



# Life In The Past

**Nelson Hicks' Journals  
September 1926**

*Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier*

**September 1**—School started. Wrex went Royden and I finished drawing grain.

**Thu. 2**—Royden plowed. I raked stubble Back. After dinner drew it in and that finished us all up

**Fri. 3**—Royden plowed on the Flats I cultivated the late potatoes

**Sat. 4**—Lloyd and Luise came down Kathleen came out with them.

**Sun. 5**— Rained most of the day

**Mon. 6**—Royden and I got up some machine wood

**Tue. 7**—First day of Picton Fair. Mirt Royden Wrex Floral and I all went Floral is starting to School at Picton taking up a Commercial course.

**Wed. 8**—Mirt Royden Wrex and I went over to Picton after milking for the evening. Lloyd and Luise were down to the Fair

**Thu. 9**—Rained most of the day making it bad for the last day of the Fair we didn't go over.

**Fri. 10**—After dinner Mirt and I went over to Picton Floral came with us.

**Sat. 11**—After milking Mirt and I went over to Picton Kathleen and Floral is staying at Henry McConal. We moved their things down from Mrs. Clapps. Conservatives had a meeting some good speeches I went for awhile

**Sun. 12**—Lloyd and Luise came down went over to Mrs. Hudgins. We went around to the Bay to church.

**Mon. 13**—Cultivated the Rye and Wheat ground having nice weather again now.

**Tue. 14**—Election day. John Hubbs Elected. with a big majority about. John Loney Mirt and I went over to Picton at night. Sowed my wheat and Rye.

**Wed. 15**—Another big rain to day making it bad for tomatoes

**Thu. 16**—Rained all day like to see it clear up and have dry weather.

**Fri. 17**—Royden and I helped Mirt can corn. After Dinner we got up a load of machine wood. Floral came home with Elmor Collier.

**Sat. 18**—I started to plow back. Royden went over to the Factory.

**Mon. 20**—Plow some back. Very wet.

**Sat. 25**—Thrashing machine moved down to Collin Hudgins at night. Mirt and I were over to Picton

**Sun. 26**—We all went around to church. Mr. Smart Preached.

**Mon. 27**—Collin thrashed I helped him get threw at noon moved up to Hiltons.

**Tue. 28**—Got threw at Hilton's thrashing about Ten O'clock moved up here and thrashed me out about 700 bushels.

**Wed. 29**—Mirt and I went over to Picton went to the show at night

**Thu. 30**—Lloyd and Luise came down in the after noon went trawling wind North East. Lloyd shot 5 Black ducks.

## Sarah's Research Notes

### Historical Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries.

*Nelson mentions an election on September 14th. This was a federal election. There had been one in 1925 but a second was made necessary within the year. When Nelson says he heard "some good speeches" at the conservative meeting this is not surprising. There was a lot for a campaigning politician to talk about. At the time, there was a constitutional crisis, a customs scandal and sovereignty questions around the role of Governor General in motion, all at once. A fascinating swirl of parliamentary maneuvering was going on. This was headlined as the "King Byng Thing" or sometimes as the "King Byng Wing Ding". You can read all about it on Wikipedia.*

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