



Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals
April 1928

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Sun. 1 - Lloyd and Luis down. Went home in the afternoon.

Mon. 2 - I took the Girls over to Picton Lloyd and Mr. Parlement down had a new Chandler car down.

Tue. 3 - Royden went up to Milford to get some grain ground. Lloyd down with another car.

Fri. 6 - At night I went over to Picton to a Cheese Maker Banquet Kathleen and Royden fitch the car back to Milford to go to a play and I came home from Picton with John Lony

Sat. 7 - Very warm all day. Took a Pig down to Hiltons.

Sun. 8 - Easter Sunday. Kathleen home for easter. went around to Church

Mon. 9 - Colder to day Kathleen and Floral Garnet went down to Mr Spafford with the buggy. About Four O'clock Mirt and I took Kathleen over to Picton and then we went on to Archie

Sat. 14 - Mirt and I went up to Lloyds Rained like everything all the way up Mr Stafford died just before we got there Heart trouble

Sun. 15 - Mirt and I were at Lloyds. Very cold freezing hard every night. Came home a bout Six Oclock

Mon. 16 - Took Floral over to Picton We are having a lot of cold weather

Tue. 17 - Still we are having Very cold weather No signs of getting on the land yet.

Wed. 18 - I was fixing up my Roller over to Davis

Fri. 19 - Royden and I put some wood in the Wood House. At night Wrex Mirt Addie Brooks went over to Picton to the Show Royden went as far as Jakes to stay over Sunday Floral came home with us.

Sat. 20 - I finished pilling in some wood some warm to day

Sun. 21 - Floral went around to church with the Buggy Ostrander came down with her.

Mon. 22 - Took Floral over to Picton Davis went over with Cam and come home with me.

Tue. 23 - Royden and I cleaned up some grain for Seed. We are having very back ward weather

Wed. 24 - Plowed some here in the orchard

Fri. 26 - I went back to Lloyd to get new brakes in my car. We took her over to Belleville and got her all fixed up Lloyd and Dan have got the Factory looking fine. Going to start up Monday. Floral came home with me.

Sat. 27 - Wind blew a gale all day from the North East. Kathleen came home with John Loney.

Sun. 28 - All went around to church. rain some

Mon. 29 - Took the Girls over to Picton rained like fun all the way over. Nothing done on the land yet.

Sarah's Research Notes

Insight, Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries

Nelson is cleaning grain for seed. Grain must be clean to avoid attracting pests during storage but if the grain is to be used for seed, cleaning is even more critical. Smaller materials such as weed seeds or soil particles could be removed by sieving the grain through a smaller sized screen. Seed cleaning machinery, like the one illustrated here, assisted with the job. Malformed, discoloured, germinated, broken or mouldy grains can severely impact seed quality, viability and vigour so cleaning the grain is key to improving the harvest yield in the coming year.



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