



Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
July 1927

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Thu. 1 - Luise and a Miss Wood were down All went fishing in the After noon. Quite a nice day.

Fri. 2 - I took my Bull National King out on Samuel Farrington. Rex and I help Davis finish his cement Veranda.

Sat. 3 - Davis came over and we put a cement in the cow stable were the cows stands.

Mon. 5 - drew in the sweet clover seed Quite a warm day. After tea took Floral over to Picton to school.

Tue. 6 - Finish the floor in the cow stable

Wed. 7 - Mirt Royden Wrex and I went over to Picton Fair it was a nice day Royden stayed to the show at night.

Thu. 8 - Mirt went over with John Lony to the Fair and stayed for the night

Fri. 9 - After Dinner Mirt and I went over to the Fair Kathleen came home from Toronto we stayed for the Fair.

Sat. 10 - Cut the B Wheat down in the Orchard. Rex and I made a dreen at the cow stable.

Sun. 11 - Lloyd and Luise came down Kathleen and Floral went over to Picton with them.

Mon. 12 - Finished up working at the cow stable and started to build a cement steps behind the Milk House.

Tue. 13 - Royden and I went over to Picton My suit of clothes came that I sent up to Toronto to get made up

Wed. 14 - Royden plowed Back ground Very hard. I work at the Milk house making cement steps.

Thu. 15 - I fixed up the windows in the cow stable painting pudding glass in Royden plow

Fri. 16 - We are having very hot weather worked at the milk House steps.

Sat. 17 - Rex and I tinkered at the Barn taking up some grain getting ready for the threshing Machine. After Dinner went over to Picton Floral came home Kathleen stayed over.

Sun. 18 - Mirt and I went out to Jakes after tea Nita has a little baby Girl She is smart. Then we took Floral on down to Picton

Mon. 19 - We are having very dry weather need a rain very bad.

Tue. 20 - Started to pick a few Macintosh

Wed. 21 - After Dinner helped John Lony thrash then they moved down to Hilton's place. Mc Donald was here I sold my apples to him.

Thu. 23 - Royden and I helped Rightmore thrash.

Fri. 23 - Thrashed for Collins and moved up here. Thrashed a couple of hours.

Sat. 24 - Finished thrashing here about two O'clock had a nice day for thrashing. After Tea Mirt Royden and I went over to Picton Kathleen came home with us.

Mon. 26 - Royden and I picked the Wealthy and Macintosh.

Tue. 27 - After Dinner went around to the School Fair. Wind North East and cold.

Wed. 28 - Royden and I dug potatoes down by the little woods. Not very good

Thu. 29 - Royden and I picked Macintosh. Warmer again. Rained little last night

Fri. 30 - Picked apples till noon. After Dinner Mirt Royden and I went over to Picton. Lloyd came down to Picton and Royden went back with him to work in the Factory for the rest of the Fall.

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The two apples Nelson picks are "Macintosh" and "Wealthy". There were no apples in N. America, except crab apples, before the Europeans arrived and only hardy varieties survived the climate. The "Macintosh" was an accidental apple discovered by John Macintosh in Dundas, in 1811. He found it as a seedling in a clearing, possibly seeded there from a dropped apple core and hardy enough to flourish by itself. The "Wealthy" was nurtured by Peter Gideon who grew it first in Minnesota in 1868. After years of trial and error in that harsh climate this apple, crossed with a Siberian Crab Apple, was his only success. By the early twentieth century the "Wealthy" was one of the top 5 apples grown nationally; now it is rare and defined as an antique variety. Possibly some remain in this historic growing region of "The Garden County of Canada".

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