 1906

The boys could not come today, it is such a pity for it is so wet I am afraid they will turn black. Joe went to market with 5½ cwt of beans and 2½ cwt of peas. Weather showery all day.

Saturday March 31 1906

Jean went to Annie's after school yesterday. She is going to stay till tomorrow. Mr Jim Bambury died this morning he is to be buried tomorrow. Joe did not get home till late, he got from 13/- to £1 a cwt for beans, and 18/- for peas. He lost 9/6. Weather foggy.

Monday April 2 1906

There is to be a tea meeting tomorrow up at the Church. Joe sowed the grass seed up on the hill and rolled it, then he started to plough in the flat the oat ground above the orchard. Weather fine.

Tuesday April 3 1906

Joe ploughing with the two horses. The children and I went to the tea meeting this evening there was a good many people there. The church was crowded for the after meeting. Weather showery all day.

Wednesday April 4 1906

I could not get any boys to pick on Friday, so I got two of them to come and pick today instead. Weather cloudy.

Thursday April 5 1906

The two boys and Joe picking all day. Mother came down this afternoon. Weather fine.

Friday April 6 1906

Joe went to market with 3 cwt of peas, 2¾ cwt of beans, 6½ dozen cabbage, 2½ doz turnips, 1 case apples, 1 case and ½cwt of potatoes. Weather beautiful.

Saturday April 7 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe came home from town much earlier today, he got 12/- for beans, 12/- and 14/- for peas, 1/- for cabbages, 9d and 10d a doz for turnips, 3/6 for the apples, 2/9 for the case of potatoes 3/6 for the half cwt. Weather beautiful.

Monday April 9 1906

Mother and I and Bobbie went up to Ferndale to see Annie. It is the first time I have been up to see them they have everything very nice. Emily, Jean and Jimmie went up to Earnies's to tea. Joe got the ground ready for oats and ploughed up some of the pea ground. He took Spot over to Kerr's this morning. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday April 10 1906

Joe sowed some oats today, then went on with the ploughing. Weather fine.

Wednesday April 11 1906

Joe ploughing this morning, picking beans after dinner. He took Ben down to Kleinert's this evening to get his shoe nailed on. Weather fine.

Thursday April 12 1906

Three Army boys came this morning to pick beans and peas. Weather fine.

Friday April 13 1906

Today is Good Friday. The boys could not come today they are not working. Joe went to market with 4½ cwt of beans, 1¾ cwt peas, 4½ doz cabbages, 5 doz turnips. Weather beautiful.

Saturday April 14 1906

Joe got from 12/- down to 4/- for the beans, 18/- for peas, 1/- doz. for the cabbage, and 10d a doz for the turnips. I settled up with him this evening, paid him 3 weeks wages all but the 9/6 he lost in the market. Weather fine.

Monday April 16 1906

Joe has a holiday today. They were expecting Emma and Ted up yesterday but they did not come. Mother came down this afternoon and stayed to tea there is a concert and ball down at Bayswater tonight for the Library. It rained all the morning but cleared up after dinner. Weather wet.

Tuesday April 17 1906

Joe sowing grass seed on the ground above the orchard. He had to leave it there was too much wind. He is sowing rye and cocksfoot and a little red clover. Weather fine.

Wednesday April 18 1906

Jumper got out of the paddock again yesterday. Joe was looking for her nearly all the morning. He found her over in Childs old place. She had lost her chain off her leg. He finished sowing the grass when he got back but did not get it all rolled before it began to rain. He had to leave it.

Thursday April 19 1906

Mother came down this afternoon and brought Jean home. She went over yesterday morning to stay with Mother. Emily and Annie went to town. Joe picking all day. Weather showery and cold.



Friday April 20 1906

One boy came to pick today. Joe did not go to market. He took the things up to the top of the hill for Jack to take down. There was 2 cwt and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of beans,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cwt peas, 1 case tomatoes, half a case pears, 2 doz cabbage. Weather frost this morning.

Saturday April 21 1906

Jack took Ben to market last night and Joe brought Friday down here. He rolled the grass above the orchard with Friday and Mag this morning. He lit some heaps of scrub and sticks above the pig sty and cut some wood till dinner time. After dinner he picked some apples and picked up all those off the ground so as to plough it. Weather very windy.

Joe ploughing the orchard. The two boys went over to spend the day with Grandma. They came home about half past five. I went to the creek with Jean to meet them. Jim says Grandma is not well.

Tuesday April 24 1906

The children started school again today. Bobbie misses them very much he seems quite lonely. I went over to Mrs Harvey's this afternoon. I took Bobbie with me, they are going away from The Basin to South Australia. I am very sorry they are going they were very good neighbours. I paid Mr Harvey for the boys. Weather misty showers.

Wednesday April 25 1906

Jack came down this morning. He said Mother was very ill in bed. I wanted to go and see her this afternoon but it was too wet to take the children. Jack came down again to let me know how she was and I left him here to mind the house and children and went over to see her. She looks very ill, she has a bad pain in her head and aches all over. I got back about half past 10 o'clock. Joe ploughing this morning. After dinner he took Friday down to the blacksmiths to be shod. Weather heavy showers all day.

Thursday April 26 1906

An Army boy came to help Joe today. I took Bobbie and went over to see Mother this afternoon, the others were at school. She says she is a little better, but she looks very bad yet. Annie was down with her all day. Weather very cold, showery and windy.

Friday April 27 1906

I sent the children over to see how Mother was this afternoon. I could not get away. She is a little better. Paddy the army boy came to help again today. Joe went to market with  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of beans,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cwt of peas, 1 case tomatoes, 1 case potatoes, 7 cases apples, 3 doz cabbage, 11 doz. turnips. Weather fine.

Saturday April 28 1906

Jimmy went over to see Grandma this afternoon. She is getting better, but she is still in bed. Joe got 10/-cwt for the beans, 8/- for  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of peas and  $\frac{3}{6}$  a quarter for the rest,  $\frac{2}{6}$  for the tomatoes,  $\frac{2}{9}$  for potatoes,  $\frac{1}{9}$  dozen for cabbage from 1/- to 7d a dozen for turnips. Weather fine.

Monday April 30 1906

I went over with the children to see Mother yesterday. She was up after dinner for the first time since last Tuesday. She looks very thin and ill. I sent the children over today. She has been up most of the day and is a lot better. Joe ploughing all day. Weather fine.

Tuesday May 1 1906

Joe over home helping Jack, he is ploughing, he took Ben over with him this morning. Weather fine.

Wednesday May 2 1906

Mother is getting better slowly. Joe went over to help Jack today, but it rained very heavy about 10 o'clock and he had to come back. They were just about to start sowing the oats when it came on. They got wet through. Joe fed the cows and chopped some wood. Weather wet.

Thursday May 3 1906

Joe went over to help Jack get in his oats. Weather dull and cloudy.

Friday May 4 1906

Joe picked a few peas and beans and 1 case tomatoes. Jack took them down for me. Weather fine.

Saturday May 5 1906

Joe ploughing in the orchard and cutting saplings. Joe got 5/-. Weather fine.

Monday May 7 1906

Jack came down this afternoon to kill the pig, he came down this morning with the wagon to get some saplings Joe cut for him on Saturday. He brought down the copper and block and tackle with him. Joe took Jumper down to Trustwells. Weather fine very cold.

Tuesday May 8 1906

Jack came down to cut up the pig this morning. Mother came down this afternoon. She does not look like herself at all. She is far from well. She is going to stay all night. Joe over home today. Weather fine and sunny.

Wednesday May 9 1906

Mother is not so well today. She has a fresh cold. She is going to stay till tomorrow. Weather fine.

Thursday May 10 1906

Mother went home after dinner today. She has a very bad cold. Bobbie and I went across the paddock with her. Jack came down to borrow a few oats to finish sowing his. Joe over with him again today. Weather fine and sunny.

Friday May 11 1906

Mother is worse today. She has been in bed all day. Annie was with her. Jack took down a few peas and beans and a case and a half of tomatoes for me. Weather fine.

Saturday May 12 1906

Joe went over home first thing this morning to get Friday to do a little ploughing. Mother is much better this morning. I sent the children home to see how Grandma was this afternoon. Annie was down to see her too. She is up today in the dining room. She is much better. Weather looks like rain.

Monday May 14 1906

I could not get over to see Mother yesterday. It commenced to rain just after dinner and rained all the afternoon and evening. There was an evening service. I took Bobbie and went over to see her today. She seems much better and is out in the kitchen. Mr Yeadon has sold his place to the Army. There is a meeting up at the church tonight to arrange a farewell for the family and buy them some present. (Wages paid today 4 weeks). Weather fine.

Tuesday May 15 1906

The children were over to see Grandma after school. She is still keeping a little better. I send them over every day to ask after her. Joe digging the potatoes near the carrots, he started yesterday. Weather fine but dull and cloudy.

Wednesday May 16 1906

Joe digging potatoes. Weather light mist.

Thursday May 17 1906

Joe at the potatoes. Weather fine.

Friday May 18 1906

The children were over to see Mother. Annie was down too. Jack did not go to market this week. Joe at the potatoes. He made a cover for Spot and Primrose. Weather fine, very cold.

Saturday May 19 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. She is not at all well yet. She is very weak. She was so tired when she got here. We were so glad to see her. Joe finished the potatoes and sledged them to the barn. Weather fine and sunny.

Monday May 21 1906

There is a sale up at Yeadon's today they are selling their cattle and farm implements and part of the furniture. Mr Yeadon is doing a trip to England and the others I believe are going up on the mountain. Joe sowed a land of oats up where the maize has been cut and harrowed the orchard and opened out furrows on every land to drain the water off in wet weather. He left work early. He wanted to go to Ringwood. Weather cloudy and dull.

Tuesday May 22 1906

There is a farewell concert and social up at the church to night for Mr and Mrs Yeadon, Mr and Mrs Earney and Mr and Mrs Charles Chandler and family. The Chandlers were not at the social they had gone to town about a week ago and did not come up for it. I had forgotten to mention they have left the District. Percy Chandler and family have taken the house for 12 months. I did not go to the social. Jimmie has a very bad cold and I would not take him out. Jean went over to stay all night with Grandma. It is a very dark cold night. Weather very dull and cloudy.

Wednesday May 23 1906

I believe the concert and social was very good. There were a lot of people there. Mr Griffiths gave the tea and brought singers. Miss Blakeys and Miss Olive Griffiths sang and Miss Roe recited. The school master is going to take the children up the mountain for a picnic tomorrow. It is Empire Day. Joe over with Jack today. Weather cloudy like rain.

Thursday May 24 1906

The children could not go for their picnic today it was too wet. It started to rain about 1 o'clock and rained all day. The children were all very disappointed, but the school master made the day as pleasant for them as he could. Mr and Mrs Yeadon went down. Mrs Yeadon gave the children an address and they sang their songs, said their recitations and went through their exercises. Then they had tea cakes, sandwiches, lollies and apples and I think they enjoyed themselves as much as if they had gone their walk up the mountain. Joe over with Jack. Weather very wet.

Friday May 25 1906

It rained all night and till about 10 o'clock this morning. Joe getting ready for market. He went to market with 15 doz turnips, 1 doz swedes the rest white, 3 cwt of potatoes, 3 cases potatoes, 5 cases of apples, 8 doz. eggs. Weather wet.

Saturday May 26 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. It was fine when she started but rained before she got here. It was very wet for her to go home. Joe got home about 5 o'clock. He got 7/- for the potatoes, 1/6 for those in the cases, 3/- for the apples, 1/8 for the eggs. Weather started to rain this afternoon.

Monday May 28 1906

The children and I went over home to tea. Annie and Miriam Harris were there. It is Mother's birthday. She was 68 years old today. Joe took Mag down to the blacksmiths to have her two hind shoes removed. He got back at dinner time. Joe repairing the wire fence between the grass paddocks. He bagged 1 cwt of potatoes for H. Dodd, then cut some firewood and chaff. Weather fine.

Tuesday May 29 1906

Joe over with Jack today. Weather fine.

Wednesday May 30 1906

Joe over with Jack, he went to Bayswater tonight he got 5/-. Weather fine.

Thursday May 31 1906

Mother was down this afternoon. She seems quite herself again now. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Friday June 1 1906

Joe ploughing today. The last pea ground up near the creek. He is ploughing with Mag and Friday. Jack brought Friday down last night and took Ben home to go to market. Weather fine.

Saturday June 2 1906

Mother was down this afternoon, she says Emily is not well, she has a very bad cold. Joe ploughing and harrowing ready for grass. Weather fine.

Monday June 4 1906

The children had a holiday today, it was the Prince of Wales birthday. Mother was here to dinner yesterday. She went down to church and came home with us and stayed till the evening. Joe sowed the ground he had ready with grass seed then went on ploughing. He had to sow a little over the ground that he sowed some time ago, a few patches did not come up. I suppose it was too dry, when it was sown. Weather very like rain.

Tuesday June 5 1906

There is a sale over at Jennings's place today. They have let the place and are moving over to Fern Tree Gully. There is a S.S.A. social down at Bayswater tonight. Mother went to town this morning, she is coming home tomorrow night. Annie and Arthur went to town yesterday and are coming home tonight. Joe ploughing all day. Weather started to rain this evening, looks as if it would be a lot of rain.

Wednesday June 6 1906

Joe ploughing the potato ground near the carrots.

Thursday June 7 1906

Joe over home helping Jack.

Friday June 8 1906

Joe over with Jack.

Saturday June 9 1906

Joe sledged down some stones from the hill and repaired the watering place in the grass paddock, finished ploughing the potato ground and cut some firewood. Weather fine.

Monday June 11 1906

Joe over home today helping Jack. Emily came down last evening to stay all night so that I can go to town by the first train. Weather fine.

Tuesday June 12 1906

Mother, Jean and I went to town this morning by the first train. Emily is going to take Bobbie home with her and Jim is going up there after school. Joe is home today, he is cleaning out the drain up by the pig sty and the one near the house next the grass paddock. Weather, very cold there was a very heavy frost.

Wednesday June 13 1906

Joe over with Jack this afternoon. He sowed the grass on the turnip and cabbage ground this morning. Mother brought Bobbie home this afternoon. Weather fine.

Thursday June 14 1906

I took Bobbie and went over to Harry Chandlers to pay him for the bone dust, I had; 6 cwt. He was not at home. I paid Mrs Chandler for it £1.11.6.

Friday June 15 1906

Joe over home with Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday June 16 1906

Joe over with Jack till dinner time then he came home and sowed two rows of broad beans between the trees near the house and carted in some firewood in the dray and brought down a dray load of maize to cut for the cows. Joe got 2/- tonight. Weather fine.

Monday June 18 1906

Annie and Emily came down this afternoon. They had been at Mrs Griffith's Bible reading up in the vestry. Arthur came down to tea. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Tuesday June 19 1906

Mr Yeadon sails for England today for a 6 months holiday. Joe over with Jack. (I paid Joe 5 weeks wages today) Weather fine.

Wednesday June 20 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather very windy.

Thursday June 21 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather very windy like rain.

Friday June 22 1906

Joe did not go over home today. Jumper had lost her yoke and was in the grass up on the hill. He made her a new one and put it on and got some cow feed ready for tonight and fed the cows. He went to town by the midday train. Weather it started to rain last night and has rained all day.

Saturday June 23 1906

It rained all last night and is still raining and it is very windy and cold. Joe cleaned out the barn and cut firewood and looked to the drains. Weather very wet and cold.

Monday June 25 1906

Mother was at church yesterday morning and came home with us to dinner. It was nice and fine in the morning but it turned very cold and very windy before we got home from Church. Joe over with Jack. Weather very cold and windy with heavy showers.

Tuesday June 26 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather very cold and very windy with heavy showers.

Wednesday June 27 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe over with Jack. Weather not quite so windy, it did not rain today and the sun shone out for a time but there are heavy clouds about and it is very cold.

Thursday June 28 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather still stormy very cold and showery.

Friday June 29 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather wet, windy, cold.

Saturday June 30 1906

Joe cleaned out the stable and sow shed and carted the manure on to the grass paddock near the road, brought up a load of maize to cut for the cows, pulled some carrots and washed them, and brought in a load of fire wood. Jim and Bobbie went with him for a ride in the dray, when they were going along something broke and the dray tipped up and threw them all out on the road. Bobbie got a big bruise on his forehead and his face scratched. Jim was not hurt, he held on to the side. Weather cold and windy.

Monday July 2 1906

Joe over with Jack. (Wages paid today 2 weeks). Weather very wet and cold.

Tuesday July 3 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather showery.

Wednesday July 4 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine but cold.

Thursday July 5 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. I was making some cakes. Tomorrow is Arbor Day at the school. Mr Smythe is going to give a prize in each class for the best Essay on Arbor Day. Joe over with Jack half a day, he stayed. home in the morning to get some firewood. Weather fine.

Friday July 6 1906

It is Jean's birthday today she is 10 years old. They are all excitement over Arbor Day. Jean won first prize in the fourth class. Emily, I and Bobbie went up after dinner to hear them say their poetry and go through their exercises and sing. Then they planted their trees. Jean, Jim and Bobbie each planted an evergreen oak tree. I planted a Veronica shrub in the front garden. There were not many there it was very cold and very windy and looked very like rain. Joe over with Jack. Weather very cold, very windy.

Saturday July 7 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Monday July 9 1906

Jack went over to Mr Baldwin's and got a little pig for me this evening. Price 6/-. Joe over with Jack. Weather cold and windy.

Tuesday July 10 1906

Jack left the little pig here last night but I think I will not keep it they want one at home and I will get a bigger one. They have some at 10/-. Joe over with Jack.

Wednesday July 11 1906

Mother went to town this morning. She has not been at all well. She has very bad pains in her head, she is going to get her eyes tested and get spectacles and see if it will do her head any good. She is not coming home till tomorrow evening. Joe over home. Weather fine but windy.

Thursday July 12 1906

Joe over home. Weather beautiful.

Friday July 13 1906

Mother came home last night. She got her spectacles, they told her eyes were in a very bad state. I don't know whether that is the cause of her pain in her head, we feel very anxious about her. Jack was down this evening he says Mother was very ill this afternoon with the pain in her head worse than she has been before. I do hope resting her eyes will do her good. Joe over with Jack. Weather showery.

Saturday July 14 1906

Mother came down this afternoon, she says she feels much better but she does not look well. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Monday July 16 1906

We went over home yesterday to see Mother she still has the pains in her head, but not so bad. Annie and Arthur were down to see her too. It rained just after we got over there and rained all the afternoon. I had to leave the two boys all night. Jim went to school from there in the morning. Joe stayed home today, he put in a new axe handle and cut a lot of firewood enough to last us for some time. Joe got £1- yesterday. Weather fine but windy. Mother brought Bobbie home, she seems much better.

Tuesday July 17 1906

Jack came down this evening he brought back the pickle tub. Mother has gone up to Annie's this afternoon. He says she seems better. Mother got a letter yesterday to say Aunt Mary and little Annie were coming up to stay for a few days, they will be up tomorrow if it is fine. I hope her visit will do Mother good as well as herself. Weather showery, cold and windy.



Wednesday July 18 1906

Aunt Mary came up this morning, she did not bring Annie. The Inspector was coming to her school and she did not like to take her from her lessons. Joe over with Jack. Weather windy and cold.

Thursday July 19 1906

Joe over with Jack. Harry Baldwin brought the pig over for me tonight. Price 10/- paid. Weather fine.

Friday July 20 1906

Emily and Aunt Mary came down this afternoon. Mother was not well enough to come. She has the pain in her head. I do wish it would get better. Aunt Mary is very nice, she is going home tonight. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday July 21 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. Her head is much better though far from quite well she enjoyed Aunt Mary's visit. Joe over with Jack. Weather cloudy and cold with light showers.

Monday July 23 1906

We went home yesterday to see Mother. She seems better. Emily was up at Annie's. It rained all the morning, but cleared in the afternoon. It rained again when we were coming home. It rained most of the night it was very cold. There was frost this morning and ice on the water. There is snow on the mountain it has been raining all day with showers or hail. I took the children up their dinner. Joe home all day today, he mended the fence where the cows have been getting into the Army's. He cleaned the harness, cut some wood and cleaned out some drains. Weather very, wet, windy and cold.

Tuesday July 24 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather cold and showery frost.

Wednesday July 25 1906

Mother is much better this last week. Emily went to town this morning. She is going to stay at Emma's till Friday night. Jean is going over after school tomorrow to stay all night with Mother. Joe over with Jack. Weather beautiful.

Thursday July 26 1906

Jean went over to stay with Mother after school. Joe over with Jack. Weather windy and cold.

Friday July 27 1906

Jean is over with Mother again tonight. Emily is coming home tonight. Joe over with Jack. Weather showery and cold.

Saturday July 28 1906

Emily came home last night. Mother came down this afternoon with Jean. Joe over with Jack, he got 6/- tonight. Weather fine.

Monday July 30 1906

Charley Dobson and Queenie were over yesterday to tea. Mother came down late in the afternoon to see why we didn't go over. She stayed to tea and Bobbie and I walked across the paddocks with her. Jack went up to Yarra Glen, he called here on his way home about half past nine and had some tea. Emily came down this afternoon. Mother and Annie are going to town tomorrow to do some shopping. Mother has been much better this last week. I hope going to town will not make her head bad again. Joe did not go over home this morning. Jumper was in the Army's crop and he stayed and put a yoke on her and then cut firewood till dinner time. He went over after dinner.

Tuesday July 31 1906

Joe over with Jack. I paid him 4 weeks wages today less £1.6.0 that he had at different times. Weather cold, light showers.

Wednesday August 1 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Thursday August 2 1906

Joe over with Jack.

Friday August 3 1906

Joe over with Jack.

Saturday August 4 1906

Joe over with Jack.

Monday August 6 1906

We were over home to tea yesterday. Uncle Bob was there he came up on Saturday. Mother came down this afternoon and brought Bobbie home. He stayed there all night. Joe over home helping Jack. Weather cold and windy.

Tuesday August 7 1906

Jack was down this evening, he says Emma and little Gladys came up this morning. They will stay till tomorrow night. There was a hospital concert and ball at Bayswater last night. Elsie Dobson was up this afternoon. Weather fine.

Wednesday August 8 1906

Mother, Emma and little Gladys came down this afternoon. Gladys is such a dear little child and she talks so plain, everybody likes her. Joe went to the concert on Monday night at Bayswater and he did not come home till late last night and he is in his room all day today. He was drinking down at Dodd's wine shop. Weather beautiful. I sat a hen on 14 eggs in the woodshed today. I got the eggs from Mrs McLeod.

Thursday August 9 1906

Emma and little Gladys went home last night. Joe over with Jack today. Weather fine.

Friday August 10 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday August 11 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Monday August 13 1906

The children and I were over home to tea yesterday. Emily came down this morning to stay all day. Jean and I walked down to Bayswater. We started about eleven o'clock and got down in time for dinner. Mrs Dobson is a little better but Mr Dobson is very ill. He is not laid up but he looks very bad. Joe stayed here today and picked over the potatoes and cut firewood. Weather misty showers.

Tuesday August 14 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Wednesday August 15 1906

Mother came down this afternoon and Mrs Kerr came over too and stayed to tea. Mother is going to stay all night. Joe over with Jack. Weather frost.

Thursday August 16 1906

Mother went home this evening. We would have liked her to stay longer but she could not stay. I sent the children up to Mrs McLeod's after school for another sitting of eggs. I set the hen in the barn tonight. Weather beautiful frost.

Friday August 17 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather showery.

Saturday August 18 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Monday August 20 1906

Joe did not go over to Jack today, he put in two or three rows of potatoes near the broad beans and ploughed the little piece near the barn where the pumpkins grew ready for potatoes. Then Jack came down and started him with the pruning. (I paid Joe 3 weeks wages today). Weather fine.

Tuesday August 21 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. She did not seem so well, her head was aching a good deal and her eyes looked bad. Joe pruning. Weather fine.

Wednesday August 22 1906

Joe pruning. Weather fine but windy.

Thursday August 23 1906

Joe pruning. Weather fine.

Friday August 24 1906

Joe pruning. Weather raining.

Saturday August 25 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. She seems much better she went to town yesterday. Emily went with her, she went to Dr Gault in Collins St., about her eyes, he said the glasses she was wearing were not suitable for her and she is getting another pair made. I hope her head will get better after wearing the new ones, it is always aching. Joe pruning. Weather showery.

Monday August 27 1906

We went home yesterday afternoon and stayed to tea. Arthur came down after tea to take Emily to church. I left Jim and Bobbie to keep Grandma company. Joe pruning. Weather rained again this afternoon.

Tuesday August 28 1906

I got a note from Elsie Dobson by day by the baker, she says her Mother has been very bad again, she had another operation on Saturday that makes the fourth, her Father is not any better either. She says he is just the same, they are both very ill. Joe chopping wood and some posts for a wire fence to go round the grass at the top of the orchard. Weather very cold, wet and windy.

Wednesday August 29 1906

Joe pruning. Weather cold and windy.

Thursday August 30 1906

Joe finished the pruning today and sledged down the posts for the fence round the grass. Mother came down this afternoon. Weather fine.

Friday August 31 1906

Mother went to town this morning to get her spectacles. She had to get a new pair made for her, the ones she had did not suit her. She went by the first train, after she went it got very stormy, the wind was very bad it broke the centre right out of one of my wattle trees. I was so sorry, it was such a nice big tree. Joe could not do much today, it was too wet. He cut some more posts for the fence. Weather rained all day.

Saturday September 1 1906

Mother got a drake from Uncle Jim yesterday and she sent it down here it looks a nice one. Uncle Jim says it is pure bred. Joe home for some barbed wire. I did not have enough for the fence. He has been putting some on the posts today but he could not do very much as it has rained nearly all day. I forgot to mention I had eleven chickens. They came out last Tuesday. Weather raining.

Monday September 2 1906

Mother was down yesterday to tea. Jean has a little black rabbit. Joe caught it in the trap, but it was not hurt and he gave it to her. It is setting so tame. Joe nailing the wire on the posts. He finished the fence today. Weather fine.

Tuesday September 4 1906

Joe went over home this morning and got Ben. He ploughed the piece of ground that he has just cut the green stuff off and the carrot ground. Weather fine. The children are home from school. They have 10 days holidays for the State Schools Exhibition and The Show.

Wednesday September 5 1906

Joe cutting posts for the wire fence between the two grass paddocks. The posts that were there are all rotting away and falling over. He brought down a load of firewood in the evening. Weather fine.

Thursday September 6 1906

Emily came down this afternoon there is to be a lecture up at the Church this evening on Home Missions by Mr Mudd. Joe finished the ploughing he was at and sledged down the posts from the hill to the grass paddock. Weather fine.

Friday September 7 1906

Mother was down this afternoon. Jack has gone down to the Show. I forgot to mention that Miller's paddock is cut up into 2.0 and 2.5 acre blocks and is for sale. Mr Chandler has bought the cottage and about 50 acres of ground round it and Alf has bought the one next his place. Joe digging holes and putting in the posts. He nails on wire as he goes along. Weather beautiful.

Saturday September 8 1906

I had 11 more chickens come out yesterday. Jim and Bobbie went over home after dinner and Mother took them up to Annie's and Arthur cut their hair. Don killed Jean's little black rabbit today, it got out of its cage into the yard, Jean had a good cry over it. I was sorry because she was so fond of it and it was so tame it would run about the kitchen and sit on the hob to warm itself. Joe finished the wire fence today and made a house for the chickens, alongside the barn. Weather fine, they have had it fine every day for the Show.

Monday September 9 1906

Jack was in town two days. He came home Saturday night. He bought the block of ground the other side of Forest Road. 23½ acres £6 per acre, he has gone to town again today. Joe over home today. Weather rained all day yesterday, fine but cloudy today.

Tuesday September 11 1906

Joe over with Jack. (Wages paid today 3 weeks). Weather fine.

Wednesday September 12 1906

Joe over with Jack. Jean went up to Annie yesterday and will stay till Friday. Weather fine

Thursday September 13 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. She is going to stay all night. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Friday September 14 1906

It is Jim's birthday today he is 8 years old. Grandma gave him a school bag and his Auntie sent him some nuts and Miss Gordon a box of toffee so he is quite pleased. Joe went to town by the midday train. Weather heavy showers.

Saturday September 15 1906

I have had neuralgia all the week since last Friday. It is getting better now. Emily came down this afternoon. Joe stayed here today the cows on the hill got into the Army's so he had to mend the fence. Then he cut wood.. I set a white hen on 13 eggs. I got them from Mrs Silk. Weather fine.

Monday September 17 1906

Joe over with Jack. Slight frost yesterday morning. Weather fine.

Tuesday September 18 1906

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe over with Jack. Beauty calved today a bull calf. Weather fine.

Wednesday September 19 1906

Bobbie and Jimmie went over to Grandma's to spend the day they got home about six. I went over to see Mrs Kerr this afternoon. She has been sick but is better now. Bella was not home she had gone down to see Mrs Jack Colliers twins. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Thursday September 20 1906

The boys went over to Grandma's again this afternoon. Mother came down this afternoon. She has a bad pain in her head and thought the walk would do her good. I went over the paddock with her and we met the boys coming home. Weather beautiful.

Friday September 21 1906

Mother came down again this afternoon to get meat from the butcher she seems better today. Joe took Mag down to the blacksmiths this morning. He got back about 1 o'clock after dinner he worked up little piece of ground near the barn for potatoes and he cut some wood. Weather fine.

Saturday September 22 1906

This is the last day of the holiday the children go back to school on Monday. I am very glad they seem to be wasting so much valuable time. Joe over with Jack this morning. He came back after dinner. It was so wet, but it cleared as soon as he got home and was a fine afternoon. He went all round the bush paddock fence strengthening the weak places the cows have been getting into McLeod's crop. Weather rained all morning.

Monday September 24 1906

Mother and Jack were down to tea yesterday. Charley Dobson called on his way to Montrose. Joe over with Jack today, he brought their cow Clover down with him when he came home. I am going to have it to milk. They have nowhere to keep it except running in the orchard and she eats the flowers off the trees. Weather fine. Beauty calved today a bull calf.

Tuesday September 25 1906

Emily came down this morning to bring the butter. She stayed to dinner. In the afternoon I went over to see Mrs Archie Chandler I took Bobbie with me, the others came along the road to meet me after school. Emily came down again this afternoon and went over to see Mrs Will Collier and came back here to tea. Weather fine but windy.

Wednesday September 26 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine windy.

Thursday September 27 1906

Joe over with Jack.

Friday September 28 1906

Joe over with Jack.

Saturday September 29 1906

Joe over with Jack.

Monday October 1 1906

Mother and Jack went to town this morning, they drove in the little wagon. Jack took the buggy down to Uncle Bobs. Mother went with him as far as Box Hill then took the train into town. She is not coming home till tomorrow night. Emily came down this afternoon with the eggs, but did not stay long. Joe put in a few potatoes near the barn this morning then went on ploughing the ground that is for potatoes. Mother and I went up to Annie's yesterday. I left the children with Emily. (Wages paid 3 weeks) Weather looks like rain.

Tuesday October 2 1906

It rained very heavy last night, it was too wet to go on with the ploughing. Joe cutting old bags into strips and tying them round the apple trees for codling moth. Weather showery.

Wednesday October 3 1906

It is very wet this morning. Too wet to do much work outside. Joe cut some rushes in the grass paddock but had to leave them it was so wet. He made two bucket handles and boiled some tobacco for the blight on the apple trees. I set a hen on 13 duck eggs. Weather very wet.

Thursday October 4 1906

Emily came down this morning and stayed till dinner, she brought some things down that Mother got for me yesterday. Mother gave me a nice pair of shoes for my birthday and Emily gave me a glass pepper pot. My birthday was yesterday Oct. 3. Joe cleaning blight and hoeing out the radishes in the grass. Weather showers all day.

Friday October 5 1906

The children are practising their hymns up at the church tonight for the Sunday School Anniversary. It is to be on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. Jean went over home and walked down with Emily. Joe cleaning the apple trees with a brush for white aphids. After dinner he grubbed up the big pine tree that was growing in the front near the cherry trees. He dug

a square piece in the centre of the Flower garden. I going to have a plot of grass instead of so much garden. I have not the time to look after them. Weather fine.

Saturday October 6 1906

Mother came down this afternoon for a short time. Joe formed the footpaths in the garden and ploughed some of the trees.

Monday October 8 1906

We did not go home yesterday. Mother came down to see her, the children up the side of the mountain for a walk. They got big bunches of wild flowers and enjoyed themselves very much. Joe cleaning blight and ploughing the orchard.

Tuesday October 9 1906

Joe ploughing the orchard in the morning. After dinner it rained and he cut rushes in the grass paddock. Emily came down this afternoon and brought me a sitting of hen eggs. She got them from Mrs Silk.

Wednesday October 10 1906

Mother came down this afternoon for a short time. She had to go home early. Emily is in town she went this morning and is coming home Friday night. She is going to the Hospital while she is down to see Mrs Percy Chandler, she is very ill and not expected to live. She has been ill some time. Joe finished ploughing the orchard. Weather beautiful.

Thursday October 11 1906

Joe cleaned out the drain near the pigsty and sprayed some apple trees. Weather fine.

Friday October 12 1906

Joe cleaning blight with a brush and cutting and tussocks round the new grass paddocks up above the orchard. Weather fine.

Saturday October 13 1906

Joe cutting rushes and thistles in the grass near the road. Weather fine.

Monday October 15 1906

Joe cutting rushes and thistles all day, they are coming up so thick in the grass.

Tuesday October 16 1906

Joe cut a lot of firewood and sledged it to the wood shed.

I have been so busy lately, that I have neglected to write my book and will have to leave some out. Joes wages paid. October 21 (3 weeks).

Sunday October 28 1906

It was the Sunday School Anniversary, the children sang very nicely, there was a good many there, both morning and evening. There is to be a Social on Tuesday. Weather beautiful. Jack bought a cow and calf for me one day last week. He gave £1 for them from Mrs Campbell at Bayswater.



Monday October 29 1906

Very wet all day today, rained nearly all the whole time. Joe took up the fence from the woodshed to the road and sledged it up the pigsty ready to put up from the pigsty to the fowl yard. I am going to have some wire netting put up to keep the fowls out so that I can have some vegetables grown near the house. Weather wet.

Tuesday October 30 1906

Mother came down this morning and stayed till after dinner. She could not get down yesterday, it was so wet and she is going to make sandwiches this afternoon. Joe put up fence near the pigsty and went up on the hill to take up the wire netting round the clearing to put round the yard. I made some cakes and jam roll for the Social. We all went up. Jim went over home to walk down with Grandma both Jean and Jim got nice books. Jean's was a first prize called 'Sunday', Jim's was a special prize called "Our Darlings." He had not missed a day since last Christmas. The weather was fine and the social a success. Weather fine.

Wednesday October 31 1906

I went up to see Annie today. Mother and her are going down to Box Hill tomorrow to stay some weeks. We will miss them very much. Emily went up with me. I left the children with Grandma, we did not get home till dark. Joe nailing on the wire netting. Weather beautiful.

Thursday November 1 1906

Mother and Annie went this morning. Arthur drove them down. Joe finished putting on the wire and pegging it down. Weather fine.

Friday November 2 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday November 3 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Monday November 5 1906

Yesterday was the worst day for cold and rain we have had for a long time. There were heavy showers of hail at intervals all day. It was bitterly cold and rained heavily all day. The Rev Lockhart Morton commenced a weeks mission up at the church yesterday morning. There were very few there at either service it was so wet and cold. 'Primrose' my best cow look a chill yesterday and she died tonight. It was such a loss she was giving a bucket full of milk night and morning. Joe closed up the doorway into the barn where the cows are milked and just left a small door to keep out the wind. Weather slight showers.

Tuesday November 6 1906

Joe went to the races today. He got £1 before he went. The children and I went up to the mission tonight. Weather misty showers.

Wednesday November 7 1906

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Thursday November 8 1906

I got word from Elsie today that her Father was a lot worse. I sent over and told Emily she said she would stay home from the Mission and mind the children and Jack would drive me down when he went to the library. I went down but he was dead when I got there. He had died about half past two. He is to be buried at Box Hill on Saturday a private funeral. Joe over with Jack.

Friday November 9 1906

Emily came down for a short time this afternoon. Joe over with Jack, he came over a bit earlier than usual and took little Sallie down to Trustwells. Weather fine.

Saturday November 10 1906

Joe stayed home today to look after the place while I was away. I sent the children over to Emily. Jack and, I drove down to Bayswater. The funeral was at 11 o'clock. There was not many there only relations and a few friends. Weather cold and showery.

Monday November 12 1906

Joe sowed some red carrot seed, some pumpkins and turks caps, cucumber, peas and beans out near the wood shed and horse hoed the few potatoes near the barn. Weather fine.

Tuesday November 13 1906

Joe ploughing the ground over again near the orchard ready for potatoes. The children had a holiday yesterday. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 14 1906

Joe went over to Jack and got Friday to help Mag plough the piece of ground up near the oats. It was too hard for Mag, he took Friday home this evening. Weather fine.

Thursday November 15 1906

It is a fortnight today since Mother and Annie went away. We do miss Mother very much of course we did not see Annie so often. Joe rolling and harrowing the potato ground. He got in a sledge load of firewood and went over to Harry Chandlers and got 6 cwt of bone dust. Weather fine.

Friday November 16 1906

Joe started planting the potatoes today. He was planting all day. Weather fine.

Saturday November 17 1906

Joe planting again. He planted all the Vermonts and he has only about 1 cwt of Roses left there will not be enough seed it will be such a bother.

Monday November 19 1906

Arthur went down to Box Hill on Saturday to see Annie and Mother and Emily says she does not think he went up today. I hope everything is alright we feel so anxious. Joe cutting scrub. It is too wet to work on the ground it rained nearly all last night. Wages paid today 4 weeks.

Tuesday November 20 1906

Emily came down this afternoon to tell me Annie has a little daughter. Arthur only came home this morning. He says Annie was very ill and is very weak. Emily is going down tomorrow. I hope she will be better next time I hear. Joe cutting scrub in the morning and mowing some of the oats that fell down with the heavy rain yesterday. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 21 1906

Emily went down to Box Hill this morning to see Annie and the baby. She came home tonight and Jack drove her down here so as to let me know how she was Emily says she is getting on nicely and they will be home soon now. Joe finished planting the patch of potatoes near the orchard and worked the potato ground up near the oats and horse hoed some of the orchard. Weather very windy.

Thursday November 22 1906

Jim is home from School today, he has a very bad cold I think it is influenza. Jean and Bobbie have bad coughs too. Joe cut and bound some of the oats that was down and bound it he thinks it will all have to be cut with the scythe, it is down so with the rain, it rained at dinner time, so he cut scrub for the rest of the day. Weather showery.

Friday November 23 1906

Joe mowing the oats all day. Weather fine.

Saturday November 24 1906

Jack came down this morning to help Joe with the crop. They are going to cut it all with the scythe. Weather very hot.

Monday November 26 1906

Jack came down this morning and helped Joe with the oats till dinner time then he went home and Joe finished it. Weather fine.

Tuesday November 27 1906

Joe finished bundling the hay and stooked it in the evening. He carted down the few stooks he cut first, it looks very like rain. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 28 1906

It commenced to rain last night and has been raining most of the day. Joe cutting scrub. Weather wet.

Thursday November 29 1906

Joe took Bessie down to Trustwells this morning. He harrowed over the ground near the oats for potatoes and harrowed some of the orchard. It rained after dinner and he went to cut scrub.

Friday November 30 1906

We had a letter from Annie today, she says they expect to be home on Monday if it is fine. The children and I have all got very bad colds. I think it is influenza. Joe cutting scrub. Weather showery.

Saturday December 1 1906

Joe horsehoed the piece or ground that I have wired in for vegetables, put in a few more beans and half a row of tomatoes. It rained again at dinner time and he went up to cut scrub. Weather showery.

Monday December 3 1906

I don't know whether Mother and Annie came home today or not. I don't think they would it was so very cold. Joe ploughing the potato ground over again up near the oats and he divided the fowl yard by cutting a double row of wire netting across from the fowl house to the fence so that I will be able to shut the young roosters up. Bobbie is not at all well he has a very bad cold and the tooth and earache poor little chap has cried himself to sleep. I hope it will not come on again when he wakes. Weather very cold.

Tuesday December 4 1906

Mother and Annie did not come home. They are not coming till Thursday. Jean had a letter from Grandma. Joe working up the piece of ground for potatoes up near the oats and sledged down a load of firewood. After dinner he went over to help Jack with his hay. Weather bitterly cold.

Wednesday December 5 1906

There is a decided change in the weather today, it is quite hot and windy. Joe over with Jack the neighbours are all busy with their hay. Chandlers, Kerrs and the Army are all cutting with reapers and binder and Mr Ramage went past this with his machine today. Weather hot.

