

# Life in the Past

## Excerpts from Nelson Hicks' journal at Hix Holme, South Bay April, 1892

**These entries are some of the earliest written -  
when Nelson was still in school.**

- April 1 We draw manure around the apples trees.  
2 We greese the harnest and fixed them. Paw and Archie went up to Dans with the buggy. The snow is a bout all gone.  
3 Annie Maud come home.  
4 Maw went up to Dans, Jake and I saw and split wood.  
5 The ice is all out. Jake and I split and saw wood, the snow is all off from the roads.  
6 Jake and I saw and split wood here.  
7 I took Jake over to Picton to go a sailing he went to Bomanville to ship on the Tradwind.  
8 Paw come home from Dans, the roads was good.  
9 Paw and Grany went up to Dans. Maw come home and Grany stayed up.  
11 We draw two load of wood from off the bluff. The wind was North West and it was cold.  
12 We finished manureing the apple trees.  
13 We commence to Plough on the hill here.  
14 Paw and I went up to Dans and fetchdown some of Idas stuff. We got a hive of bees.  
15 Sydia Clapp and George was out here. We finished ploughing here.  
16 Paw and George Palmateer went up to Dan's after a load of their furniture. Archie and I rowled the Wheat and Rye and draged the 2 field on the Point.  
17 Mr. Duetta and Wife were over. It has been quite cold.  
18 We commence to plough the first field on the Point and Ned Bucked. We put Bell in and went to cultivating the 2 field.

- 19 We went up and got the last load of Ida's stuff. Dan come down.  
20 We Gang some in the 2 field. Paw and Maw went over to Picton.  
21 We sowed 6 bus of Black Eyes peas on the point. In the PM it rained.  
22 Paw plough in the 2 field on the flats. Annie Maud and I went down to the Union Church to a Sugar Socal they made \$13.00  
23 I sowed 3 bus of E Barley on the Flats.  
24 Paw and Maw went up to Uncle Solls.  
25 We sowed 3 bus of Picton Peas in the first field on the flats and 9 bus in the lower field and 3 of English Barley. That finished us on the Flats 25 bushels.  
26 We cultivated back.  
27 I drilled in 2 bus of English Barley back of the further ditch and 8 bus of Barley from the line fence over.  
28 I drilled in 15 bus of oats back. That makes 25 bushels back. And we are all done.  
29 Paw and I set out 13 Greeings and 2 Fameuse and 1 German Prune  
30 Paw and Maw went over to Picton with Mr. Duetta's. Paw got the Watch. Dan and Ida went up to Milford . We finished rowling on the Point.

- Submitted by Vicki Emlaw

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