

Life in the Past

From the daily journals of Nelson Hicks,
great grandfather of Vicki Emlaw,
at Hix Holme, South Bay

March, 1896

Sunday Mar.1 Ida and Dan Stirling were out to Jake's for a visit. It rained in the Fore noon and at night it turned cold froze up quite hard.

Mar.2 Jake took 36 bus of oats and barley up to the mill to get ground. The roads were very good.

3 Mr. Metcalfe come down. Jake and Robert divided the straw. Davis Duetta and Dan come out and we moved it all out on the place where Jake is going to work. There was six loads of straw. Philip McCrimmon and Stephen Dulmage where out home drawing stone for the barn. 6 loads.

4 Jake and Lib moved on the Wilson place off from Robert Metcalfe place. We fetched the Stove and furniture all out. Jake paid Mr. Metcalfe all up which he was owing him 527 cts. I am going to stay with Jake and Lib the remainder of the winter on the Wilson place.

5 We finished drawing the hay out there was 3 loads. Dan and Ida were up in the afternoon. Paw bought a horse to a Sale up to the Harbor paid \$19 dollars.

6 Paw went over to Picton with Nelse Ostrander after Annie Mauds furniture. Jake and I finished moving the last load. off from Robert Metcalfe place out on the Wilson place. Ida was up and stayed to help Lib straten around.

7 It rained most of the day Ida and Dan Stirling were up to Jake's. Dan and I went up home fetched down 4 pig and the old hog down to Jake's.

Sun. Mar. 8 Stratton was down we went down to Mr. Eward Rorke's for a visit.

9 Jake and Paw went up on Mr. Jacob Danard got a 44 ft beam. Mr. Spafford and Wife were up to Lib's. Lib is feeling quite sick.

10 Jake went up on Jacob Danird got a beam and in the afternoon William Hineman and Jake went up on Mr. Danard each fetch a beam down. paw and I went out on Mr Cooper cut some girts and rafters.

Mar.11 Jake and Paw went over to Picton Paw got a new set of double harness they cost \$22.00 They fetched home the Peas. Paw got a new extension table cost \$6.50.

12 It was a very cold 16 degrees below zero.

13 Paw and I went over to Greenbush to Mr. Rolstons and got 80 bus of Stone lime @ 15 a bus = \$12.00.

14 Stratton Lowry and I went over to Picton. Then went down to Aunt Lydia's six miles down the High Shore road. Jake went out on Cooper got twenty two rafters and four girts.

Sun. 15 Stratton and I come home. It was a very nice day. Jake and Lib were down to Mr. Spaffords.

16 Jake and Paw went up on John Brooks got two twenty-

four foot sticks for sills. Then they went out on Cooper and got 20 rafters. Archie and I were out on Cooper cutting rafters.

17 Dan and Archie and I went out on Cooper cutting rafters and covering. Paw and Jake went up on Henry Wattams got 4x 15 ft Sleepers. Then went out on Coopers got a load off rafters and covering.

18 I went out on Cooper got a load of rafters and covering. Jake and Paw went out on William Lowry got 5x 15 ft sleepers.

19 Jake and Paw and I went out on W. Lowry got 5x 15 ft sleepers. It snowed all day long very hard piled the roads full.

20 It stormd till about noon the wind blew very hard from the west.

21 We went out on William Lowry got 5x 15 Sleepers and 1x 12 ft log on Henry Wattam and 1x14 ft sleepers the roads were good.

22 Nelse and Annie Maud Paw and Maw were to Jake's.

23 Paw and I went out on Jacob Hyatt and got 6 ceader sticks. Jake took 22 bas of grain up to get ground.

24 Paw and I took 3x16 ft logs and 3x12 ft logs over to Picton got them sawed in 3x4 the roads were good threw by Black Creek.

25 Dan come up and helped Jake and we drew 6 loads of wood off from Wilson's back place.

26 It rained till about Five Oclock then it commence to snow.

27 Jake and Archie and I drew 2 loads of wood. In the afternoon we went back on Colman Wattam got 1x12 ft ce-aader @ 4cts and 1x8 ft ceader @ 4 cts = 80cts.

28 Paw took 1x12 ft ceader and 1x8 ft ceader and 2x12 ft elem log then to Picton got them sawed. Jake and I Archie did Jakes road work on the Wilson Place.

Sun. Mar.29 It was quite warm the wind was South and it thawed and made the roads quite soft and bad. At night it thounded and Lightened some.

30 It was nice and warm the snow is going very fast Maw was down to Libs. Jake and I drew out four loads of Masure on his Garden.

31 Byron and Archie come down to Jake's we sawed and split wood. It was still very soft and warm the Wild Geese are began to fly around and light on the buckwheat fields. The crows are very thick. They are driving the ice yet. But I do not think will be in a few days.

- Submitted by Vicki Emlaw