Thursday December 6 1906

I got a letter from Elsie today, she said her Mother had another operation last night and that she got over it very well, better than last time. Mother and Annie came home today about 4 o'clock. I have not seen them yet. Arthur drove down for them. Joe over with Jack. Weather very hot.

Friday December 7 1906

Mother came down this evening we were so pleased to see her. It is five weeks since we saw her, she says Annie and the baby are well. Joe over with Jack. Weather very hot.

Saturday December 8 1906

Joe cut the little bit of late oats near the wire fence, it did not take him long. It was very light though all the rest was very good. He raked it together for loose hay then he took the clothes line out of the fowls yard and put it up near the barn in front of the bees boxes. He planted three dozen cabbage plants that the school master gave Jean then cut some firewood. until about half past four then got ready to go to town by the quarter to six train. He got 25/- before he went that makes 27/- as I paid him 2/- more than I owed him last time. I had no change.

Monday December 10 1906

Mother went to town this morning. Jack brought me a bag of crushed maize, some potatoes for seed and I bush of seed maize from the station it came up with some things for himself. I was going up to see Annie and the baby yesterday but could not go because Joe did not come home on Saturday, he came home Sunday night in time to milk. I was disappointed. I have not seen her since she went to Box Hill about 6 weeks ago. I think the baby's name is to be Janet Emily, Millie for short. I can scarcely walk all day today my knee is so bad it seemed to come on all at once. It is very much swollen and stiff. I don't know how I will manage if it does not get better soon. Joe over with Jack. Weather very close.

Tuesday December 11 1906

Mother came down for a short time yesterday evening to see us. We were so pleased to see her, she looks much better than when she went away, the change seems to have done her good. She came down again this morning to see how my knee was and help me make up the butter and get dinner. She brought down a very nice cake or fruit stand to send over to Bella Kerr, she is to be married in the church tomorrow. I sent her an egg stand, Jean took them over this evening. Weather fine.

Wednesday December 12 1906

Jim and Bobbie went over home after school, Grandma is going to take them up to see the baby. I was going one day this week but my knee is not much better and I cannot walk up the hill. Bella Kerr was married to Mr Willie Blood this afternoon at 3 o'clock and there is a large party this evening. I was invited but could not get away. Jack and Emily got an invitation too but they did not go either.

Thursday December 13 1906

Joe planting some potatoes. Weather fine.

Friday December 14 1906

Joe over helping Jack cart in his hay. Weather fine.

Saturday December 15 1906

Joe over with Jack half a day, he came home after dinner and did some horse hoeing and cut some. There was a thunderstorm this evening and some nice showers of rain.

Monday December 17 1906

I have not written in this book for two weeks and I cannot remember each day so will have to leave out a week. I paid Joe 5 weeks wages up to date on the 24th of December.

Tuesday December 25 1906

The children and I went over home to tea. Annie and Arthur and the baby were there too. Joe had a holiday. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday December 26 1906

Joe had a holiday today. Weather beautiful.

Thursday December 27 1906

I went home this afternoon and helped Emily to pick some red currants. Joe weeding a few red carrots (the white ones came up so badly they had to be hoed up again) and hoeing potatoes. Weather fine.

Friday December 28 1906

Joe hoeing potatoes, he took eleven young roosters up to the top of the hill in a box on the wheelbarrow for Jack to take down for me. Jean went over this morning and will come home tomorrow. Weather fine.

Saturday December 29 1906

Jack got 17/- for my roosters. I think he did very well with them. I did not expect so much. Joe hoeing potatoes. Daisy calved today a heifer calf. Weather fine.

Monday December 31 1906

It was a very hot day yesterday and today it is quite cold. The weather is so changeable. Jack was down this evening. The children all got post cards from Gladys today. Joe finished the potatoes and put in some maize. Weather cloudy and cold.

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Tuesday January 1 1907

The children and I went over home this afternoon. The boys stayed to tea, Jean and I came home so we could get our work done earlier and go up to the Army farm to see the Cinematograph and limelight views, they were very good. Jim and Bobbie went over with Emily and Jack, Annie and Arthur were there too, Mother kept the baby at home. Joe had half a day's holiday. Weather fine.

Monday January 14 1907

I have neglected my book again but there was not anything of importance. Pansy calved a heifer calf. Joe cut some grass seed and put in some maize. He went over home on Thursday after the new year and has been there ever since till today and then he came back after dinner. Jack took Mag down to Kleinert's this morning. Weather fine but very cold.

Tuesday January 15 1907

Jean went up to Annie's today. She is going to stay two days. Jim and Bobbie went over to spend the day at Grandmas. Emily came down for them early this morning. Joe over with Jack. The weather is very dry and at night we have fogs and heavy dews, they help to keep the grass a bit green the tank at the back is empty and the one in the verandah is nearly empty. Joe carts water from the creek in a barrel on the sledge. I wish it would rain, the potatoes need rain very badly.

Wednesday January 16 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. She seems very anxious about little Millie, Annie's baby, it is very thin and does not seem to thrive. She is giving it mellinsfood now. I hope it will agree with it and that the dear little thing will get a little fatter. Joe over with Jack. Weather hot.

Thursday January 17 1907

I went over to see Mrs Harry Chandler this afternoon. I took the boys with me. Mrs Chandler has another little boy just a week old. She has three boys now, Mrs Chandler and Sallie were there. Joe over with Jack. Weather hot and dry.

Friday January 18 1907

Joe went to town today, he got 10/- before he went. Weather very hot.

Saturday January 19 1907

Joe over with Jack. Weather very hot and dry.

Monday January 21 1907

The children went back to school this morning. Bobbie did not go he is going to start next Monday. Weather dry and hot.

Tuesday January 22 to Saturday 26 1907

Joe over with Jack. Weather hot and dry.

Monday January 28 1907

Bobbie started school today. I do miss him so much. The house seems so lonely without him running about. Weather hot.

Tuesday January 29 1907

It was a today Bobbie started school not yesterday. Monday was a holiday for A.N.A. day. Joe hoeing potatoes yesterday and today. Misty showers all day yesterday.

Wednesday January 30 1907

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Thursday January 31 1907

Joe over with Jack.

Friday February 1 1907

Joe went to market today with 21 cases of Duchess apples, 2 cases plums, 7 young roosters, 6 ducks, 6 doz eggs. Weather fine.

Saturday February 2 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe got from 3/- to 1/- for the apples, 2/9 for the one case of plums, and 2/6 for the other. He only got 8/- for the seven roosters and they were very nice ones and he brought the drakes home again, eggs were 11d a dozen. Weather hot.

Monday February 4 1907

I forgot to mention that I sold the heifer Star to Mr Rachor for £3.0.0. the week before last. Joe over with Jack (Wages paid today 3 weeks) Weather fine.

Tuesday February 5 1907

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Wednesday February 6th 1907

Bobbie didn't go to school today, It was raining and he has not got a top coat. It has been a nice light rain most of the day. It will do the grass good but we want some more to do the potatoes and maize much good. Joe cut some wood and chaff, cut some props and propped up some apple trees in the garden near the house then horse hoed some potatoes. Weather raining.

Thursday February 7 1907

Joe went to the fruit grower's picnic today. Weather showery.

Friday February 8 1907

Joe over with Jack



Saturday February 9 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. She says Annie is coming down on Tuesday with little Millie. Joe stayed home today to take the bands off the apple trees and kill the codling moths. After dinner he moulded up the potatoes in the far paddock and horse hoed some of the orchard. Albert Nichol sent me some nice cabbage and cauliflower plants from the market with Jim Kerr today. Weather fine.

Monday February 11 1907

Joe over with Jack.

Tuesday February 12 1907

Mother, Annie and little Millie were down today. Millie is growing such a dear little thing, she is getting quite fat. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine and sunny.

Wednesday February 13 1907

Joe over with Jack.

Thursday February 14 1907

Joe over with Jack.

Friday February 15 1907

Jack went to market tonight. Joe picked 10 cases of greengages and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of peas and took them up to the road for Jack to take down for me. Weather fine

Saturday February 16 to Saturday February 23 1907

Joe over with Jack, one morning he took Wooley down to Trustwells but went over when he came back. Uncle Bob and Aunt Alice and little Colin came to see us last Sunday.

Monday February 25 1907

It was a very hot day yesterday, the hottest, this season. Joe over with Jack picking apples and pears. Weather very hot. I kept Bobbie home from school after dinner. It was so hot he was quite done up when he got home for dinner. Joe over with Jack.

Tuesday February 26 1907

I forgot to mention Charlie Dobson and Queenie were over to tea on Sunday. Mrs Dobson is a great deal worse. I had a letter from Elsie last Tuesday. I have not been able to get down to see her yet, they have been so busy at home. Emily could not get down to mind the children for me. Flora is on her way home from Western Australia to see her Mother. She is expected to land yesterday or today. Joe over with Jack. There has been a decided change in the weather since yesterday, it is quite cold tonight with light, misty showers.

Wednesday February 27 1907

Emily came down today so I went down to see Mrs Dobson. She is very bad more than she has been before. She is suffering great pain. Mrs Nicholas was there and Mrs Collier came in the evening, they were going to stay all night. Charlotte went down to see the Doctor and he will be up about eleven o'clock tonight. Flora arrived safely with her children last Monday. Joe over with Jack.

Thursday February 28 1907

I got a letter from Elsie today to say her Mother was no better the Doctor came last night but would not operate he said she was too far gone and could only last a few days. She was failing fast and that she might go any minute. Joe over with Jack.

Friday March 1 1907

Joe over with Jack. Weather dry and hot.

Saturday March 2 1907

Mother was down this afternoon. Joe over with Jack. Weather hot.

Monday March 4 1907

I packed 3 cases of apples off the two big trees near the house. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Tuesday March 5 1907

Joe over with Jack.

Wednesday March 6 1907

Joe over with Jack.

Thursday March 7 1907

Jack came down this evening to kill the calf and get it ready to send to Mr Lloyd at Box Hill. Weather fine.

Friday March 8 1907

Joe took the calf to Bayswater first thing this morning, he brought Ben and the little wagon down last night so that he could drive straight up there when he came back. An Army boy brought me a telephone message about a quarter past seven this morning to say Mrs Dobson died yesterday. I should have got the message yesterday but there was some mistake. I sent Jean straight over home with it and Mother came back with her so that I could go down. I was getting ready to go down in the coach when Albert Nicol drove up for me. The funeral was at half past eleven at Box Hill Cemetery. It was private. I went with the girls. In the evening Mr Collier drove Mrs Collier and myself up as far as their old place. Mrs Collier was going down to stay a few days with the boys as she calls them. Weather beautiful day.

Saturday March 9 1907

Joe over with Jack. Wages paid up to March 11.

Monday March 11 1907

Mother came down yesterday to tea. Jack is going to Market tonight. He took 3 cases apples down for me last Saturday, he got 3/-, 2/-, and 1/6 for them. They were beautiful apples but apples are very plentiful this year. Weather fine.

Tuesday March 12 1907

Bobbie did not go to School today. In the afternoon I took him with me and went down to see Mrs W. Collier. She has a baby boy about a month old. The children came down after school with Myrtle. Joe stayed home today to burn the scrub.

I have neglected this book again. I am always too tired and sleepy at night and have no time in the day but will try and keep it written from now.

Monday April 1 1907

We were all over home to tea yesterday. Easter Sunday. Ted and Emma and the children were up. Gladys is growing quite a big girl and the baby is a dear little fellow, they call him Steve. Joe has a holiday today. There has been a great many people up on the mountains this Easter. There was one hundred went up in coaches on Thursday night and a great many more went up yesterday and today. Weather fine.

Tuesday April 16 1907

Joe has been over with Jack every day except last Saturday when he stayed to mend the fence, the cows were getting into the orchard since Easter. I forgot to mention that I got a little pig from Will Chandler. I have had it three weeks next Thursday. I gave 10/- for it. Flora and her children sailed today about 1 o'clock for Western Australia. I expect her husband will be very glad to see her and the children home again, she has been over nearly two months. Mr Hibbard is the new schoolmaster's name. The children seem to like him very well. Mr Smyth went away at Easter, the children collected and bought him a very nice dressing case and the ladies gave him a Social tea, the children were all sorry to lose him. Weather fine.

Wednesday April 17 1907

The children went to school this morning, but came home again. The teacher could not come to teach, his brother is very ill and not expected to live. Joe over with Jack picking apples. Weather fine.

Thursday April 18 1907

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Friday April 19 1907

The inspector Mr Gamble is at the school today so I have given the children their lunch it seems a very long day with them not coming to their dinner. Joe over with Jack. Weather showery.

Saturday April 20 1907

Joe did not go over home today, it was very wet in the morning. He sowed some grass seed up on the burnt places in the bush paddock and cut some wood. Weather fine.

Monday April 22 1907

There is a holiday today for 8 hours day. Joe is over helping Jack get ready for market, he has been going twice a week, for some time past. Weather showery.

Tuesday April 23 1907

There is no school today or tomorrow. The schoolmaster's brother is dead. Jack took my wagon to market yesterday. He came back tonight and left the wagon and 2 doz. cases he brought for me and took back his own little wagon he had left here. Weather showery all day.

Wednesday April 24 1907

Joe did not go over home today, he was picking five-crown apples and making another bench in front of the door in the apple shed. Weather showery.

Thursday April 25 1907

Joe picking apples again today. Weather fine.

Friday April 26 1907

Joe over helping Jack get ready for market. Weather showery.

Saturday April 27 1907

Joe did not go home today, he was picking apples here. Weather fine.

Monday April 29 1907

Yesterday was our Church Anniversary. There was a good congregation there for both services. I went in the morning. Mother was there, she came home with us to dinner. Annie has little Millie at church for the first time, she was very good, she is a dear little girl and so fat. There is a Social Concert tonight at the church. Jack went to market tonight, he took ten cases of Jonathan apples for me. Joe over with Jack. Weather slight showers.

Tuesday April 30 1907

Emily came down this morning and had dinner with us. She brought down the butter, the Social was a success there were a lot of people all the seats were full and the program was very good. I forgot to mention there was a big fire up at Major McLeod's (that is Yeadon's old place) all the barn full of hay and stables, fowls houses and store room were burned, they managed to save the horses but the fowls were burnt some of the old Army boys are suspected of setting it on fire as they had threatened to burn the haystacks and the fire started in the hay. Three policemen and three blacktrackers were up first thing yesterday morning. I do hope they find out who set it on, it was a dreadful thing to do, it makes me feel quite nervous about leaving the place. Weather heavy showers of rain and hail all day and bitterly cold.

Wednesday May 1 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. It commenced to rain after she had been here a short time. Mother put on my thick boots to walk across the paddocks. Joe over with Jack. Weather wet.

Thursday May 2 1907

Mother came down again and brought my boots. Joe over with Jack, Weather dull and cloudy.

Friday May 3 1907

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday May 4 1907

Joe over with Jack in the morning after dinner he came back and cut some firewood, fed the cows and made covers for Spot, Jumper and Clover. Weather fine.

Monday May 6 1907

I packed 13 cases of apples today (Jonathans) for Jack to take down. He called for them on his way to market. Weather fine and sunny.

Tuesday May 7 1907

Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Wednesday May 8 1907

Jack came down this afternoon and he and Joe killed the big pig. Jack said Mother was coming down this evening, but she did not come. I suppose she will be down in the morning. Weather beautiful.

Thursday May 9 1907

Jack came down this morning and cut up the pig. Mother came down after and helped me salt it. It is a very good pig, it weighed 260lbs. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Friday May 10 1907

I melted all the lard today. I have a big jar and a treacle can full. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday May 11 1907

Mother came down this afternoon to turn the bacon for me, she has a bad cold. J.H. over with Jack. Weather fine (I paid Joe 5 weeks wages up till Monday 13)

Monday May 13 1907

Emily came down this morning with Jack in the little wagon. He brought down some cases for us to pack apples. Emily came down to help me, we packed 36 cases and Jack came for them this evening. J.H. over with Jack. (Wages paid up till today) Weather fine.

Tuesday May 14 1907

Jack did very well with the apples, he got £5 all but six pence. J.H. over home. Weather fine.

Wednesday May 15 1907

Mother was down this afternoon, her cold is much better. J.H. over with Jack.

Thursday May 16 1907

J.H. over with Jack. Weather fine.

Friday May 17 1907

J.H. over with Jack. Weather fine.

From Monday May 20 until the 22 1907

J.H. over with Jack.

Thursday May 23 1907

Joe started digging potatoes near the orchard today. Weather light mist.

Friday May 24 1907

Today is Empire Day, the children came home from school about 11 o'clock. They have an essay on Empire Day to write tonight. I packed 15 cases of Apples for Jack to take down for me and 4 doz eggs. J.H. still at the potatoes, they are not very good, they have a second growth and are a good deal eaten by grubs. Weather misty.

Saturday May 25 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. She does not seem very well. Her and I are going to town on Monday. Weather fine.

Monday May 27 1907

Mother and I went to town today, we nearly missed the train we were late to get our tickets. Jack's watch was slow. We did a lot of shopping and went out to Ted's to tea. Emma gave me a nice photo of Gladys. Weather very cold, white frost in the morning.

Tuesday May 28 1907

This is mother's birthday, she is 69 years. The children went over after school to wish her many happy returns of the day and had tea. Annie and Millie were there. Joe digging potatoes.

Wednesday May 29 till Saturday June 1 1907

Joe digging potatoes, he has finished those near the orchard and is digging up near the creek. Jack bought 3 pigs from the Army yesterday, two for me and 1 for themselves they were 7/6 each. Joe went up for them today. Weather fine. Paid Joe 3 weeks wages today.

Monday June 3 1907

The children have a holiday from school today, for Prince of Wales birthday. Joe digging potatoes.

Tuesday June 4 1907

Joe digging potatoes. Weather fine.

Wednesday June 5 and Thursday June 6 1907

Joe digging potatoes, he finished them today. Weather fine.

Thursday June 7 1907

Jim is very sick today, he took bad about 11 o'clock last night. He was too ill to get up this morning and about 10 o'clock he was quite delirious. I got frightened and sent Joe over for Mother. She thinks it is just a very bad cold. Weather fine.

Saturday June 8 1907

I sent Jean and Bobbie over last night to stay with Emily. Mother stayed here all night and was up all night with Jim. He seems a little better today and Mother went home this evening. I hope he will be able to get up tomorrow. Joe got 3/- tonight. Weather fine.

Monday June 10 1907

Jimmie is still in bed and very ill. Mother came down Sunday expecting to see him up, but he was not so well as he was on Saturday. I went over home and told Emily, and Mother stayed all night. Emily and Arthur called on their way home from Church. They thought he looked very bad, he was very bad about dinner time today, worse than he has been before with pains in the chest and stomach. I sent Joe up to McLeod's to ask them to telephone for Doctor Craig, he came about 4 o'clock and said Jim was very feverish and would need a great deal of care, he said it was Gastric Influenza he had got and that he would need to come and see him again during the week. Weather very cold and very windy.

Tuesday June 11 1907

Jimmie is just about the same he does not seem any better. I am glad the Doctor is coming tomorrow. Annie, Emily and little Millie were down to see Jimmie this afternoon. Weather fine but windy.

Wednesday June 12 1907

Elsie rode up this morning on Dave's pony to see Jimmy and brought him some oranges, the Doctor called about 3 o'clock. Jim is better today. The Doctor says he is a very delicate boy and will need a great deal of care and nourishing food. Mrs McLeod called this afternoon and offered to stay all night with me, she thought I was all alone. It was very kind of her. Weather very cold and windy.

Thursday June 13 1907

Mrs Kerr and Emily called. today to see Jimmie. He is a little better. Mother thinks she will be able to go home tomorrow morning. Weather windy.

Friday June 14 1907

Dave came up from Bayswater to borrow the drag harrow yesterday, he is working down there. Charlotte came up this afternoon, she walked up to see Jimmie. I scalded my foot this morning. I upset the tea pot of hot tea over it, it is very painful and I cannot get my shoe on. Jim is sitting up for a little while today. Mother went home this morning. Weather fine.

Saturday June 15 1907

Mother came down this afternoon to see Jim. He is much better and out in the dining room, he looks very pale and thin. My foot is still very painful. Weather fine.

Sunday June 16 1907

Jim is still keeping better. Bert Pegler and Maud called this afternoon and the three McLeod children to ask after him and Mr and Mrs Harry Chandler and the children came over. Mrs Chandler and the children stayed to tea and Emily was down too. Joe got 1/- tonight. Weather fine.

Monday June 17 1907

Mother and Emily went to town today. I have not written what Joe has been doing these last few days, he had "Friday" down for a day or two ploughing the maize and potato ground up near the grass paddock and then he has been ploughing the other potato ground near the orchard. The little bit near the barn and that near the pigsty with Mag and last Saturday he put in some broad beans behind the fowl house. A fox took one of my ducks last week and it was laying too, I hope it will not come for any more. Weather rained this afternoon.

Tuesday June 18 1907

It has rained all day today. Emily came down this afternoon and brought some things they got in town for me yesterday.

Wednesday June 19 1907

Miss Susan Ramage and Mr Dave Pope were married in the Bayswater Methodist Church this afternoon and there is to be a party tonight in the hall, it has been a love1y day so different to yesterday. Joe cutting scrub yesterday and today. Weather beautiful.

Thursday June 20 – Saturday June 22 1907

Joe cutting scrub and shoots. Weather fine but cold.

Monday June 24 1907

Jack came down this afternoon to get Joe to go over and help kill his pig. Joe cutting scrub all the morning. Jimmy can get outside now when it is not too cold. Weather frost this morning.

Tuesday June 25 1907

Jimmie went over home this afternoon, he is going to stay all night at Annie's and play with little Millie. Weather fine but cold.

Wednesday June 26 1907

Mrs Collier came up this afternoon and Mother came down too, they stayed to tea. Joe cutting scrub. Weather fine.

Thursday June 27 1907

Jack came down tonight with the wagon on his way down to the library at Bayswater and took 4 bags of potatoes down to Pegler's for me and the baker took one this afternoon being part of a ton Mr Pegler bought last week. Jack is going to take the other bags next week. J.H cutting scrub. Weather fine.

Friday June 28 and Saturday June 29 1907

J.H. cutting scrub.

Monday July 1 1907

Jim stayed up at Annie's till Thursday night, he is getting quite strong again now and has been to school today for the first time. I went up to Mrs McLeod's this afternoon and paid her for sending the message to the Doctor and for bringing up the medicine. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.



Tuesday July 2 1907

Old Mag is so lame she can scarcely walk about the yard, she must have hurt her lame foot yesterday as she was alright before. Joe over with Jack. Weather looks like rain.

Wednesday July 3 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. It is very cold and windy. Mag's foot is no better. Poor old Don has been very sick for 2 or 3 days I think he has an abscess in his head. J.H. over with Jack, they are grubbing the old peach trees in the flat. Weather very cold and very windy.

Thursday July 4 1907

Joe went to Bayswater this morning with the remainder of the potatoes that Mr Pegler bought about 3 weeks ago. I have not been paid for them. I am to get the market price. After dinner he cleaned out the stable, fowl house and duck house and carted the manure up on to the ground near the oats. Emily came down this afternoon. Weather very cold and windy.

Friday July 5 1907

This was Arbor Day up at the School. I made a basket of cakes ready to go and Emily was going with me but it rained so heavy all the afternoon that we could not go there were only two or three there. J.H. over with Jack. Weather very wet.

Saturday July 6 1907

This is Jean's birthday. She is 11 years old. Mother came down, but we did not expect her, it was so wet and cold, the mountains were all white with snow this morning, it fell here but did not lie on the ground. Joe home today cutting wood and scrub. Weather wet and cold.

Monday July 8 1907

I went over to Mrs H. Chandlers this afternoon. Joe over with Jack. Weather very windy and very cold. Wages paid up till today 5 weeks and 5/- extra.

Tuesday July 9 1907

It has been so windy and cold all day you could scarcely stand outside. Old Mag's foot does not seem to get any better, she can scarcely get about the yard. J.H. over with Jack. Weather very cold and very windy.

Wednesday July 10 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. J.H. over with Jack. Weather cold and windy.

Thursday July 11 1907

Joe went to town today. Weather very wet.

Friday July 12 1907

Jack came down this morning to kill a pig for me, a porker, they cleaned it very nicely and it did not take them long. Joe wheeled it up to the road in the barrow and Jack took it down to Mr Lloyds for me on his way to market. It weighed 94 lbs. J.H. here all day today. Weather fine.

Saturday July 13 1907

J.H. over with Jack. Weather dull and cold.

Monday July 15 1907

Mother was going to town today but when we were over there yesterday she went out on the side hill to call the children up from the orchard and she slipped on a piece of rotten apple and fell and hurt her back and she could not go to town. I hope it will soon get better. J.H. over with Jack. Weather beautiful. Mother was not well enough to go to town again today so Emily went instead. Jean went over last night to stay all night thinking Grandma would be in town and she is over there again tonight to stay with Mother and help her till Emily gets home. J.H. over with Jack.

Wednesday July 17 1907

I went down to Bayswater this morning. I got down just in time for dinner. They have sold the farm. So I suppose it will be my last visit. Elsie was not at home, she is down with Pollie minding the children. Pollie has been ill. Katie Beggin is staying with Charlotte. Emily came down and stayed till I got home. She thinks Mother is a little better. J.H. over with Jack. Weather fine but cold.

Thursday July 18 1907

Mother came down this morning but she should not have come, the walk was too much for her she was quite ill when she got here. She went home about 3 o'clock and I went right over to the panels with her. J.H. over with Jack.

Friday July 19 1907

Mother is not so well today. J.H. over with Jack. Weather fine but cold.

Saturday July 20 1907

I went over to see Mother this afternoon. She is not nearly so well and has been in bed all day. Annie was down to see her too. We feel very anxious about her. Joe home after dinner today and cut wood. He got 2/- tonight. Weather very wet.

Monday July 22 1907

Harry Chandler brought over 3 little pigs, two for Jack and one for me. I paid him for them 10/- each. £1.10.0, he brought them on Saturday afternoon and Jack came down today and took his away, he says Mother is still the same, he does not think she is any better. She is still in bed. Annie is down to see her today. I was over on Sunday. J.H. over with Jack. Weather showery.

Tuesday July 23 1907

I went over to see Mother today, I was so pleased to find her sitting up in her chair for a little while. She says she feels a little better today. J.H. over with Jack. Weather very cold.

Wednesday July 24 1907

I sent Jean and Bobbie over to see how Grandma was as soon as they came home from school. They say she is a little better and sitting up again today. J.H. over with Jack. Weather fine but cold.

Thursday July 25 1907

I went over to see Mother today. I don't think she looks much better though she is sitting up. Annie and little Millie were down too, I do hope she will be better soon. J.H. over with Jack. Weather fine.

Friday July 26 1907

I sent Jean over to ask after Grandma today. She says she is not so well again. J.H. over with Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday July 27 1907

I sent Jim over first thing this morning to see Mother. She is a little better, but is not up today. She thinks she was over tired yesterday. J.H. over there. Weather very windy and very cold.

Sunday July 28 1907

It rained heavy all the afternoon and nearly all the morning so we could not get over to see Mother. I was so anxious all day. It cleared off just before tea and Jim went over to ask after her, he says she is better and sitting up again. Weather very wet.

Monday July 29 1907

I went home this afternoon. Mother is not quite so well today. Old "Friday" took sick about dinner time today and seems very bad. I think he must be worse tonight as Joe has not come home as usual. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday July 30 1907

Jim went over this afternoon. He says Grandma is better. Auntie Annie and Millie were down. Old Friday was very bad last night. Joe was over there till half past two and Arthur was down too. Jack had to go to Bayswater for the Vet. Jack and Emily were up all night. They did not lie down at all. Friday is much better today. J.H. over with Jack.

Wednesday July 31 1907

I did not go over today. I was expecting Charlotte up but she did not come. Jean and Bobbie went over and Grandma is much better. I am so pleased. I made my Mellon and Orange jam today. J.H. over with Jack. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday July 31 1907

I went over to see Mother today, she is not so well as I thought she would be as they said she was so much better yesterday. J.H. With Jack.

Thursday August 1 1907

I sent Jim over to see how Grandma was today. She is a little better. Mr Andrews and Jim went past here today on their way to Kerrs to cut chaff. They had a traction engine and chaffcutter and a small house on a lorry in which they camp at night. The engine drew the lorry behind it. J.H. over with Jack. Weather very cold.

Friday August 2 1907

Jean and Bobbie went over to see Grandma today. She is about the same. J.H. over with Jack. Weather very cold and very windy.

Saturday August 3 1907

It rained all day today and I could not send the children over to see Grandma, but Joe was over and he says she is getting better. Joe got 1/- tonight. Weather very wet.

Monday August 5 1907

Jim went over to ask after Grandma today. She is not so well. I was over yesterday. She is very weak and looks so thin. J.H. over with Jack. Weather very windy.

Tuesday August 6 1907

Grandma. is better today. Annie and Millie were down to see her this evening when the children and I went to give the cows some hay we missed the little yellow heifer (Sallie) she has not been long in from the bush paddock. Joe came home just as we were going to look for her and he took his lantern and went to look. He found her on her back in the drain. Jean and I went and helped him to get her on her feet. She would soon have died if we had not found her as there was water in the drain and it is such a cold night. Weather very cold and very windy.

August 7 1907 to August 27 1907

I have neglected to write in my book for the last three weeks, but there was nothing particular to write about. Mother is quite better now, of course she is weak yet, but she has been down to see us two or three times and her and Emily went to town about a week ago. She is up at Annie's just now for two or three days. Charlotte and Elsie were up about a fortnight ago to say goodbye to us they are going over to West Australia to visit Flora. They are going to stay between two and three months. The children and I got postcards from them from Adelaide and they have enjoyed their sail so far. Before they went they asked me to take old Tom. I took him. I thought he would be able to do all the work on the place and old Mag could not do anything. Harry Kleinert brought him up and asked if I would let him have old Mag. He would not work her and would feed her. He gave me £1 for her and I got him take her. I did not like parting with her but I did not have enough feed for both. The little heifer "Sallie" that fell in the drain had a heifer calf about a week ago; it was so very small and thin I did not keep it I got Jack to kill it at once. I did not feed it at all. There is very little grass in the paddocks. I have had Beauty, Pansy, Bess and Spot turned into the road. I paid Joe 5 weeks wages up till August the 12th.

**'Twas only a Word**

'Twas only a word, but a kind one,  
 It came from a heart full of love,  
 Of heart that kept touch with Jesus,  
 Whose name was recorded above;  
 A heart full of tender confession,  
 That breathed in the spirit of prayer,  
 That sought, mid life's busy turmoil,  
 The burden of others to share.

'Twas only a word, but a kind one,  
 And it cheered a mother's heart;  
 How she prayed for strength and guidance,  
 That fitly she'd do her part;  
 How it lightened the toilsome duties  
 That pressed with each opening day,  
 And filled the soul with singing  
 Along the heavenward way.

'Twas only a word but a kind one,  
 The prodigal heard, and wept;  
 Perhaps the Father in heaven  
 Has still forgiveness kept.  
 Yes, it opened the gates of memory,  
 The sweet recollections of home;  
 It touched the chords of affection,  
 And melted a heart of stone.

Oh, ye who would seek earthly treasures,  
 Remember they'll fade and decay,  
 But a kind word ah, who can measure  
 Its worth in the heart stowed away?  
 When time, in its flight, shall sever  
 The frail, slender thread of life,  
 This gem will shine forever,  
 Like a ray of eternal light.

### He Careth

What can it mean? Is it aught to Him  
That the nights are long and the days are dim?  
Can He be touched by the griefs I bear?  
Which sadden the heart and whiten the hair?  
Around his throne are eternal calms,  
And stronger glad music of happy psalms,  
And bliss unruffled by any strife  
How can He care for my little life?

And yet I want Him to care for me,  
While I live in this world where the sorrows be,  
When the lights die down from the path I take,  
When strength is feeble and friends forsake,  
When love and music, that once did bless,  
Have left me to silence and loneliness.  
And my life-song changes to sobbing prayers  
Then my heart cried out for a God who cares.

Let all who are sad take heart again  
We are not alone in our hours of pain;  
Our Father stoops from His throne above  
To sooth and quiet us with His love.  
He leaves us not when the storm is high,  
And we have safety, for He is nigh,  
Can it be trouble which He doth share?  
Oh, rest in peace, for the Lord DOES CARE.

Monday August 26 1907

It is a lovely day today so warm and bright and the Spring flowers and blossoms are out. I think we are going to have an early Spring. I hope the grass will grow soon. Mother came down yesterday afternoon. She looked so much better though she gets very tired with the walk. Emily came down this morning to bring a basket of eggs and stayed to dinner. JH over with Jack. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday August 27 1907

Wednesday August 28 1907

JH over with Jack. Weather showery

Thursday August 29 1907

JH started the pruning today. Weather showery

Friday August 30 1907

The old black and white cow "Bess" had a heifer calf last night. It is a nice little calf but very small. Weather fine

Saturday August 31 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. I sent the children over to Mrs Kerr's this afternoon to get a setting of hen eggs and set the hen tonight on 14 eggs. I paid Joe (3 weeks) wages tonight up till date. Weather showery.

Monday September 2 1907

Emily came down this afternoon and brought the eggs. It is a very cold windy day. JH pruning. Weather fine but cold

Tuesday September 3 1907

This is the opening day of the Melbourne Show. It is a beautiful day. I went over to see Mrs Kerr this afternoon. I took Jean and Bobbie with me. Jim went over to Grandma's. I forgot to mention they have a weeks holiday from School for the Show. JH pruning. Weather beautiful

Wednesday September 4 1907

Mother was down this afternoon. JH still pruning. Jack came down this evening and killed the big bull calf for me. I am going to send it to Box Hill, it is (Clovers) calf and is about 3 months old. Weather beautiful

Thursday September 5 1907

Jack came down early this morning and helped Joe put the calf into the wagon for it was very heavy. Then he went down to the Station with Joe, he was going down to the Show. The calf weighed  $1\frac{1}{4}$  cwt and 14 lbs. Joe went into Dodds and got three boxes to feed the cows in he paid 1/- for 1 big box and 6d each for 2 smaller ones. Weather cold and windy like rain

Friday September 6 1907

It is fearfully windy today it is blowing a perfect hurricane. JH planted a small land of potatoes today out near the pigsty and a short row of peas. Jim planted the potatoes. Weather windy

Saturday September 7 1907

I set a white hen on 14 eggs this morning. Joe went down to Mrs Silk and got them last night. Weather fine

Monday September 9 1907

Emily came down this afternoon and brought the eggs. Joe finished the pruning today. Weather heavy showers all afternoon

Tuesday September 10 1907

I got a letter from Charlotte today. They enjoyed their trip over very much and found Alf, Flora and the children waiting to meet them. The biggest of my three pigs was very sick all the afternoon, it seems better tonight. I hope it will be all right by the morning. JH mending the wire fence round the grass on the hill and getting a supply of wood. Bobbie was home from School he did not feel well. Weather cold and showery all day

Wednesday September 11 1907

I sent Bobbie to School this morning but he felt sick and could not do his lessons, so I kept him home after dinner. Joe went over home this morning with the wagon and got some iron that Jack brought up for me when he was going to market to put a new roof on the pigsty. He put new rafters on and nailed on the iron but he has not finished it. The pig that was sick is better. Weather showery

Thursday September 12 1907

Joe finished the pigsty and fixed up the wire netting all round the garden it was bent down in places and the fowls were getting over and he cut some chaff He is going over to Jack tomorrow. Weather fine.

Friday September 13 1907

JH over with Jack. Emily was down this afternoon. Weather fine

Saturday September 14 1907

This is Jimmie's birthday he is nine years old. Mother came down this afternoon. Jean went up to spend the afternoon with the McLeod's children. JH over with Jack. Weather fine

Monday September 16 1907

Emily called this afternoon on her way home from the Bible Class. The McLeod children were down spending the afternoon yesterday. JH over with Jack. Weather quite hot

Tuesday September 17 to Friday September 20 1907

JH over with Jack. Weather fine

Saturday September 21 1907

I had 13 little chickens come out today from the eggs I got from Mrs Kerr. Uncle Rob called this evening on his way to the Station. He had been up at Mr Hayes. He came up by the 5 train and went back by the 8 train. Bobbie has a very bad cold he has been lying down all day, both Jean and Jim have colds as well. I think it is Influenza they have got. JH got 1/-. Weather fine.



Monday September 23 1907

Jim and Bobbie are both home from School with their colds. Emily was down this afternoon. JH over with Jack. Weather hot

Tuesday September 24 1907

Mr Tippet came this morning to put a floor in the pantry and put the Separator up there. He got the floor nearly finished and the Separator set on the block but it is not finished yet but I don't think he will be able to come tomorrow. I wish he could. Weather ...

Tuesday October 15 1907

I have not written anything in this book for some time. Joe has been home here about 4 days at different times. Mr Tippet has finished his work as far as the wood would go. there is not enough boards for the wall in the verandah nor any shelves for the pantry but I will not have him back to finish he is such a rough worker. He was here three days. We have all had Influenza very bad. Bobbie has been home from School about a month and he still has a very bad cough. Jean and Jim have had it too but not so bad. I have been very bad. I have had it for 2 weeks and am not better yet. I have a very bad cough and my eyes have been very bad. Mother came down to help me last week and she had only been here one day when she took it and had to go to bed. She was here from Thursday till Monday in bed, but she wanted to go home. Jack brought down the wagon and took her home. She is very ill yet and in bed. Arthur Annie and Millie have been very bad. They are better again now except for little Millie she is still very sick. It is the Sunday School Anniversary tonight. There is a Social up at the church. Jean and Jim have gone. Bobby and I could not go for our colds. Beauty calved today, a red and white bull calf. It has been very dry for a long time. There were prayers in all the Churches for rain last Sunday. We have had a nice rain here this afternoon. I hope it was up country the same where they need it so much. It started to rain at dinner time and rained a steady rain till about 6 o'clock. There is a nice lot of grass in the paddocks just now - the cows are getting quite fat.

Wednesday October 16 1907

There were not many people at the Social last night. The children got nice books. Jean got first Special for learning the lessons. She got Uncle Toms Cabin, Jim's was called Bible ? and Bobbies "Teddy's Button". Joe was home today rubbing shoots off the potatoes and he was home half a day yesterday. I went home this afternoon to see Mother, Annie and little Millie were there. Mother does not seem any better. Weather fine.

Thursday October 17 1907

I sent the children over after School to ask after Grandma. She is just about the same. J-H over with Jack today. Weather fine.

Friday October 18 1907

I went over to see Mother today. She is still in bed and looks very bad. She is very feverish especially at nights. She does not seem to get any better. Joe here ploughing the orchard. Weather fine

Saturday October 19 1907

Jean and Bobbie went up to Annie's today for Arthur to cut Bobbies hair. They called to see Grandma. She is about the same. Paid wages. Weather very cold wind.

Monday October 21 1907

I went over to see Mother this afternoon. I think she looks a little better. JH over with Jack.

Tuesday October 22 1907

Last Saturday I paid Joe (7 weeks wages) all except One pound sixteen and six that he had had at different times. JH over with Jack this morning but he came over with Jack after dinner with the dray and the big Spray pump to Spray the apple trees for codling moth. It took them all the afternoon. Jack left the dray and "Old Friday" here. Joe is going to use him tomorrow. Weather fine but cold

Wednesday October 23 1907

I went over to see Mother this afternoon. She is still in bed and does not seem much better. She is very weak. JH ploughing the orchard and carting off cuttings. Weather windy and dry.

Thursday October 24, Friday October 25, Saturday October 26 1907

Joe ploughing orchard and put in a land of Maize up along the drain near the potato ground. The ground is so hard and dry Joe can scarcely plough it with two horses. Weather cold and dry

Monday October 28 1907

Joe finished the orchard and cut the little bit of oats that was left and started to plough the stubble. Weather fine but dry

Tuesday October 29 1907

I put one of the pigs in a sty by itself this morning. I am going to give it some pollard. Joe made a pig trough this morning, ploughing after dinner. Weather hot and dry.

Wednesday October 30 1907

I went over to see Mother this afternoon. She is sitting up in the chair but looked very ill and weak. Joe ploughing, he carted some cuttings from top of the orchard and burnt all the big heap on the hill. Weather windy and dry

Thursday October 31 1907

Joe ploughing the potato ground near the orchard in the morning. After dinner he was burning the scrub on the hill up near the watering place. There is a lot of trees burning tonight. He turned the heifers out into the road for safety. Weather hot and dry.

Friday November 1 1907

Mrs Dave Pope and Mrs Driver and her two children called this afternoon. Joe ploughing. Weather hot dry and windy

Saturday November 2 1907

Joe finished ploughing today and put in some Pumpkins Marrow and Turks caps and Citron? Mellon seeds. I don't think they will come up if it does not rain soon. Weather hot and windy.

