

Life in the Past

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

July, 1892.

- 1 We put a new sill under the barn.
- 2 Annie Maud and I went over to Picton
- 3 It rained all day
- 4 Dan moved down to Smith McLaughlin to work for him. Paw went over to Picton after some lumber to fix the barn.
- 5 Paw and I layed a new floor in the barn.
- 6 Aunt Ella-Ann died fifteen minutes after three in the fore noon. Paw sold two pigs \$4.00
- 7 Sold 100l bs of flour to Mr. Ostrander \$2.50. Aunt Ella Ann funeral serman was preach in the church at the head of the bay at two oclock.
- 8 Paw commence to cultivate the corn again I plough back.
- 9 Archie Gang Back. Paw and I made a new pair of barn doors. George Clapp got 100 lbs of flour \$2.50
- 10 It was very warm.
- 11 I howed the potatoes on the flats. Archie gang back. Paw cultivated the corn.
- 12 Nelse Ostrander and I went over to Picton. Paw and Maw and Archie and Mary Ellen and Annie Maud went with the Dimercrate.
- 13 Paw and I finished making the barn doors. Archie gang back.
- 14 Archie finished ganging back. It was very warm.
- 15 I sowed 2 bus of English Buckwheat in the 2 field.
- 16 I sowed the 3 field with buckwheat 5 bushels.
- 17 Maw and Ida went up to Mr. Collier for some berries.
- 18 Paw and I cut the Elastic Peas. Archie draged the back field.

- 19 I drilled in the back field with buckwheat 6 bus.
- 20 Paw commenced to mow the hay in the lower field on the point.
- 21 Paw mowed the pint field and we cocked up the peas and the two fields of hay.
- 22 We commenced to stack in the point field and got 3 load and a half and it rained. We drawed in one load of hay in the barn. Sold 100 lbs of flour \$2.50.
- 23 Paw and mary Ellen went over to Picton. Archie and I draw in 4 load of hay 1 from back and 3 from the point.
- 24 Paw and I went around to John Mack's Funeral it was preach at the Head of the Bay half past 10 oclock. We go the milk for june \$21.48
- 25 We finished stacking the one stack and put 5 load of hay in it that makes altogether 8 1/2 loads of hay in it. It was a very rough night.
- 26 Paw finished cutting the 5 field of hay. We draw in 2 loads of hay out of the 5 field and put over the horse stable.
- 27 Paw commence to mow the 4 field in the am. In the pm we draw in 2 load out of the 5 field and put in the mow that makes 7 load in the mow.
- 28 Paw finished mowing the 4 field and we cock it up. In the pm we commence to cut the rye.
- 29 Paw cut the wheat and George Collier help us bind.
- 30 We finished cutting the rye. Geroge Lewis and Mr. Lowry help us. We were all done binding in the fore noon. In the afternoon Paw and I and George Lewis draw 4 load of hay and stack in back in the 5 field and draw in 2 load of peas up from the point. Mr. Lowry pull peas.
- 31 Mr. Lighthall and Wife come here for a visit.

- Submitted by Vicki Emlaw