



Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
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Fri. 1 - Cold with the wind from the North froze ice last night. Byron and I drew manure all day on where I intend to put tomatoes.

Sat. 2 - I ploughed. Byron went out to Jake's towards night. Jen. and Frank were down to Picton They heard that Florance had a big Boy and it was dead but that Florance was smart.

Sun. 3 - Ina Mirt and I were over to Mary E. Dan and Ida were up. There was a funeral to day Mr. Martin on the ridge road little boy. Mr. Martin shot his little boy through accident thinking it was a wood chuck.

Mon. 4 - Byron ploughed Ina Mirt and I planted some early potatoes in the garden

Tue. 5 - I made a cooling bed for tomatoes I think we are going to have nicer weather now to day has been fine

Wed. 6 - We have been working with two teams to day Balling with the one and the other we were dragging and cultivating and to day it has been fine my tomatoes are ready for transplanting Ina is snorting around with a cold in her head

Thur. 7 - Byron cultivated most of the day. I started to transplant my tomatoes

Fri. 8 - I drilled in part of another field of oats. That finishes me up sowing. I sowed about 55 bushels

Sat. 9 - Planted my potatoes Ina and Emmet dropped them for me We had them all in by noon

Sun. 10 - Jake and Lib came out visiting It was a lovely day very warm Mirt was put in a very restless night with the tooth ache

Mon. 11 - Byron finished rolling the grain Ina and I transplanted plants still the weather continues warm. Mirt is some better to day with her tooth

Tue. 12 - Ina helped transplant we are having nice warm weather

Wed. 13 - Byron finished ploughing the young orchard. I finished transplanting

Thur. 14 - Mirt Ina and I went back to the woods I went back after some bars Ina and Mirt went after some lilies. It threatened rain but never amounted to anything

Fri. 15 - I helped Emmet plant some potatoes then I went down to Picton after some groceries

Sat. 16 - We are having very warm and dry weather. I wish we could get a nice rain. Along in the evening Ina and Mirt and I went over to Mary E. and then who should come along but Ida Annie Maud Dan Nelson Ostrander. We all come over here and stay awhile

Sun. 17 - Ina went down to meeting Byron was out to Tom Wattam's After dinner Mirt and I drove down to Dan's Nelse and Annie Maud were there Emmet and Mary Ellen.

Nelse has a new buggy and it is a dandy. He was telling us that Jake got a new buggy

Mon. 18 - I went out to Bloomfield with a grist the roads were very dusty. Along about noon we got a little shower of rain

Tue. 19 - A day of excitement Mirt was taken sick in the morning Emmet went down to Picton after Aunt Lib and the doctor They arrived about eleven oclock And at three oclock a lovely Boy baby came to our happy home. I felt pretty proud when I knew that Mirt was alright.

Wed. 20 - I am feeling like a differen person since I can think we have a nice boy baby to put in our time in with. Mirt is smart to day. We are having very warm weather and dry. Ina is here with us doying the house work. We did a big washing to day.

Thur. 21 - Ina and I wash to day again Mirt and the bot is real smart and doying as well as can be expected. Aunt Lib is with us yet nursing and tending to Mirt and the baby.

Fri. 22 - Byron is fitting up the corn and tomatoes ground. I am staying around the house most of the time looking after the boy and Mirt. Richard Wattam came here to night after his mother we are very sorry to have her go

Sat. 23 - We were glad to see Mr. Spafford and wife drive up this four noon They were quite anxious to see the boy. Mirt is still improving

Sun. 24 - Mr. Spafford an wife started for home after dinner It threatened rain some. Mirt and the baby are getting along fine. Archie was here for awhile to see the boy. After tea Ina and I drove up to the Banks Mary E and Emmet Archie and Edward Farrington were there we had some sport on the Banks

Mon. 25 - I planted some Beans and marked out my corn ground Some change in the weather cooler

Tue. 26 - Ina and I washed again to day Then I planted some field corn. Look very much like rain all day. Mirt and the baby are getting along fine Mirt was up to day setting in a chair.

Wed. 27 - I cultivated rolled and mark out the young orchard for tomatoes. It rained some last night and it worked up very good

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