Monday November 4 1907

Joe cut scotch thistles in the grass paddock today and got some wood. Weather hot

Tuesday November 5 1907

This was the S.S. Annual Picnic. It was held in the Army Paddock near the creek at the foot of the Sugar Loaf. There were a good many people there and it was a fine sunny day. Everybody appeared to enjoy themselves. JH at the races. He got One pound this morning. Weather fine, rained all day yesterday.

Wednesday November 6 1907

Joe put some maize in up by the creek for the cows. He had to plough the maize up that he planted some time ago near the drain in the potato ground he will have to sow it again it did not come up. He hoed the potatoes near the pig sty. Weather fine.

Thursday November 7 1907

Harry Chandler came early this morning and took down a pig and calf for me and a pig for Jack. Jack brought his down this morning early in the wagon. He took them to Box Hill to Mr Lloyd. Jack was going to take them but Harry said he was going with an empty wagon and offered to take them. He got back about 3 o'clock. He got 35/- for my pig and 30/- for Jack's and 10/- for my calf. Something went wrong with the handle of the Separator this morning and it would not work. Jack took the handle home with him and put it right at dinner time. I was very glad as I did not know what I would do with the milk as I had no pans. Mother came down this morning and stayed all day. She does not seem to get strong and she does not look well. Joe went home with Jack this morning and stayed all day they were putting in peas. Weather fine.

Friday November 10 1907

Joe went over and got Old Friday to help Tom get the potato ground ready. He finished about 2 o'clock and took him home he cut some potatoes today and will plant tomorrow. Weather very hot.

Saturday November 9 1907

JH planting some maize and potatoes up by the creek after dinner he replanted the maize near the drain. Jim had croup last night and does not look well today. Weather hot.

Monday November 11 1907

Mother paid wages. Ted Emma and the children came up yesterday and are going home tonight. Gladys is growing quite a big girl and Stevie is such a nice fat baby and, so good. We were all over to tea yesterday. This has been a lovely day and there has been a lot of people up the mountain. JH planting potatoes. 2/- yesterday. Weather fine

Tuesday November 12 1907

Jack came down this morning he was going to spray the apple trees he left the big Spray Pump here last time he used it but the weather has been so hot and windy that it dried the wood and there was such big cracks in it that it would not hold water so they had to take it down and put it in the creek. Jack helped Joe plant potatoes till dinner time thinking the pump would be ready for use in the afternoon but it was not so he went home. Joe planted the piece in the vegetable garden and put in a few peas and beans. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 13 1907

Jack came down this morning and they went on with the spray they finished about 2 o'clock and went over home and took the pump in the dray with old "Tom". Mother came down this afternoon. Weather fine.

Thursday November 14 1907

JH over with Jack spraying. Light misty rain first thing in the morning but bright and fine after dinner.

Friday November 15 1907

JH over with Jack again this morning and till 4 o'clock in the afternoon he took "Tom" over with him this morning and brought back the dray and cleaned out the stable. There was a heap of manure in it he carted it up on the ground above the grass paddock and got a load of earth from the road and filled in the holes. There is a lecture with lantern views up at the church tonight. I would have liked to go but could not get away. Weather very hot and close it has got very cool this evening so I suppose it will not rain. We want some rain now. Weather hot.

Saturday November 16 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe over with Jack. It commenced to rain just after Mother got here, lightly at first, but it began to come very steady before she went home, and after she left it came down quite heavy. She got wet before she got home. Joe came home with "Tom" he had him over ploughing. Ben is lame. He was wet through.

Monday November 18 1907

Mother and I went to town this morning to do some shopping and I went to see about my eyes. They been very have bad lately and need spectacles to work and read with. I am going to have new glasses put in the same frames. Emily came and stopped with the children while I was away. I called in to see Maud on our way home and she paid me for the potatoes they owed me for Two pound ten shillings. Charlotte and Elsie are back from the West they arrived on Sunday. I have not seen them yet. JH cut the grass under the apple trees in front of the kitchen window.

Tuesday November 19 1907

JH cleaning out the drain near the pigsty and the one near the little orchard near the house. The children went up to Annie's to tea this afternoon. Grandma went with them it is little Millie's birthday. She is 1 year old today. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 20 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe finished the drain by the house and went back to the one by the pigsty and cleaned it out right up to the creek. Weather hot.

Thursday November 21 1907

Joe finished planting the last of the potatoes today. Weather hot

Friday November 22 1907

Emily came down this afternoon to arrange about going to the picnic tomorrow. She is going to take Jean, Jim and Hilda Smale to Brighton Beach. There is a special train running from Gembrook to the beach. There was a terrible dust storm this evening. The dust was so thick we could not see across the road. The wind was very heavy, it blew one of my nice Wattle trees right over on the fence and split it right down. I was so sorry, it was such a nice shade. There was a nice rain after it and it is still raining. I hope it will be fine tomorrow. "Rosie" one of the heifers from the hill calved today a bull calf.

Saturday November 23 1907

It is a beautiful day for the picnic. I took the children up to the road to meet Emily this morning. Jack drove them down. Bobbie stayed home with me he didn't want to go. They were tired when they came home tonight but enjoyed themselves very much. Weather beautiful

Monday November 25 1907

Joe harrowing the ground where the potatoes are planted, hoed the potatoes near the pigsty. They are in flower and look very well, then he harrowed all the on hard. paid 5 weeks wages up till Sat 23. Weather hot and close.

Tuesday November 26 1907

There was a heavy thunderstorm last night and such vivid lightning but not much rain. Joe over with Jack today. Weather fine few showers this evening, windy.

Wednesday November 27 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe did not go over today it was very wet in the morning, he cleaned out the wagon shed and picked over some potatoes. After dinner he took Tom to the blacksmiths to have his shoes removed, two of them had come off. After he got home he brought tow sledge loads of wood. Weather there was some very heavy rain last night and it was very wet this morning but was quite fine this afternoon.

Thursday November 28 1907

Jack came down this morning with Friday and the little wagon and took two pigs and a calf down to Box Hill to Mr Lloyds for me. He got 33/- each for the pigs and 25/- for the calf and 25/- for the calf I sent down by the train some months ago. Weather fine

Friday November 29 1907

The children have a holiday today for the Ladies Exhibition. I got 3 little pigs from the Army today.

They were 7/6 each (paid). Joe and one of the boys brought them down when he came from work. He was over with Jack.

Saturday November 30 1907

Joe over with Jack. Weather very hot.

Monday December 2 1907

Will Kerr came over this morning and cut the oats. He finished it by dinner time. There was about two acres. Joe stooked it all this afternoon. Emily came down this afternoon and brought the eggs. Bobbie was home from school today he wanted to watch the machine cutting the oats. Weather fine.

Tuesday December 3 1907

I forgot to mention Jack brought their little red calf down here on Saturday for me to feed. I have a lot of milk since I sold the pigs and calf. The little pigs cannot take much they are so small and they want all the milk they have at home for their pigs. Joe stayed home today to put in some maize he finished it and went over to Harry Chandler's for a bag of bone dust. Weather fine and hot in the morning, after dinner cloudy with a very cold wind blowing.

Wednesday December 4 1907

Emily came down this morning. she wanted to get some meat from the butcher. She waited till nearly 3 o'clock this afternoon and then went home. He did not come home till nearly dark. Harry Chandler called this evening with the Bone Dust bill. I had had 12 cwt (£3.3.0 paid.) Joe did not go over to Jack today it was too wet.

Thursday December 5 1907

Charlotte came up this afternoon. She looks well after her holiday. Elsie is down at Brighton. Joe putting up the stooks they had nearly all blown down after dinner he went to Jack. Weather cloudy

Friday December 6 1907

Joe over with Jack. Weather hot

Saturday December 7 1907

Joe went to the Army's on his way home from work and got a little pig for Jack. I am going to feed it for them till they sell the porkers they have now. Joe got 10/- tonight. Weather hot

Monday December 9 1907

I went over to Mrs Kerr's this afternoon and paid Mr Kerr. Weather fine and cool

Tuesday December 10 1907

JH over with Jack. Weather fine

Wednesday December 11 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. She is going to town tomorrow. I hope it won't be very hot. Joe home today horsehoeing potatoes and maize and he put in a land of maize and took in the dry grass that he had cut in the ducks yard and in front of the bees boxes. Weather hot

Thursday December 12 1907

Joe worked here till dinner and then went over to Jack. Weather fine.

Friday December 13 1907

JH over with Jack.

Saturday December 14 1907

JH over with Jack in the morning. Jack and he both came over after dinner and brought the horse and dray and carted in the hay it looks like rain. Mrs Lum came up this morning by the 10 train. She is going to stay till Monday. I have not seen her for 3 years. Weather fine.

Monday December 16 - Saturday December 21 1907

(Sold Daisy) Joe over with Jack 3 days, hoeing here the rest of the time. Wages paid Saturday)

Monday December 23 1907

JH over with Jack

Tuesday December 24 1907

JH over with Jack

Wednesday December 25 1907

Christmas Day. We had dinner at home by ourselves. Joe went out first thing in the morning to spend the day. We went over home to tea. Annie, Arthur and little Millie were there too. Millie is such a dear little girl. She can run about now. It has been a very hot day.

Thursday December 26 1907

We were home all day today. Mr Collier called in the afternoon and had tea with us. Jack came down in time for tea too. He came to help me milk as Joe was out and there are 6 cows to milk, 5 pigs to feed and 3 calves. It commenced to rain about 7 o'clock. I hope it will continue we need rain badly. Today has been a terrible day, so very hot and so very windy one was almost afraid to go outside. I forgot to mention before that I had sold "Daisy" the cow I had fat for the butcher. Mr Dodds called on Saturday the 21 December and offered me I pounds 10/- for her. I let him have her. She was a very big fat cow.

Friday December 27 1907

It has rained heavy all last night and, all day today and has turned so cold. I have had to light a fire in the big fireplace and Joe put all the milking cows in the barn with their covers on for the night. It has rained so much the creeks are all full there is a broad stream of water running down behind the fowl yard and woodshed and then down the big track to the gate and into the road drain. It is right through the patch of broad beans and two or three rows of potatoes. We cannot get to feed the pigs and have to go up past Joe's hut and get over the fence. It is record weather as it was so terribly hot only on Thursday and today so cold you could not do without a fire. It is still raining.

Saturday December 28 1907

It rained all last night without a stop but it cleared up this morning it will do the grass, potatoes and maize a lot of good. Bobbie was very ill last night and I was up till half past 4 o'clock this morning. He was so very ill if it had not been such a dreadful night I would have sent for Mother. He is still bad of course he is better than he was last night. Emily came down this afternoon and when she went home Mother came to stop all night.

Monday December 30 1907

I forgot to mention before that Major McLeod is very ill and not expected to live. He has been ill for some time Joe did not go over today he cut some grass at the foot of the orchard on the headland and up round the creek in the potatoes paddock and he cut the grass in the yard and in front of the house. Bobbie is much better today but looks so white and thin. Joe went home after dinner.

Tuesday December 31 1907

Mother came down this afternoon. Joe over with Jack. Weather hot



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Wednesday January 1 1908

We all went over home to tea. Annie, Arthur and Millie were there too it has been a terrible hot day. JH was home all day but did not do anything. Weather very hot

Thursday January 2 1908

Emily came down this morning to see if Bobbie was well he did not seem so well when we came home last night but he was only very tired after the hot day. (Joe moulding potatoes). Weather very hot.

Friday January 3 1908

JH home all day moulding up potatoes and sledged down some wood. Very hot.

Saturday January 4 1908

JH over with Jack. It is a dreadful hot day.

Monday January 6 1908

We have had some very hot weather lately each day seems hotter than the last. I cannot churn today and if there is not a change tonight I will not be able to send the butter tomorrow. Jack came down for an hour this morning and helped Joe mend the wire fence between the grass paddock and the maize and potatoes. I went to church yesterday. Mrs Harrison Lee preached a sermon on temperance the church was full. I don't think there was an empty seat. Joe over with Jack. Weather very hot.

Tuesday January 7 1908

I sent Jim up to ask after Major McLeod this morning he was much worse and he died about 1 o'clock. I am so very sorry for Mrs McLeod and the little children there are four of them. It is a fearful hot day. I could not send the butter, it was so soft I could do nothing with it. JH over with Jack. Weather very hot

Wednesday January 8 1908

Major McLeod was buried today in the Melbourne General Cemetery. It is another dreadful hot day. I think there will be a change soon. JH over with Jack. weather very hot.

Thursday January 9 1908

The weather changed last night and we have had a lovely rain, it seems to make things look greener already and it filled the tanks it has rained most of the day. I could send the butter today. The children have gone over to see Grandma. She can't come down this week. She was out picking up some chips and she got on a nest of Jack jumper ants and they stung one of her feet and ankle and one other hands very badly. Her foot is so swelled and stiff she cannot walk. JH over with Jack, he got 11/- tonight. Weather rain.

Friday January 10 1908

JH over with Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday January 11 1908

JH over with Jack Weather warm

Monday January 13 1908

Yesterday January the 12th was Bobbies birthday he was 6 years old. Grandma was down to tea. I went up to call on Mrs McLeod yesterday morning. She is going away tomorrow. JH over with Jack. Weather very hot.

Tuesday January 14 1908

Jack came down this afternoon and he and Joe sprayed the apple trees for codling moth. Jack took his pig home with him in the dray. It had grown too heavy to carry on his back. JH over with Jack in the morning. Weather hot.

Wednesday January 15 1908

Emily came down this morning and stayed to dinner. She came to say Mother and Annie can go with us to the beach tomorrow. Elsie and Nellie Kleinert came up this afternoon. They stopped till about 20 min past eight then started to walk home it was much cooler for walking but I don't know how Nellie would get down, it was rather far for her. Spot calved today a bull calf. JH over with Jack  
Weather very hot.

Thursday January 16 1908

We all went to the St. Kilda beach today. Mother, Annie, Millie and the children and I. We did not enjoy ourselves very much it was so very hot. I never was out on such a hot day before it was 110 in the shade. JH home today to look after things. When we were away he hoed the carrots. Emily came down and stopped till we got home and helped me with the separator and calves before she went home.  
Weather terribly hot.

Friday January 17 1908

Today has been hotter than yesterday and we thought that bad enough for anything it was 112 in the shade. A lot of people are dying with the heat it is so hot I cannot churn the butter. I have it standing in water from the creek to try and cool it, but it does not seem any cooler for the trouble. I hope it will change soon, JH over with Jack. Weather very hot.

Saturday January 18 1908

It is another scorching day today. I feel so done up with the heat I can scarcely write this. There is a long list of deaths from heat in The Age today. JH over with Jack. Weather very hot.

Monday January 20 1908

The heat still continues there has been a dreadfully hot north wind blowing all day. About 1 o'clock the wind changed to the west the dust and smoke came rolling along in great clouds and we could scarcely see it was so thick it got cooler afterwards. JH over with Jack. Weather hot.

Tuesday January 21 1908

Emily came down this morning. She brought the butter, but mine is so soft I will not be able to send it till tomorrow. JH over with Jack. Weather cool.

Wednesday January 22 1908

I sent my butter with the butcher today. JH over with Jack.

Thursday January 23 1908

JH over with Jack. Weather cool.

Friday January 24 1908

I picked 5½ cases of Early Greengages. Jack is going to market and is going to take them for me. Jean stayed home from School after dinner to help me pick them. There is a new master at the School a Mr Thomas. He is living at the home of rest with his wife and 6 children. Two of them go to School. JH over with Jack.

Saturday January 25 1908

JH over with Jack. Mother paid wages up till date. Weather hot.

Monday January 27 1908

Yesterday was a very hot day and all day today until about 4 o'clock when the wind changed and there was thunder but not much rain so far and it is not much cooler but it is still threatening. I hope it will rain we are getting very short of water. JH over with Jack.

Tuesday January 28 1908

It is much cooler today but there has been no rain and the clouds have all cleared away again. I was able to make the butter today. I could not churn yesterday it was too hot, I had 32 lbs of my own and four lbs from Mother. We have 7 cows milking just now, Beauty, Bess, Spot, Pansy, Clover, Sallie, Rosie. Jim stayed home from School this afternoon. He has the toothache very bad. JH over with Jack.

Wednesday January 29 1908

Mother was down this afternoon. She does not look well, and she is so very thin. I think the hot weather is too much for her. Jim is home from School all day today his face is very swollen and is quite hard. I think it is an abscess at the root of the tooth that has been aching so bad. JH over with Jack. Weather cool.

Thursday January 30 1908

Jim stayed home this morning but went to School after dinner. Joe over with Jack he is picking peas and beans and helping to get ready for market. The peaches will be in this week. Weather cool and dry

Friday January 31 1908

There was a slight thunder storm this afternoon but not much rain only enough to lay the dust. JH over with Jack. I picked 9 cases of plums. Jack took them down.

Saturday February 1 1908

Joe went to town this morning to pay his insurance he came back by the afternoon coach and went straight up home in it, he is working over with Jack just now. The peaches are ripe and there is a good many of them. (I paid Joe 6 weeks wages up till date before he went to town this morning). Weather fine and hot.

Monday February 3 1908

Tuesday February 4 1908

Wednesday February 5 1908

Thursday February 6 1908

JH over with Jack.

Friday February 7 1908

JH over with Jack. I picked 8 cases of plums. Jim stayed home half a day to help me. After Joe came home from his work he took them to the top of the hill in the wagon. Jack went to market three times this week. He took the little wagon and Old Tom on Wednesday. Tom was sick going down he had to leave him at Mr Lloyds. He lent him one of his horses. I think it was very kind of him. JH over with Jack. Weather very hot

Saturday February 8 1908

Jim over spending the day with Grandma today. JH over with Jack he got 2/6 tonight. Weather hot.

Monday February 10 1908

I forgot to mention the Army had a Cinematograph display up at the farm last Tuesday night, they sent round invitations to all the people of the district. I went and took the children, it was very good. JH over with Jack. Weather hot.

Tuesday February 11 1908

Jumper calved last night a bull calf. She seems quieter to milk this time, though she rushed at Joe twice when he was bringing in the calf. I have been setting traps for rats lately they are getting so plentiful. I have caught eleven. JH over with Jack. Weather hot.

Wednesday February 12 1908

I am making some blackberry and apple jam today. Jean and Bobbie picked the blackberries over at Grandmas yesterday. Annie and Millie were down there, Annie helped them pick some. Weather very hot and close.

Thursday February 13 1908

JH over with Jack. Weather very hot and close everything is getting so dried up.

Friday February 14 1908

JH over with Jack Weather hot

Saturday February 15 1908

The boys were over spending the day with Grandma and helping Auntie. They are very busy just now. Jack has gone to market three times a week last three weeks. The birds are very bad Joe has been shooting over there all day, they are wattle birds. Weather hot and dry.

Monday February 17 1908

Mother and Jack were down to tea yesterday. JH was out fishing and got 19 fish. Jack took down 2 cases Gravenstein apples and 1 of Emperors tonight. Joe came home and took them to the top of the hill. Weather very hot.

Tuesday February 18 1908

JH over with Jack. Weather fine.

Wednesday February 19 1908

Mother came down this afternoon. JH over with Jack. Weather hot and dry.

Thursday February 20 1908

It is still keeping dry. We are getting very short of water again. Vegetables are very dear in the market beans are 36/- cwt and peas 32/- Apples are a good price too. Jack took 3 cases down for me and got 17/- for them. 7/- for one and 5/- for each of the others. JH over with Jack. Weather hot and dry

Friday February 21 1908

I picked 4 cases of apples today 2 cases of Emperors and 2 of the big striped apples in the garden near the house. JH over with Jack. Weather dry.

Saturday February 22 1908

JH over with Jack. There is a big drove of sheep nearly 3,000 came as far as this on Thursday. They came from Kerang. They are up in Hayes paddock. They are going to stay there a day or two. (Mother paid wages today) Weather hot and dry.

Monday February 24 1908

JH over with Jack. Weather hot

Tuesday February 25 1908

JH over with Jack

Wednesday February 26 1908

Mother came down this afternoon. She was so bright and cheerful and seemed so well it was so nice to see her. She has not been at all well lately and it has seemed quite an effort for her to come down, and we do miss her so when she does not come. There are bush fires all round but none very close. The grass in the paddocks and right up to the door is white and dry and would bum if a spark got into it we need rain very badly. JH over with Jack. Weather very hot and dry.

Thursday February 27 1908

Friday February 28 1908

Saturday February 29 1908

JH over with Jack. I paid Joe (4 weeks) wages today. Weather very hot and dry

Monday March 2 1908

Mother was down to tea yesterday Mrs Archie Chandler and the children called during the afternoon and stayed to tea too. JH over with Jack today. Weather very hot.

Tuesday March 3 1908  
 Wednesday March 4 1908  
 Thursday March 5 1908  
 Friday March 6 1908  
 Saturday March 7 1908

JH over with Jack.

Monday March 9 1908

Yesterday was the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. There was not very many there in the morning. I hope there would be more at night. Joe got 1 pound yesterday. Weather there was a change on Sunday night and we had a nice rain. One of the tanks is quite full and the other nearly so.

Tuesday March 10 1908

Mother and Emily have gone to town today. They have wanted to go some time but could not get away they were so busy. Annie and little Millie are down there all day minding the house as there is no one there. Jack went to market yesterday. Joe stayed home today to put in some oats for green stuff while the ground was damp.

Wednesday March 11 1908

Mother came over to tea this afternoon. Emily came down with her to carry the parcel of things they got for me in town yesterday but she went straight home again. JH over with Jack. Weather fine

Thursday March 12 1908

Joe went to Box Hill today to Mr Lloyds with 3 porkers and 2 calves for me he did not get paid for them. Joe got 2/6. Weather fine.

Friday March 13 1908

Saturday March 14 1908

JH over with Jack.

Monday March 16 1908

I got 4 little pigs from the Army today. Joe brought them down when he came from work two boys came to help carry them. They are 11 weeks old and were 9/- each, 36/- for the four. I sent the money up with Joe this evening. JH over with Jack.

Tuesday March 17 1908

JH over with Jack.

Wednesday March 18 1908

Joe stopped home today to pick Jonathan apples he finished them.

Thursday March 19 1908

I packed 4 cases apples ready for market this afternoon then Mother came down so I came in. Joe picking Monroes and picking up windfall Jonathans. Jim stayed home this afternoon to help him.

Friday March 20 1908

JH over with Jack. I packed 4 more cases apples today. That makes eight all together. Joe took them to the top of the hill tonight for Jack to take down. Weather fine.

Saturday March 21 1908

Joe home today he finished the apples this afternoon and cut some wood and sledged the apples into the barn. Weather fine.

Monday March 23 1908

Emily came down this afternoon and brought me a few Damsons to make jam. JH over with Jack. They are picking apples and pears. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday March 24 1908

This is Emily's birthday. Annie and Millie always come down on a Tuesday, and the children have all gone over to tea, so they had quite a party. Millie is learning to talk.

Wednesday March 25 1908

Mother came down this afternoon. The Dairy Inspector called today he said everything was satisfactory it is a new man his name is Mr Becher. JH over with Jack. Weather cold and windy

Thursday March 26 1908

I packed 4 cases of apples this afternoon. I am going to pack some more tomorrow afternoon. JH over with Jack he got 2/6 today. Weather fine.

Friday March 27 1908

I packed 6 more cases of apples today 10 altogether. Joe took them to the top of the hill and Jack took them down for me. Weather cold and cloudy.

Saturday March 28 1908

It has been showery all day today. There was a party of ladies and gentlemen up at Sir Matthew's place today. There was one of the coaches full and a three seated motor car. It was not a nice day to see the place. JH over with Jack. I paid him (5 weeks wages up till 28th) Weather showery

Monday March 30th 1908

There was a Special Service up at the church this afternoon it was Bible Sunday. Mr Griffiths had the service there were a good many at it. Mother went to town this morning. She is going to stay all night. Joe went over home this morning but he came back again it was so wet he could not pick apples, he cut some chaff and went back after dinner as it looked finer then but it was showery all day. Bobbie was home from school it was so wet.

Tuesday Mar 31 1908

Miss Thomas and Ivy Yeadon called today collecting for the Tea meeting it is next Tuesday and they were collecting to buy Mr Chenhall a present as well, he is going away, he preached his farewell sermon last Sunday morning. I did not go. JH over with Jack. Weather fine.

Wednesday April 1 1908

Mother and Annie and little Millie were down this afternoon. Millie is such a dear little thing. She is just beginning to talk and she is so fond of Grandma. She will not go to anyone else when she is near. JH over with Jack this morning, after dinner he brought Ben over and harrowed and put in green stuff he got a 2 cwt bag of manure from Harry Chandler. Jack got the money for the calves and pigs I sent to Mr Lloyd about 2 weeks ago, he got it on Saturday. I got 16/- each for the calves and 4 pounds 5/- for the three pigs. One of the calves was only 4 weeks old and the other 8 weeks. Weather beautiful.

Thursday April 2 1908

Charlotte came up this afternoon. Elsie has gone into the children's hospital as nurse and Charlotte has been staying up with Jennie for a few days. She is going back to Canterbury tomorrow. Jennie has another little daughter about 3 weeks old now. JH over with Jack. Weather beautiful.

Friday April 3 1908

I packed 8 cases of apples today. Jack took them down for me. JH over with Jack.

Saturday April 4 1908

Joe did not go over home today he took the heap of manure out of the stable and cleaned out the ducks house and fowl house and carted it up on the ground where he is going to sow oats. Arthur sent me down a little bull calf today, it was left inside the panels over home. Joe took the wagon and old Tom and went round for it, the boys went with him. Weather fine.

Monday April 6 1908

It was the Church Anniversary yesterday the Church was decorated there was a lot of people there. I went, when we came home we had dinner by ourselves. Joe went out in the morning gathering mushrooms and did not come back to dinner. Just after dinner I went outside and noticed old Tom lying down near the slip rails. I thought he was rolling and stood watching to see him get up, as he did not get up I went to look at him and found he was very sick, poor old fellow he seemed to be in dreadful pain. I sent Jim over for Uncle Jack and Jean for Harry Chandler both Harry and Alf Chandler came and Jack was not long after but they could not do anything for the poor old horse and he died about an hour after they came he seemed all right when he was put out this morning. I don't know what could have been the matter with him. Jack came down this morning with his two horses and they dragged him up on the hill above the pigsty and built a big fire, it will be very awkward without a horse. Jack had to come right down to the gate for the apples. I had 10 cases today. (JH over with Jack.) Weather fine.

Tuesday April 7 1908

There was a Tea meeting up at the Church this evening. I went and took the children. Emily and Miss Row? had one table, Alice and Clara Baldwin had one, Miss Thomas and Ivy Yeadon and Mrs Blancoe and Miss Gordon had the others. There was a good many there. Charlotte and Maude and her two children were there. Joe over with Jack. Weather fine.



Wednesday April 8 1908

Mother came down this afternoon. JH over with Jack. Weather very dry.

Thursday April 9 1908

Friday April 10 1908

I packed 7 cases of apples today. Jack came down for them. JH over with Jack. Weather fine.

Saturday April 11 1908

Joe came down after dinner to light fires up in the bush paddock. Vera and Alfie Blackmore came down this afternoon to play with the children. Vera had her clubs to practice with Jean. Weather cloudy like rain.

Monday April 13 1908

I did not send any apples down tonight. I don't like Jack having to come down that steep hill with his load on. I will send some on Friday. Ray Wicks, Charley Wicks eldest son died on Friday in the Alfred hospital. He was 16 they will miss him very much. Jack Smale a boy about 17 years who lived with his parents up near MacFarland's died last week he was kicked on the head by a horse when he was very young and lately the old hurt has been troubling him he took very bad on the Sunday and his Father and Mother took him to the hospital but he died on Monday. JH over with Jack picking apples. Weather fine but cloudy.

Tuesday April 14 1908

JH over with Jack. Weather dull.

Wednesday April 15 1908

This is the anniversary of my wedding. I have been married thirteen years. Mother came down this afternoon. JH over with Jack. Weather very dry rain is badly wanted all over the country.

Thursday April 16 1908

The School broke up today for a week. I am very glad to have the children home for a while, there is such a lot to do and I am so much alone. JH over with Jack. Weather dry.

Friday April 17 1908

This is "Good Friday" it is a nice fine day, there was a lot of people went up the mountain last night. There was 9 coach loads. It is reported that Sir Matthew Davies place has been sold. I hope it is true, it would be much nicer with someone living there. JH over with Jack. Weather dry.

Saturday April 18 1908

JH over with Jack. I paid him 3 weeks wages up till today. Weather dry

Monday April 20 1908

(Mother paid wages today.) This morning was very unsettled with thick mist showers, but about 11 o'clock it cleared up and was a beautiful day there was a lot of people up the mountains, we were at home picking apples all day. JH had a holiday today. Weather fine.

Tuesday April 21 1908

JH did not go to work this morning, but went over after dinner. Weather still dry.

Wednesday April 22 1908

Mother came down this afternoon. The boys went over to Grandma's this morning with Uncle Jack to spend the day, he brought some cases down in the wagon so they had a ride over. Weather fine.

Thursday April 23 1908

The children and I were picking apples today "Rhymer's" we filled all the cases Jack brought down. There are only a few left now to pick. JH over with Jack. Weather few misty showers.

Friday April 24 1908

I packed 6 cases of apples today. Jack came down this evening and took them down for me. JH over with Jack.

Saturday April 25 1908

Jim and Bobbie over at Grandmas this afternoon. JH over with Jack.

Monday April 26 1908

This is Eight hours day and the last day of the holidays. I will miss the children when they go back to school tomorrow. Emily came down this afternoon and stayed to tea. JH over with Jack.

Tuesday April 28 1908

Emily went over to Croydon today to see Mrs Pretty. She started about half past ten and got over in time for dinner. She got back this far about 7 o'clock. She enjoyed her trip and her friends were glad to see her. She had a good fine day. JH over with Jack.

Wednesday April 29 1908

JH over with Jack.

Thursday April 30 1908

I forgot to mention "Clover" brought home a calf yesterday it seems like a two or three days old calf. I brought her in and milked her, she is very thin. Mother came down yesterday morning and helped me make some tomato chutney it is very nice. Bobbie had a little kitten that him and Jimmie brought home from school some weeks ago, it took very sick yesterday and it died this morning. I was so sorry, it was such a nice little kitten and the children were so fond of it. Joe stayed home today to dig potatoes so that I can get some for the pigs. The apples are getting done now. JH here. Weather beautiful.

Friday May 1 1908

Bobbie is home from school today he is not well. JH over with Jack to help get the things ready for market. I did not pack any today. There is a Bazaar down at Bayswater tonight for the Church of England. Joe went down, he got 12/6 before he went. The weather looks very unsettled.

Saturday May 2 1908

JH digging potatoes, he went to Bayswater again tonight, he got 5/-. Weather fine.

Monday May 4 1908

Tuesday May 5 1908

Joe here

Wednesday May 6 1908

It commenced to rain Tuesday morning and rained showers all day and all last night and there has been heavy showers all day today. I think the dry weather has broken up at last, everything is so disagreeable and muddy and so very cold. Joe cut some scrub today.

Thursday May 7 1908

JH digging potatoes.

Friday May 8 1908

JH helping Jack get ready for market. I packed 6 cases of apples for Jack to take down for me,

but he did not call for them. "Ben" gibbed and would not go up the hill. Mr Tippit called to tell us. I can't understand Ben refusing to go, he has worked so well all the season and taken down such big loads. I hope he will go the rest of the way without stopping.

Weather light showers.

Saturday May 9 1908

I paid Joe (3 weeks) wages up till today. Joe cutting scrub this morning and fire wood, he finished the few apples that were to pick, it was misty showers all day and not fit to dig potatoes. The potatoes are very bad this season, most of them are grub eaten and a good many rotten. I suppose it was too dry for them in the summer.

Monday May 11 1908

Mother was down to tea yesterday. Myrtle Collier was round all the district yesterday collecting money to buy Jim Kerr a present as he is leaving this district to make his home in Queensland. Will Kerr has gone to Queensland some time ago but he is coming back again in a few months to get married to Bella Ramage. The people round here and other friends are going to give him a social evening on Friday and present him with a gold chain and locket. Joe digging potatoes. Jack went to market today with the little wagon and "Friday" he called and took my apples.

Tuesday May 12 1908

Jean had her first music lesson today. She is going to learn on Grandma's piano. Miss Thomas the Schoolmasters daughter is teaching her and Lottie Yeadon. Her Mother and Father live in Ringwood now, the master drives up in the mornings. Ozzie comes with him, Ray goes to School in Ringwood. JH put in a land of oats today, he went over home and got "Ben." Weather fine.

Wednesday May 13 1908

Jean went home the other way tonight to practise a while. Grandma came down here, it started to rain after she came but stopped before she went home. I went to the creek with her. She said she could keep Jean all night. JH digging potatoes. Weather fine.

Thursday May 14 1908

JH digging potatoes.

Friday May 15 1908

There is a party over at Mr Kerrs tonight to present Jim with a gold chain and medal from the people of the district. I did not go. I seem to have caught a chill I feel very and cannot keep warm.

Jack has gone to market so none of them can go. We can hear the band playing very nicely. Weather very cold.

Saturday May 16 1908

I believe the party was a great success, most of the people of the district were there and a lot from Croydon and some from Bayswater there was nearly 200 people there. My cold is no better. Mother came down this morning and she is here yet. I can't do anything my back and head is so bad and I have a very sore throat.

Monday May 18 1908

I am still very sick with my cold. I was in bed most of Saturday and Sunday and till dinner time today. I am better tonight. Jim is sick too he has been in bed all day. I think it is just Biliousness and he has a sore throat as well. Mother went home tonight she is going to town tomorrow if fine.

Tuesday May 19 1908

Mother and Emily went to town this morning they will have a nice day it is so warm and sunny. My throat is still bad and I am not at all well. Jim is still in bad.

Wednesday May 20 1908

Emily came down this morning to see how we were and stopped all day and did the work and she took my washing home with her. Jack came down this afternoon and killed my bacon pig, it is only a small one this year. I am very glad to get rid of it as I have 4 other big porkers and it is such a lot of work boiling feed for them and there is two calves as well.

Thursday May 21 1908

Mother came down this morning and helped me clean up and put the bacon to salt. There is not much of it, it is much smaller than I have had before. Jack came down before breakfast and cut down the pig and carted in the potatoes (Joe finished them yesterday) then he went on down to Bayswater to get some bone dust. Joe went over after dinner to help him put in some oats.

Friday May 22 1908

Jim has been home from school all this week sick, he seems much better today and I feel better myself, all but my throat, and that seems worse. JH over with Jack today. Weather fine.

Saturday May 23 1908

Jean went over to get her music lesson this afternoon. She told Mother my throat was not better and she came back with her and is going to stay all night. JH over with Jack. Weather fine.

Monday May 25 1908

Yesterday was Empire Day so it is to be kept up today. Jean had to come back soon after she went to School this morning with the toothache. They had flags put up at the gate and on the school. Mr Yeadon and the School Master spoke to them, some others were to speak but they did not come. Mrs Thomas was there they had plenty of singing and marching and games and lollies and came home at dinnertime for a half holiday. Mother stayed all night on Saturday and all day Sunday. Annie and Arthur and little Millie came down to tea. I did not know they were coming. Mother went home with them. My throat is much better, though not well yet. JH over with Jack. Weather fine.

Tuesday May 26 1908

JH over with Jack. Weather showery.

Wednesday May 27 1908

Mother came down this afternoon. JH went off to Box Hill first thing this morning to see the doctor he looks perfectly well and has not been complaining. I don't think there is anything at all the matter with him, he has not come back yet and it is after nine o'clock he got 5/- this morning. Weather showers all morning but fine after.

Thursday May 28 1908

This is Grandma's Birthday. She is 70 today, the children went over to tea. I could not get away. Annie and Millie were there too. I would like to have gone it is such a long time since I have been out. JH is not working today he is going to have two or three days off, he feeds and milks the cows and feeds the pigs and wheels in a bit of wood. Weather fine.

Friday May 29 1908

The Inspector was at the School yesterday all the children did very well, Bobbie passed into the upper first, Jim into the third and Jean into the fifth. Jean did very well she got 112 marks. JH still doing the same.

Saturday May 30 1908

Jean went over to get her music lesson this afternoon. She says Grandma has a very bad cold and a sore throat and did not get up till sometime this afternoon. Emily has Neuralgia very bad and Uncle Rob came up at dinner time, he will stay till Sunday night. Joe got 17/6 tonight. Weather beautiful day.

Monday June 1 1908

I went home yesterday to see Mother. She is a little better, but Emily's face is very bad. Uncle went home last night. Hayes's have gone away from The Basin. I believe they have gone to Kew. Three furniture vans came up today with the new peoples furniture and they will take Hayes furniture back with them tomorrow. I think the people who have bought it are a Mr Blakey and Mr Mitchell. I hope they are nice people. JH over with Jack.

Tuesday June 2 1908

Jim went over to ask after Grandma, she is getting better. JH over with Jack. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday June 3 1908

There was a very severe frost here this morning, the paddocks and even up on the hill was as white as snow and there was plenty of ice on the water it is the first frost worth mentioning this season. Mothers cold is getting better. JH over with Jack. Weather very cold.

Thursday June 4 1908

Jack came down early this morning and took my 4 pigs and little bull calf down to Box Hill to Mr Lloyd's, he brought back a sack of flour for me he called at Bayswater station for it, he ordered it last Saturday and one for themselves as well he paid one pound and 6d for the sack. Joe ploughing here all day today. Jack brought Ben down with him this morning. Jack did not get paid for the pigs and calf. Today has been a dreadfully cold day there was a cold north wind blowing all day and it was bitterly cold, it commenced to rain about 6 o'clock after threatening all day and it is still raining. Weather rain

Friday June 5 1908

Joe over with Jack. Weather rain

Saturday June 6 1908

Joe here today he cut some wood and chaff but could not do much else it was so wet. (Wages paid up till Monday today.) Weather rain.

Monday June 7 1908

There is a holiday today for the "Prince of Wales" birthday. Jim went up to Uncle Arthur to get his hair cut. Jean went over to practice. They came home together. Joe over with Jack. Weather dull and cloudy.

Tuesday June 9 1908

Wednesday June 10 1908

Thursday June 11 1908

I paid Joe (4 weeks wages today up till last Saturday.) JH over with Jack.

Friday June 12 1908

It was so wet this morning Joe did not go over to Jack he cut some chaff and went over after dinner but came back about 4 o'clock for the rain. It has been a most miserable week raining every day and a thick mist hanging over the trees. The ground is so sloppy it has been raining every day this week but Monday not heavy rain, but keeping on all the time and so cold. I wish it would clear up.

Saturday June 13 1908

JH over with Jack.

Monday June 15 1908

This is a beautiful day just like Spring. Mother has been sick for over 2 weeks but is much better now. I expected her down yesterday but she did not come. She went up to Annie's to see Millie. She is sick. I was disappointed as I have not been out or seen anyone to speak to for 2 weeks. Emily came down for a short time but she had to go back early to look after her fowls. JH over with Jack.

Tuesday June 16 1908

Mother came down today. Millie is getting better. Mother thinks it was just a bad bilious attack. Mother does not look well herself. We were going to town today Mother and I, but Jack lent the horses to Joe to plough down here and put in the rest of the oats and he thought we should not put him off for fear it rained again. I suppose we will have to wait till next week. I think it would do Mother good to get out. JH ploughing. Weather fine.

Wednesday June 17 1908

Joe dug the carrots today. There was not very many the rabbits destroyed a lot of them. Jack came down before he had quite finished them to get Joe to help to kill his pig. Weather beautiful.

Thursday June 18 1908

Emily came down this morning to help me pack apples. Jack is going to take all mine down this week, if there is a load. Joe went over for "Ben" today and finished ploughing the piece of ground behind the wood shed and he finished gathering the carrots and ploughed the ground and the maize ground alongside it. Weather fine but cold.

Friday June 19 1908

Emily came down again this morning to help me. She brought me some pork it was a very nice pig and very fat. She went home after dinner. We packed 43 cases. I did not think there was so many. Jack came down about half past three and started again at half past 4. JH over with Jack. Weather showery.

Saturday June 20 1908

Jeans hand is nearly well again now. She went over to get her music lesson this afternoon. Joe planted some broad beans this morning and some cabbage plants that he got from Mrs Kerr. He planted them up near the pigsty and sowed a few white turnip seed near the broad beans. He got an hour off this afternoon to go and watch a football match between Croydon and Olinda played in the Army paddock. Weather fine but cold.

