

Sunday brunch returns for the winter beginning Sunday, December 7th from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. We'll be serving some of your favorites: eggs benni, Jackson's Falls scones, and many delicious new menu items to choose from. Reservations at 613.476.8576

We are taking reservations for private dinners and/or cocktail parties for the holiday season. Please call to book your gathering and discuss your menu options. Want entertainment? We can help you book local talent for your private event!

Please ask us about our 'dirty thirties' New Year's Eve gala featuring Rita Deghent! Additional details are on page 12 and on our website! Make reservations now to avoid disappointment.

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Sarah's Research Notes

Historical Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries.

Mirt is having a dress made by Lillie Minnaker, perhaps for one of the many parties (December 13th, 18th, 19th and 26th). According to an interview with a thirteen year old dressmaker in 1898: "There was a lot of hand work...tacking and that carry on to do. All skirts had braid and binding in them. Sometimes we'd four times to go around a skirt (tacking, binding, braid and hem). Then they used to be six or seven yards wide a skirt, so you'd quite a bit of sewing to do"

- **Wed. 18** I went down after Lillie Minnaker and fitched her up to Mr. Spafford's to make Mirt dress the day was cold and blustery.
- **Thur. 19** I helped Marsh make a box for his sleigh. Lillie sewing at Mirt's dress. After dinner Mrs. L. Spafford Annie and I went up to Miss Denight examination.
- **Fri. 20** I helped Marsh finished his sleigh box. And after dinner we all went down to Harry Shortt's Examination. It was very good.
- **Sat. 21** About two or three inches snow. I went over to Picton from mr. Spafford's Harry Shortt and Archie went over with me. Picton was more than crowded with people.
- **Sun. 22** Mirt and I were to Nait's all night the wind blew a gale and drifted up the roads home. We walked from Naits down to Mr. Spafford's and Mirt was pretty tired when she got down there.
- **Mon. 23** I was up home helped Pa kill the bull. And then went out to Sarah E. Rorke. Mirt Annie and Marsh were there. Also we had a good visit.
- **Tue. 24** Mirt and I came from Mr. Spafford's up to Pa's the weather was some softer. We went down to Rorkes again at night.
- **Wed. 25** Christmas. All were home to Pa's to eat their Christmas dinner. It was a lovely day and the sleighing was fairly good. We all enjoyed our selves fine. And wonder if we will all be alive to spend another Christmas together. Then after dinner along towards
- night all but Annie Maud and Nelse went out to the Carman the church was filled and a good time was spent. Proceeds \$3.00
- **Thur. 26** Mirt and I went up to George Lewis Collier's from the Carman last night stayed all night. They had a dinner the next day that is the 26. Jake and Lib Philip McCrimmon and Maud were there and so we had a good time. After dinner Mirt and I went down to John Dulmage to a party. Went down with a sleigh load. Archie and Hilton took the load.
- **Fri. 27** Well we came home we had a grand good time while we were down at the Bay. And was glad to get home again. Bobs was over to Mr. Collier's. I went over and got him he was pretty hungry.
- **Sat. 28** This has been a lovely day wind has been South. Snow can't last long if we don't get colder weather. I have been helping Mr. Collier build a barn yard fence.
- **Sun. 29** Rained most of the day. Mirt and I were alone all day. Went over to Whit's for tea.
- **Mon. 30** Helped Mr. Collier finish up the barn yard fence it was a lovely day.
- **Tue. 31** Mirt and I went out to Jake's. Wind blew a gale and turned very cold. Sleighing is very good.