Monday June 22 1908

Mother was down yesterday. She looks better than she did last time I saw her. She brought me the money for the apples, it came to a lot more than I thought it would eleven pound some shillings. Mother and I were going to town this morning, but it rained all last night and all day today, the mountains are covered with snow, there has been heavy showers of hail and sleet nearly all day. Emily came down this afternoon to say Mother would go to town tomorrow if it did not rain. There were only five children at School today. I did not send Bobbie, Joe did not go over home till after dinner he cut chaff and wood in the morning. He got 2/- yesterday. Weather bitterly cold.

Tuesday June 23 1908

We could not go to town again this morning, it rained the whole night through with heavy showers of hail sleet and snow, but the snow did not lie on the ground here, the mountains are very white this morning and it is bitterly cold. JH did not go over today it was so wet.

Wednesday June 24 1908

JH over with Jack. Weather cloudy and very cold.

Thursday June 25 1908

Friday June 26 1908

JH over with Jack. Jean went over to practice after school and she is going to stay all night as she would only have to go over tomorrow in the wet. JH got 2/6 tonight. Weather very wet.

Saturday June 27 1908

Jim was not well this morning but he seems better tonight. Bobbie has such bad chilblains he can't put his boots on. JH over with Jack, it has been a very wet day.

Monday June 29 1908

Mother and I went to town today, it was a bitterly cold day, such a heavy frost this morning and the sun did not come out much all day. I don't think I ever felt it so cold. Emily came down first thing in the morning. She was here before I left. I bought a new jacket and hat and an overcoat for Jimmy. Howes, the people that lived in Mr C. Chandlers house are going away tomorrow, there is a Mr Gill going to live there now. JH stayed home today.

Tuesday June 30 1908

Emily stayed all night last night but went home first thing this morning. She is going over to Howes, they have some things to sell and she is going to see if she can get me a chest of drawers. JH over with Jack.

Wednesday July 1 1908

Emily got me a duchess chest of drawers. I have not seen it yet it is over home. JH over with Jack.

Thursday July 2 1908

JH over with Jack.

Friday July 3 1908

They are having Arbor Day at Bayswater today. Emily and Jean walked down there were a good many there but it was cold and windy and the ground very damp. Jean had the toothache most of the time, so they did not enjoy themselves much. Charlotte and Elsie were there. JH over with Jack this morning, he got off half a day to go to Bayswater, he got 5/- before he went.



Saturday July 4 1908

Joe did not come home last night, he did not get back till nearly eight o'clock. I had milked the cows when he came. Jack came down after breakfast and he and Joe took 4 of my heifers and the little red one of his over to his paddock the one he has just fenced. Jim went with them. Jean stayed over there last night and will not come home till after her music lesson. Weather showery.

Monday July 6 1908

This is Jeans birthday she is 12 years old. Emily came down to tea. Jean wanted Grandma to come, but it was too wet for her. Joe is going away, he gave me a weeks notice this morning he gave no reason for going. I suppose somebody offered him a place. I think it is Johnsons at Bayswater. I am sorry he is going. I don't know what we will do, it is so hard to get anyone you can trust. He has been here over 6 years, he is over with Jack today.

Tuesday July 7 1908

I went over to Mrs H. Chandlers to pay for a sack of bone dust I had some time ago. JH is going to stay here the rest of the week and cut wood. I paid 11/- for the bone dust. Weather fine.

Wednesday July 8 1908

Mother came down today. Weather showery.

Thursday July 9 1908

Friday July 10 1908

Saturday July 11 1908

I paid Joe 5 weeks wages less 15/6 that he had had at different times, he will go either on Sunday or Monday.

Monday July 13 1908

Emily came down this afternoon. Joe went away this morning, but came back this afternoon with Peter Rafferty for his things. I don't know where he is going. Weather misty showers all day.

Tuesday July 14 1908

We got up at 6 o'clock this morning and got the cows milked and all the other work done and got our breakfast at 8 o'clock, so we did not take long. Bobbie has very bad broken chilblains and is home from School, he cannot get his boots on. Weather fine.

Wednesday July 15 1908

Mother came down this afternoon, it is such a beautiful afternoon just like Spring. Emily went over to Simpsons yesterday to call on Mrs and Miss Box the managers wife and daughter. They are very nice people.

August 4 1908

I have not written in this book for nearly three weeks. We have had some very severe frosts, it is very cold to go out first thing in the morning to milk but we are getting used to it. I asked Jack Maguire last week if he would come to prune the orchard for me. He said he would let me know in a day or two but I have not heard from him yet. The last time I wrote I did not know where JH had gone, but since that heard that he went to Dodds and is there yet. Annie and Millie were down to spend the day last Thursday. Grandma came down after dinner. There was no School yesterday or today, the Master Mr Thomas has a very bad cold. We all have bad colds. Major Head has come back from Western Australia to be over the Army farm, he has been away about 4½ years. Three of the children are coming to school.

August 18 1908

We have all had very bad colds. Bobbie has been home from school for two weeks and Jim was home for a few days. Mother and Emily had it very bad too, but we are all better now except for coughs. Jack Maguire came to prune last Monday Aug. 10 he did not come Wednesday or Saturday he was here yesterday and it was such a disagreeable day heavy showers of rain and sleet and windy and cold. He came this morning but it commenced to rain again and looked set in, so he went home again, it cleared up after dinner, he has not much more to do. Mrs Mitchell called this afternoon, she is very nice. Elsie came up the Sunday before last, she had little Eddie with her. Bert Pegler drove her up.

September 8 1908

Jack Maguire finished the pruning some time ago, he is coming again one day to cart the cuttings off. The children have picked them all up and put them in heaps ready for him. He took 7 days to do the pruning. I paid him 35/-. I have two hens sitting one has been sitting a week tomorrow and the other I set this morning, 14 eggs each. I got the eggs from Mrs Baldwin. Mrs Mitchell called this afternoon. She got the butter and paid for last weeks. I like her very much. I went over to Mrs Kerrs yesterday. I took Jean with me and sent her over to Baldwins for the setting of eggs. The boys were over at Grandmas spending the day. They have had a weeks holiday for the American Fleet and the Melbourne Show. There was great excitement in town all the week. I did not go down. Annie and Emily went one day with Arthur. They did not get home till nearly two o'clock in the morning. Jack went down another day, he went down the bay to see the Fleet. They went away last Saturday. There was over two hundred sailors run away. One of the ships has been left behind to see if they can find any of them. Jack called in here tonight, he had been down to Bayswater, he says Mr Box the manager up at Miss Simpsons was badly hurt today. Doctor Craig went up this evening. I hope it is not serious. Jack does not know how it happened, he thinks a tree or a branch fell on him. Miss Simpson is coming to live in the house the end of this week. We have been having such miserable weather lately, raining nearly two weeks, a nasty misty rain and makes

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Wednesday September 16 1908

We have been having some very changeable weather lately and a good deal of rain and wind. Yesterday morning and all day Monday the 14th of September the mountains were white with snow. You could see the snow falling in heavy showers even the tops of the trees were white. This morning and yesterday morning there was a very heavy frost and ice on the water. The sun shone out warm and bright first thing this morning and soon melted the frost. I noticed that it killed any potatoes that were growing about. It has been quite hot all day such a contrast to the last two days. Grandma came down this afternoon and Mrs Mitchell called. Last Monday was Jim's birthday, he was 10 years old. Emily came down to tea. Grandma felt too tired to come and it was such a miserably cold day too, with heavy showers of rain and hail. Elsie sent him a postcard and so did Maude from her and Eddie. Mrs Chandler and the children and Miss Gilmour were over on Sunday to tea. The children went up to the creek in the afternoon and they found a little calf drowned in the watering place, it was old "Bess's" calf it must have been there for about a week and I did not know. I brought her in and milked her but of course she gave very little milk. I was so sorry about the calf because I had plenty of milk to feed it. Beauty calved yesterday morning a bull calf. We expect Primrose in the end of the month. Jack has a man over there working, but he does not think he will suit, he is not much of a worker. I wish he could get a good man. Jean was over to practice this afternoon. She said Mrs Stewart called while she was there. Jim and I put two rows of potatoes in last week up near the cabbages.

Thursday October 1 1908

I went over to Mr Harry Chandlers and bought two little pigs, one is to go home and the other for myself. Harry brought them over last Friday. Jack has not been down for theirs yet. I paid 15/- each for them and they are only 8 weeks old. Old Bess the cow that lost its calf is giving a little more milk. I suppose she will come to her milk alright when there is more grass. The grass is growing nicely now, the paddocks are all so green. The man Jack had working is leaving next Monday, he is no good he is so slow. He has gone to Bayswater this morning to see about another one Bert Pegler told me about on Tuesday. Jack Maguire and his boy came and carted all the cuttings out of the orchard for me and he did not charge anything for doing it, it was very kind of him. The same afternoon Mrs Will Chandler and little Clarence came to spend the afternoon and the little girls came in after school. She has not been to see me before for some years. Mrs Mitchell came while she was here too. Mother was down yesterday, it tires her very much to walk down here now the Army have ploughed up all the front paddocks and she has to walk all round the bank of the creek and it makes it such a long way and the path is very rough. Charlie Dobson was here to tea on Sunday and Jack and Mother too. There was a heavy thunderstorm just after dinner. Mother got wet coming down and the children too, they had gone to meet her. Charlie was on his way to Montrose and it came on just as he got to the gate, he did not go any further. The children are practising for the S.S. Anniversary it is to be in about a fortnight. The hens I set have not done very well, one has 6 chicks and the other 8.

October 14 1908

The 3'd of this month was my birthday. Elsie sent me a photo frame to hang on the wall to hold three photos and Mrs Mitchell made me a pretty doily. Mother Emily and Jean went to town the beginning of last week. Jean got a new hat so did Emily. Last Tuesday Mrs Kerr took Jean over to Montrose there was an entertainment over there by children. There was maypole dancing, club swinging, fancy drills and exercising etc. Jean stayed all night at Mrs Kerrs. They are still practising for the Anniversary it is next Sunday. I hope it will be fine. We have had some very hot days lately it has been very hot today and we had a nice rain last weed the grass is looking beautiful. The little heifer "Primrose" calved today, a heifer calf.

October 27 1908

The Sunday before last was Anniversary day, it was beautiful and fine in the morning and there was a nice lot there, the church was full and they had decorated it so nicer with lilies, lilac and other flowers, it rained after dinner and kept on all the afternoon. The roads were very muddy for the evening service and it kept raining all the time- I did not go, both the boys have bad colds. Jean went by herself, she came home with Mr and Mrs Mitchell. She said there was a good few there for such a bad night. On Monday we had a social and the children got their prizes. Jean and Jim each got a very nice book, Bobbie got a picture book. I had a card from Charlotte today, she says she is coming up on Wednesday. The weather is warm and bright and there is plenty of grass for the cows. "Primrose" is a very good little cow, she gives a nice lot of milk and is very quiet.

Thursday October 29 1908

Charlotte came up yesterday and we went over home after the children came from School. Bobbie went with us, the others stayed home. Bobbie has not been to School for two weeks, he has had a very bad cold, he still has a bad cough and does not look well. I put "Daisy" into the grass paddock last Friday to fatten for the butcher. She has been running in the road for some time. The last few days have been dreadfully hot, it looks like a change tonight.

November 19 1908

The children were over at Grandmas this afternoon to tea, it is Millie's birthday. She is two years old. Mrs Blake and her niece Dorothy Thomas were down this afternoon. Mitchells have gone away from The Basin, they have gone to Montrose to live. I have not seen them since they went away. I went over to see Mrs Kerr on Monday, she said Mr Kerr was going to take a calf down to Box Hill soon and would take mine for me. I am very glad, I did not know how to get it down. He thinks he will be able to cut my oats when he has finished his own. I have not got any maize in yet, I cannot get anybody to plough the ground. Jack put in a few rows of potatoes for me. I put in a few carrot parsnip and pumpkin seeds but it is so dry they have not come up yet. I am afraid they will be too late. Bobbie has been home from School these last two days with a bad cold. Jimmie stepped right on a big snake last Sunday afternoon in the grass just near the back door, he got a dreadful fright and so did I, it was three feet nine inches long. Emily was down at Emma's two days this week. Jean stopped over with Grandma while she was away. We are milking six cows just now, I expect Pansy in any day now. Jean milks two, old Bess and Primrose.

## 1909

February 6 1909

It is such a long time since I wrote in this book, more than 2 months. I should have written before but am always so busy and I have not felt well since Christmas. I have had neuralgia off and on for weeks and my eyes are very bad. I am going down to get new spectacles as soon as the busy time is over. The peaches are in now and they have not got a man just now at home so they have a lot to do. I hope it will not be too much for Grandma. They had Ernie Blackmore working there for a good while but he left the first week of the peaches. The last time I wrote I mentioned that Mr Kerr was going to take a calf down to Box Hill for me. He took it to the market there and got 14/6 for it. Mr Kerr and Bert and Mr Blake came and cut my crop for me and stooked it as well, it was very kind of them.

I have some very nice maize in the piece of ground behind the woodshed it is nearly ready for cutting and some more not quite so early up along the drain where the carrots were last year and. there is two or three lands up on the oat ground but that is much later. Jack came and put it all in for me. I could not get anyone to do it for me. Mr Bill Collier ploughed the oat ground and cut a lot of grass that was growing about the orchard, he charged 9/- a day for ploughing and 4/9 for work done without the horses. I have not any green stuff in yet, Jack is too busy and Mr Collier can't come either.

I sold Spot and Daisy to the butcher (Mr Dodds) between Christmas and New Year, he gave six pound for Spot and five pound for Daisy. I have five cows milking just now. Sallie calved this week a heifer calf. I have Pansy's calf yet, it is getting so big it ought to have been sold long ago but it is so awkward to get them down. The butcher has promised to come and take it to Box Hill on Monday, I will be glad to get rid of it. Arthur and Annie have had a fortnights holidays, they took a house at Mordialloc. Mother went down with them and she took Jean. They stopped a week all but a day, it was not nice weather, it was cold and windy and wet part of the time but they enjoyed themselves and Mother looked much better when she came back. She had had a bad cold for some time before but she seemed to get rid of it down there. Emily and I and the boys were all going down while they were there but the peaches came in and we had to stay at home, we were all disappointed.

Little Eddie Pegler has been ill since before Christmas, he has infantile paralysis, he can walk a little now but cannot move one of his arms. He is in a private hospital. Elsie was up a day or two before Christmas and stayed all night. Charlotte was up last Sunday. Louie was down for three weeks. She came down the day before New Year, she would not stay any longer, she was anxious to get back to the children. Old Mr Interman died the middle of January. I do not know what was the matter with him. Mrs Blake and Miss Box were down yesterday. Miss Cornwall has gone away from The Basin and is living in Brighton. The children got a postcard from her last week. The weather is very cold for this time of the year, we have had a good lot of rain and the grass is turning green again.

February 24 1909

We are having such a lovely rain today, everything was beginning to look so dry. Yesterday was a dreadfully hot day. I think it was the hottest of the season, it has been very hot for a week past. Jack came down yesterday afternoon and put in some oats for greenstuff. He put in the piece by the orchard. This rain will bring it up nicely. The maize looks very well, we have not started to feed the cows yet. Jack came down again this morning but it started to rain just after he got here so he had to go home again. Emily went over to see Mrs Archie Chandler yesterday.

Mother and I went to town last Tuesday. We were going on Monday but the coach was full and we could not get in and had to come back again. Emily came down and stayed with the children till I came back she went home next morning. I have not been well since Christmas. I have had neuralgia in my head so bad I could scarcely beat it. I went to the Doctors. When I was down, I thought it was my eyes that made my head so bad, but he says it is neuralgia in my head and I am thoroughly run down and need a change. I am much better now I have been taking some medicine he gave me. The day we were down Mother got her photo taken at "Talmas", she had it taken before Christmas but somehow there was a mistake about it and she had to get it taken again. The proof came today. I like it so much, I think it is the very image of her.

I sold "Billy" the lamb last Saturday. I got 7 /6 for it. I had to sell it, it would knock Bobbie down whenever he went near it, and I thought it would hurt him. The butcher took "Pansy's" calf too, he did not keep it himself, he took it down to Box Hill to Mr Lloyd. I got One pound 3/1 for it, it was 3 months old. Jumper and Bess got into the young maize this evening. I put them out in the road till I can look to the fence, we were afraid they would go back again in the night, and perhaps take the others with them.

Tuesday March 9 1909

We have had very hot close weather for a week past, but it changed on Saturday and rained all the afternoon and evening, a good steady rain and it has been quite cool since but dreadfully windy. The ground is covered with apples. We started feeding the cows over a week ago, and, the rain has made the grass grow, the paddocks have got quite green again. "Jumper" calved last Sunday a bull calf it is a nice big calf. Jumper has been very quiet so far, we have been troubled with the Army sheep this last week or two. There was 3 of them in here for over two weeks, but last week they started getting into the potatoes and orchard. I had to send two or three times about them before they took any notice, then they sent and took them away. Mother was down this afternoon, she says their little calf has something the matter with it, she thinks it is paralysed, it can't stand on its feet. I hope it gets alright again soon. Mrs Mitchell called this afternoon.

March 23 1909

The people from over this way are up at the church tonight decorating it for Miss Lottie Baldwin's wedding. She is to be married tomorrow to Mr Sillick. There is only relations invited to the wedding. The Sunday School teachers and scholars gave her a nice Bible. Mrs Mitchell called this afternoon. Will Chandler has sold his place to a family the name of Mackay. There is 9 children in the family. They are Church of England. Chandlers are living up in the school house at present. They are practising singing up at the church once a week for the Church Anniversary, it is to be next month. The little calf I mentioned last time I wrote, the one Grandma thought was paralysed did not get any better and Jack had to kill it.

May 6 1909

The Church Anniversary was a success as far as attendance, but they only charged 6d admission so did not make much. The church was full both morning and evening. Three weeks ago Jim scalded his leg very badly, he had a little tin of water boiling on a fire outside where I had been burning rubbish. Jean went to take it off and between them they upset it over his leg, it was blistered from the knee to the ankle, it is only just better now. Bobbie has a very bad cold today and has been home from School. About 4 weeks ago Jack bought 3 little pigs for me from Mr Gill, he paid 12/6 for them. They are getting on nicely. Last Thursday the butcher took two little calves down to Box Hill for me, he got 6/- for the little bull, it was very small, and One pound 1/6 for the other one.

June 1 1909

It has been raining nearly all day but it looks nice and fine tonight. Mrs Blake came down this afternoon. She got very wet. Mother and Emily went to town yesterday, they got a lot of things for me and a new table for the other room, it will be so nice to have a solid table in the kitchen. The Inspector is coming to the school tomorrow. I would like Jean to pass. Bert Pegler has been very ill, he is in a private hospital yet and has been there for about 2 weeks, he was operated on for appendicitis. Maud has a little baby girl it was not quite 2 weeks old when Bert took bad. Annie has a little baby boy 3 weeks old, he is a dear little fellow, they have called him Arthur John, little Millie has been very ill. They had to send for the doctor and Mother was up there for a week. She is nearly well again now. Mother was 71 years old last Friday, we could not go over that day because of the market, but we went over on Sunday to tea.

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March 29 1910

This is Easter Tuesday. Easter is very early this year. I have not written anything in this book since last June, but am going to make another start. A lot of things has happened since I last wrote that I cannot think of now, but I will write down some of them. About two weeks ago Mrs Archie Chandler died. I was so sorry. She had been ailing for some time, but they did not consider her in danger, but whatever she had turned to blood poisoning and she died quite suddenly. Old Mrs Chandler has taken the thee little children.

Mr and Mrs Blake have left The Basin, there are new people in their place, their name is Gibson. There is Mr Gibson and his wife and 7 children. Mr Gibson is blind. I was so sorry Blakes went away, I miss them very much. Mrs Blake was very ill before she went away and now she is in Doctor O'Hara's private hospital and has had an operation. I believe she is getting on nicely and expecting to be out again soon.

Emma Truswell is very ill, she has inflammation of the lungs, but I believe she has taken a turn for the better. Mrs Collier and Earnie was up this afternoon. I gave them some apples. Of course it is since I wrote last that they have come back to The Basin. Jessie is married now and Earnie is working at Box Hill, so the old people are alone now. They have shifted Alberts house up on to the Bayswater road so he is quite close to them.

I have been very ill. About the first of November I got a very bad cold and it seemed as if I could not get rid of it. I kept about and managed to do my work till about three weeks before Christmas and then Emily came down. When she had been here about a week we sent for Doctor White from Ringwood, he said I was thoroughly run down and fit to take anything. I did not seem to get much better and on Christmas Day I went over to Mothers with the children. Jack came down for us with the wagon as I could not walk. Emily did not go over, she said she was too tired and it was so very hot. I intended to stay two or three days when I went over, but on the day after Boxing Day one of my legs became so painful I could not walk and could scarcely sit up.

Emma, Ted and the children and one of Tilly's? children came up on New Year's Day but I had to stay in bed nearly all the time they were there. About a week after Christmas we sent for Doctor Craig to see what was the matter with it. He said the veins were inflamed and I must not walk on it. He said it was very bad. I had to stay in bed for about 5 or 6 weeks I forget which. Then just when I could get up and was trying to walk Mother got influenza very bad so Emily had to come home after being away eight weeks. I went down home in the wagon and Annie came down with the children to stop with us and help the children. I could do nothing but mind the baby. She stopped nearly three weeks and then Charlotte came up and stayed nearly three weeks and did the work for me. It is 3 weeks now since she went home and I can do my own work again and feel almost quite well.



Monday April 11 1910

Emily came down first thing this morning to help me pack some Jonathan apples for market, there were a good many cases I forget just how many, but Jack will know, he did not take any of his own. It looks very like rain tonight, we need it badly, everything is so dry. The butcher took a little bull calf down to Box Hill for me last Thursday. It was 6 weeks old, he got 14/6 for it. I pay him 2/- for taking them down. He took down one the week before it was 10 weeks old and got 16/- for it.

Charlotte, Elsie and Maude's two little boys Edgar and Marshall came up last Tuesday morning to spend the day. Elsie is just back from Western Australia. She went over by herself to spend her holidays with Flora. She had 4 weeks. I was pleased to see them all. Last Wednesday Mother and I and the two boys went to town. I had some shopping to do and when we had finished we took the boys to the Zoo, they thoroughly enjoyed the day. Emily came down to stay while we were away. Of course Jean was at school. We went down and back by the coach. The weather is keeping very dry. We have had no rain to speak of for a month past. The roads are dreadfully dusty.

Wednesday April 13 1910

Today is Election Day. I think all the people in The Basin who had votes went down to Bayswater to vote. Mr Collier drove Mother and Emily down first thing this morning and about 1 o'clock he drove up for me. Mrs Yeadon and Mrs Albert Collier went down with us. I went into Pegler's shop and saw Maud, Charlotte and the children for a short time. I (saw) Bert Pegler and Mr Tom Dobson at the Hall. Uncle Tom is looking wonderfully well. I had not seen him for some time. I saw Arthur down there too, he had taken the ladies from Ferndale down to vote. Annie could not go. Arthur says the baby is sick. I suppose he is getting more teeth. I hope it is nothing worse. There is a little misty rain tonight.

Wednesday April 20 1910

We have not had any rain for some time. We had a thunder storm last Monday and it rained very heavy in some places but we had only a light shower here. Everything is looking so dry and there is no grass for the cows.

Wednesday April 27 1910

Last Sunday was our church anniversary, the church was quite full in the morning. I was not there in the evening. Our new Minister Mr Taylor took both services. I liked him very well, it was his first appearance at The Basin. We had a Coffee Social on Monday. There was a good many there, but not nearly so many as there would have been had it been a nice night. All day the wind blew very hard and it was so very hot, bush fires burning all round the district. About the time people would start for the social the wind was blowing a perfect hurricane, and the fires on the mountain looked something beautiful. The whole face of the mountain from One Tree Hill to Mr Griffiths was one sheet of fire and the burning trees looked just like a town. There was another large fire that had travelled from Montrose and completely covered two sides of Mt. Dandenong. The sight was something beautiful. There was another big one over near Stewarts and it came right up near Yeadon's house. Toward the end of the concert a thunder storm came up very suddenly and no one was prepared for it as it looked so fine when we started out. I was never out on such a night. The wind was so strong you could scarcely keep your feet and the dust was something terrible, as we had not had rain for so long. When the meeting was over the storm seemed just about to break, and what with the wind and thunder and lightning and the fires all round it was a dreadful night. I started with the children and ran nearly all the way home and just got in as the rain commenced. Jimmy went back with an umbrella and jacket for Emily so he got very wet before he got back. It rained very heavy for about half an hour and then cleared up, it was not enough to do any good on the ground, but gave us some water and laid the dust. Most of the people got wet through going home. Arthur got wet to the skin. Emily got very wet too in spite of the jacket and umbrella I sent her.

Rosie had a calf on Monday, a little bull. It is a nice little calf. She is very quiet lets me milk her without tying up. The cows are going off in their milk, there is no feed for them. I made some quince jam today. Annie went to town today and took Millie with her. She left the baby home with Mother.

Jim and I put in some broad beans last week. We are busy picking apples, we have finished the Rhymers, there was not very many good ones., there was such a lot of them with holes in them. We are at the Rome Beauties now. I will be glad when they are finished, it is so tiring. I had a letter yesterday from Mrs Blake. She is out of the hospital and is getting better slowly. Rose Sillick, Mrs Jack Colliers sister died last Saturday of typhoid fever, she was in the hospital. She was just nineteen. She used to come to this Sunday School when she was a little girl and was in Arthur's class.

June 10 1910

Last month the 8 of May King Edward the Seventh died, it was very sudden. On the Friday the papers said he was very ill and he died on Saturday. It cast a great gloom over the country as he had proved a very good and peaceful King. The city was draped with purple and black and flags were flying half mast till after the funeral, and nearly everyone is in mourning and will be for three months. We are having very cold windy weather but very little rain for this time of the year. The roads are quite good. The last time I wrote about the storm we had on the Anniversary night and how wet most of the people got. Emily got very wet and caught a very bad cold and about a week after she got a second chill and it turned to mumps and a very bad quinsy in her throat. She was so bad Mother sent for Doctor White, her throat was almost closed up. Jean and Jim had the mumps. Nearly all the school children had them. I had them very bad for two or three days. We have picked all the apples and we have a good many Rome Beauty. The army boys stole three cases after we had picked them. Clover had a little bull calf a little over a week ago. I still have Rosie's calf, the butcher is going to take it next Thursday. About the end of April Mother and I went to town and took the boys. We took them to the Zoo and they enjoyed themselves very much. Mrs Blake has been staying up at Tippits for two weeks for a change. She went down last Thursday. She is getting quite strong again. She came down twice while she was there. I went over to see Mrs Kerr yesterday, she expects May home soon. Weather dry and cold

June 14 1910

I went over to Mrs Popes today. I wanted to see if Mr Pope would do some ploughing for me, it is getting so late for the oats. He was not at home but Mrs Pope thinks he will be able to come. Jean is home from school today, she has a bad cold. chill Chandler and his family are going away from The Basin to Queensland. Will has taken up some land away in the bush and he and Willie are putting up a house ready for the others. I don't know how Mrs Will will get on up there as she is so fond of getting out and her nearest neighbour will be about six miles away and there will be no school for the children. We have had a splendid rain this week, more than we have had before. The weather is still cold and windy. The butcher is coming for "Rosie's" calf on Thursday, it is a nice little calf.

**Golden Rules**

If you've got a task to do  
Let me whisper, friend, to you,  
Do it.

If you've anything to say,  
True and needed, yea or nay  
Say it

If you've anything to love,  
As a blessing from above,  
Love it.

If you've anything to give,  
That another's joy may live  
Give it.

If you know what torch to light  
Guiding others through the night,  
Light it

If you've any debt to pay,  
Rest you neither night nor day,  
Pay it.

If you've any joy to hold,  
Next your heart, lest it get cold  
Hold it.

If you've any grief to meet,  
At the loving Father's feet,  
Meet it.

If you're given light to see  
What a child of God should be  
See it.

Whether life be bright or drear,  
There's a message sweet and clear,  
Whispered down to every ear  
Hear it

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Monday April 12 1915

We have had a long drought there has not been any rain except a few light showers, since November 1914, everything is so dry there is no grass for the cattle. There has been such a lot of sheep round this district looking for food and water, most of them came from the North of Victoria. We have no grass for the cows, we have had to put them over in Uncle Jacks paddock. The boys take them in the morning and bring them home at night. We were glad to see the rain, it commenced on Saturday evening April the 10th and we have had 2 inches. Jim and I went to Dandenong a fortnight ago and the Dandenong Creek and Ferntree Gully Creek were both quite dry. Our Creek was running very low but it did not stop running. Jean is over at Grandmas tonight. Uncle Jack has gone to market. Grandma has not been well for a long time, and some of us go over nearly every day. Jean stops all night on Monday when Uncle is away and I stop Friday nights. I will be very glad when the market is done. Mr Bright is having a new house built on the property he bought from Old Mr Kerr. Weather looks like more rain.

Tuesday April 13 1915

There has been heavy showers all day. Jean stayed over at Grandmas last night and came home this evening. Annie did not go down as usual it was too wet. I was going up to Doongalla to see Mrs Box but it was too wet. Joan our little heifer had a calf on Monday, a little bull. She is very quiet, not a bit of trouble, so is Spot. She had a calf just a fortnight ago, a heifer calf. Weather wet.

Wednesday April 14 1915

I went up to see Mrs Box at Doongalla this afternoon, it was a lovely afternoon and I enjoyed the walk. Miss May Bolton was staying there for a few days. Jim was over helping Uncle Jack as usual. Jean went to Kilsyth this morning for her music lesson. The new school at Kilsyth is to be opened tomorrow. Weather fine.

Thursday April 15 1915

Jean went over to Grandmas this afternoon. Jim over picking beans. Bobby has a holiday from School today for the opening of the Kilsyth School. I believe it is one of the most up to date schools for its size in Victoria. Weather fine.

Friday April 16 1915

I go over to Grandmas every Friday afternoon and stay all night while John goes to market. I don't get home till Saturday evening. Weather dull and cloudy.

Saturday April 17 1915

I was over home all day. Jean went for her music lesson. Bobby went up to Annie's this afternoon. The paddocks are beginning to look green again after the rain. Bobby gathered some mushrooms this morning. Weather Cloudy, like rain.

Sunday April 18 1915

We all went to Church this morning. Emily was not at the Sunday School today Grandma was not so well. I went over to see her this afternoon Jim came over to meet me in the evening. Jim and Bob went over to look at Bright's new house this afternoon. Weather Beautiful.

Monday April 19 1915

I gathered a nice lot of mushrooms this morning. Jack brought down some sacks of apples for the pigs and three rolls of fencing wire for the fence between us and the Army. Grandma came with him for the drive. it was such a bright, beautiful morning. She did not stay but went back with him again, she looked very bad this morning, so very pale and thin. Jean went over this afternoon and Jim went as usual this morning, he took ½ case of green tomatoes with him. Arthur sent me down a whole case on Saturday, I am going to make some pickle. Bobby and I are doing up the garden in any spare time we have, which is not very much. Weather beautiful, very bright and cold like frost.

Tuesday April 20 1915

Jim stayed home today to get some new slip rails, they were broken in nearly every place, he got eleven and dragged them down with "Dick." He did not get them all put in, he will do that in the mornings. Les Dickson was down this evening for his butter, they get 1½ lbs a week, butter is 1/3 a pound just now. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday April 21 1915

I did some washing this morning and went over to see Grandma this afternoon. Weather fine.

Thursday April 22 1915

Jean went over to Mothers this afternoon. I finished my washing. Bobby digging the garden after school. Weather fine.

Friday April 23 1915

Charlie Dobson called this afternoon and stayed to tea. I went over to Grandmas in the evening to stay the night as Jack was in the market. It rained this evening.

Saturday April 24 1915

I stayed over home till this evening. We did not get home till after 10 o'clock, as Jack went to a Council meeting after he got home from market, he is interested in a proposed new road from Sassafras. Jean went for her music today. I was chopping a piece of wood last Thursday when a piece flew up and struck me on the chin, it nearly knocked me down, it bruised my chin very badly and cut it a little, it is very blue and swollen today. Weather very cold all day.

Monday 26 April 1915

There is a holiday from School for 8 hrs day. Jim stayed home to finish the sliprails, but he had to look for "Dick" instead, he got into the road last night and a motor car frightened him and he galloped away up over the hill. He found him this afternoon in Albert Avenue. Jean went over home this afternoon, Jim has gone to meet her, it is 11 o'clock and they are not home yet. Our new minister in place of Mr Thompson preached yesterday. Weather cloudy all day, but clear and cold this evening. There was frost yesterday, it has burnt the maize slightly.

Tuesday April 27 1915

Jim was home all day, he put new slip rails into the top paddock and into the lane, it took a long time as the ground was so hard and he had to dig post holes. Laddie had a very nasty fall yesterday, he was running down their yard and fell down three steps on to the asphalt path. He cut his face both above and below his eye, he had to go to the Doctors and have 4 stitches put in. I hope it will not leave a mark. Millie has been home from school a week with a very bad cold. Weather fine but cold.

Wednesday April 28 1915

Jim over with Jack again today. Mr Kerr was helping to cut chaff at his place today when he fell off the dray on to an apple case standing right side up and cut his arm from the wrist to the elbow about an inch deep. He had to go to the Doctor at Ringwood and had 11 stitches put in. Weather fine.

Thursday April 29 1915

Jean went over to Grandmas this afternoon. Jim over picking beans, they are 30/- a cwt just now. There has been a lot of our soldiers killed in Turkey.

Friday April 30 - Saturday May 1 1915

I went over home on Friday evening and did not come home till this evening. Grandma is just about the same. Laddies face is getting better. Weather fine.

Monday May 3 1915

Jean went over to see Grandma this afternoon. Millie's cold is better. She is back at School again. The School children are practising the Maypole dance for Empire Day which is to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Weather cloudy.

Tuesday May 4 1915

Jim and I went over to Dandenong today with two little calves (Spots and Joans) one was 5 weeks old and the other 8 weeks. We got 18/6 for one and 17/6 for the other, it was a good price, better than we expected. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday May 5 1915

I was over home today to see Grandma. There has been a great many more of our poor soldiers killed in Turkey and a great many Canadian soldiers in France. The Germans killed them with some sort of poisonous gasses, it seems so cruel. Weather still fine.

Thursday May 6 1915

Jean went over home this afternoon. Bobby and I are still at the garden in our spare time, it is beginning to look quite respectable again. The Chrysanthemums are out now.

Friday May 7 1915

Saturday May 8 1915

I had to go over to Grandmas again on Friday and did not get home till this evening. It is the last market day for this season. I am glad. I am so tired of staying away at night. Jack took down 4 pairs of fowls for me, he got 3/6 for one pair and 3/- for the other. Annie has a very bad cold, and Laddie is very sick too. I suppose it is only a cold, but they are anxious as little Dorothy King has Scarlet fever. Weather fine.

Saturday May 8 1915

There is an account of the first battle the Australians fought in in Turkey. It was a dreadful battle, there were such a lot of our poor soldiers killed. They were very brave. The King has sent a message acknowledging their bravery. Fine.

Monday May 10 1915

There was a light rain this morning. Jim did not go over till after dinner. I went over to H. Chandlers this afternoon. I have not been over there for 12 months, my time has been so taken up with Grandma. There is to be a Committee meeting and lady's meeting up at the School tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, to see what they are going to do for Empire Day. I think I will go. Weather light rain.

Tuesday May 11 1915

I went to the meeting this afternoon. They decided to give the children a treat, tea in the school grounds with Maypole dance, marches and races, the children are going to collect for prizes. Weather fine.

Wednesday May 12 1915

"Dick" our horse got out of the paddock Monday evening and Jim has looked everywhere and cannot find him, he is going out again tomorrow. I was over at Mothers today. There has been a lot more of our Soldiers killed at the war and it is reported that the Turks have sunk our submarine A.E.2, the other one met with an accident the very beginning of the war. The Germans have sunk the "Lusitania" the largest passenger steamer afloat, there were nearly 14 hundred people drowned. They sank it off the coast of Ireland. Weather fine.

Thursday May 13 1915

Mr H. Chandler lent Jim the boys pony "Bessie" to go and look for "Dick." He could not find him. Jack went down to Gosbells in Burwood Road as they used to own him to see if he had gone there, but he was not there. I think he must be in some paddock. Jean over home. Weather fine.

Friday May 14 1915

When we got up early this morning "Dick" was leaning over the front gate, he had come home himself, he must have been in a paddock and come as soon as he was let out he must have galloped home as he was spotted all over with mud. Jim stayed home and got some wood this morning and went over home after dinner. Weather rained all night, showery today.



Saturday May 15 1915

Jim mended the fence so that "Dick" could not get out again, he was going to dig some potatoes after dinner but it commenced to rain and has rained steady ever since and it is now half past nine. It will be of great benefit to the country. The rain was very badly needed to bring up the crops which were dying off for want of it. Weather raining.

Monday May 17 1915

It rained heavy showers all day yesterday. I could not go to church. Bobby and I went over home during the afternoon. Mr Finger one of our Sunday School teachers has gone to train at Broadmeadows. I hope he will come back safe. It has rained most of the day today and there has been very high wind at times and heavy showers of hail, we have covers on all the six cows that are home. Jim getting wood and making the cow covers. The Turks have sunk a British warship, the "Goliath" at the Dardanelles. There is 2,700 of our men killed and wounded. Weather cold and wet.

Tuesday May 18 1915

Jim went over home this morning, he is not home yet and it is half past nine and a very wet cold night. I wish he could come home earlier. I suppose John is out and he has to wait till he gets home. It has rained heavy nearly the whole afternoon, it was too wet to get maize for the cows this evening and we had to give them hay. We could not find "Joan" at milking time, I think she must have crossed the creek into the Army paddock. I hope she is alright, butter is 8½ a pound. There is a great shortage of sugar just now, you can only buy 2lbs at a time. I don't know what we will do for our Melon Jam. Weather cold and wet.

Wednesday May 19 1915

Jim did not get home till half past ten. John was down at Bayswater about the proposed new road he is interested in. Joan turned up all right this morning, she was in the Army paddock. I did not go home as usual today, it was too wet and so cold. Weather wet.

Wednesday July 28 1915

I am going to start my diary again. I was over to see Mrs H. Chandler this afternoon. She has another son, they are going to call him Reginald Keith. Jean and Jim are over home, Jack has gone to town, it is striking eleven and there is no sign of them yet. I was over all the afternoon yesterday so that Emily could go over to Croydon to see Mrs Pretty and get some meat, it is very dear just now. She paid 7/6 for a small fore quarter of mutton and 6lbs of rolled brisket for me. Jim drove her over in the buggy with Dick. We have had the buggy about 4 or 5 week but have not used it much yet, the weather has been so bad.

The war cloud is just as black. The Germans and Austrians are fighting desperately for Warsaw. I hope the Russians will be able to keep them back. Mr H. Finger and Mr H. Jackson, our S.S. Teachers have both enlisted. There is to be a lecture by Commissioner Hay of the S. Army. They have invited all the people round the district to go and hear him. Weather fine for the last day or two.

Thursday July 29 1915

I was over home this afternoon to see Mother. I did not get home till half past ten. Jean and Jim got back at half past eleven last night. I have neuralgia very bad, it came on suddenly last night. I have not had it for years. Jim is home today, he is straining the wire between the garden and the grass paddock. The cows have been getting through. Weather cloudy but fine.

Friday July 30 1915

This is Australia Day, the City is to be decorated with gum leaves and there is a lot of collecting to be done in aid of the wounded soldiers. All the State Schools are collecting too. There is one shipload of wounded soldiers come back, they arrived about a week ago and there is another ship load expected shortly. Some of the poor fellows are blind and others on crutches. I was going up to see Mrs Box this afternoon, but my face was too bad. Jim strained the wire between the barn and the paddock, it looks so much better, and he brought down from the clearing a long piece of barbed wire to put over the wire netting between the garden and paddock. The cows break the wire netting feeding through the fence. I mended up the two chicken houses. Weather fine.

Monday August 9 1915

Since I last wrote more than a week ago I have not been well. I have had neuralgia very bad and an abscess in my face. My face is better now, but my nerves seem all upset. I am taking Clements Tonic. I was over home yesterday. I had not been over for more than a week. Grandma is just about the same. Jim is over there tonight, it is half past ten and there is no sign of him yet I suppose he will be late as John has gone to a meeting at Bayswater. Commissioner Hay held a lecture up at the Army School room the Sunday before last, it was very good. I could not go, I was not well enough. Jean and the boys went. There was another shipload of poor wounded soldiers from Egypt arrived last week. One poor fellow amongst them was quite blind. The Russians have had to leave Warsaw. I was so sorry for them, they fought so bravely. I hope they will win it back again, everywhere else seems to be at a standstill at present. The young men are steadily enlisting, every day there are large numbers. Norman Ramage went into camp last week. Mr Finger leaves for the front tomorrow, he should have been gone before this but he has been ill with pneumonia in the base hospital at St. Kilda. Jim strained the fence between the garden and the grass paddock and put some barbed wire on it, to keep the cows from feeding through, and he put wire netting on the panel leading on to the hill, the rabbits were eating the oats. He planted a few cabbage plants on Saturday that Bob brought from the School. Butter is 1/11 a pound just now. Weather cold and windy rained all the afternoon.

Friday August 13 1915

Bobby and I went up to "Doongalla" to see Mrs Box last Tuesday, it was a fine afternoon but rather cold and windy, it commenced to rain late in the evening and rained all day Wednesday. I went over home in the afternoon and got very wet. Emily went to town by the midday train on Thursday. I went over to stay with Mother. It rained very heavy up till dinner lime, and was very cold. Jim drove Emily down and John went to meet her in the evening. On Wednesday night we did not get home till half past one as Grandma had a very bad turn, and Jack was down at Bayswater at a Council meeting. The Bayswater people wanted him to stand for the Council against Alf Chandler but he could not see his way clear to do so. Mr H. Dodd is going to stand. Thursday it was twelve o'clock when we got home, and tonight there is another meeting at Wantirna and Jim went over to stay with Emily and Mother, it is after eleven and he is not home. He has been digging a drain to run the water away that lies in the little paddock near the dairy and this afternoon he has been nailing pieces of wood on the ends of the kitchen roof to keep the sparrows out before they start to build. Mrs Butt was down this afternoon and stayed to tea. There is not much news about the war, they have made considerable progress at the Dardanelles, but it seems very slow work. Peter Rafferty's name was among the wounded this week. Weather very cold and windy.

Friday August 20 1915

Today has been a lovely spring day. The cherry plum trees are in blossom and the gooseberry bushes are commencing to come into leaf, so I suppose the Spring will soon be here in earnest. Last Tuesday Jim and I went to Richmond to do some shopping, it was a nice sunny day there but here it rained most of the day. We drove to the station and left the horse and buggy at Maud's. I went over to see Grandma on Thursday, she is just the same. The children at the School have had chicken pock. Bob is getting it today. I kept him home from School, he does not seem to be going to have it very bad. I think Jim is getting it too. Jim was straining the barbed wire fence at the top of the oats today, he has got the wires nice and tight.

I clipped the creepers on the back verandah this afternoon and cleaned up round the pot plants and dug the garden between the bench and Lauristina it looks nice and tidy. The cows Spot and Joan could not be found tonight, they have not been milked. They got out of the paddock this afternoon and we did not miss them till it was nearly milking time. Jim has gone over to stop with Emily and Grandma till John comes home, he has gone to H. Dodds meeting, he is standing for the Council against Alf Chandler. I am doubtful if he will get in. A. Chandler has a meeting tomorrow night, so Jim will have to go over again. Weather fine.

Saturday August 21 1915

It has been a beautiful day today, a real spring day. Jim and Bob cutting wood. They put in a row of parsnip seed. They could not get any more in, as Jim had to ride to Bayswater for a parcel they promised to send up from Dimmeys, it was a pair of trousers for Jim. They were not there, when he got home he had to go over home to stay till John gets home. He is going to Bayswater to Alf Chandlers meeting, he is addressing the electors at Bayswater this evening and at Wantirna on Monday evening. Uncle Rob was over at Grandmas this afternoon, he went over to see Jack Maguire about a wagon he is going to build for him. The Germans have sunk another mail steamer, it was quite near the spot where they sunk the Lusitania, it was called the Arabic and was one of the white star line and was bound for America. The Germans appear to be getting the best of the Russians at present, they have the best guns. The Australians are going ahead slowly in Turkey, there is a terrible lot killed and wounded, over 12,000. I do hope the war will not last much longer. Weather beautiful.

Monday August 23 1915

Jim straining the wire fence at the top of the maize ground, he did not get it finished, he had to get new straining posts. We drove over to Grandmas on Sunday and Jack took Grandma for a drive. Bob and I went too, we went down the Bayswater Road to the Canterbury Road and back, we could not go any further, Grandma got so tired. It seemed to do her good to go out, she has not been out for ever so long. Jean went over this afternoon, she came home before dark. Grandma was very well. Mr and Mrs Griffiths and Miss Lizzie started for a trip to Sydney today. I hope they will not be away long, the church seems so strange without them. Arthur and Annie with the children are going to live in their house till they come back, and shut up their own. Weather fine all day, but raining all evening.

Tuesday August 24 1915

Jim went over to Grandmas this afternoon. John wanted him over as he wanted to go out this evening. This morning he rode down to Bayswater to get the parcel I expected from "Dimmeys" at Richmond, he got it. Bob went up to "Doongalla" to take back a lantern they lent me last time I was up there, he got a nice drive home with Fred right down to the School, he was going to Bayswater, there is a hospital concert and ball there this evening.

There has been a naval battle between the Russians and Germans, the Russians were victorious. The Germans lost or had disabled 2 cruisers and not less than 1 torpedo boats, and a British submarine sunk the powerful Dreadnought "Woltke" in the Baltic Sea. There is another great British force landed in Turkey surprising the Turks and there is desperate fighting there. Weather light rain all day.

Wednesday August 25 1915

I was over home this afternoon and evening, Jim mending the fence. Les Dickson came down for his butter this evening, they get 1 lb a week. On his way round he was thrown off his horse, he got a good shaking and cut his hand badly on the mettle. Weather fine.

Thursday August 26 1915

This is Election Day. Jack went down to Bayswater this morning to vote and Emily and I drove down this afternoon, we waited until the poll was declared. Alf Chandler got in, but only by six votes, it was a nice fine day. Jean went over with me and stopped with Grandma till Emily got home, then came back with me. We saw and had a talk with both Maud and Jenny at Bayswater. Weather beautiful.

Friday August 27 1915

I went over to Grandmas this afternoon directly after dinner. Emily and Jim went over to Croydon to Pretty's, to get some meat for themselves and us, they spent some time at Mrs Pretty's and did not get home until 9 o'clock. Just after they went it commenced to rain and rained most of the way over. The roads were very muddy. Weather wet.

Saturday August 28 1915

It has rained most of the day today. Mr Bright could not get over the bad road with his motor car and was going to leave it inside our gate, but he ran it into the water channel just inside the gate and it sank up to the axle and they took some time to get it out. They then left it just outside the gate and brought in their coats. Weather wet.

Monday August 30 1915

Jim over home today helping Jack prune, he has pruned our own trees. Mrs Gilmour is very ill, she has Gastric fever. Doctor Wisewold was up to see her yesterday, he called here and left his sister till he came back. I was not at home, Bobby and I were over home. I went over this afternoon to ask after Mrs Gilmour, she was a little better. I met Mrs Maguire and Kitty Chandler there. Weather fine.

Tuesday August 31 1915

Jean and I went over to the Kilsyth Store this afternoon and got a tin of golden syrup for myself and one for Emily and a bottle of Clements Tonic for myself. I have not been well for some time. Coming home we went to Mitchells and stayed an hour or two. There was a Mrs and Miss Cassin there. Weather cloudy.

Wednesday September 1 1915

Miss Mason came this morning as usual. Jim over helping Jack with the pruning. Jean went over to Chandlers to ask after Mrs Gilmour, she is getting better but they think the little baby has the measles. After Jean came back she went to see Grandma she was very well. There was a very severe storm this evening about half past five, with such heavy wind and thunder and such vivid lightning, it was so dark while it lasted. When it cleared away there was such a beautiful sunset and rainbow. Weather stormy.

Thursday September 2 1915

Jim over helping with the pruning. I was washing, Jean did the churning this morning. Weather very windy and cold.

Friday September 3 1915

I went over home this afternoon. We did not get home till late. Jack was in Bayswater, he was not home when we left. Weather fine, windy.

Saturday September 4 1915

Jim was home this afternoon to get the wood, they cut it with the saw, for the first time. Jack got it when he was going to market, but it was left over there. Weather fine.

Monday September 6 1915

Jim over home as usual, Jean did not go over today. Bob went over after School with a letter. Mr Godden put Millie into the 3 grade today. Weather beautiful but windy.

Tuesday September 7 1915

Jim over helping Jack, he did not get home till after eleven as John had gone to a soldiers send off at Bayswater. F. Kleinert and 2 other soldiers were there. Norman Ramage, Jones the baker and the 2 Bambury's were expected but did not turn up. They will give them another social evening if they are able to get away. Ivor Anderson's name appeared amongst the severely wounded last Saturday and Mr Diamonds son Ivan has been wounded. Weather showery.

Wednesday September 8 1915

I went over home this afternoon. Jim did not go over till after dinner today, he stayed to finish straining the wire, he had almost finished and he was going up to get Arthur to cut his hair and wanted to take back the strainer with him. I waited at Grandmas till he got back and came home with him, we got very wet coming home. John was down at Colliers at a School committee meeting. Weather raining.

Thursday September 9 1915

Jean went over to Grandmas this afternoon. We all got an invitation to May Kerr's wedding party, it is to be held in the Kilsyth Hall on September 29, she is to be married to Mr Ted Lucas. Weather fine.

Friday September 10 1915

Jim over home, he has been mending the wire gate near the pine tree in the mornings before breakfast, he has not finished it yet. Bobby is digging the fruit trees out behind the barn. John came down this morning and took home his plough, it has been here since he put in the oats. Weather beautiful.

Saturday September 11 1915

Jim over helping Jack to plant out tomatoes. Bobby got a sledge load of firewood this morning. Edgar Pegler rode up after dinner and stayed till about 5 o'clock. Weather fine.

Monday September 13 1915

I went over home this morning. Emily was going to town about the War Census papers, they are so difficult to fill in, but after getting all ready and down to the road, the coach was full and she could not get in and as it was then too late to drive down she could not go. I came home again after dinner. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday September 14 1915

I went home again this morning and Emily went to town. Jack drove her down and brought back some sawn timber and boards for the fence he is making round the back yard, it rained nearly all day and was very cold and windy. The Army have commenced their part of the fence between them and us. Jim is 17 today. Weather wet, windy, cold

Wednesday September 15 1915

Miss Mason came as usual this morning to give Jean her music lesson, she says she is getting on very well. Jim home today, he finished the wire gate near the pine tree. 'Weather showery all day.

Thursday September 16 1915

Jean went over to see Grandma this afternoon. Mr Bright went up this afternoon, he had the car stuck in the mud for a long time, the baker helped them to get it out. Jim over home. Weather light showers.

Friday September 17 1915

Jim over home helping John plant tomatoes. Weather cold and windy.

Saturday September 18 1915

Jim over home, he went early as John wanted to go up the mountain to get some raspberry canes. Weather fine.

Monday September 20 1915

Jim went down to Kleinert's to get "Dick" shod, he got a new set of shoes and paid 5/-. Miss Mason came this morning to give Jean her music lesson. She could not come on Wednesday. Jean went up to Ferndale this afternoon and I went over to see Mrs Kerr. Her sister Mrs Colville was there and Eileen Mackay. May showed me some of her presents. Weather fine but very windy. It was a dreadfully windy day yesterday, one could scarcely walk against it, and it rained all the morning and heavy showers all the afternoon and a thunder storm in the evening.

Tuesday September 21 1915

Jean and I went down to Bayswater this afternoon. I wanted to see Bert Pegler about my War Census paper. I did not understand it. He was in town, so we drove down to Jennies and spent the afternoon and came back to Maud's to tea. Jenny gave me some plants. I called at the butcher and got a leg of mutton for Mother and a forequarter for myself. They charged me 1/- a pound for the leg and 9d for the forequarter. We spent the evening at Maud's and did not get home till nearly ten. Jim over with Jack this morning, he came home after dinner. Weather fine but windy.

Wednesday September 22 1915

I went over home this afternoon. I did not go till late as I was busy setting out the plants that Jennie gave me. Jim over with Jack. Weather fine.

Thursday September 23 1915

I went over home this morning to stay with Mother while Emily went to town with Jean. Jean got a new shirt and blouse for May Kerrs wedding and a present for us, a pair or photo frames. Emily and Jack gave her a very pretty jam dish with plated stand. Jim drove them to the station. Weather fine and quite close.

Friday September 24 1915

Jim over with Jack. Jean went over to Kerrs this afternoon to take tie presents. She met Mrs Godden there. Miss Gilmour called yesterday with Jean Chandler and the little baby but Jean and I were out. Weather fine.

Saturday September 25 1915

Mrs Hughes called this morning on her way over to Kerrs, her baby is such a bright happy little thing. There was a working Bee up at the School this afternoon. The men and boys of the district met and put up a fence round the new School ground. They have the church stable to shift yet. They will do that another day. Jim and Bob were helping. Weather beautiful.

Monday September 27 1915

The weather changed yesterday, it started to rain just after dinner and rained heavy most of the afternoon, it was fine this morning but rained most of the afternoon. I had a letter from Minnie today, she says she heard from both Dave and Don last week and they are both well. Will Chandler has enlisted and is going to the front, his wife and family are coming back to Victoria. Mr Alick Griffiths has enlisted and gone into camp. Jean over home this afternoon. Jim went over this morning. Weather rained most of the afternoon. Bob got wet coming home from School.

Tuesday September 28 1915

Jim over home, Jean went over this afternoon so that Emily could go and call on Mrs Hardon, they have had an offer for their place and Mrs Hardon thinks they will sell it. Weather showery.

Wednesday September 29 1915

We all went up to the church this afternoon to see May Kerr married to Mr Coombs. The church was nearly full. May looked very nice. She was dressed in white and had a train and wreath and veil. Mr J. Kerr jnr. and his wife and child were over from Queensland for the wedding. Jean, Jim and I drove over to the Kilsyth hall to the party in the evening there were a lot of people there. It was mostly dancing. I met Percy Dobson and his wife there. We did not get home till nearly three o'clock in the morning. Bob went over and stayed with Grandma all night. Weather fine but windy.

Thursday September 30 1915

I feel very tired today. I went over home this afternoon. Mrs Butt called before I went. She had Kitty Burden with her. She was at the party with her husband and brothers. She did not enjoy herself very much, there was too much dancing she thought. Jack went over to Lilydale today to get some lime. Jim over home. Weather wet.



Friday October 1 1915

Jim over home, they have commenced the spraying today. Bob was playing cricket at school today and the ball struck him right in the mouth and broke off one of his front teeth and part of another. I felt so annoyed about it. He looks so funny with his teeth out. Will Chandler and family arrived today by the express from Queensland. They are staying with Mrs Chandler at present.

Saturday October 2 1915

Jim over helping with the spraying. He brought in a sleigh load of wood before he went. Les Dickson was down all the afternoon playing cricket with Bob. Weather fine.

Monday October 4 1915

Bob and I were over home as usual yesterday. Bob went up to Annie's. There was very heavy wind all day yesterday, and about 6 o'clock there was a very heavy storm of wind and rain. There has been heavy showers all day today. Jim did not go over.

Tuesday October 5 1915

Jim over home. Jean went down to Mrs Silks this afternoon to get a sitting of eggs. She paid 1/4d for them. I was digging in the corner near the wood shed. Les Dickson was down for his butter. Weather fine, frost.

Wednesday October 6 1915

Miss Mason came this morning. I went over to Grandmas this afternoon and Emily went up to Annie's. She wanted to see the garden. Weather fine, frost.

Thursday October 7 1915

I was washing today, after I had finished Bob and I cleaned up the back yard. Jim over home. The hen I got the sitting of eggs for will not sit. There was a light frost again this morning, there was a heavy frost both Tuesday and Wednesday. I hope it won't hurt the blossoms, the apples are nearly all out. Weather fine, frost.

Friday October 8 1915

Jim over with Jack. I was ironing all the afternoon. Mrs W. Chandler and children are down from Queensland, they are living with Mrs Chandler snr. Will has gone into camp and she is going to stay until he comes back. I have not seen them yet.

Saturday October 9 1915

Jean over home as usual. It is a beautiful day today.

Monday October 11 1915

Jim and I took Grandma down to Ringwood for a drive. Emily went up to Annie's to see Edgars foot. The children were playing with him yesterday and rolled over his foot and he can't walk. Mr Jackson came up to say goodbye yesterday. The S. School gave him a pocket testament. Weather fine, hot.

Tuesday October 12 1915

Bob is home from school today, he is not well. He was home yesterday but he was helping me to dig the front garden. I think he did too much. I have not been well myself today. I think it was the heat yesterday. Weather fine.

Wednesday October 13 1915

Bob at School he is better today but not quite well, he has a bad cough. I was over home this afternoon. I did not get home till late. Miss Mason came today. Fine.

Thursday October 14 1915

Grannie Ramage died yesterday. She has been very ill with bronchitis for some time, her daughter Mrs Russell has been nursing her. Jean over at Grandmas this afternoon. Hardon's are going away from The Basin, they have sold their place to people the name of Fischer. We all got postcards from Elsie yesterday. She is in the Heilopolis Hospital Egypt. Weather fine.

Friday October 15 1915

Jack came down this morning and brought "Nugget," he ploughed the little paddock behind the fowl yard with "Nugget" and "Dick," and the piece at the top of the oats. Jim over home this afternoon. It rained this afternoon. Bob came home from School quite ill today. I hope he will be better in the morning. I think he has a fresh cold.

Saturday October 16 1915

Jack cut down the big dead tree that stood just outside the garden fence. We were afraid it would fall with some of the high winds, it was all decayed down near the root but solid further up. I am very glad it is down, it was so dangerous. Bobby is no better today, he has a very bad cold and has been lying down all day. Jim stayed home to get the wood this morning. Hughie Chandlers pony fell with him this morning and threw him off, he was not hurt but got a severe shaking, the pony ran away into our scrub, it took them an out to find it. Jim was helping them.

Monday October 18 1915

Bob is a little better today but was not well enough to go to Sunday School. Jim and I drove over home this afternoon. Jim went for a long walk up the mountain to Sherbrooke falls, it rained before he got back and he got his overcoat wet through. I was glad we have the buggy, the grass would have been so wet through the paddocks. Hardon's are going away today, there were 6 furniture vans up there yesterday. Weather rain.

Tuesday October 19 1915

Bobs cold is still very bad, it seems worse today. Emily came down this afternoon to see how he was, he did not get up till late in the afternoon. Les came down for his butter and stayed in with him looking at books and playing ludo. I have been giving him Hypol and it was just done so I drove down to Bayswater this evening and got another bottle for him. Maud gave me a pretty blue muslin dress for Jean. Elsie left it for her, it fits her so nicely. Weather fine, it is such a beautiful moonlight night tonight.

Wednesday October 20 1915

Miss Mason came this morning. I paid her for the quarters Music, it is the first quarter. Bob did not get up till after she went. I think he is a little better today. Jean went over to Grandmas. Weather hot.

Thursday October 21 1915

Jim over home. Bob seems to be getting better now, his cough is not so bad and he got (up) earlier today and is eating better. I sent a box of flowers to Charlotte today, Roses, Forget-me-not and Lily of the Valley. I hope she gets them while they are fresh. Weather light rain this afternoon.

Friday October 22 1915

Bob is not so well again today, he did not get up till dinner time, then only as far as the dining room. Jim over home. Weather fine.

Saturday October 23 1915

Jim did not go over home this morning, it was very wet, it rained all night and was raining this morning, but he had to go and look for "Dick." The Army bull took the fence down and got in and "Dick" got out. I tried to get him back, but he galloped past me and away up the road past Chandlers. Jim did not get home till 1 o'clock, he found him over in the Canterbury Road with Baldwins ponies. Edgar Pegler rode up this afternoon on his pony to ask after Bobby. There was a very heavy thunderstorm this afternoon and such vivid lightning. Edgar got caught in it, he took shelter but he got very wet. There has been very heavy showers all day and the creek is very high. Bobby went up with Edgar to look at it, it is the first time he has been out since the Friday before last. The cow "Sallie" had a calf this morning, a heifer. Jim went over home this afternoon. John is going over to the Gully to a council meeting. Weather very wet.

Monday October 25 1915

I went over home yesterday and Jim came to meet me in the evening, it rained heavy showers all day, the ground is very wet. There is water everywhere and the creeks are very high, it rained so heavy in the evening Jack drove us home in his wagon. Jean went up to Armies today. She wanted to get the hymns they are going to sing for the S.S.A. so that she can practice them. She went over with Jack just before dinner in his wagon, he had been over to Kilsyth to see if Mr Legg would put up our fence, but he had other work to do and could not take it. I drove round as far as Grandmas to meet Jean. She could not come over the paddock, the creek was too high. She brought such a lovely bunch of "Indian Rhododendrons" and White Lilac. Weather wet.

Tuesday October 26 1915

Jim over home today. Bob is much better, but the weather is so unsettled he cannot get out, it has been raining most of the afternoon. Weather rain.

Wednesday October 27 1915

Miss Mason came this morning. Jim over; home. I went over this afternoon. I drove over as Bobbie wanted to go with me and he was not well enough to walk. We took Millie and Laddie home from school with us. We came home before dark and brought Jim with us. Weather fine.

Thursday October 28 1915

The Butt Bros. are going to put up our half of the fence between us and the Army. They commenced today. Jean went up to Annie's again today to see about the Anniversary hymns. Showery.

Friday October 29 1915

Jim has a cold, he did not go over this morning, he was going over this afternoon but the horse got out again and it took him and Bobby all the afternoon to find him. They found him over in Bret's. Weather fine and warm.

Saturday October 30 1915

Jim was well enough to go over home today. The Butt Bros. are doing the fence. Weather fine.

Monday November 1 1915

Bob and I drove over to Grandmas yesterday, he is better than he was. He went to School this morning but he is far from well. The H. Master wants him to try for a scholarship. Weather fine.

Tuesday November 2 1915

There is a lot of people about all day today, it is Cup Day. Bob and I drove down to Bayswater, I wanted a postal note. There were such a lot of people about Bayswater. There were about 16 picnic trains, whole trains of nothing but cattle trucks. We got home about half past six. It is so nice to be able to go out when you like without depending on other people.

Wednesday November 3 1915

I went over to Grandmas this afternoon. Ted and Stevie were up yesterday. Grandma is not very well today. Weather fine.

Thursday November 4 1915

Les Dixon was down this evening. He and Bob built a great bonfire and after tea when Jim came home they let off crackers, bung bungs and other fireworks. Les brought some of them and Bob had some. They had a beautiful fire. Weather fine.

Friday November 5 1915

Bob is sick again today, he worked too much making his bonfire and then the Army had a lot of fireworks and rockets. They ran up the hill and got a cold with standing in the cold. Weather fine.

Saturday November 6 1915

Bob is still very sick he lay down and slept nearly all the afternoon and seems better this evening. Jean went up to Ferndale this afternoon to practise the Anniversary hymns. Mr and Mrs Griffiths came home on Friday. Weather fine.

Monday November 7 1915

Bob and I drove over home yesterday and took Grandma for a drive down to Bayswater. The Butts are not working today, they had some work to do at home. Weather fine.

Tuesday November 8 1915

Jean went home this afternoon. Annie is going to alter her blue dress and wanted her to try it on. Jim was home today, he got the grass carted into the shed that he cut in the garden last week and put a new panel in the fence down by the creek and mowed some more grass at the side of the house. Butts finished the fence today. Weather cloudy.

Wednesday November 9 1915

Jack came down this morning to get some ground ready for some potatoes. He brought his new cultivator. Millie and Laddie came down after school. There is a singing practice at the Church for the S.S.A. and they are going up to it and then home with their father. Weather showery after dinner.

Thursday November 10 1915

Jack was down again today, he and Jim put in 8 rows of potatoes at the top of the oats ground and ploughed the land down near the fruit trees, we are going to put maize in it. I went over home this afternoon. Blossom had a calf a little bull. Weather fine.

Friday November 11 1915

Jack worked the piece of ground for maize and put in 9 more rows of potatoes in the little paddock near the dairy. There was not quite enough potatoes to plant the ground ready, so Jim and Bob took the buggy and drove over home and got some more. Fine.

Saturday November 12 1915

Jim over home today. Nancy has a little heifer calf, that makes 5 calves. I went up for the cows this morning, they were in the old maize ground. Nancy's calf was in the creek with only its back out of the water, it would soon have been drowned, it was getting quite stiff. Jim and I got it out. Nancy gives a big bucket full of milk. Weather fine.

Monday November 14 1915

Bob and I drove over home yesterday, it was a dreadful windy day, we could scarcely stand against it. I went over home this morning to stay with Grandma while Emily went to town. Arthur Annie and children went by the first train. Arthur and Emily are going to buy the S.S. prizes. Jim and I got home about/z past ten. Fine.

Tuesday November 15 1915

I went to town today. I wanted to go down before the S.S. Anniversary and I could not go any other day as Mr Pope is coming to plough. I bought some things in Richmond and had them sent up I thought we would be able to take them home with us but it didn't come. I got a ride down with Mr and Mrs Butt, Jim came down to meet me at night. Weather cool.

Wednesday November 16 1915

Miss Mason came this morning. Jean went over home this afternoon. Jim over home.

Thursday November 17 1915

Mr Pope came to plough today. The ground is very hard, he can scarcely keep the plough in the ground.

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Mr Pope finished the ground with great difficulty and Jack came down and he and Jim worked part of it up and sowed some maize in it. It is up about 4 or 5 in. high now. Jim horse hoed it this morning. The potatoes near the pig sty are looking well and were almost done. Bob and I hoed them this morning. There are some more up at the top oat ground, they are not hoed yet but look very well. The maize in little paddock is looking well. Joe horse hoed it yesterday as well as that near the fruit trees.

Ensign Townsend cut the oats last week, it is ready to cart in now. We have five little pigs, two are much larger than the others. Jim brought them from Dandenong, two at one time and three at another, and one for Uncle Jack as well. They are all getting on nicely.

The plums are getting ripe now. we only have two calves left, we have sold five altogether, two at 34/- each, two at 28/- each and one at 26/-, it was a very good price as the oldest of them was just 5 weeks. We are going to keep the little heifer we have now.

Mrs Lum was up yesterday to spend the day and Edgar Pegler and Arthur Nicol were up for the afternoon. We started to send the cream down to Holdenson and Neilson at the beginning of last week, we have been paid for only one can so far, that brought One pound 14/10.

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Wednesday July 16 1919

We have been having very wet weather lately, the roads are very muddy and it is very cold. Jim and I went to town yesterday. We went out to Prahran to the Big Store, Jim bought a suite of clothes and some shirts, everything is dreadfully dear. We came home by the last train. Jean drove down to meet us there. There was very little light in the city streets owing to the Seaman's strike and the shortage of coal. They have been on strike for a while now. Jean and the boys have gone up to the church this evening. Mr Crisp is to give a lecture and play his violin and there are other performers as well, I did not go. I was so tired after yesterday. Bob took down 1/2 a ton of potatoes to Bayswater this afternoon to Pegler's. They bought a ton. Jim took the other half last Saturday. They are giving £10 a ton for them.

Thursday July 17 1919

We had a very heavy frost this morning, everything was white as snow and plenty of ice. I went down to Bayswater this afternoon with Mrs H. Chandler to a ladies meeting to arrange about the eatables for the Peace Day celebrations. Next Saturday is Peace Day but Bayswater is holding it the Saturday following, Wantirna and The Basin have joined with them. There was very little business done as the ladies from Bayswater did not come. It was very cold driving home.

Friday July 18 1919

It has been very cold today but no frost. The children all got medals today. The teachers got them too. Jean got one, it is very pretty, it is a silver colour and about as big as a penny. We did not get our cheque for the cream last week. I wrote about it today to Holdenson and Neilson. I hope it will be alright.

Saturday July 19 1919 Peace Day

There is to be a big procession in Melbourne today of all returned soldiers war trophies, the Tank etc. There were to be illuminations and fireworks but because of the shortage of coal it has been abandoned, as they cannot have the lights, the City is still in semi-darkness. It is just as well they did not have any as it commenced to rain about five o'clock and has rained heavily ever since. It is now 9 and still raining. Weather wet.

Monday July 21 1919

I have got a very bad cold. I have had it about a week. Jean and I went to town today. Jean bought a velvet dress and new hat. We came home by the 6 train. I was very glad to get home as I do not feel well and was so dreadfully tired. I got an answer to my letter to Holdenson and Neilson, they have stopped payment of cheque and will send another if it does not turn up in a few days. It rained one or two very heavy showers but we did not get wet it was very cold coming home.

Thursday July 24 1919

I was to go to Bayswater this afternoon with Mrs H. Chandler but I am not well enough. My cold is too bad. Jack came down yesterday and helped Jim kill the pig. He came down again this morning and helped him to cut it up. Emily came down this afternoon to see if I was better. Weather fine.

Friday July 25 1919

Bob went to Bayswater this morning with the cream and eggs. Eggs are 1/5 a doz. and, have been so for some time. Mrs Collier is very bad, she has been ill for about 2 months, her heart is very weak. Weather fine.

Saturday July 26 1919

Jean and Jim went to the picnic today, Jean went in Chandlers wagon. Laddie came down and went with her, he wanted to march with the other children from Bayswater School to picnic ground Frosts Paddock. Jim drove down later. Jean came home with him. I was not well enough to go and Bob stayed home to milk the cows. It did not rain, but the ground was very wet under foot and the wind was cold but the children enjoyed themselves. Weather dull and cloudy.

Monday July 28 1919

The school master Mr Robinson did not come to school this morning. He sent a letter to Mr Rawlinson the pupil teacher to say he was ill and would be away a week. I suppose he caught cold at the picnic. Mr Minahen, Mrs Bert Chandler's father died on Saturday night in his sleep. He was at the picnic during the day apparently quite well, he drove one of the wagons with the children. He did not come down to breakfast as usual on Sunday morning and his daughter went up to ask if he would take his breakfast in bed and found him dead. It must have been a great shock for her. Uncle Jack and Jim went to Box Hill to his funeral this afternoon. Weather very cold.

Friday August 1 1919

Mr Rawlinson came down this morning. He brought Jean's salary Mr Robertson had sent it with his, he said he had had a telegram telling him to go home as his father was very ill. He is going by the midday train. His home is away up at Porepunkah, it will be very late when he reaches there. The missing cheque arrived yesterday just a fortnight late. Weather fine.

Saturday August 2 1919

We saw by today's paper that Mr Rawlinson's father was dead, so his son would not get home in time to see him. Jean drove Aunt to the station today to catch the midday train. She is going out to Brighton to spend the weekend at Aunty Nells. I hope she will enjoy herself. It rained nearly all the way to the station but I don't think it will continue. Mrs Burden called yesterday afternoon on her way down to Bayswater, she says all the Butt family are in bed with influenza. She was going to telephone to some friends to see if they could come and look after them. For the present she and Frank are looking after the place and nursing them. Weather raining and cold.

Monday August 4 1919

Jim went to Ringwood today with a calf. He got 21/- for it he brought a little pig for which he paid 23/- Emily is coming home tonight. Bob has gone to meet her. There is no school again today. Mr Robinson did not come. Mr H. Chandler called in this morning he says he does not think he is coming back again as he is applying for removal, he cannot get accommodation at present he is boarding at Chandlers. My cold is nearly well again now. Weather fine.



Tuesday August 5 1919

Mr Robinson is still away, he has had a nervous breakdown and is to be away a month. I expect they will send a relieving teacher. Emily enjoyed her holiday. Weather fine.

Saturday August 16 1919

Jean, Jim and I went down to Bayswater to a Concert last night. It was given by the Ringwood choir in aid of the new Bayswater choir got up by Mr Falconer. It was very good. J.H.W gone into the council again unopposed. I am glad there is to be no election here. Emily has ordered a new dress, she is going down next week to have it tried on.

Monday August 18 1919

Emily has gone to town today to do some shopping it is the last day of Foys sale. She got an overcoat for J.H. He could not go himself as it was council day. I went over as they were both out and did my washing. The relieving teacher called this afternoon to tell Jean there would be school- tomorrow, it has been closed a fortnight. The teacher's name is Mr Dunn, he seems very nice. Weather fine.

Tuesday August 19 1919

Mr Rawlinson is not back yet. Mr Dunn has written for him. The children all like the new teacher. He thinks The Basin is a lovely place. we have not had very much rain this winter. The mud has dried up already. Up country and in New South Wales there is a severe drought threatened. One day last week Jack was walking over to Fern Tree Gully and took a short cut through some thick scrub, a short distance away he saw some boughs put up as if round some camp he thought it a strange place for a camp and went closer and was astonished to find a large double seater Motor car hidden under the boughs. The wheels had been taken off, the lamps and several other parts were missing. He informed the police at Fern Tree Gully last Saturday. They think it has been stolen. Weather fine.

Wednesday August 20 1919

Mrs Butt and a friend. called yesterday afternoon. Mr Rawlinson is back at school again. They have found the owner of the Motor Car already. It was stolen from Mr ?, a Collins St. Architect, he came up yesterday with a detective and a man from the insurance office where the car was insured for £300. They called for Jack to show them where it was. A Motor Lorrie called later and took it away. It had been missing for thirteen months. It seems so strange that nobody came across it, or it was not burnt during the summer months. Bert Pegler got two bags of chaff from us yesterday. He was very short, he has had a truck ordered a fortnight but it has not arrived yet. The two bags weighed. 1 cwt, 3 qtrs, 11 lbs and he gave 17/4 for them. Chaff is very dear just now so are potatoes and onions. Potatoes ere £1. a ton. Emily went to town today to have her dress tried on. Annie went with her, they went by the 8 train. I went over and did my washing. It was nice and fine in the morning but later it became very windy and tore some of the clothes on the line and there were one or two heavy showers of rain but I got all the clothes dried. Weather squally.

Thursday August 21 1919

I have got neuralgia today. I suppose it was the wind yesterday. I did all my ironing and pruned a few rose bushes. Weather fine.

Friday August 22 1919

Mr and Mrs King called this afternoon. Mr King got some lemon cuttings to graft some young trees. Harry Dickson came home from the front last Wednesday and Bill Jackson a young man that enlisted from here a friend of Colliers, Les Dickson and Oliver Butt are coming home on Sunday. The transports are coming in every day now, sometimes two a day. Len Collier is coming next Thursday. I expect Elsie will be coming soon. Weather fine.

Saturday August 23 1919

Jean went up to Annie's this afternoon and went to the top of the mountain for a walk with the children. Jim and Bob took the dog and ferret out for a short time. They got 3 big rabbits and a little one. I have had neuralgia dreadfully bad last night and this evening. Weather beautiful.

Monday August 25 1919

I still have neuralgia. I did not go over to see Emily as usual yesterday. Jean went over. There is to be a 10 days mission here in the Church. I have forgotten the gentleman's name, he was Chaplain at the front, Oliver Butt and Les Dickson came home yesterday.

Tuesday 26 August 1919

It is a very disagreeable day today. It is bitterly cold, raining most of the time and with a South East wind. The boys are grubbing a big green tree up on the piece of ground they have been clearing. They have never attempted such a big one before, Nine Army boys ran away on Saturday night, they caught four of them up at Yea. They stole a cart and horse at Croydon and drove there, 3 are still missing.

Wednesday August 27 1919

Mr Robertson is not back yet. He is not coming back for another month. Rollie Batterham came home from the front today. I still have neuralgia and a bad cold, if I am well enough next Saturday Bob and I are going down to Moorabin to see Pollie, we have not been down for a long time. Weather fine.

Thursday August 28 1919

Jim put a few potatoes in near the house today and some radish beet and white turnip seed. I went up to see. Mrs King this afternoon. Mrs Henderson called while I was there. Little Betty Blake died last Sunday and her brother and father are very ill with diphtheria. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday September 2 1919

Mr King sent me a nice quince tree and a lot of rhubarb roots and a holly tree this morning. Jim and Bob planted them this afternoon. Weather fine.

Wednesday Sept 3 1919

The boys are at their clearing today. Len Collier came home from the front last Thursday. They all went down to see him, but he did not stay here he went on to New South Wales as he enlisted from there. Fine

Thursday September 4 1919

Emily went to town this morning, she went to get her new dress and she went out to Preston to see Pollie. She has been very ill again. I went over while she was away. I took my washing over, I got all the clothes dry. Jean drove to the station to meet her. Fine.

Friday September 5 1919

I did all my ironing today and some gardening. The boys at their clearing. They went up to Butts this evening. They wanted to see Oliver, they had not seen him since he came back from the front, they took up some dahlia bulbs for Mrs Butt and Jim paid for the engine he bought from Mr Butt some time ago £5. Fine.

Saturday September 6 1919

Jean was going to Ferndale this afternoon but just as she was ready to go Katie Stephen called. So she did not go. Jim was grafting trees this afternoon.

Monday September 8 1919

The mission commenced yesterday there were not many there in the morning and only 32 in the afternoon. It was a pity the people did not come as Mr Complin was very good. I doubt if there will be any more tonight. It is a cold showery day. Jim has gone over to help Jack with his pruning. Bob at the clearing.

Monday September 22 1919

Jim is digging up the old fowl yard, to plant grafts. He has been making. He has about 300, Bob ploughing the orchard ground. He has nearly finished. Blackie had a little heifer calf on Saturday. I went over to see Emily today. Jack was making a new fowl yard. The fox came and killed 4 hens. The Melbourne Show opens today. We are all going down during the week if fine.

Tuesday September 23 1919

Jean went over to see Emily and ask when they were going to the show, just after she got home Jack came down, they had had a telegram to say Pollie was very ill. Emily went down by the ¼ to 9 train. Jim and I were going to town tomorrow but we will not go now. Pollie had a very bad turn a fortnight ago and Emily and I went down to see her, she looked very bad. The Mission ended last Friday. There was a good number there every night, though some of the nights were very bad. Mr Complin has gone to Bayswater now and is holding a week's mission there. Jean and Jim, Emily and Gerty Henderson went down last Sunday evening, there were not many there. Weather very hot.

Wednesday September 24 1919

Bob and Jean have gone to a Bible class this evening at Mr Henderson's house. I doubt if there is many there as it is a very stormy night, thunder and lightning and some rain. Emily was going to send up and let us know how Pollie was but I've have not heard so far. Jim went over this afternoon to plough, he is not home yet. Emily may come home this evening if Pollie is any better. I have been digging the flower beds in the grass at the back today. My polyanthus and forget-me-nots are looking beautiful. The boys ferret died last week. Weather beautiful until this evening when stormy, not much rain so far.

Thursday September 25 1919

Jack had a letter from Emily today. Pollie is very bad she does not mention coming home. Jack came down as I was writing he had just got a message to say Pollie was dead. She died early this morning but Emily could not get a message through owing to the Show holidays. Jack is going down in the morning, the boys were getting ready to go to the Show, they are very disappointed. Weather fine.

Friday September 26 1919

Jack went down by the first train. Bob drove him down. The funeral is to be at ½ past 2 at the Boorandarra Cemetery. There was a very heavy thunderstorm first thing this morning with heavy rain, we thought Jack would get wet through going to the station, but just as Bob was starting away in the buggy he came down in the wagon so Bob drove that, I went home for the day to look after things and clean up before Emily comes home. I expect she will come this evening. Annie and the children came down this afternoon. Weather beautiful.

Saturday September 27 1919

Jean went down to meet the train last night. Jack came home but Emily will not be home till tonight. Jean drove over home this morning and took a pudding for Jack's dinner. She came home in time to go to the station to meet Emily. She came home on the first evening train. Weather fine.

Monday September 29 1919

The boys mending the fence into the bush paddock near the front gate. I weeded the strawberries this afternoon and Bob put some manure on them. Jim finished planting his grafts this morning. School started again today after a weeks holiday. Jean, Bob and Emily drove down to Bayswater last evening to the Mission Service. The mission has not been well attended at Bayswater. They brought Mrs Henderson and, Girty back with them. They are going down again tomorrow night, Mr Complin is going to have his lecture. "Diamonds in the Rough" Weather cloudy but fine.

Tuesday September 30 1919

Jean, Bob and Mr Rawlinson and Ron Henderson went down to Bayswater last night to hear Mr Complin's lecture, it was very good and the Church was nearly full, they brought Girty Henderson back with them, she had been to town and to the lecture afterwards, so they had a full buggy load. Bessie the cow broke one of her horns off all but a little bit, it hung down over one eye and was bleeding so much, that Jim went up to ask Mr Butt if he knew anything to stop it, he came down, he thought he might cut it right off, but could not so bound it up with tar, it soon stopped bleeding. Mr Butt stayed to tea. Weather fine.

Wednesday October 1 1919

There is the Bible meeting up at Mr Henderson's tonight. Jean and Bob went. It is a wet and muddy night. There was a ladies meeting up at the church vestry yesterday afternoon about entertaining sick soldiers, they are going to entertain about 120 the Saturday after next. Mr Robertson did not come back today as expected. He is not coming till next Monday. Weather cold and wet.

Thursday October 2 1919

Annie, Jim and I went to town today by the eight train, We came home in the Ferndale buggy and walked from the School. I went up to the market. Jim got a bag of maize for Mr Butt and two for himself, a bag of wheat and 1 of shell grit and Mr Lyall promised me a bag of sugar as soon as he can get it, it is very scarce. We have only been able to get 2lbs a week for some time past, we got 35 lbs of brown sugar. We walked down to Flinders lane and Jim went to see the Gippsland and Northern about his potatoes, they want him to send them down as soon as possible. Potatoes are very scarce and very dear at present, in the market we saw small old potatoes marked 5 lbs for a shilling and larger ones at 3d a pound, all vegetables are dear. I bought a new black costume and Annie bought a new hat. It was a very cold, windy day showery all the morning, there was one very heavy shower of rain and hail. Jim and I were walking down Bourke St and just got under a verandah in time, the street was white with hail. They did not have it up here.

Friday October 3 1919

Jim over home helping Jack to spray, Bob went to Bayswater with the cream. Weather fine.

Saturday October 4 1919

Bob went over to help with the spraying today, Jim rode down to Bayswater this morning to get some bags for the potatoes. Bob forgot them yesterday, he brought 1 doz. and ordered another dozen at 6d each. Jean drove down this evening to get my dress at the station, She went to Pegler's and got the other doz. Bags. I have a very bad cold. Weather fine.

Monday October 6 1919

It is very windy tonight. I am all alone with the exception of Caesar he lies under the table. The boys and Jean have gone to spend the evening at Henderson's, they have asked all the young people from the Bible Class and some friends from Bayswater and they have friends staying in the house. I hope they enjoy themselves. The boys have been bagging potatoes all day. Mr Robertson came back to school today and Mr Dunn went away. Weather fine but windy.

Tuesday October 7 1919

They all enjoyed themselves very much at the party. Jim bagging potatoes. Bob over helping Jack to spray. There is to be a meeting tomorrow afternoon of The Basin ladies Welcoming league to talk over having the wounded soldiers up again. Weather fine.

Wednesday October 8 1919

Jean and, I were at the meeting this afternoon. Most of the league were there we are going to entertain about 100 soldiers on Saturday. Ettie is coming up on Saturday to stay with Emily for a short time. Bob and Jim finished the potatoes today and carted 15 cwt to the station with Nugget and Jacks little wagon. Jean and Bob went to the Bible Class. Mr Crisp took it tonight, there were a good many there. Weather fine, windy very dry.

Thursday October 9 1919

Jim and Bob took the last load of potatoes down this morning 16 cwt. Bob went over to Jack to spray, they brought the maize, peas and beans back from the station that had been ordered from Lyall's. They were all in good order. The potatoes did not go down as there was no goods train. The Council is having the road over the old quarry near the school formed and metalled. It has never been properly done before, it will be a great benefit to the district. Bessie the cow has a little bull calf. Weather fine.

Friday October 10 1919

Mrs Kerr came over this afternoon and brought a bucket full of passionfruit for the soldiers. Jean, Bob and I went up to the school this evening to help get ready for the Soldiers. We are all going to meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. There is no goods train again today, so the potatoes are still on the station. I still have my cold. Ella Hayes (Mrs Hayes) died last Tuesday quite suddenly of heart failure, she lived in Culcairn N.S.W. She left a baby 12 months old. Weather fine.

Saturday October 11, 1919

Jean and I went up to the school about 11 o'clock and most of the League were there, we cut a great many Ham and Tongue sandwiches, cut cake etc, spread the tables and decorated the rooms with boughs, flowers and flags. When all was finished the rooms looked very pretty and cool. There were 100 soldiers they seemed to enjoy themselves and asked to come again. The day was fine but dreadfully windy. We were very tired by the time we had straightened things up again and got home. Jim drove Emily down to meet the 3 o'clock train and bring Ettie up. Weather fine but windy.

Monday October 13 1919

Aunty Ettie came down this afternoon. Jean and Emily drove to Bayswater. Jean went to draw the league money from the Bank at Miss Bakers. Emily called in to see old MrsColl1er on her way back, she has had another bad turn. Jennie, Harry and the children called yesterday when I was over home. They brought a photo for me a group of the children, it is very good. The potatoes did not go till today. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday October 14 1919

Jean and I went to a League meeting to settle up after the Soldiers. There were not many there, it was very windy and cold. They did not collect any money this time as they had some in the bank, it more than paid expenses and I think there will be about £2 over to go towards the next entertainment. At the meeting it was decided to give the local soldiers a welcome home and Jean and Girty Henderson are to collect to give then a present either a framed certificate or a medal. Jim hoed the patch of potatoes at the side of the house. Bob cutting rushes. Weather cold and windy.

Wednesday October 15 1919

Jean and Bob have gone to the Bible Class up at Mr Henderson's. Bob has been adzing rushes up on the old clearing all day. Jim working up some ground for peas with Dick and Jess the ground is very hard and dry. Weather fine.

Thursday October 16 1919

I got a fresh cold at the meeting on Tuesday last, I have had neuralgia very bad ever since. I have an abscess on one of my teeth. I can scarcely open my mouth. Jim and Bob straining the wire fence between the grass paddock and the orchard. Jean and Girty Henderson went out collecting after school for a present for each of the local soldiers. Girty drove their pony so they got round a good many places, but there are a good number to go to yet. Jean went home with Girty to tea. Bob went over to meet her. They drove them home. Jim went up to Butts this evening.

Friday October 17 1919

Bob and Jim putting in new posts and straining wire fence at the top of the old orchard. Bob went to Bayswater this morning with the cream and eggs. Cream is 1/7½ and eggs are 1/2 a doz. but wheat has risen to 6/- a bushel. Mr Butts and Oliver came down this morning and got 4 cwt of potatoes he ordered when they were digging them. He paid 10/- cwt the price they were when he ordered them. The price of potatoes quoted in the papers for the choice samples are £21.0.0 a ton and they have been higher, he also got a bag of seed maize that Jim had bought for him when he bought his own 3 bushels he paid for the things. The maize is was 9/6 a bushel. Jean has gone to do some collecting by herself this afternoon after school she was going to Burdens the Army and several others and then go to tea at Aunts and wait till Jim came to fetch her, They are not home yet. Weather very hot and wind blowing all day.

Saturday October 18 1919

Ettie went back to town today, she is staying with Louie for the present. Jean drove her down to the 4 train. Emily went to the station to see her off. Bob was over helping Jack to spray. Jim doing a little at the clearing. Weather fine.

Monday October 20 1919

Aunty, Jean and Girty went collecting after school, they went over to Boronia up to Doongalla and Ferndale they did very well. Jim over helping with the spray. Bob at the clearing. Weather rained this evening hope it keeps on rain is badly needed.

Tuesday October 21 1919

Bob went down to Bayswater this morning for a bag of sugar Mr Lyall sent up. He promised to send one as soon as he could get it. Sugar is very scarce. Pegler's are only giving their customers 2 lbs weekly and that does not go far. After Bob got back Jim was working up some ground down near the creek for peas, but it is very hard Bob went over home after dinner for Dick, he has been over there for some time. We have Jess then he went back to help finish some spraying. It rained a light rain all night, but it seems to have cleared away today. Jean finished collecting today, she went to Smales, Newtons and one or two others up there. They have collected £6.14.0 Weather light rain.

Wednesday October 22 1919

There was a meeting of the league this afternoon there were not many there, they decided to give the soldiers a tea on the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month and present each with a gold medal. There are about 8 soldiers to get them. Arthur was down this afternoon, he had Edgar with him, he wanted us to take two cows to milk for grazing them, we are going to take them for a while and he wants a lend of our bull for two or three weeks. The boys are going to take him tomorrow and bring back the cows. Jean and Bob have gone to the Bible class tonight, Jim was going but could not get his work done in time. He has been working up the ground all day with the two horses for peas and beans, it is still very hard there was not enough rain. The cheque came today for the potatoes £18.3.4 after paying expenses for 1 ton 11 cwt. Weather fine.

Thursday October 23 1919

Jim and Bob took the bull up to Ferndale and brought back the two cows. They are very nice cows and give a nice lot of milk. After dinner the boys put in a few peas and cut some rushes. Weather fine. Emily came done this evening and brought the eggs. Weather fine.

Friday October 24 1919

Jim went to Bayswater with the cream this morning, he got a tin of kerosene for Aunt price 12/-. The boys finished putting in the peas this afternoon. Mr Dodd took a bull he had brought up to Ferndale this afternoon and he brought our bull back with him. They were afraid they would fight. Jim mowed the grass amongst the flower beds at the back this evening. I was digging the Dahlias. The ground is very hard.

Saturday October 25 1919

This is the Henley day. Jean and Jim have gone down to see it. I hope it will keep fine. Annie, Arthur and the children came down this afternoon. Bob has gone down to meet the 8 o'clock train.

Monday October 27 1919

Jean and Jim enjoyed the Henley. There were a great number at it and the day was beautiful. The cow Joan had a little Heifer calf yesterday. The Rev. J.J. Brown preached yesterday he was very good. The boys are putting in a few rows of beans today. The weather still keeps very dry, it is quite hot today. There are a lot of snakes about. There are ever so many killed round the district already. The boys killed one last week and Jack killed one in his orchard and there were two killed up at the school yesterday. Weather hot and dry.

Tuesday October 28 1919

I went to town today by the 8 train. I had to call at the bank and go out to Foys and change a pair of boots for Jim, it was not a nice day, it was very hot and windy. Weather hot and dry.



Wednesday October 29 1919

There was a ladies meeting up in the vestry this afternoon, about entertaining the local soldiers, they are going to have a tea in the school and Mrs Maguire and Mrs H. Chandler are going down to Ringwood to ask Mr Little for the use of the church for the concert and presentation of medals. If we can have the Church it will save a lot of work as we will just close the school and leave all the cleaning up after Saturday. Jean and the boys have gone to the Bible class. Weather hot and dry.

Friday October 31 1919

The weather still continues to keep very dry. Mr Little gave the use of the Church. We all went up to the School about half past two to clean the rooms and cut sandwiches and cake. There were three tables, two in the big room and one in the small room. Jean and Girty Henderson had one table, There were a good many people there and the Church was quite filled for the concert. The men who received the gold medals were O. Butt, A. Butt, W. Jackson, J. Foggarty, W. Chandler, H. Dickson, C. Bambarly, J. Gower, R. Batterham, L. Dickson. They were very pretty gold medals. The men were all there to receive them except J. Gower and J. Foggarty and theirs will be sent to them. Spot the cow had a little heifer calf yesterday. Yesterday was a very hot day it was the hottest day on record for years for October. Very hot.

Saturday November 1 1919

There was a cool change last night and it is cloudy today with a light misty rain. Jean and the boys with Mr Rawlinson and Mr Henderson have gone to Montrose to a Concert in aid of the Tennis club. Weather cold.

Monday November 3 1919

They enjoyed the concert very much. Jim whitewashed the dairy today. Bob cutting rushes. Weather fine.

Tuesday November 4 1919

Today is Cup Day there is no holiday at the school. Jean had to go as usual, but there were only 18 children there. Jean was invited by Nellie to go to a picnic at Warrandyte but she did not go. Weather cloud.

Wednesday November 5 1919

Jean and Bob have gone to the Bible Class this evening. Jim over helping Jack to spray. Weather fine.

Thursday November 6 1919

Jim over helping to spray. Bob at the rushes. I was doing some gardening, everything is getting very dry, rain is badly needed. Jean and I drove to Jennies this afternoon. Weather dry.

Friday November 7 1919

Jim over helping to spray again today, there was quite a big bush fire over in Mackenzie's today, it started at the place where they are building the Mill to saw timber, the Mill hands were beating it out. Weather hot and dry.

Saturday November 8 1919

Jim went down to Kleinert's this evening to get a horse he said we could have for a lend to work with Jess. Jean went with him for the drive. Weather fine.

Monday November 10 1919

Jim and I went to Ringwood this morning. He took two little calves and bought two little pigs. The calves brought 17/6 and 16/- and he gave 4/- each for the pigs. I got a bag of brown sugar from Mr Falconer. Weather cloudy.

Tuesday November 11 1919

Jim is working the horses, he is trying to get some ground ready for maize and peas, but it is very hard, he cannot get it worked up at all. I wish it would rain. Bob cut the grass round the Jonathan apple trees and adzed up the ground it is too hard to dig. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 12 1919

Jean and Bob went to the Bible Class this evening. Jim could not get away he was working the horses until late, I finished the cows and turned the separator, fed the calves etc so that Bob could get away. There are 8 cows milking at present. Weather cloudy.

Thursday 13th November 1919

It commenced to rain this morning a nice steady rain and has kept raining all day, it ought to do a great deal of good. It is too wet to work the horses much this afternoon. Jim worked them all the morning. The big engine went up to the saw mill today drawn by 6 horses. I am afraid a sawmill will spoil the look of the mountain. Weather rain.

Friday November 14 1919

It has stopped raining now, the rain was general and will do a great deal of good. The boys would not have been able to work up the ground if it had not come, although it was all ploughed, the roller would not break the lumps, when I was down in Ringwood last Monday I bought some groceries from Mr Blood, he forgot to put up 2 bars soap and some washing soda I had ordered, I wrote to him about it and he sent them along tonight by his baker. Bob took the cream down as usual. Weather cloudy.

Saturday November 15 1919

Jim is very busy with the two horses breaking up the ground. He has some of it ready for crop and has gone over the other while the lumps are damp. It has broken up pretty well. It was a good thing we had the other horse just when the rain came. Weather beautiful.

Monday November 16 1919

Jim went over to Jack first thing this morning, to get the seed drill, he had a loan of it to put some maize in. Jim put in two lands of maize and 6 rows of peas today in the old orchard ground. Bob hoeing the beans down by the creek. Bob and Jim have gone up to Butts this evening. They have taken back some books I had a loan of and they are going to see Mr Butt about cutting the crop. Jean and Jim are thinking of going to town tomorrow as Jean has a holiday from school, as it is exam day. Edgar and Marshall Pegler were up yesterday. Weather fine.

Tuesday November 18 1919

Jean and Jim went to town this morning by the 8 train and returned by the 8 this evening. Jean had her photo taken at Salma's. I hope it is good, they did a little shopping then went out to St. Kilda. to spend the afternoon. They spent a pleasant day. Bob finished hoeing beans and burnt up some rubbish from the garden in the road. I was washing today and helped Bob with the milking, there are 8 cows milking. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 19 1919

Jim and Bob rubbing the shoots from the potatoes. It has rained all last night and all this morning a beautiful rain. Jean and I were at a meeting of the Women's Welcoming League this afternoon to settle up after the tea meeting and concert that we gave to the local soldiers about 3 weeks ago, we paid all expenses and had 3/6 over. They gave it to Mrs Vass? for cleaning the Church after the concert. Emily called just as we got home, she wants me to go over to Fern Tree Gully and get her 2 sittings of little leghorns from Mr Warden. We all went up to the Church to a lantern lecture on Palestine by Mr Judd, it was very good. Weather fine.

Thursday November 20 1919

Mr Butt and Walter Burden came down this morning with the reaper to cut the crop. I did not expect them. I thought it would be too wet. Jim had to ride to Bayswater for some meat and butter. They did not quite finish, it will take them about an hour tomorrow. They would have finished today but they bent some iron work on the pole and Walter had to take it to the blacksmiths to get it straightened. It is a good crop. Jack came down this evening he wants one of the boys to go over on Saturday and help him to put in some potatoes. Weather cloudy.

Friday November 21 1919

Bob took the cream and eggs down to Bayswater this morning. Mr Butt and Walter Burden came and finished the crop this morning and took the machine. They were going to cut Burdens today. Captain Roberts came and borrowed the seed drill yesterday to sow their maize. They are sowing the long paddock this year. They have not started to cut their crop yet though it is quite ready. The No.2 Army Home, the school boys have all gone to Mentone for a holiday and the officers except one who was left to look after the place. Mr Blood sent up the things this evening that he forgot last Monday. Weather fine.

Saturday November 22 1919

Jean went up to Ferndale this afternoon. Jim over helping Jack plant potatoes. Bob stooking hay, he did not get it finished. Jean and I went over to Ferntree Gully yesterday to get some eggs to set, they were for Emily, we took Millie with us after school. We could not get the eggs from Mr Warden he was out, so we went to Cousin Susie's and Jean, Ivy and Millie walked over to Ryan's place just behind their place and got them for 2/6 a setting. They were all picking Cherries when we went there. I have not seen the boys since returning from the war. They both look well. The cherry trees looked beautiful, the long rows were just red. Millie enjoyed herself very much, we had tea and came home in time for the singing practice at the Church. They got out there and I drove home. We drove H. Kleinert's grey mare. She went very nice. Weather fine.

Monday November 24 1919

I went to church yesterday. Mr Davy from New Zealand preached. There were a good many there over 70. Jim rode down to Bayswater this morning to get a ball of binder twine for Mr Butt in place of one of his he used on our crop. We had enough from last year all but one ball. Arthur Kleinert came up for the mare this morning, the horse they were going to work in place of her would not go in the binder. Bob took the ball of twine up to Butts and paid Mr Butt for cutting the crop £2. The boys are finishing the stooking today, they are shifting the stooks off 1 or 2 lands. They are going to plough in some potatoes into the stubble. Weather fine.

Tuesday November 25 1919

Girty Henderson called to see Jean this evening. She rode the pony. I whitewashed the pantry today. Jean got the proofs of her photo today, they are good but could have been better. Jim was picking over the potatoes and Bob cutting rushes and hoeing beans. He took a can of cream to Bayswater this morning. Weather fine.

Wednesday November 26 1919

Jean and Bob went to Mr Henderson's Bible Class this evening. Jim and Bob put in 26 rows potatoes today behind the barn. Jess could not plough the stubble alone it was too hard for her. Weather very hot.

Thursday November 27 1919

Nancy has a little heifer calf today. Jim went up to see Staff Captain Stephen this morning to see if he could get a horse for the day to help Jess with the ploughing, he could not get one today but can get one tomorrow. Staff Captain gave him a beautiful bundle of tomato plants, he has been working up some ground to plant them today down in the bottom paddock next the peas. I hope they grow. Jean went up to the church this evening to play the organ the children are practising for their anniversary.

Friday November 28 1919

Jim and Bob finished the tomato plants and shaded them. There were two rows and put in some potatoes in the oat stubble. They only got a few rows in, the ground is pretty hard. Weather hot.

Saturday November 29 1919

Jim and Bob at the potatoes this morning. Jim went to a sale at Bayswater this afternoon. Clements on Scoresby road he did not buy anything. Weather very hot and dry.

Monday December 1 1919

Bob took a can of cream to the station this morning. Jim has gone to Ringwood market with 2 calves, he is not back yet. Jean has gone up to Ferndale. She went after school to look over the Sunday School prizes. Bob hoeing peas. Bob and I are thinking of going to the city tomorrow to buy a stove, the one I have is quite worn out. Jean went over to Henderson's yesterday to spend the afternoon. Walter Burden came to tea yesterday and spent the evening. Weather hot and close.

Tuesday December 2 1919

Bob and I went to town this morning by the 8 train. It was very hot and close. We bought a Harvester Stove and paid £5.0.0 and a wicker arm chair for £1.7.6 and Bob bought a hoe he paid 4/6 for it, the things are not up yet. Weather fine.

Wednesday December 3 1919

Jean and Bob were going to the Bible Class, they were all ready but there was a thunder storm and very heavy rain and they could not go. Walter Burden just got here before rain started he got no further and it was after eleven before he could go home. Jim over helping Jack to spray. Bob took a can of cream down this morning. Weather thunderstorm.

Thursday December 4 1919

Jean has gone up to the singing practice tonight. The rain cleared off this morning, it was a beautiful rain and will do a great lot of good. Fine.

Friday December 5 1919

Our cream cans have not returned this week and Jim was obliged to borrow one from Mr Burden to send the cream this morning. The inspector was at the school today, he gave a very good report and was pleased with the sewing. Fine.

Saturday December 6 1919

Jean went to Bayswater this evening to get the cream cans but they were not there, neither was the stove or chair. Bob over with Jack. Bob hoeing and he harrowed some ground. Fine.

Monday December 8 1919

Jim went to Ringwood today, he took a fat pig it was bigger than a porker he got £4.2.0. for it. I think it was a good price, he took half a case of green cherry plums and got 3/6 for them including the half case. Fine hot.

Tuesday December 9 1919

Jim got the cream cans on his way home from Ringwood and the chair the stove is not up yet. Bob took down a can of cream this morning, he went over to help Jack finish the spraying after he got back. Jim went over and got Dick and worked up some ground for maize. I was washing. Very hot.

Wednesday December 10 1919

The boys started to cart the hay in this evening, they had an Army Wagon, but it must go back tomorrow as they are going to cart hay themselves. H. Chandler is going to lend them his lorry for tomorrow. It looks like rain. I hope it holds off till the hay is in. Jean and Bob went up to the Bible Class. Jim could not get away because of the hay and the milking. Cloudy.

Thursday December 11 1919

The boys went for the lorry, but they could not get it as A. Chandler who was carting hay with it had not sent it back. Like rain.

Friday December 12 1919

Jim went for the lorry but they only got one load in before it rained. Not much rain but enough to wet the hay. Jim took a can of cream to the station and brought home the new stove, it has been nearly a fortnight coming. He ordered Pegler's to save 12 doz. bran bags so as to be ready for the chaff cutting. Bob hoeing peas. Jean up at the singing practice tonight. Weather close.

Saturday December 13 1919

Today is election day. Jean and I drove down to Bayswater about 5 o'clock. Emily went with us, it is dreadfully hot this morning but about 2 o'clock a cool change came from the south. Jack borrowed Dick to go and look at a horse he thought would do for us so the boys did not get in any hay, they put in a few peas and did some hoeing. Jean and the boys have gone up to the Church this evening. They are decorating it for the Anniversary tomorrow. Mr Edgar is taking the service, I hope it will be fine. Fine and cool.

Monday December 15 1919

Yesterday was a lovely day for the S.S.A. there were a good many there in the morning but the Army were missed, they could not come as the Commissioner was there. They had a good congregation at night. Mr Edgar preached at both services. He was splendid especially in the evening. The children sang very well. We held a social this evening the Church was full, there was a very good program, Girty Henderson, Jean and 4 Collier girls were in a dialogue, it was very good. Jean had never taken part in anything before. Mr Crisp played the violin. Weather beautiful.

Tuesday December 16 1919

The boys got up about half past four and carted in the remainder of the hay. It looked so like rain, there was a light rain but not enough. Jim took the lorry back and lent them our hay fork.

Wednesday December 17 1919

Mr Butt gave Jim some tomato plants and he and Bob planted another row today. The two rows he got from the Army are growing beautifully, none of them died. The boys were getting a few more tomatoes ready for planting, it rained this afternoon. Jean and the boys went up to the Bible Study class this evening. Jack and Walter went with them. Weather showery.

Thursday December 18 1919

The boys planted a few rows of potatoes and put in some peas and maize. Weather fine.

Friday December 19 1919

Bob took a can of cream to the station this morning. we were obliged to send Mr Burdens can again as ours did not come back and, they are not at the station today. Ross Smith the Aviator who was flying from England to Australia reached here today, he took 28 days to come. Jim and Bob put the stove in today and took the old one out, it does not fit the place very well but will have to do for the present. Weather fine.

Saturday December 20 1919

Jean and I went to town this morning to do some shopping. Jean bought a silk dress and new hat. We don't like the hat now we have got it and are going to change it as soon as we can. We went out to St. Kilda in the afternoon and as it was very hot, it was very pleasant out there. Ettie Rollo sent Jean the bag she was going to make for her last week. It is very pretty. Weather hot.

Monday December 22 1919

Bob took a can of cream to the station this morning, he had to go to the 7 o'clock train as the Railway Officials were not taking any luggage except milk on the 8 train. They have too much to do as there are so many passengers go by the train. It only means getting up a little earlier. Jim and Bob have gone to Ringwood today with 2 fat calves and if they can are going to bring back 2 or 3 pigs. Weather fine.

Tuesday December 23 1919

Jim got 21/- for one calf and, 16/- for the other one. He could not get any pigs they were too dear and only a few in the market. Jean and I went to town today to change Jeans hat, we could not get what we wanted. I don't like it any better than the last one. We came home in a special Belgrave train and so got home some time before the 8 train, we went up to Pegler's to ask after Robert, he is much worse he is down at Charlotte's hospital, the doctors say there is no hope for him. Jim came to meet us. Weather fine.

Wednesday December 24 1919

Mr Griffiths called while we were away, he brought Jean a beautiful reference Bible and Jim and Bob a big box of chocolates and a knife each and me a bottle of scent and a box of fancy biscuits. Miss Lizzie sent Jean a front and a book. Jim helping J.H. put in some potatoes. Bob hoeing. Weather fine.

Thursday December 25 1919

Today has been a very quiet Christmas, the boys went up the mountain and down round the Gully way home. Walter Burden went with them. Jean and I were home. Weather fine.

Friday December 26 1919

The boys and Walter have gone out again they walked to Belgrave and came to Bayswater in the train and home in the Army wagon. They did not set home till late. Fine.

Saturday December 27 1919

The boys planted some beans today and did some hoeing. Robert Pegler is no better. Essie Maguire and Jean Chandler are very sick too.

Monday December 29 1919

Jean went over to Aunts today. The boys picked a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of peas and sent them down with Bill Perry. He got 6/6 for them. We sent a can of cream to Fitzpatrick's today to see if the weight would be the same. Weather fine.

Tuesday December 30 1919

I washed today, it is very windy. Jim over with Jack. Bob working up some ground down in the bottom paddock. Fine.

Wednesday December 31 1919

Jim over with Jack. Bob hoeing, he took a can of cream to the station yesterday morning. Jean and Bob went to Bayswater this evening to get the meat and a few other things. The butcher was to leave the meet at Pegler's, but he did not do so. Weather cloudy.



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Thursday January 1 1920

The boys and, Walter Burden went up to Olinda, down Mt. Dandenong and right through Montrose, Kilsyth to Croydon. They were tired and thought they would take a train to Ringwood and catch the Bayswater train and drive home in the Army Wagon, but their train was eight minutes late and so they missed the Bayswater train and had to walk from Ringwood. They walked up the line. It was eleven o'clock when they got home. Walter came with them and had tea. Weather fine.

Friday January 2 1920

The boys picked 5 quarters of peas and sent them down with Mr Clarke today. Bob took them down. They are very tired after their walk. Jean went up to Ferndale today. Weather fine.

Saturday January 3 1920

Jean went to Bayswater for the meat and took the eggs to Pegler's. They are 1/4 now. Bob is over with Uncle Jack helping him to spray. Jim is picking some peas for Monday that will not keep. I had a letter from Bertha Steel. Henry, Mrs Lum and Bertha are coming over to see us on Monday if fine.

Monday January 5 1920

Mrs Lum, Harry and Bertha drove over this morning from Mt. Dandenong. Harry has taken a farm there. The boys are picking peas they got them finished early 2 cwt. Bill took them down. Jean went up to Henderson's tonight to go over the dialogue they have been asked to give it at Montrose next week. Weather fine.

Tuesday January 6 1920

Jim over helping Jack to spray. Bob picking some beans that they did not get over yesterday and hoeing. Weather fine.

Wednesday January 7 1920

Bob over helping to spray. Jim mending the fence round the oat stubble so as to put the cows there.

Thursday January 8 1920

The boys are picking beans today. Jean went up to Ferndale this morning. She is going to Sherbrook with Auntie Annie and the children to see the falls. Jim has gone to meet her. Weather fine.

Friday January 9 1920

The boys sent 2½ of peas and beans with Bill Perry tonight. Jean and Girty Henderson have gone to Bayswater to a Social evening at Falconers. They have gone in our buggy. Ron Henderson came down here and spent the evening. Millie and Katie Stephen came down this afternoon to meet Mr Godden and Hazel. Hazel had written to them and asked them to meet them here as she did not have much time, she took two or three snaps of Jean, Katie and Millie altogether and alone. I hope they turn out well.

Saturday January 10 1920

Jean drove down to Bayswater this morning to get the meat. Bob called yesterday when he was down with the cream but the butcher did not have any. Little Robert is a little better today. After Jean got home she went over home with their meat. Bob over spraying. They finished it today. Weather fine.

Monday January 12 1920

Emily went to town this morning. Jean has gone to meet her. Jim scarifying today. Bob took Jess over to the blacksmiths today he put on new hind shoes and removed the front ones 6/- paid. Mr Hunter was telling Bob that shoeing is going up to 10/- and, 12/- a set. He picked some apples when he got back. Bob is 18 today. Weather fine.

Tuesday January 13 1920

The boys are picking beans today, they left off early as they ate going to the concert at Montrose. Jean has gone too, they are going to give the dialogue tonight. I hope they do it well. Bob went with Walter Burden, Jack Pegler, Ron Henderson and Archie Butt in Walters wagon. Jean and Jim drove. Weather fine. Jack Byers went with them, he was too late for the wagon.

Wednesday January 14 1920

The Concert was a great success, the hall was full, Mr Swan the dentist gave most of the entertainment, he is very good at slight of hand tricks. The dialogue passed off very well. They did not get home till 12. The ladies gave all the performers tea after the Concert. Weather fine.

Friday January 23 1920

I helped Bob pick some peas this afternoon. Jim over helping Uncle pick beans, he rode Jess over this morning. Jack thinks he will have to take two horses. Archie Butt took our things down tonight, 3/4 of beans, 1½ peas, 2 cases apples, 1 case of plums. Jean and I went to town last Tuesday. I bought Bobs for the boys. General Birdwood arrived while we were down, there was a great procession of returned soldiers. There was a very heavy thunderstorm while he was going through the city, we watched it from under a verandah. Some of the people got wet through. Ron Henderson and Jack Pegler spent the evening here playing Bobs. Weather fine.

Saturday January 24 1920

Things were a bad price in the market today. Archie Butt only got 8/- cwt for beans, 16/- for peas, 1/6 a case for good Duchess apples, and 5/- a case for the plums. Robert Pegler is very ill again, he has had another operation and had all his teeth taken out as well poor little fellow, he has been ill a long time now and suffered a lot. Mr Hill died on Friday and was buried at Box Hill today. He has been very bad for a long time, he died of consumption. Jim stayed with Aunt as usual on Friday night and he stayed all day today to pick Gravenstein apples there is such a big crop on the trees. Weather beautiful.

Sunday January 25 1920

Jean has gone up to Ferndale this afternoon. Jim went to meet her after tea, she was going to call at Aunts on the way up. Jim and Jean are thinking of going to town on Tuesday to see the A.N.A. Exhibition. Jean has gone to Ferndale this afternoon to see if Millie can go with them as it will be the last day of the holidays. Fine and hot.

Monday January 26 1920

This is A.N.A day. Jean and I went to Bayswater this afternoon to see Miss Collie about making Jean a voile dress. She will not be able to make it for a fortnight. After seeing the dressmaker we drove to the town shop to ask after little Robert Pegler, he is very bad again he has had another operation. He is very low. Bob over helping Jack with the apples, they finished picking today they got 300 cases altogether. Jim planting a few rows of beans. There has been heavy showers of rain all day today. Weather showery. Elsie is expected to land tomorrow.

Tuesday January 27 1920

Jean and Millie went with Jim to the Exhibition today, it did not open till 11 o'clock. Jean took Millie to the Library while Jean went out to Foys to do some shopping. She bought an umbrella she paid 15/- for it. The Exhibition was very good though Jim says it is not as good as it was last time he saw it.

Wednesday January 28 1920

The boys picked  $\frac{3}{4}$  of beans today and sent them down with Archie Butt. Bill Bolton brought a horse for us to look at to see if we would buy it, he wants £22 for it. It is 5 years old and is just broken in. Jack thinks it is too young for us, we have not decided whether we will- take it or not, he says it is very quiet. There are three of the cows missing tonight, they did not notice they were out until milking time. Fine.

Thursday January 29 1920

Jim over helping uncle to pick beans. Bob picking beans at home. Archie Butt got 12 cwt for the beans. Jim went out on Jess this morning to look for the cows, he got them down near Dinsdale's. We have not decided anything about the horse yet. Jim is going to speak about it to Uncle today. Elsie came home on Tuesday on the troopship "Burda". She is going to help Charlotte nurse Robert. He is no better, he just keeps about the same. I have been doing a big wash today. Ron Henderson and Wilfred Rawlinson are down here tonight they are playing Bobs.

Friday January 30 1920

Bob sent 1 cwt of peas and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of beans tonight.

Saturday January 31 1920

Jim over picking beans for Uncle. Bob went over and brought old Dick down and horse hoed the young beans and the last rows of potatoes. Archie Butt got 14/-cwt for beans and £1 cwt for peas. We did not buy the horse Mr Bolton had for sale it seemed to have its front foot sprained. It has been very hot today.

Monday February 2 1920

I helped Bob pick some peas today. We picked 2 cwt. Jim over helping Jack, he called here this evening and took the peas with Jacks beans he took them to Bayswater to a man named Weston to take to market. He is going instead of Mr Clarke who is sick. Mrs King and Miss Burkett were down to tea yesterday.

Tuesday February 3 1920

Jean and I drove over to Fern Tree Gully after school today. I went to pay Mr Minns the insurance money it is due tomorrow. Bob picking a few peas we would not get done yesterday. He picked about  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Jim over with Jack. It has been very hot today. Emily came down this evening for an hour or two she has just gone. Jack Pegler is here too playing with the boys it is getting late I wish he would go.

Thursday February 5 1920

Bob and I went to the A.N.A Exhibition today. Annie and the two boys went too, we did not know they were going to town until we met at the station. They did not go to the Exhibition. It rained some heavy showers but we did not get wet. The Exhibition was not nearly so good as it was the last time I saw it, the only interesting things I saw was the match making machine and the war pictures.

Friday February 6 1920

It rained all the morning and as the peas would keep Bob did not pick today. Jim over with Jack as usual. The young heifers little calf died last Wednesday. Jim skinned it, we don't know what was the matter with it.

Saturday February 7 1920

Bob put in two or three rows of beans. Jim over cutting blackberries. I have not been well since I went to town.

Monday February 9 1920

Bob picked 1 cwt of peas and Archie Butt took them down for him. He would have liked more but the bull got out and he had to go after it. Mrs Collier died yesterday, she was 74 years and 11 months she has been ill for a long time but she was at Church last Sunday. I went down for a short time last evening. I was going this afternoon but Elsie and Edgar Peglar drove up. Elsie landed last Tuesday. I saw her at the station for a short time last Thursday evening, but she has not been up here before since she came back. Weather hot.

Tuesday February 10 1920

Mrs Colliers funeral was today at 1.30. Jim went with Arthur. They were going to Blackburn after it was over. Jim is not home yet and it is 5 minutes to 11. I feel anxious for they are driving a horse I do not trust and it is frightened of Motor Cars. Bob and Jean were going to Bayswater to a lecture on the Strength of the Empire but Bob did not get his work finished and so did not care to go. Walter Burden is here spending the evening they are playing Bobs. I wish Jim would come home. Very hot.

Wednesday February 11 1920

Jim got home at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past eleven. There were a good many people at it. He enjoyed going to Harris's. He had not been there before. Bob has not been well today, so did not do much work.

Thursday February 12 1920

It has been very hot for the last few days. I have felt today the worst. I went over home this evening to pick some blackberries for jam. I got a bucket full. I picked them myself and it did not take long. Jim went over to help Jack pick beans. He did not go till after dinner, it was so hot. I drove over and he came home with me. Hot.

Friday February 13 1920

Jean drove down to Bayswater this morning. She went to the butchers and Pegler's and called at Miss Collies the dressmakers for her new dress. It looks very nice. She paid the dressmaker 12/3. 9/6 for making and 2/3 for extras. The bull got out of the paddock last night. Jim was all day looking for him and he came home himself early in the afternoon. I don't know where he came from. Bob over with Jack, he will stay the night as Uncle is away.

Saturday February 14 1920

Jean went up to Ferndale, she took her blue dress to show Auntie Annie. She likes it very much. Jim went to meet her, they are just home. Jim and Bob tried the horse we got from Uncle Bert in the plough, he did not go very well but Jim thinks he will do alright in time.

Monday February 16 1920

I went to help Bob pick some beans this morning, he was trying to get them finished before it got too hot, but we had to give up about ½ past eleven. The beans got too soft. Jim over helping Uncle he is going to market tonight so Jim will not be home. Bob went over this evening to get Jess to take the cream in the morning. We sent 1 cwt beans with Bill. This has been the hottest day of the season.

Tuesday February 17 1920

I went over to see Mrs H.R. Chandler this afternoon. Jim ploughing the ground for greenstuff it is very hard. Bob cutting blackberries and thistles. He took a can of cream to the station this morning for the 7 train. It is very hot today but not so bad as yesterday.

Wednesday February 18 1920

Marshall Pegler came up this morning on his bicycle to tell us little Robert died last night at 1 o'clock. Poor little fellow he suffered a lot, he has been in bed for ten weeks. The boys sent 1½ cwt beans down with Walter tonight. Jean and Jim went to the Bible class this evening.

Thursday February 19 1920

There is a large bush fire over near Dickson's and right up round Switzerland some of the houses have been in danger and the neighbours beat it back, the two boys went over so did Harry Chandler, Uncle Jack and Mr Agar, Staff Captain Steven and several others. If it is hot tomorrow it will spread up round the mill it looks very red tonight. Mrs Davies of Kilsyth died last night, she has been very ill for a long time with cancer. Jim took the new horse over to the blacksmiths this morning, but he was too busy to shoe him. He must take him again next week. Walter Burden got 18/- cwt for the beans. Hot.

Friday February 20 1920

I went to Bayswater this morning with Bob when he took the cream. I went to see Maud, she looks very bad. She is fretting over Roberts death. Jim is over helping Jack, he went over after dinner. Bob took Jess to the blacksmiths this afternoon as she had lost a shoe, then he took her over home so that Jack would have her to go to market. It is now  $\frac{1}{4}$  to eleven and he is not home. Jean and I are invited to an at Home at Bayswater tomorrow evening. I am not sure that we will go, it is to say good bye to Mrs Maclean and her daughter who are leaving the district. The fire is still spreading up in in Mr Mackenzie's property it looks beautiful this evening up the side of the mountain. Fine and very dry.

Saturday February 21 1920

Jean and I went to the AT Home in the Bayswater Hall to say good bye to Mrs Maclean and her daughter. We went with Mr and Mrs H.R. Chandler. It was twelve when we got home, there were a good many there. There was some very nice singing and playing. We spent a very pleasant evening and the drive home was very cool and nice and the bush fires on the mountains looked lovely. Hot.

Monday February 23 1920

Today has been dreadfully hot. The boys picked  $2\frac{3}{4}$  cwt and 12 lb peas and sent them down with Archie Butt. The boys could have picked more peas and some beans but just at dinner time a big bush fire started up in Ferndale and came down towards Uncles Orchard. They went over and all Mr Griffiths men and Uncle Arthur and Mr Agar and several others burnt a break along the hill track. They carted all the mill wood through Jacks paddock. They had to work hard to keep it from Mr Grumont's house. The boys did not get home till half past ten, they were very tired. There was another big fire over in Mr Goodwins paddock, it started from a burning stump left from the fire last week. It got very close to Mr Meadway's house, there were over a dozen men keeping it back, it got into Maguires cut scrub and it looked something grand at night, we could see our shadows it was so light from the fire. Hot.

Tuesday February 24 1920

The boys went to town this morning, they walked to Ringwood. They went to see Sir Ross Smith land in his aeroplane. He has flown all the way from England. I hope he lands safely, there are to be displays by other aeroplanes, it is rather windy. I hope it will not be too rough to fly. Archie got 22/- for the peas. The weather is quite cool today, it was cold first thing this morning.

Wednesday February 25 1920

Jean drove down yesterday evening to meet the boys they did not see Ross Smith, he did not come, something went wrong with his engine. They were disappointed, but they saw the others looping the loop and all sorts of different things, they say it was worth seeing in spite of Ross Smith not coming, there was over 60 thousand people there. Jean and Bob have gone to the Bible Class.

Thursday February 26 1920

The boys are picking peas today, it is dreadfully hot and dry. Sir Ross Smith came yesterday morning about ½ past nine. He flew over the city for a short time and then flew to Point Cook where he landed. I went up to the Vestry to a ladies meeting about entertaining the soldiers, this afternoon. We are going to entertain them on the 13th.

Friday February 27 1920

Girty Henderson went away this morning up to Mildura. She is going to finish her training there for a nurse. Jean is sorry she is going, as she was her best friend. Archie Butt took down ¾ of beans and 1 case tomatoes.

Saturday February 28 1920

Archie Butt got 18/- cwt for the beans and 8/- a case for tomatoes. Jean has gone up to Ferndale this afternoon. The horse we got from Bert Pegler got out of the paddock last night and went home. Jim went down on the bakers cart and brought him back.

Monday March 1 1920

I helped Bob pick some beans this afternoon. He sent down 1½ cwt and 12 lbs with Butts and 1 case of tomatoes with Walter Burden. Wilfred Rollason the young school teacher went away last night. He is going to teach at Harrierville it will be near his home. We are all very sorry he had to go. The day the boys went to see Sir Ross Smith on the way home in the train Jim lost my purse. He knew he had it in the train after he left Ringwood and he did not miss it until he got home it only had 1/2 1n money and some tram tickets but it was a good purse and the only one I had. I had written my address on a small card and put it in some time ago and today I got the purse sent to me by post, someone had picked it up in the train. I don't know who it was they just signed. E.W. It was good of them to send it. I did not expect to see it again.

Tuesday March 2 1920

Walter Burden got 10/- for the case of tomatoes and Archie Butt got 7/- a qtr for the 1 cwt, 1 qtr, 12 lbs of beans he took down. I believe beans went up to £2 a cwt, peas were 28/- cwt. I did my washing today. I had 3 weeks to do. Kitty Burden is teaching in Mr Rollason's place at school, until a new teacher comes. Bob took a can of cream down this morning for the 7 train. We have had a nice rain and the weather is beautiful and cool.

Wednesday March 3 1920

The boys sent down 1 cwt of peas ½ cwt of beans with Butts this evening. I have been very busy all day and am very tired. I think I will go to town tomorrow if it is fine. Jim took the new horse Dick over to Mr Hunter to shoe, he charged 10/- for the first time as it was so much work. He says his feet will get better and the swelling from his knees in time. Cloudy.

Thursday March 4 1920

I not go to town today. I was too tired and the bull got out of the paddock last night and Jim wanted the horse to go and look for him. After going all round the roads he found it down in front of Mr A. Colliers. It has been a dreadfully hot and trying day. I am glad I did not go to town. Jean and I went up to the Church Vestry to a meeting about holding a Bazaar to raise money in aid of the Cooking School at Fern Tree Gully. The meeting decided to collect the money and not hold a Bazaar as everything is so dear.

Friday March 5 1920

Jim over helping Jack. Bob sent  $\frac{3}{4}$  of peas with Archie Butt and 3 cases of tomatoes and 2 cases of apples with Walter Burden.

Saturday March 6 1920

Archie got 8/- a qtr. for the peas and beans were up to 12/- a qtr. We did not have any. Walter Burden got 12/- a case for 2 cases of tomatoes and 3/6 for one case apples and 3/- for the other. It commenced to rain about 5 o'clock and rained heavy showers all the evening. It will do good, the place was very dry. Rain.

Monday March 8 1920

Jim went down to Ringwood this morning with 2 pigs, 1 calf and 2½ pairs of chicks and 3½ pairs of chicks for Emily. He got £2.3.6 each for the pigs, £1.0.9 for the calf, 1/9 a pair for my chicks and 2/1 for Aunts. Bob and I picked 1¼ cwt of beans and Jim took them over in the Wagon for Jack to take down. Cloudy.

Tuesday March 9 1920

Bob hoeing beans. Jim working up some ground for greenstuff. Jean went over to Mrs Kerrs after school to see if she had any passionfruit ripe and if she could give them for the soldier entertainment. We want to put some in the fruit salad. She gave three or four dozen all she had ripe. Jean called at H.R. Chandler's on her way home and they gave her such a lovely bunch of cactus dahlias. Jack got 10/- for the beans.

Wednesday March 10 1920

Jean went up to Ferndale after school, she wanted to ask Mr Griffiths for some flowers for the soldiers, he was not home but Miss Lizzie promised some. Jim went over for the seed-drill to put in the greenstuff.

Thursday March 11 1920

Jim sowing oats for greenstuff with the seed-drill, he tried the new horse but he would not pull it and Jim did not have time to bother with it so put in old Dick and Jess. He got 3 or 4 lands in. All he is going to put in at present. Bob picking peas. I went to town today. Weather beautiful.

Friday March 12 1920

Jim over helping Jack. Bob picking peas. I went down and helped him this afternoon. He got 2¼ cwt and 12 lbs peas. Jean and I went up to the school this evening to help out up the tables and get ready for tomorrow. Mrs Burden called and went up with us. Just as we were going out, George Dobson called he is cutting chaff at H.R. Chandlers and will be here on Monday. Fine.



Saturday March 13 1920

It has been a very hot day today and I am dreadfully tired after our days work for the soldiers. We drove up to the school about 11 o'clock to get ready for them, make sandwiches and fruit salad, cut cake etc. We worked very hard and had just finished when they came about 85 of them, a good many on crutches. There were no nurses this time. They went away about ½ past four when we all sat down to tea and have a rest before cleaning up and setting the school ready for Monday. It did not take long with so many hands. Archie Butt got 10/- qtr for the peas.

Monday March 15 1920

George and Edgar Dobson came to cut the chaff this morning just before dinner. They did not start cutting until after dinner. Emily and Les Dobson came just in time for dinner. They brought Benzine for the engine and took home the empty boxes. It rained and it hindered the cutting for about an hour. I suppose they will finish tomorrow morning if it does not rain.

Tuesday March 16 1920

They finished the cutting this morning and got away about ½ past ten. They went up to Burdens, they have about 12 tons to cut there we had 7 tons, the boys are carrying it up on the poles and loft.

Wednesday March 17 1920

The boys finished carrying up the chaff 156 bags. The boys sent some beans down with Butt tonight.

Thursday March 18 1920

Bob picking peas today. Jim over helping Jack.

Friday March 19 1920

Bob sent some peas and tomatoes down with Butts. Jim over with Jack.

Saturday March 20 1920

Jean and the boys went to Ringwood Show this afternoon. There was a dust storm and heavy rain when they were driving home. They got wet, it rained all the evening.

Wednesday March 24 1920

Jean and I drove down to Kleinert's this afternoon. Jean called at Ramage's on her way home to ask if Anna was going to the picnic. They are all going. Nellie Kleinert is not going. We came home in time for Bible Class. Jean got out at the church and I drove home. Ron Henderson came down and got Jacks seed drill to put in their oats. Bob and Jim took the two Ferndale cows and our bull up to Ferndale today. They took all the morning till about 2 o'clock. They got away in the scrub up near the hill.

Thursday March 25 1920

Bob picking beans. Jim over home helping to pick beans and apples. The boys and Jean are going to the beach picnic tomorrow.

Friday March 26 1920

Jean and the boys went to the picnic today. The special train starts at 10 minutes to nine. There are two trains, the Bayswater people go by the second one. They drove down to the station with Burdens in their wagon and came home with them. It was a beautiful day and they all enjoyed themselves very much. They went to Williamstown beach, they got home about eleven.

Saturday March 27 1920

Jean and I drove over to Kilsyth to the fruit and vegetable show this evening. It was very good, but not nearly so good as last year, it was a lovely moonlight night, so it was a nice drive. Jim over home picking apples.

Monday March 29 1920

Jim over picking apples. Bob picked 5 qtrs and 11 lbs of beans and 2 cases of tomatoes and Butts took them down for us. Jean went up to Ferndale this evening, she went up home and came home with Jim.

Tuesday March 30 1920

Jim brought Jess home last night and he is ploughing today with her and Dick. Bob took the new horse over to Mr Hunter to get his front feet done up. They were 2/6 he did not touch the back shoes. I have been washing today, it has been such a beautiful sunny day and tonight is a lovely calm moonlight night as light as day. Ron Henderson and Jack Pegler are here playing Bobs with the boys. After Bob came back from the blacksmiths he picked some seed beans. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday March 31 1920

Jean and Jim went up to the Bible Class tonight. There were only a few there. Bob over helping Jack with the apples. Jim ploughing. Fine.

Thursday April 1 1920

Jess lost one of her shoes and Bob had to take her to Mr Hunter. He could not do all her shoes, he was too busy, he put the one on and charged 1/-. Jim took her.

Friday April 2 1920

This is Good Friday it is a beautiful day. Bob picked 1 cwt beans, 4 cases tomatoes and sent them with Butts and Burdens. Ron Henderson brought down 1 case lemons and 1 case tomatoes for Walter to take down. Fine.

Saturday April 3 1920

Jean went up to the Church this afternoon. Her and Arthur decorated it for tomorrow, it is the Church Anniversary. Mr Edgar is going to preach. I hope it is fine.

Monday April 5 1920

We had a nice day for the Church Anniversary yesterday in the morning, the church was full with several extra seats in front and then 4 or 5 could not get seats. There was a good attendance at the evening service. There would have been many or more than the morning but it was wet and very dark. Mr Edgar preached both morning and evening he spoke especially for young men. The church looked very nice, decorated with bamboo, pink geranium and white daisies.

Tuesday April 6 1920

We held a social at the church this evening in connection with the Church Anniversary. It was a success, the church was full and we had a good programme. I forgot to mention that on Easter Monday Jean, Bob and I went for a drive with the new horse. The road was so slippery he could scarcely get up with the empty buggy, we all had to walk to the top of the hill at Sassafras. We gave him a rest at the top and then drove through Sassafras, Belgrave, Upwey and down through Fern Tree Gully and home. It was a beautiful drive. I had never been on the mountains since it was built on before and I was surprised at the good roads once you manage to get to the top. We were invited to go to Mt. Dandenong to Harry Lum's place but it rained this morning and when it cleared it was too late to go so we drove to Belgrave instead.

Wednesday April 7 1920

Jean went up to see Mrs Henderson this afternoon and take her some flowers. She stayed to tea and Jim went to meet her, they are just home. Bob picked a qtr of beans and sent them down with Archie Butt. Jim ploughing and harrowing some ground for oats.

Thursday April 8 1920

Jean and I drove over to see Mr and Mrs Box this afternoon. Mrs Bond came while we were there she is looking very well so are the old people and Mrs Fred and her children are such dear little fellows. Bob went over to help Jack with his apples. Jim sowing some oats up in the creek paddock with the drill. He finished sowing but did not finish harrowing. Archie got 6/- a qtr. for the beans. We got home about ½ past nine. Bob took the cream this morning for the 7 train. Mrs King drove to the station with him.

Friday April 9 1920

Jim over with Jack. Bob and I picked 1¼ and 12 lbs of beans and 12lbs of peas and 4 cases tomatoes. Bill took the beans and peas and Walter took the tomatoes.

Saturday April 10 1920

Bill got 16/- cwt for beans and peas and Walter got from 8 to 4 for tomatoes. It looks like rain.

Monday April 12 1920

Emily went down to see Emma Truswell yesterday afternoon, she has been very ill for a long time with consumption, she found her a lot worse. One of the Army ladies, Mrs King is going to stay the night with her. Walter and Frank Burden were here yesterday and Jean and the boys, the Burdens and, Jack Pegler went up to spend the evening and sing at Henderson's. Emily went down to stop the night with Emma Truswell.

Tuesday April 13 1920

The Bible Class is altered from Wednesday till Tuesday night. Jim and Jean have gone up this evening, Bob had been over picking apples. Emma Truswell has a nurse to look after her now. There is a lot of colds and sore throats going about just now and some of the children have the measles. Alf and Harry and Arch Chandlers children have had them and now Dorrie Pope has them. Jim started to plough the stubble today. Showery.

Wednesday April 14 1920

Bob over picking apples. Jim ploughing. Jean went over to Aunt's after school to get me some flowers. I am going to town tomorrow and am going to call at the Cemetery on the way down. Fine.

Thursday April 15 1920

Bob over picking apples. Jim drove me to the station this morning and then went on with the ploughing. I took Bob's boots and Jeans shoes to East Richmond to be half soles. I had to pay 7/- for Bobs and 5/- for Jeans. I bought Bob a new pair and had to give 27/6 for them. The same as he used to get before the war for 12/6. It rained very heavy while I was in the train from Tunstall to Box Hill but did not rain again all day.

Friday April 16 1920

Bob picked 3 qtrs and 12 lbs of beans and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of peas and I packed 2 cases of apples for the market. Walter Burden took them. It commenced to rain about six o'clock this evening and is still raining very heavy showers. Emily went down to see Emma Truswell last night, she is no better. Jim over helping Jack. Rain.

Saturday April 17 1920

Jim picking and picking up apples. It has rained most of the day. Walter Burden got 8/- for the beans and 7/- qtr for peas and 5/- case for the apples.

Monday April 19 1920

Mr Collier and Mrs Fisher called up yesterday afternoon and stayed to tea. Jean, Jim, Bob and Walter and Frank Burden went up to Mrs Henderson's Sunday evening. Mr and Mrs Arch Chandler were there. Bob picked 1 cwt of beans and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt peas. I helped pick the peas, he took them over in the buggy for Jack to take down. Jean came home with him, she had been up at Ferndale. Jim over helping Jack. Fine.

Tuesday April 20 1920

Jean and Jim have gone up to Bible Class. Walter burden and Jack Pegler called and went up with them. Bob over helping Jack, Jim went down to Bayswater to Kleinert's to get some sheets of iron and some wood to build a shed to put the engine in that Jim bought from Mr Butt. Jack is going to bring down his two horses tomorrow and they are going to fetch it home. Jack got £2.19.0 for the  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cwt of peas and beans he took down for us. Bob got a great fright this evening while he was over home. He took Jacks gun and went down to the creek to see if he could get a rabbit and while standing quite still the gun went off. It cut his finger and bruised his chest. He might have been shot. This is the second time it has gone off without cause, it is dangerous.

Wednesday April 21 1920

Jack came down about half past eleven with the two horses and his sleigh after dinner they went for the engine, they took two trips to bring it, it is very heavy to pull one sledge. They did not get back with the second load, the wheel, until dark. Jean, Bob and I drove down to Bayswater this evening to a welcome home for returned soldiers. The hall was quite full and some stood in the porch. Each of the returned men received a gold medal. Elsie got one too and there was one each for the relatives of the men who had fallen in battle. Most of the men were in their uniforms. Elsie had on hers, she looked very nice. There was a grand concert and social. We spent a pleasant evening. Walter Burden came home with us, he walked down. Frank went on horseback. Fine.

Thursday April 22 1920

Jim and Bob both over helping pick up apples. Bob took the cream to the station before he went. I picked a qtr of peas this afternoon.

Friday April 23

Jim over with Jack. Bob picking beans. I helped pick some peas after dinner and packed 3 cases of apples and 1 case tomatoes for the market. Walter Burden took them down. There were 1 cwt of peas,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 12 lbs of beans, 1 case tomatoes, 1 case Five Crowns, 2 cases Jonathans. It commenced to rain this evening and it is very windy and cold.

Saturday April 24 1920

It rained most of the night and has been showery all the morning. Jean drove to Bayswater this afternoon to get some groceries and take the eggs. There were 7 dozen, they are  $\frac{2}{3}$  a dozen 15/9. Walter got 7/- qtr for peas and 10 qtr for beans, 7/- for tomatoes, 6/- for the Five Crowns, 5/- each for the Jonathans, the tomatoes were very small and soft, good ones were 14/- case.

Monday April 26 1920

Yesterday was Anzac Day, there were special services all over the country. We all went in the morning. Mrs Butt came down in the afternoon and stayed to tea, Jim over with Jack today. Bob clearing. Jean is home from school today. It is eight hours day. Jean and the boys and Walter and Frank Burden and Ron Henderson have gone to Montrose to a C.A. Social and concert. Frank rode and the rest went in the buggy. Light showers.

Tuesday April 27 1920

They all enjoyed the entertainment at Montrose very much. It was very good, the hall was full. The whole of the programme was given by the Try Boys Society, they were all beautiful singers and there was juggling and slight of hand. They are very clever. They did not get home till 12 o'clock. I see by today's paper that the Prince of Wales arrived in New Zealand. He had a great welcome. I suppose he will be here in a few weeks. I made some green tomato pickle this afternoon. It looks like frost tonight. Jean, Jim and Bob have gone up to the Bible Class. There is a Captain Leslie expected there tonight a friend of Mr Complins. Cloudy.

Wednesday April 28 1920

Bob over with Jack they are picking the Statesman apples now they are the last. Jim went over and got Jess to finish ploughing the ground for oats. He ploughed with her and old Dick all the afternoon. I did the washing today. Jean got a letter from Girty today, she does not care much for Mildura.

Thursday April 29 1920

There was a meeting of the ladies of the Welcoming League to settle up after entertaining the soldiers some weeks ago. The meeting has been put off as A.E. Chandler's children had the measles and then H.R. Chandler's got them. They did not do much at the meeting as the bills had not been sent in. Norman Pope has Rheumatic Fever and has been taken to the Alfred Hospital. Bob over with Jack. Jim finished the ploughing.

Friday April 30 1920

Bob picked  $\frac{3}{4}$  beans and I packed 2 cases of Jonathan apples. Walter burden took them down. Jim over home. Bob took a can of cream to the station and the eggs. He got  $\frac{2}{3}$  a dozen. They are  $\frac{2}{8}$  in the market.

Saturday May 1 1920

Jim over home picking Statesmen's. Bob cutting wood and maize for the cows. Look has a new calf last Thursday, a bull calf. It started to rain about 5 o'clock and is still raining. Walter got 6/- case for the apples and 10/- for the beans. It was too wet to do much today.

Monday May 3 1920

Bob over picking apples. Jim went over and got Jess and the little wagon. He brought down 2 bags of seed oats that Jack got for us last Saturday after dinner he put the new Horse Dick in the wagon and went down to Bayswater for  $\frac{1}{2}$  a ton of manure. He got it at Falconers. Jean went up to Ferndale after school and came home with Bob.

Tuesday May 4 1920

Jean and the boys have gone to the Bible class. Captain Leslie is to be there. He was expected last week but could not get there. Bob over picking apples. Jim working the ground for oats, he expects to put some in tomorrow. Marshall Pegler was up this afternoon, they are not going to school as they all have the measles.

Wednesday May 5 1920

Bob over picking apples. Jim finished harrowing the oats ground this morning and got the drill ready after dinner he put in a few lands then it commenced to rain and he had to leave off. I hope it will not be much it looks bad tonight and is very windy and cold.

Thursday May 6 1920

It was too wet to put in the oats this morning but Jim finished them this afternoon and had harrowed about 2 lands when it started to rain again and he had to leave off. Bob over picking apples.

Friday May 7 1920

It was too wet to get on the ground today. Jim took Jess over to Mr Hunter this morning and he put on all new shoes, they were 9/-. When he got back he took her over and stayed to help get ready for market. Bob took the cream down this morning to the 7 train. He picked ½ cwt beans and Walter Burden took them down. Jean got a letter from her cousin Flora today. Cloudy and dull.

Saturday May 8 1920

The weather cleared up today and this afternoon was bright and sunny. Bob nearly finished harrowing the oats. Jim over picking apples. Jean went to Bayswater this afternoon to take the eggs and get some groceries. The eggs are 2/6 doz just now and \rye are getting about 7 doz a week, mostly duck eggs. Jean called at Popes on her way to Bayswater to ask for the bills for the fruit and pastry they got for the soldiers and to ask after Norman, he is still about the same. Mrs Pope has a scalded foot, it has been bad some time. Emma Truswell is no better, she is much weaker, the Doctor says she cannot live more than two months. Walter Burden got 10/- qr for the beans. Fine and sunny.

Monday May 10 1920

Jim over helping Jack, he is going to market tonight and there is a Council meeting this afternoon. Bob finished harrowing the oats then he went up to the clearing. It is raining tonight. Elsie sent Jean ½ doz handkerchiefs, linen with fancy borders. She got them by post today. They are very nice.

Tuesday May 11 1920

Jim picking apples. Bob took the new horse over to Mr Hunter to be shod. All new shoes, he paid 9/-. H. R. Chandler came over today to see Jim, he wants him to put in 10 acres of oats for him, with the seed drill. I don't think he will be able to do it as there is so many apples to pick. Jean and the boys have gone up to the Bible Class tonight, it is very wet and muddy, there have been heavy showers all day. Wet.

Wednesday May 12 1920

Jim is going to put in Mr H. R. Chandlers oats if the ground is dry enough tomorrow, he went to town by the afternoon train to get 3 new rubber pipes for the drill, he is not home yet Bob picking apples.

Thursday May 13 1920

Jim got the pipes for the drill, he paid 3/- each for them and he bought himself a new hat and paid 15/- for it. It is too wet to put in the oats today. Bob at the clearing this afternoon, this morning he ploughed out water furrows in the oats. Jim picking apples. Jean and I went to Bayswater this afternoon. Jean had to draw the money from the bank that we had there for the soldiers. General Bramwell Booth motored up to the Army farm this afternoon. The School children and teachers all went out in the road to see him, he stopped and spoke very nicely to the children, one of them gave him a bunch of violets.

Friday May 14 1920

Jean and I called at Kleinert's when we were in Bayswater yesterday, in the evening Jean went with Nellie to the choir practice. Jim went over to Chandlers with the drill this morning but the ground was too wet and he came home again and, went over to help Jack get ready for market. Bob clearing, it rained heavy showers all day. Wet.

Saturday May 15 1920

Bob did a little clearing today and sleighed down some wood, it was too wet to do much. Jean drove to Bayswater this afternoon to get some things at Pegler's and take the eggs. She got wet coming home. Eggs 2/6 doz. Heavy showers all day.

Monday May 17 1920

It is still far too wet to get on the ground. Jim went to the Ringwood market today, he took a calf and 3 little roosters. Bob picked a qr of beans, and sent them down with Walter Burden. Jim got 18/6 for the calf and 4/8 for the 3 little roosters. Wet.

Tuesday May 18 1920

Bob took a can of cream to the station this morning and was at the clearing when he came back. Jim over picking apples. Walter got 13/6 for the qtr of beans. The boys and Jean and the Burdens have gone up to the week night meeting at the Church. The Prince of Wales is coming to Melbourne tomorrow week, he has had a great reception in New Zealand. It rained very heavy all last night. I hope it is fine weather when he comes here. Wet.

Wednesday May 19 1920

I drove Emily down to the station this morning to catch the midday train. She was going to Box Hill. This is the anniversary of dear Grandmas death. Edgar Harris was 6 years old yesterday. I went up to see Mrs Burden this afternoon. Jim over with Jack. Bob at his clearing. Weather dull and cloudy with misty showers all day.

Thursday May 20 1920

Bob and I went to town today. Annie went with us. We drove to the foot of the hill to meet her. We went by the eight train. Bob changed the hat Jim bought for a black one and bought one for himself and had to pay a guinea each for them. Jean drove down to meet us in the evening. Mrs Fisher went away yesterday from Colliers and old Mr Collier has gone to the West with her. The yellow heifer "Clover" had a calf today a nice little heifer. The cow is so quiet and will let the boys milk her anywhere. Though we are having such a lot of rain here there is still a drought in the North of Victoria and in New South Wales and they are taking trainloads of feed from Victoria to feed the cattle chaff hay etc and it has made the chaff go up in price here, it is 13 pounds a ton just now and potatoes are 12 pounds. The seed drill is still down in Chandlers. Jim thinks he may as well bring it home, he would have gone for it before this but their seed and bone dust are in it. Very wet.



Friday May 21 1920

Jean and the boys have gone up to Mrs Henderson's this evening. Walter, Frank and Kitty Burden went too. She invited all the young people from the Bible Class for a social evening. Jim was over helping Jack get ready for market, he came home in time to go with the others, he is going back after he comes home to stay with Aunt. Very wet and muddy and drizzling rain all day.

Saturday May 22 1920

They all enjoyed Mrs Henderson's party very much, there was about 16 invited. The weather is still wet and our yard is dreadfully muddy. Jim got some sheets of bark to put down where we walk most it is so slippery, it is much better with the bark. Jean drove to Bayswater this evening and took the eggs, they are still 216 a doz.

Monday May 24 1920

This is Empire Day and Jean has a holiday from School. Mrs Burden has a children's party this afternoon for Victor's birthday. Millie, Laddie and Edgar have gone to it. Bob picked at  $\frac{1}{4}$  of beans today and sent them down with Walter. Jim spent most of the day looking for the cows, they got out last night, he found them over in Gaumont's paddock. Fine but cloudy.

Tuesday May 25 1920

Jim digging potatoes today, they are not very good, there is a lot of small ones. Bob mending the fence. Jean went to school today, she has a fortnight's holidays from tomorrow. The Prince of Wales is coming tomorrow, the boys and Jean are going down to see him, Emily is going with them. I went over home this afternoon for a short time. Jean and the boys have gone to the class meeting this evening. Weather beautiful.

Wednesday May 26 1920

They have all gone to see the Prince. I hope they will be able to see him. I expect there will be a terrible crush, there is a special train to Belgrave leaving town at 10.30, they are coming in that, if they are able to get in. The city is to be illuminated tonight. They went in Burden's wagon, Aunt came down here to go. Mr Burden is going to meet them.

Thursday May 27 1920

They all saw the Prince of Wales and are quite charmed with his looks, he looks very young, much younger than he really is, he had a great reception, the streets were lined with thousands of people hours before he came. All the streets and buildings were decorated with flags and electric lights and the city was illuminated at night. The Prince was late getting in as there was a heavy fog over the bay and the big battleship "Renown" could not get in and the destroyer Anzac went to the heads to bring the Prince up the bay but the fog was so dense that it took the Anzac some time to find the "Renown". We have not had such a thick fog for years.

Friday May 28 1920

The boys picked a qtr of beans and sent them with Walter Burden, it will be the last. Jim went over this evening to stay with Aunt. Jean went up to "Ferndale" this afternoon. The boys and Walter and Frank Burden are going to town tomorrow to see the war ships, the Renown as well as the other battle ships are to be opened to the public. Fine.

Saturday May 29 1920

The boys with the Burdens drove to Ringwood this morning, they are going to put the horse up there and come home by a later train. There was a very heavy frost this morning, everything was as white as snow. The boys got home about ½ past eleven. The crush of people was so great they could scarcely get on the Renown and then it was not all open for inspection, so they went on to the "Australia" and had a good look over that.

Monday May 31 1920

Bob is very sick today. I think he got cold on Saturday when in town. Jim has a cold to. Jean and I went to town today. I did not like to go and leave Bob, but they all wanted me to go and I had promised to meet the Harrises up at the school and go with them so we went, Bob promising to stay in bed all day. We drove to Ringwood and left the horse. We caught the qtr to 10 train to Ringwood home. I was dreadfully tired when we got home. I saw the Prince, he is very fair with pink cheeks and blue eyes and has very fair hair, he only looks about 16 years instead of nearly 26. We saw the march through the city of the sailors from the different war ships with their bands. Then we went to the cricket ground to a grand state schools children's display, it was well worth seeing. We spent some hours there. That is where we saw the Prince, he came down from the Grand Stand and walked right round the oval and shook hands with all the teachers. Then we went out to Port Melbourne to see the battle ships. We could not go on, but we walked along the pier and had a good look at them. Then back to the city to see the illuminations, they were very nice, but not nearly so good as when the present King and Queen were here. I saw the Prince again tonight, he was going to a ball at the Town Hall, he was standing in his car with his hat off bowing to the people, they were crowding round him in hundreds waving their hats and cheering. Jean and I went up to Burdens to tea yesterday and Jim came up after he had milked the cows. The Prince was up at Sassafras yesterday, a lot of people got to know that he might be there and drove up. Harrises went and Jack, they saw him. A little girl gave him a pet wallaby.

Tuesday June 1 1920

Both the boys are in bed today, they have dreadful colds and sore throats. I had to do all the cows and other work as Jean has a gathered toe and could not get her shoe on, and I am so tired after yesterday. Fine.

Wednesday June 2 1920

There ought to have been a class meeting tonight but it is very wet and I doubt if any one comes. Walter and Kitty Burden came this far, but as it commenced to rain again they did not go any further.

Thursday June 3 1920

Bob and Jim are up today but not fit for work, they have been very feverish and had bad throats.

Friday June 4 1920

It is very wet and the yard is so muddy. Jim is out again, but he can't do much. Emily came down yesterday evening. She is thinking of going to town on Saturday. Jim went over to stay this evening while uncle went to market.

Saturday June 5 1920

Emily and Jean went to town this morning. I drove them to the station to catch the eight train, it rained most of the way to the station and was very cold but I think it will fine up later. When I got back I helped Bob with the cows as he is still not very fit for work. Bob drove down to meet them this evening, they had a good day. They saw the Prince again, he still has the cheering crowds wherever he goes, he is so tired with his reception that he is to take a weeks rest before going to Sydney. I hope he will be as well received in Sydney as he has been here. Everybody has taken to him and you hear them singing his praises everywhere.

Monday June 6 1920

There is a holiday from school again today, it is the Kings Birthday. The boys are digging potatoes down near the creek. They are not a very good crop.

Tuesday June 7 1920

There is another holiday today, the Princes holiday, he gave all the State Schools a holiday. Jean and I went to town. Jim drove us to the station to catch the 8 train. Jean bought a new coat and hat. Bob drove to meet us, we came home by the 6 train. Jean got out at the church to go to the class meeting and Bob went back as soon as he got home, he met the Burdens at the gate.

Wednesday June 8 1920

I have a very bad cold, I have had it since Monday. I got it worse through going to town yesterday. I think it is Influenza.

Thursday June 9 1920

It has been very wet all the week. My cold is still very bad. The boys are not getting on very fast with the potatoes, the ground is so wet. Uncle Arthur sent the bull home on Monday, he has been at Ferndale for months.

Friday June 10 1920

The boys digging potatoes. Bob bought a dozen sacks at Pegler's this morning when he was down with the cream, he paid 4/6 for them. Jim went over this evening to stay with Aunt.

Saturday June 11 1920

Jim came home this morning so that they could get on with the potato digging. Jean went up to Ferndale this afternoon. Jim went to meet her. Jim Vass who is working at Ferndale now has the measles. Mrs Cockrell, the cook, is looking after him. Ruthie Griffiths has had the measles at Ferndale, she got them while she was there. She is up now. She has had a nurse looking after her. Edgar Harris has been very sick he has had Influenza.

Monday June 13 1920

The school is closed for a week. Mr Robertson is ill. I suppose he has influenza, as it is going about. With the exception of 3 days last week the school will have been closed a month. My cold is nearly better. Walter and Frank Burden were here to tea last night, they had been up the mountain with the boys to see an aeroplane up there. It was flying about the mountain last Tuesday taking photos, and when landing in Breen's paddock he got against a wire fence and broke the undercarriage and wings, it will take about one hundred pounds to repair it. It is Francis Birtles machine. He is going to fly away tomorrow morning.

Tuesday June 14 1920

Jim went over and borrowed "Nugget" from Uncle Jack and his big wagon. He took two loads of chaff down to Mr Falconers, a ton, 11 bags each time, he had the new horse "Dick" in with Nugget, he goes well in double harness. Mr Falconer gave eleven pounds 15/- a ton for the chaff. Jean Jim and I drove to Bayswater this evening to a S.S. entertainment it was very good, it was held in the hall. Walter, Frank and Kitty Burden went too, they drove in their wagon.

Wednesday June 15 1920

Bob is sick again today, he has been in bed all day. I don't know what can be the matter with him, he seemed all right yesterday. I went over to see Emily this afternoon. She has a bad cold. Jim took the wagon back and I went round with him, and walked back. Jim and Jean have gone up to the class meeting this evening. Walter and Kitty Burden called and went with them.

Thursday June 16 1920

Bob is not any better, he has a stiff leg and can scarcely walk. I hope he is not getting rheumatics. Mrs Burden and Mrs Edis a friend of hers called this afternoon. The aeroplane that was on the mount flew away this afternoon, it came down from the mountain and circled round over Ferntree gully way, round One Tree Hill and back over the mount, then right along the top to Mt. Dandenong and away to Lilydale, it made a great noise and all the birds were frightened and took shelter.

Friday June 17 1920

Jim took the cream down this morning. Emma Truswell died yesterday, she is to be buried today at one o'clock at Fern Tree Gully. Jim did not go over to stay with Aunt till quite dark, he had everything to do as Bob cannot do anything and I have a bad cold myself. Mr Davis called Wednesday afternoon he is a music teacher from Ringwood, he is going to teach Kitty Burden and Millie Harris music and Jean is going to take a few lessons too. Millie is going to have her lesson here.

Saturday June 18 1920

Bob is still very bad, if he is no better tomorrow he must see a Dr, his leg is still very painful and so is his wrist.

Monday June 20 1920

Bob is much better, though he still looks very bad, he can walk about the house now. Mrs H. R. Chandler called this afternoon.

Tuesday June 21 1920

Jim weighing up the remainder of the chaff to see how much there will be to sell after keeping plenty for ourselves. Mr Henderson wants  $\frac{1}{2}$  a ton. Mr Crisp came to tea this evening, he is going to take the weekly meeting. Emily was here this afternoon and stayed to tea too. Bob is much better. Basil Henderson is very sick, he is up at Ferndale so I suppose he is getting the measles as they have them up there.

Wednesday June 22 1920

I forgot to mention Jim took a calf to Ringwood on Monday, Brownies calf, he got 22/- for it, it was just a month old and he took two cwt of potatoes, he got 11/6 cwt for them. Jim took  $\frac{1}{2}$  a ton of chaff up to Mr Henderson's this afternoon he paid him for it, six pounds, with a cheque.

Thursday June 23 1920

There is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons of chaff to sell yet. I think Mr Griffiths wants it. That will be all we can spare.

Friday June 24 1920

Mr Davis the music teacher came this afternoon for the first time. Millie got out early and was here to start her lesson at three. Jean was a little late for hers, she must get out a little earlier next week or he does not have time to give Kitty hers before dark.

Saturday June 25 1920

It has been dreadfully windy the last few days, it is very unpleasant though it has dried up all the mud. Our cream can did not come this week so we could not send the cream. Jim and Jean drove down this evening after tea and they got both the cans.

Monday June 27 1920

There is a Home Mission meeting up at the Church this evening, the boys and Jean have gone to it. Jim took the cream down this morning and two bags of potatoes for Mr Falconer, he is giving 13/- a cwt for them. We cannot get any sugar. Mr Pegler says he will not be able to get any for another month. I wanted to make some more jam but I suppose I will have to make what I have do. We have only been getting 2 lbs a week for some time. I have a little put by, it must be very awkward for those who haven't any. The boys were digging potatoes this afternoon.

Tuesday June 28 1920

As there was a mission meeting last night the usual week night meeting was put off this week. Jim put old Dick and the new Dick in the plough today. The new one rushed at it first but went along alright afterwards. Bob digging potatoes. Mr Griffiths is going to take the rest of the chaff 11 tons.

Wednesday June 29 1920

Jim ploughing, Bob digging potatoes.

Thursday June 30 1920

Jim ploughing, Bob dug a few potatoes, it was too wet to do much.

Friday July 1 1920

Millie and Laddie came down this afternoon for Millie to get her music lesson. Mr Davis brought Jean and Millie a piece of music. They went home directly after her lesson as it was raining. All the J. Colliers have the measles now, Ruby has bronchitis as well.

Saturday July 2 1920

Jim went over and settled with Mr H. R. Chandler for some bone dust he got from him some time ago and he paid him for planting his oats for him, one pound for the two days. Jean went up to Burdens this afternoon to pay Kitty her school money, Mr Robertson sent it with her as well as the paper to sign for their next months pay. After she came back she drove to Bayswater for some groceries.

Monday July 4 1920

Jim finished the ploughing he was at on Saturday morning, the old bean ground. Bob chopping wood and digging potatoes. The potatoes are small and there is a lot of oats growing in them so they take much longer to dig.

Tuesday July 5 1920

Both the boys digging potatoes. Jim took the cream to the station this morning. Mr Falconer paid him for the chaff, 2 tons at eleven pounds 15/- a ton, twenty-three pounds 10/-, and for 2 bags of potatoes they had at 13/- a cwt, 26/-. Jean and I were going to town tomorrow with Emily, but there is a relieving teacher come. Jim brought him from the station this morning, he will only be here for three days as Mr Robertson is coming back on Monday. Jean and I will have to put off going to town till Saturday. I suppose Emily will go tomorrow. The boys and Jean have gone to the class meeting with the three Burdens.

Wednesday July 6 1920

Emily went to town this morning. I drove her to the station, it was very cold and windy, not a nice day for town. I had to wait till the butcher came so I went in to see Maud. She was at breakfast. She gave me a photo of little Robert, one she had had copied from a group of the children on a postcard, it is very good, Jean likes the new schoolmaster very well.

Thursday July 7 1920

The boys put in some oats with the seed drill today, they had to hurry to get it finished, before they got it quite harrowed enough the rain came on" it rained very heavy for some time.

Friday July 8 1920

Mr Davis came as usual today. Millie and the boys were down, they had to hurry home as the rain was coming on again, it rained all evening.

Saturday July 9 1920

Jean and I went to town today. I bought a coat for myself, but don't like it now I have it home. In the afternoon we went to see Charlotte. I have never seen her new house before, it is very nice and has quite a big garden, it is a two story brick house in Elmie St Hawthorn. I saw old Jack Anderson, I have not seen him for many years. He did not know me at first, he is 90 years of age.

Monday July 10 1920

The boys finished digging the potatoes down near the creek and mended the fence round the bush paddock as the cows have been getting out. Mrs Butt called this afternoon.

Tuesday July 12 1920

The boys and Jean and the Burdens have gone to the class meeting this evening. Aunt came down just before tea to see about going to town. We sent a message home with Laddie but he did not deliver it properly. Emily and Annie are both going and I think Millie is going too.

Wednesday July 13 1920

Bob drove Emily, Annie and Millie to the Station this morning. The boys at the clearing, it was too wet to dig potatoes.

Thursday July 14 1920

The boys at the clearing, it rained all night

Friday July 15 1920

Mr Davis came as usual to give the music lessons. Jean got a nice photo of Freda Kersten from her today. The boys digging potatoes.

Saturday July 16 1920

It is a beautiful day today. Jean drove to Bayswater this afternoon. Jim put some bark down on the yard to walk on, it had got so muddy and slippery.

Monday July 18 1920

I went over home this afternoon. Mrs Burden and Kitty and Walter and Frank were here to tea yesterday and we had music in the evening. Mr Collier snr. called yesterday afternoon, he has been in W. Australia for the last 2 months, he looks much better for the trip.

Tuesday July 19 1920

I did my washing this morning. In the afternoon I went up to the church to an Anti-liquor League meeting. They formed a branch of the league at The Basin. Mr H. R. Chandler was elected President and Jean Secretary. Mr Little was at the meeting. Captain Dobbie spoke and explained things. There were not many there, 3 or 4 came from Kilsyth. Mr Pinegosse? called today to see if we had any more chaff to sell. Jean and the boys have gone to the class meeting with the Burdens.

Wednesday July 20 1920

I did my ironing this afternoon. Emily came down this evening. Jim has gone up to Ferndale to see if he can get a melon for me to make some jam. I would have made it before but I did not have enough sugar, it is so hard to get, You can only get two or three pounds a week and it is 6 pence a pound. Bob has gone up to Burdens to return a cream can we borrowed some time ago when ours did not come.

Thursday July 21 1920

Jean did not go to school today, she took a day off to go to town with me. t bought a new hat and coat for myself, the hat at Foys and the coat at the Big Store at Prahran. It rained early in the morning but was fine the rest of the day.

Friday July 22 1920

Mr Davis came this afternoon. It rained all the morning, but was nice and fine after dinner.

Saturday July 23 1920

It has been too wet to dig potatoes the last few d4ys. The boys have been at their clearing. Jean drove to Bayswater this afternoon to get the things from the store and take Auntie Maud some things I had bought for her when I was in town.

Monday July 25 1920

Bob and I drove to Ringwood today. Bob took 1½ pair of fowls, 1 broody hen and 4 pairs of Runner ducks to the market. The hens brought 6/- a pair, the broody hen 4/6 and the ducks 7/9 a pair. We got home about 7 o'clock. Bob bought ½ doz nice cauliflowers in the market, he paid 1/7 for them.

Tuesday July 26 1920

Jean and the boys have gone to the class meeting tonight with the Burdens. I did some gardening this afternoon.

Wednesday July 27 1920

I did some more gardening today. Emily came down this evening. The boys digging potatoes, they expect to finish them this week if it keeps fine.

Thursday July 28 1920

I went over home this afternoon. Jean has gone up to the church this evening to an A.L.L. meeting. The boys at the potatoes.

Friday July 29 1920

Mr Davis came as usual this afternoon, he came earlier to look at one of the notes in the organ that would not play, he found it was broken, he took it away, he is going to get a new one if he can they are very hard to get, or else make a new one.

Saturday July 30 1920

The boys expected to get the potatoes finished today, but it rained so they will have to leave the rest until Monday. Jean drove to Bayswater this afternoon to get some fowls feed and groceries.

Monday August 2 1920

The boys finished the potatoes today and carted them all into the barn. f went over to call on Mrs H. R. Chandler this afternoon.



Tuesday August 3 1920

The boys and Jean with the 3 Burdens have gone to the class meeting this evening. Emily came down this evening after tea and stayed until they came home from the meeting. The boys dug a few potatoes that had been left in the garden, they will do for the pigs, and cleared the rubbish off the ground. Jim ploughed one of the lands. When it dries a little I am going to put in a few broad beans.

Wednesday August 4 1920

The boys up at their clearing today. I went up to see Mrs King this afternoon, she is not well. There is a A.L.L. meeting at Bayswater tomorrow evening and a good speaker from town. We are thinking of going if it is fine. The boys have gone up to Butts tonight, they took back a fork Jim borrowed to dig the potatoes.

Friday August 6 1920

The boys at the clearing again. Jim over with Aunt as usual.

Saturday August 7 1920

Jean drove to Bayswater this afternoon. The boys at the clearing and cutting fire wood.

Monday August 9 1920

Bob and Walter Burden took the Anti Liquor League petition round again yesterday afternoon. They got several more names.

Tuesday August 10 1920

The boys at the clearing. The boys and Jean with the 3 Burdens went up to the class meeting tonight.

Wednesday August 11 1920

The boys clearing. There was a heavy fall of snow last night up at Olinda. The mountains were white this morning, it is dreadfully cold and wet.

Thursday August 12 1920

The boys clearing, they started to grub a big green tree on the hill but they did not get it down. There have been heavy showers all day. There is a new School Teacher coming to the School tomorrow, a Mr Berry. Mr Robertson is going to the Moonee Ponds High School. Jean has gone up to the Church to an A.L.L. committee meeting. She went with Mr H. R. Chandler, he called for her. I don't think there will be many there as it is so dark and wet and very cold., it has rained nearly the whole time since she went out. Very wet.

Friday August 13 1920

The boys at their clearing. They grubbed a very large green tree this afternoon and a dry one not so big. Mr Davis came as usual. The new Schoolmaster came today and Mr Robertson went away, his name is Mr Berry. Jean and Millie like him very well. They think he will be stricter than Mr Robertson. Walter Burden called this evening to borrow a saddle, he and his father are going to Dandenong tomorrow to buy a new horse, one of theirs died. Jim has gone to stay with Emily as usual.

Saturday August 14 1920

The boys getting firewood this morning, clearing after dinner. Jean drove to Bayswater this afternoon to get some things at the store, so took 3½ doz eggs they are 7/9 doz now.

Monday August 16 1920

Jean likes the new teacher very well, he is staying at Bayswater at present. The boys at their clearing. They find some difficulty in shifting the big tree they grubbed last Friday. Emily and Frank and Walter Burden spent yesterday evening here. I went over to Emily's in the afternoon and she returned with me.

Tuesday August 17 1920

Jean with the boys and the Burdens have gone up to the class meeting this evening. Some dogs have been killing H. R. Chandlers sheep and he is going to lay poison for them. He sent over word for us to tie up "Caesar", he is always shut up at night, but we will keep him tied up during the day for a while as well.

Wednesday 18, Thursday 19, Friday 20, Saturday 21 August 1920

Jean went up to Ferndale this afternoon. I walked up to the big bridge to meet her about 1 o'clock as the boys were busy.

Monday August 23 1920

The boys at the clearing. Jim has started to plough the ground they have been clearing, he is ploughing it with the two "Dicks" and they are working very well.

Tuesday August 24 1920

There was a lecture up at the Church this evening by the Rev G. Judkins about Prohibition, he was very good, it was a very wet night, it rained all day so the roads were in a bad state and the people did not come out, there were only ? there.

Wednesday August 25 1920

The boys at work on the new ground, Jim ploughing and Bob cutting ferns.

Thursday August 26 1920

I went to town this morning by the 8 train Bob drove me down. I came back by the 6 train. Jim came to meet me at the Station. There is a meeting of the A.L.L. committee tonight. Jim and Jean have gone. Walter Burden called and went with them.

Friday August 27 1920

Mr Davis came as usual. Millie just got here as he did, he has not got the note for the organ ye! it was broken about 3 weeks ago and Mr Davis was to get a new one, but they are very hard to get since the war, if he cannot get one he will have to make one.

Saturday August 28 1920

Jim was using the horse today so Jean could not have him as usual to go to Bayswater, so Jim drove down with her in the evening.

Monday August 30 1920

Jim went to Ringwood today. I went with him he took 5 cwt of potatoes but he only sold 2 bags, there was so many in there was not buyers for them all. He got 10/- cwt for the 2 bags he sold but that was not enough as Jack took 5 cwt to market on Saturday for us and got 12/- a cwt for them. Jim bought 2 little black pigs, he had to pay 2 pounds each for them. We got home just at dark.

Tuesday August 31 1920

Jack came down this morning and helped Jim kill the pig. It was dreadfully windy all night and until 11 o'clock this morning when it commenced to rain, it rained very heavy for some time. It has cleared up tonight. Jean and the boys have gone with the Burdens to the Bible Class.

Wednesday September 1 1920

Jack came down this morning and helped Jim cut up the bacon. Jim made brine and salted it this afternoon. I went up to Ferndale this afternoon. I have not been up there for about 12 months. Bob brought the buggy over to Uncles to meet me, he brought Aunt some pork.

Thursday September 2 1920

Jim and Bob working on the new ground. Jim was ploughing. I was doing some gardening this afternoon but the ground is almost too wet to dig.

Friday September 3 1920

Mr Davis came for the music lessons as usual, it has been a beautiful sunny day, the only really fine day Mr Davis has had since he first came. Mr Griffiths called this afternoon to tell us the Rev Lockhart Morton was going to preach on Sunday.

Saturday September 4 1920

Jim did a little ploughing today but he came on a stump underground and it took a long time to get it out. Jim turned the bacon this morning. Blackie had a little calf last Thursday.

Monday September 5 1920

Jim went to Ringwood today - he took 5 cwt of potatoes, he got 10/- a cwt for them. 2 bags were small ones for seed, they all brought the same price. It rained nearly all last night and has rained all day today and is still raining. Bob went over and borrowed Uncles little wagon for Jim to go to Ringwood.

Tuesday September 6 1920

Jim and Bob have been bagging potatoes, it is too wet to do anything on the ground. Jean and the boys have gone with the Burdens to the Bible Class. Jean went to see Mrs King on her way home from School today. I went over to ask after Mrs H. R. Chandler this afternoon. She has been very ill with Influenza and Tonsillitis, she had the Doctor to see her yesterday. She is getting better. Emily is going to town tomorrow, she was going this morning but it was so wet.

Wednesday September 7 1920

Jim drove Emily down to the Station for the eight train, he brought the Schoolmaster Mr Berry back with him, he boards at Bayswater. Jean has driven down to the Station to meet Aunt tonight. Jim and Bob bagging potatoes. Jim got 1 doz sacks from Pegler's this morning, he paid 6/- a doz. for them.

Thursday September 8 1920

It commenced to rain again this morning we have had such a lot of wet weather lately it just clears for a day or two and then rains again. The boys bagging potatoes. Jim was making some grafts, it was too wet to go on the ground.

Friday September 9 1920

It was fine until the middle of the day then started to rain again. Mr Davis called as usual, he has had a bad day to ride his bicycle, every time he comes he has only had one fine day so far. There was a committee meeting at the Church last night in connection with the A.L.L. it was very wet and only Mr H.E. Chandler and Jean and I or 2 others turned up, so they postponed the meeting until next Thursday. Jack went to market tonight, he took 12 cwt of potatoes for us. There was a lantern lecture up at the Church tonight entitled A Trip Through Canada, it was very good, it was such a bad night there were not many there.

Saturday September 10 1920

It is raining again today, it has rained since yesterday afternoon and all day today, the ground is very wet and the yard muddy. Jim drove to Bayswater, it was too wet for Jean to go as she usually does, he got 1/6 doz for the eggs.

Monday September 12 1920

There was a big flood in the creek yesterday, the water was all over the Army flats. There were only 32 people at church counting the children. Walter, Frank and Kitty Burden were here to tea yesterday. After tea the boys and Jean with the Burdens went to spend the evening at Henderson's. Mrs Henderson had invited them to meet the new schoolmaster, Mr Berry, he was spending the weekend there. They had a very pleasant evening.

Tuesday September 13 1920

They have all gone to the Class meeting as usual. Jack came down this evening, he got from 12/- to 8/- a cwt for the potatoes he took down for us, he averaged 10/- a cwt for them. Mr Crisp came to tea this evening and went up to the Class meeting with Jean and the boys.

Wednesday September 14 1920

I went over home this afternoon, Jack gave me the money for the potatoes 6 pounds. I did my washing today.

Thursday September 15 1920

I did all my ironing this afternoon. The boys digging drains in the ground behind the barn, it is very wet, it has rained part of every day this week.

Friday September 16 1920

Mr Davis came to give the music lesson as usual and it rained, it has been wet every day he has been here but one. Emily came down this evening, she brought the eggs to send to Pegler's with ours, it rained all the time she was here. She will have a very muddy walk home.

Saturday September 17 1920

Bob cutting firewood and clearing out a drain. Jim bagging some potatoes for the Ringwood market on Monday. Jean and Kitty Burden went out collecting for the British and Foreign Bible Society, they got two pounds 3/-. They stayed to tea at Annie's and did not get home till after dark. Walter came down for Kitty.

Monday September 19 1920

Jean has a weeks holiday from School for the Show. Jim went to Ringwood this morning, he took 6 cwt of potatoes, 3 bags of big and 3 of small potatoes and a Brooder for Aunt it is almost new, she only used it once Emily and Jean went with him as far as Bayswater, they caught the 10 to 1 train and went to Box Hill. They came to Ringwood by the 5 o'clock train and drove home with Jim. Jim did not sell the Brooder, he was not offered enough for it, he got 11/6 cwt for the big potatoes and 7/- for the small ones. This is the opening day of The Show, it is a beautiful day so warm and sunny. Jean and the boys went to Burdens to tea yesterday and Jack came down here in the evening and had tea with me.

Tuesday September 20 1920

The weather was bright and fine this morning, but it suddenly changed about 10 o'clock and rained very heavy for some time, it has rained most of the day and. a cold wind blowing as well. All those who have gone to The Show will be disappointed. Arthur, Annie and the children have gone. Emily and Jean are thinking of going on Thursday and the boys on Saturday. We have three little calves now, Blackies, Bessies and Spots. Spots is two days old. Jim saw little pigs only 6 week old sold from 45/- to 49/- each on Monday in the Ringwood Market. Jean and the boys have gone to the Class meeting. Walter and Frank called and went with them.

Wednesday September 21 1920

Joan and Spot both have heifer calves. They are about 3 weeks old.

Friday October 1 1920

Mr Davis came for the lessons as usual and as usual it was raining, it cleared after dinner.

Saturday October 2 1920

Jim ploughing on the hill. Bob cutting wood. Jean and Kitty Burden went collecting this afternoon for the B. and F. Bible Society. They called at all the houses on the Bayswater Rd. as far down as Mrs Silks and came home up the flats and called at all the houses there.

Monday October 4 1920

Jim went to Ringwood today, he took five bags of small potatoes, it is the last, he got 7/- and 6/9 a bag for them. Jack took 13 bags to market last Friday and got 9/- and 10/- a bag for them.

Tuesday October 5 1920

They have all gone to the Class meeting tonight, it is Mr Henderson's night. Mr Henderson has been ill with Gastric Influenza, he is better now. Jim borrowed "Nugget" so that he could get on with the ploughing of the new ground. Big Dick got frightened when he got in the stump holes. He took him back this evening. There is not much to finish now and as there are no more holes, the two Dicks can finish it.

Wednesday October 6 1920

Bob finished the ploughing on the hill today. Jim made a male? ready for splitting posts to fence the ground they have been ploughing. Emily came down this evening.

Thursday October 7 1920

The boys splitting posts. Bob took a can of cream to the station this morning.

Friday October 8 1920

This is Bird Day for the School. The Master and children were going to One Tree Hill, but it rained and they could not go, they are going one day next week if fine. Jim splitting posts, Bob harrowing the new ground.

Saturday October 9 1920

Jean and Kitty Burden went up to Fern Dale early this afternoon and they with Millie and the two boys went for a walk to One Tree Hill as they will not be able to go on bird day as they have to take the younger classes for a walk somewhere else. They came back to Auntie Annie's for tea. Jean did not get home till 9 o'clock, Bob went to meet her and Walter to meet Kitty.

Monday October 11 1920

Jim went to Ringwood this morning, with 2 calves, he got two pounds for the heifer and one pound 15/- for the bull, he was going to get two more little pigs as we have a good lot of milk now, but he thought they were too dear, little six weeks old suckers went up to three pounds 2/6 each. We have never known them so dear before, one man got twenty-two pounds for a litter of little pigs. Jim left his light boots to be soled and heeled.

Tuesday October 12 1920

They have all gone to the Bible Class tonight. Bob took a can of cream to Bayswater this morning, when he came back he took the wagon home. Jim borrowed it to take the calves to Ringwood. Jim started to plough the little paddock behind the wood shed today, he ploughed about half. I did my washing today it was such a beautiful day, though it rained heavy most of the day yesterday. Walter Burden was at Ringwood today, he called for Jim's boots, they were 6/-.

Wednesday October 13 1920

Jim planted the remainder of his grafts, they ought to have been planted before this, but as it is so wet, it rains every few days, I dare say they will grow. Bob finished ploughing the little paddock behind the wood shed.

Thursday October 14 1920

The boys were digging some post holes round the new ground. Jean went up to Ferndale this evening to take the Anniversary hymns to Arthur. Jim has gone to meet her. Girty Henderson rode down this evening to see Jean. She did not stay. She has been home from Mildura about weeks. Yesterday was Bird day at the School. Mr Berry took all the older children all down to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade up the mountain for a walk. They started about 10 o'clock and took their lunch with them. They went right up to One Tree Hill. Jean and Kitty took all the younger children for a walk after dinner. They went up to the Mill along the Mill Track to the main road and after resting at the creek back to the School. They had 30 little ones. After dismissing the children they went along Liverpool road and finished their B. and Foreign Bible collecting, They have collected three pounds 18/- altogether.

Friday October 15 1920

Mr Davis came as usual, he was late, he punctured his bicycle on his way up. Emily went to town this morning. Bob took her down and a can of cream, he got the things from the store and the meat so that they will not need to go tomorrow. I drove down to meet Aunt, she came by the  $\frac{1}{4}$  to eight train.

Saturday October 16 1920

The boys digging post holes and cutting firewood. Jean and Kitty Burden drove to Croydon this afternoon to take the money they had collected for the B. and F. Mission Society. They with Mr Henderson were to go. Mr H. is the Secretary, but he could not go as he had to go to town. They met several people they knew. After the meeting they had afternoon tea. They got home just before dark.

Monday October 18 1920

Jim went to Ringwood today to try and, get a pig or calf as we have to much milk for the pigs but they were to dear. Suckers were three pounds each and calves a day old 12/6 each. Jim went down with Walter Burden. Bob ploughing behind the barn. I went to Lilydale this afternoon with Jack he went for lime. We looked all over the lime kiln, it was very interesting. It was a beautiful drive especially going over, everything looks so nice just now. The hawthorn is all in blossom, so is the Teatree. Jean has gone up to a A.L.L. meeting, the last before the election. The election is on Thursday. Jean went up with Mr and Mrs H. Chandler.

Tuesday October 19 1920

Jim ploughed some of the ground behind the barn he could only plough about 3 lands then it was too wet, he went up and harrowed some of the hill ground. Bob digging post holes. The boys and Jean and Walter and Kitty Burden have gone to the Class Meeting. Fine

Wednesday October 20 1920

Bob took a can of cream to the Station this morning. Jean went with him Mr Falconer wanted to see her about their A.L.L. meeting. Jim working the horses. Bob digging post holes. The boys and Jean have gone to a concert at Montrose. Walter and Kitty Burden went with them. Frank was going but he has neuralgia very bad.

Thursday October 21 1920

They enjoyed the concert at Montrose very much, it was very good. Today is election day. We all went to vote. Jim drove us, we did not go till after School because of Jean. Emily went with us. I do hope they get "No Licence" but I am afraid we won't. Mrs H. Chandler and Mrs Henderson and Mr Falconer were at the polling booth all day and several others drove and brought voters.

Friday October 22 1920

We are very disappointed there were only 2 districts voted "No Licence" and 71 reduction. Our district of Scoresby got reduction, so did Evelyn. They are not going to give up, they will try again later on. Mr Groves got in by a big majority. Mr Davis came today as usual.

Saturday October 23 1920

This is "Henley Day." Jean and Aunt were going to it, but the weather was so bad they did not go. It started to rain about 6 o'clock on Friday evening and rained almost without a break until about eleven o'clock on Sunday morning. There is a big flood in the creek.

Monday October 25 1920

The Henley was postponed until next Saturday. There was a very big flood in the Yarra. The creeks here are very high yet. I went to Ringwood today with Jim, he took 2 calves they were 4 and 5 weeks old. They brought 30/- each. Jim tried to get some pigs but they were too dear. They were from 50/- to three pounds each for suckers.

Tuesday October 26 1920

They have all gone up to a lantern Lecture at the Church in aid of Foreign Missions. There was a very heavy thunderstorm, the worst I have seen for some time, it started just before they should have gone to the Lecture. They had to wait until it was over. Just after the rain started Ethel, Lil and Ruby Collier came running in to shelter from the storm. They were on their way to the Church. The lightning and thunder were dreadful, the girls were frightened. In the midst of the storm Walter and Kitty Burden came in, they were not so fortunate as the Colliers, they did not get here soon enough, so got rather wet. The Burden children had walked on first they got nearly wet through. There were 40 at the church, but the lecturer did not turn up. I suppose they were caught in the storm and had to turn back.



Wednesday October 27 1920

Jim and I went to town this morning by the and hail. Bob drove us down. We went up to the market and Jim ordered some seed maize, wheat, pollard etc and they let us have twenty pounds of sugar. Jim went to the Gippsland and Northern Co-op and bought and paid for 3 coils of barbed wire, it is very expensive, he paid 2 pounds 6/- for it. We went to look at a Gloria lamp. I want a new lamp, and the Gloria is said to burn one half the oil of an ordinary lamp and gives a light as good as an electric light. We have not decided about one yet. We came home by the eight train. Jean drove down to meet us. I forgot to mention that Mr Martin Kleinert died last Friday morn. He took some kind of a seizure in the market last Monday and never recovered consciousness. He died in the hospital.

Thursday October 28 1920

I hoed some of the garden this evening. Though it has all been dug early in the season, there are weeds a foot high. I was too tired to do much after going to town. Jean went up to Ferndale after school to go over the hymns. Arthur picked out two or three merry ones. Bob went up to meet her.

Friday October 29 1920

Mr Davis came as usual. Bob took a can of cream to the station this morning and the eggs, the eggs are 1/9 at present. Bob got a setting of eggs from Mrs Bird, black Orpingtons, they were 3/- a setting. Bob went over to finish the spraying after dinner, he took the eggs, they were for Emily, and a broody hen. I think it will sit, it is very quiet. Emily came down this evening to see Jean about going to the Henley. They are going tomorrow if it is fine. One of our little pigs is sick tonight I hope it is all right by the morning.

Saturday October 30 1920

Emily and Jean went to the Henley this morning. Bob drove them to the Station. They are coming home by the ½ past 10 train to Ringwood. Jim drove to meet them. They said it was very good, especially the fireworks in the evening. They enjoyed it very much. The sick pig died tonight, it is a great loss as Jim paid 2 pounds for it only a few weeks ago.

Monday November 1 1920

Bob ploughing, Jim has a very bad cold and is not doing much. Jean and the boys and the three Burdens were invited to spend the evening at Henderson's last night. Jean was invited to tea. The Schoolmaster and his mother were there and 2 other friends. Jim did not go to Ringwood today as his cold was so bad. Walter Burden said both pigs and calves were down, the calves were quite cheap. It was a pity Jim was not there, as we are throwing away the milk. Bob took a can of cream to the Station.

Tuesday November 2 1920

Bob went over and borrowed Jacks little wagon and drove to Bayswater to get the things from Lyall's. They came up yesterday. Jim digging post holes. Bob took the wagon home this afternoon and a bag of pollard Jim had ordered for Aunt. Emily came down for a short time this afternoon. She did not stay long. She has a very bad cold. I think she got it on Saturday. They enjoyed the Henley very much. They have all gone up to the church this evening to the lantern lecture that should have been held last week. This is cup day, it has been a beautiful day.

Wednesday November 3 1920

The lantern lecture was well attended, there were over forty people there.

Wednesday November 10 1920

Jim went to Ringwood last Monday with Walter Burden, he bought two little pigs, he paid 35 each for them. Bob mowed some grass and oats off the strip of ground they are going to plant beans in and ploughed some of it. Jean, Bob and I were at Mrs Burdens last Sunday.

Thursday November 11 1920

The boys put in some maize and potatoes up on the hill. I am afraid it is late for the hill, but they are going to try them. Weather sultry.

Friday November 12 1920

Mr Davis came today, he came about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past two instead of three. Madge Burden is starting to learn today. He teaches Millie first then goes to Burdens and gives Madge and Kitty their lessons then back here to give Jean hers. The boys finished the maize and potatoes and harrowed and rolled the ground on the hill. Then they started to plough the bean ground, it is very hard for the horses, they canter at it.

Saturday November 13 1920

Jim ploughing and rolling the bean ground all day, he finished after dark tonight. He was afraid if he left it till Monday it would be too hard, the horses can just plough it now, he had to leave a land of the ground behind the barn it was too hard to plough. Bob cutting and raking up oats and weeds for Jim to plough and cutting fire wood. I helped him milk the cows, there is six milking at night and 8 in the morning, we are getting two cans of cream a week just now and cream is  $2\frac{7}{8}$  lb. butter fat. There was a very successful concert held in the Church last Tuesday evening by the Ringwood Choir. There was singing by the Choir, recitations and violin duets and solos. A few of the ladies gave the Ringwood people supper after the concert. Jean and I were going to town today to do some shopping, but we did not go as Mr Berry told Jean today she will have a holiday next Tuesday as it is exam day, so we put it off till then.

Sunday November 14 1920

It has been very hot the last two or three days with a very drying north wind blowing, but it came up a thunderstorm this afternoon and rained very heavy for a while then cleared up but it was very close. Jean was invited to Henderson's to tea. She went about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past five, it came up another storm just after she would get there and rained very heavy. The boys and the 3 Burdens went up after tea to spend the evening. Mr Berry and his sister are spending the week end there.

Monday November 29 1920

I have been too busy to write in my book for the past two weeks during that time the weather has been fine, bright sunny days and cool nights. The maize and potatoes the boys planted on the hill are up, and they have not got the fence made yet, most of the holes are dug and the posts ready, but there seems to be so many other things to do. They have planted a big lot of maize behind the barn and 1 row of beans down near the creek and 8 rows of beans near the maize behind the barn. The few early potatoes I have near the house are looking beautiful. I have some marrows, Turks Caps, and pumpkins up.

Tuesday November 30 1920

They have all gone up to the Class meeting. Mr Roelefs is cutting the crop today, he came yesterday but the binder would not work some part was worn out, he went home and telephoned for the part to be sent up by the train, it came by the evening train and he came first thing this morning. We have Jacks two horses and old Dick. Mr Roberts took our seed drill home when he went yesterday, to sow their maize. It is very hard to get the crops cut this year, no one seems to be out cutting. Mr Ramage cannot get his cut and is cutting it all with the scythe, and binder twine is not to be had. Some people are cutting with the machine and hand binding all their crops. Sugar has been very scarce, we have only been getting 1 and 2 lbs a week for a long time, but I got a big sack from Mr Falconer last Saturday.

## 1921

Tuesday 26 April 1921

I am going to start my diary again. I have neglected it for some months. We are having very dry weather at present for the time of the year, the ground is too hard to plough. The boys had a good lot of crop in this year, it has not been such a big price as it was last year. Tomatoes were very plentiful a few weeks ago and were very cheap, but they are up to 11/- a case now. Last week beans were 6/- a qr, peas 8/- a qr, potatoes and chaff are very cheap. We will not have any chaff to sell, it is only four pounds 10/- a ton and potatoes four pounds to four pounds 10/- a ton. Ours have not done very well this year. About the end of January our horse "Big Dick" fell in the creek, it took 28 of our neighbours to pull him out, the banks were so steep. He was very bad and was in a sling for weeks, he was terribly knocked about, he appeared to have nearly all the skin rubbed off one side and his head was as bit as two. I never thought he would recover, but he is quite well now, though he has not done any work yet. We have a new horse for the ploughing "Tom." Jim bought it at Kilsyth for eleven pounds. Jack has taken down most of our things for the market this year. Walter Burden has taken some, but his horses are not too good and we don't like to make his load any heavier, he has a lot of tomatoes. They are all up at the class meeting tonight. Mr Little our minister went away about 3 weeks ago and our new minister preached for the first time last Sunday, he was very good. The people collected and gave Mr Little a present of eight pounds before he went away, just the Basin members. We had our C.A. Social last week, it was well attended.

Wednesday April 27 1921

Both Jim and Bob as well as myself have very bad colds. Bob was lying down asleep most of the day. Jim lit some fires up in the bush paddock, he got a good lot of rubbish burnt. Weather fine and dry.

Thursday April 28 1921

Bob is still not able to work with his cold, he picked a few tomatoes this evening. Jim burning off up in the bush he had several good fires going, he did not do anything till after dinner, he did not feel able to work with his cold. They both seem better tonight. I was going to town today but I did not go because of my cold. Fine and dry.

Friday April 29 1921

Bob's cold is better but Jim's is very bad yet. Bob took the cream to the Station this morning, he brought Mr Kerrs sister Mrs Massey up from the Station, she was going to see Mr Kerr, he has been ill again. The boys picked 1 cwt of beans and 1¼ cwt of peas and 2 cases of tomatoes. Bob took them over for Uncle to take down, he stayed all night with Aunt.

Saturday April 30 1921

The boys lighting fires up in bush paddock, they have burnt most of the rubbish now. Jim's cold is not much better. The spotted heifer has a calf it is two days old. I sent two dozen duck eggs down with Uncle on Friday. There are a few light showers today, but just enough to lay the dust. Very dry.

Sunday May 1 1921

I drove the new horse Tom over to Aunt's this afternoon, the first time I have driven it. Aunt came round with me for a short time, then I walked up to the road with her. I am alone now the boys and Jean have gone up to Burdens to spend the evening, they have visitors. Walter was here to tea, he went up with them. Jack got 7/- a qr for the beans and 9/- for the peas and 15/- a case for the two cases of tomatoes, it is the most we have ever got for tomatoes.

Monday May 2 1921

This is 8 hours day and there is a holiday from School. The Army headquarters Band was up at No. 1 home for a picnic in the evening, they held a concert on the lawn and the Major invited all the neighbours to attend, we all went up, it was very good, there was singing as well as band music. Mrs Stephen asked us in to tea after they had gone. Mr and Mrs H. R. Chandler and Uncle and Aunt were there to. Bob was cutting rushes in the grass paddock during the day. Kitty Burden had to go to the School for some lessons so she could not go but her and Walter came in on their way home and had some tea.

Tuesday May 3 1921

They have all gone up to the class meeting this evening. Jim has been ploughing today, he did not get much done, it is so hard. Bob cutting rushes. Hughie Chandler came over and borrowed 8 sacks this morning. I am going to town tomorrow if nothing comes in the way. Weather still dry.

Wednesday May 4 1921

I went to town by the 8 train this morning, Bob drove me down. I met Mrs B. Chandler, we had tea together at Sargent's. I bought Bob a cheap suit at Foys. I came home by the 6 train. Jean came to meet me. Nellie came up in the train she has telling me her father met with an accident coming from the market two weeks ago, we had not heard about it. An electric tram ran into his wagon and turned it over and smashed it up. Harry did not get much hurt, and the horses were not hurt they bolted away with the pole.

Thursday May 5 1921

Jim and Bob picking beans and tomatoes.

Friday May 6 1921

It has rained heavy showers all day. The boys picking beans and peas, they brought the tomatoes into the verandah and I packed them. There were 5 cases and 5 cwt of beans and ½ cwt of peas and 2½ doz eggs. Walter Burden took 1 cwt of beans and Uncle took the rest.

Saturday May 7 1921

There is no rain today it appears to have all cleared away again. The market was bad today. Beans were from one pound cwt down to nothing. Jack brought 1 cwt back, we will send it again on Monday, peas were 9/- a qr, Tomatoes Jack got from 8/- a case to 4/-, but those who had many to sell could not get rid of them all, Walter Burden left 3 cases at Lyall's store.

Monday May 9 1921

Jim took two pigs and 3 young roosters to Ringwood this morning. The bacon pig brought three pounds 3/- and the porker two pounds 5/-, one of the roosters fetched 4/6 and the others 5/6 for the pair. Calves are very cheap, little ones down to 3/- each. Jim went to market with Walter Burden this evening. They went from here about half past eight. They took the beans that were brought home last Saturday.

Tuesday May 10 1921

Emily came down for a while this afternoon. Bob and Jean have gone with the Burdens to the class meeting. Jim was too tired, he got home about ½ past six. They got 10/- for ½ cwt beans and 8/- for the other half tomatoes were cheap again. I have a hen with 7 little chickens. They were hatched last Saturday, the hen stole a nest. I did not know it was sitting till they were hatched. Sallie has a calf it is 3 days old, we have three calves now. Jim thinks he will take them all down to Ringwood next Monday, they are so cheap it does not pay to feed them. There was a heavy frost further down the flats this morning, it was cold here but no frost. Dry

Wednesday May 11 1921

Bob ploughed the stubble with "Tom" and "Dick", it is very dry. I went over to Mrs H. R. Chandlers this afternoon, I had not been over for a very long time. Jim did not do much today, he is not well. Dry.

Thursday May 12 1921

The Boys picking beans. I did my washing today.

Friday May 13 1921

The boys picked some tomatoes and peas. Jim took 2 cwt beans, ½ peas and 3 cases of tomatoes and 2 doz eggs over for Jack to take down, he stayed the night with Aunt.

Saturday May 14 1921

Jim grubbing the old dogwood tree that grew near the kitchen window and planted a pittosporum in its place. Jim ploughing after dinner. Bob chopped some wood and dug a sack of potatoes. Jim is going to take them to Ringwood on Monday.

Monday May 16 1921

Jim went to the Ringwood market this morning, he took two calves and two cwt of potatoes, he got one pound 8/- for the bull calf it was only 3 weeks old and one pound 3/- for the heifer it was about 5 weeks old. There were not many in today. The potatoes only brought 5/- a cwt. Jean and Bob have gone up to Burdens this evening. Jean wants to practice the songs for the school concert on the piano as they are going to have one for the concert. Very dry.

Tuesday May 17 1921

Bob took Jacks wagon back first thing this morning. Jim borrowed it to go to Ringwood yesterday. Jim ploughing with the two horses, the ground is very hard so he is getting along very slowly. This afternoon Jim was cutting some trees and getting them ready to build a shed over the engine. Jean did not get home from school till quite dark, the children were practising for the concert. Jean and the boys with the Burdens have gone to the class meeting. The weather is bright and beautiful and has been the same for days, it is just lovely weather, if we did not need the rain so much. The roads are dry and dusty.

Wednesday May 18 1921

Jim ploughing, Bob cutting rushes. Bob went to the market this evening with Walter Burden. Cloudy.

Thursday May 19 1921

It is raining today has been raining all day. Bob got home from the market quite early about 2 o'clock. Mrs Burden and I went up to the Church this afternoon to see the children practise their concert and help them to dress, it rained all the time and was dreadfully muddy. The children do their pieces very well. I hope it is fine tomorrow for their concert. Beans were 10/- a qr in the market today and tomatoes from 10/- to 5/- a case. Rain.

Friday May 20 1921

It was fine all day until about 10 o'clock when a steady rain commenced. The people would get very wet going home from the concert. The concert was a great success. I don't think there ever was such a crowd of people at anything in the Basin before, and everybody appeared to be pleased with the program. Some of the items were very good especially the Japanese Fan song where 30 girls were dress in Japanese dress and looked very pretty. There were action songs and recitations and dialogues. People came from Bayswater, Kilsyth and Boronia.

Saturday May 21 1921

Jean went up to help clean the Church this afternoon after the concert. They made 12 pounds clear. I think that was very good for a small place like this rain.

Monday May 23 1921

Bob mending fence all round bush paddock, the cows have been getting out lately, Jim took "Tom" over to Kilsyth to be shod this morning and to get a shear done up. The shoes were 10/-. Jim ploughing after dinner. Emily came down for a short time this evening. Fine.

Tuesday May 24 1921

This is Empire Day. Jean and Kitty Burden, Millie and Laddie Harris and Ernie and Victor Burden, Katie and George Stephen have gone up the Mountain for a walk up Olinda way. They are not home yet and it is quite dark. Bob ploughing, Jim took away the fence and rolled up the wire that they had between the oats stubble and the bean ground so that it could be ploughed together. It has just started to rain steadily, it looks as if we were going to have a lot of rain.

Wednesday May 25 1921

It rained very heavy last night. Jean with Kitty Burden went to Auntie Annie's to tea the others all went home after their long walk. They walked about twenty miles, they went to Nathalia Springs, it is a very beautiful place with lots of springs and deep holes with tame fish. It rained so heavy by the time they had finished tea they could not get home. Bob thought Jean would be at Burdens and went to meet her, then Frank and he took the wagon with two horses and drove to meet them. They went right to Ferndale gate and Bob went down and brought them up. They would have got very wet if they had walked. Jim went to market with Walter tonight he took down a case of tomatoes and 2 quarters and 18 lbs beans. Emily came down for a short time this evening.

Thursday May 26 1921

Jim got home about 4 o'clock, beans were 12/- a qr and tomatoes 14/- for the best. Bob ploughing all day, he went over this morning and borrowed Uncles plough, the one we have will not plough well if there is any tall weeds on the ground. The class meeting was put off last Tuesday until tonight. Jean and Bob have gone with the Burdens. Jim was too tired.

Friday May 27 1921

Bob went to Bayswater this morning with the cream. Jim did not get up till ten he was so tired. Bob ploughing after he came from Bayswater. Mr Davis came as usual. Mrs Captain Roberts wrote to Jean asking if Mr Davis would go and see her about Lucy learning music. Jean asked him and he is going to see her about it next Friday.

Saturday May 28 1921

I hurried over my work this morning and Jim drove Emily and I over to a furniture sale at "Torwood House" we did not buy anything. Mr and Mrs Burden and Mr and Mrs Henderson and Girty and ever so many others we knew were there. Jean went up to Stephens to spend the afternoon and have tea. Kitty Burden went too. She got home about half past eight. Emily stayed to tea and Jim walked over the paddocks with her.

Monday May 30 1921

Jim finished a land of ploughing first this morning while Bob did the milking. So they could take Jacks plough back. Bob took it back after breakfast and some green tomatoes to make pickle. When he came back he took the bag of manure back to H. R. Chandler they borrowed it some time ago. Mr and Mrs Burden and Walter and Frank were down to tea yesterday.

Tuesday May 31 1921

It has been raining heavy showers all day today. Jean and Bob and Walter Burden went up to the Class meeting this evening. There was only Mr Henderson and themselves there, they had some singing and came home. Walter came in for an hour when they came back.



Wednesday May 31 1921

Bob ploughing for oats. Mr H. R. Chandler came for the seed drill this morning, to plant his oats. Mr Collier snr. was rushed by his bull last Monday afternoon and nearly killed he was dreadfully bruised and knocked about and had a rib broken, he would have been killed outright but his little dog heard him calling and rushed at the bull and drove him off. Jim went down to see him this morning he says he looks very bad.

Thursday June 1 1921

Our school has been increasing in numbers for some time, now there is 78 on the roll with an average attendance of 70. Today Mr Berry told Jean he had a letter saying he was entitled to an assistant teacher. She will teach the sewing so Jean will lose her position at the School. She is very disappointed about it.

Friday June 2 1921

Bob took the cream to the station this morning and brought home 4 bags manure. He called to see Mr Collier on his way back, he is still very bad. They picked 5 qr of beans and 1 qr of peas and ½ case tomatoes. Walter Burden took them to market.

Saturday June 3 1921

Mr H. R. Chandler brought the drill back last night, he offered to let the boys have two bags of seed oats so that they could start planting today. Bob went over and got "Nugget" then went over for the seed. Jim got the ground ready with Tom and Dick after dinner he started planting he got a good patch in. Walter Burden brought the 4 bags of oats. He got 12/- a qr for the beans he took down and 12/- for the peas 5/- for the ½ case of tomatoes.

Monday June 5 1921

It rained some showers yesterday but it is not too wet to plant today so the boys are busy at it. They finished the small paddock up by the creek and sowed the piece where the T.T. oats were last year, but they did not finish harrowing it, if it keeps fine tomorrow, and it looks like it now, they will finish it all. The ground is in beautiful order as we have had very little rain so far. There is a holiday from School today for the Kings birthday. Jean has gone up to Burdens to tea. Katie Stephen and Millie are going to.

Tuesday June 6 1921

Tuesday June 21 1921

I have not written for 2 weeks, so must leave out some days. The boys managed to get the oats in before the rain, but they had to work the horses very hard to do it. It is all up beautifully, it is looking quite green today. The boys are digging potatoes, at least Jim is. Bob is cutting rushes in the top paddock. There is a very bad crop of potatoes, it was too dry when they were planted and they are very cheap. Jim took some to Ringwood yesterday and only got 4/6 a cwt for them. Bob and I went to Ringwood last week with some potatoes and a calf. We got 5/- a cwt for potatoes and 28/- for the calf. There was two lectures at the Church one for Home Missions and the other a lantern lecture in aid of the B.F.B.S. The School children held their concert over again at Boronia last Saturday in a large tent, it was large enough to seat 500 people. There was a good many there, they took seven pounds at the door, it was 1/- over there and with donations afterwards they made it up to twenty pounds. The schoolmaster has been away sick yesterday and today. Miss Nevill carried on the school. They have all gone to the Bible Class tonight. They went to a Rechabite meeting last night.

## 1923

July 25 1923

I am alone tonight. Jean and the boys with Kitty and Ernie Burden and Kath Stephen have gone to a tea meeting and concert at the opening of the new Kilsyth Methodist Church. The opening services were last Sunday afternoon and evening. There were 200 people there in the afternoon. We went in the evening there were over 80 people there, it looked very like rain when we drove over and while at the service it rained very heavy and it rained all the way home, we were all rather wet before we got home although we had coats and umbrellas. Jim was down today, they tightened the piece of wire fence between the barn and the drain and put in a big new gate post between the garden and back yard, they finished the fowl yard last Saturday. Eggs are 2/3 in the market at present.

Tuesday July 31 1923

The tea meeting at Kilsyth was a great success. There were church people from Ringwood, Croydon, Montrose, Bayswater and The Basin there, the concert was very good they all enjoyed themselves. The boys have finished the fowl yard all but the gate, but they have put a temporary one up for the present. The boys went to market with 45 cases of apples (Statesmen) last Saturday, they were not a very good price 6/- I think were the highest eggs were 2/3 dozen. Bob came home by train and walked from Boronia, he got home about four. It has been raining most of the day we have not had a great deal of rain yet, the place is dry for this time of the year. Jim has started the pruning. Jean Jim and Bob are up at Burdens spending the evening it is Kitties 18 birthday, the boys went this evening Jean early this afternoon. Millie and Katie were going.

Walter is up at his farm at Meeniyan, he is coming home next week, he has been away about 5 or 6 weeks. Aunt and Jim are going to town tomorrow. Aunt has some business to see about and Jim has several things to do, he is going to pay Henry for the work he did here and order horse and cow feed etc.

**If We Only Knew**

There are gems of wondrous brightness  
Oft times lying at our feet,  
And we pass them, walking thoughtless  
Down the busy crowded street.  
If we knew our pace would slacken -  
We would step more oft with care,  
Lest our careless feet be treading  
To the earth some jewel rare.

If we knew what hearts were aching  
For the comfort we might bring:  
If we knew what souls are yearning  
For the sunshine we might fling:  
If we knew what feet are weary,  
Walking pathways roughly laid,  
We would quickly hasten forward,  
Stretching forth our hands to aid.

If we knew what friends around us  
Feel a want they never tell -  
That some word that we have spoken  
Pained or wounded where it fell,  
We would speak in accents tender  
To each friend we chance to meet -  
We would give to each one freely  
Smiles of sympathy so sweet.







