

Farm Diary of Zabud MacKay (1832-1918) Malagash, April 12-October 27, 1900.

- Apr. 12th Thursday. fine day. Peter with double team took D. G. McKenzie and me to the siding going to Amherst found trap sills there, took them to Wallace.
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- " 13th Friday. fine day. Peter chopped wood at the house in the forenoon and went to the siding for me in the afternoon. Road in a bad condition.
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- " 14th Saturday fine day. Peter chopped at the house all day.
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- " 15th Sunday. Easter day.
- " 16th Monday fine day. Peter cutting wood with crosscut saw Charlie Leslie helping. Florence and I went to Wallace.
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- " 17th Tuesday fine day. Peter cutting wood all day.
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- " 18th Wednesday. I was going to Cape Cliff was sick and could not go, rained in the afternoon. Peter cutting wood 1/2 day with William Hickey.
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- " 19th Thursday still raining. Sick in bed. Peter not working much. 1/2 day.
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- " 20th Friday fine day. Peter cutting wood. Afternoon went to Mrs. McKinnon's frolic cutting wood. I am feeling bad.
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- " 21 Saturday fine day. Peter cutting wood. Afternoon went to siding to meet Mrs. MacKay coming from Truro.
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- " 22nd Sunday fine day. Not feeling smart - have a bad cough.
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- " 23rd Monday fine day. Peter cutting wood, feeling a little better
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- " 24th Tuesday. Cloudy day feeling like snow, wind in the North East. Peter cutting wood. I am feeling a little better.
- " 25th Wednesday rough day, snow flurries all day. Peter and I went back to hew rails, found it too wet, came home 1/2 day.
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- " 26th Thursday still snowing dirty day. Peter dodging round sharpening posts in the afternoon 1/2 day.
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- " 27 Friday wet showery. Amy feeling bad. Peter gone to the blacksmith shop.
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- Apr. 28th Saturday. Very disagreeable, half snow, half rain,
not feeling well. Peter dodging around. Went to
16 Bill Hickey's in the afternoon. 1/2 day.
- " 29 Sunday - very disagreeable, rained heavy all day.
Dr. Walsh at the church. Peter and the girls went
X to church. Feeling miserable
- " 30th Monday weather improving. Peter took his brother Val
16 1/2 to the siding on his way to Sidney 1/2 day.
- May 1 Tuesday fine day. Peter working at home feeling
17 1/2 better.
- " 2nd Wednesday fine day. Went to Cape Cliff. Peter went
to Wallace with a load of Potatoes, turnips and bacon
18 1/2 for R. B. Canfield. I stayed at Cape Cliff all night.
- " 3rd Thursday fine day, left Cape Cliff after dinner and
19 1/2 came home. Peter was away when I came in to 5 o'clock.
- " 4th Friday fine morning feeling good. Peter and I were
fencing in the forenoon. Peter went to Malagash in
19 1/2 the afternoon for Frank Kirwin. 1/2 d.
- " 5 Saturday fine day. Went to J. R. McKenzie's with
the cart to get it repaired. Peter getting Potatoes,
turnips and meat packed for Cape Cliff, allowed to go
in a boat in the afternoon. Went to Leander Treen's
with George McIntosh, got home about 3 O'clock. Wicked
sea for boating, did not go to the Gulf. Peter went to
Malagash to bring his Girl home on thursday afternoon
and this afternoon lost 1/2 day.
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- " 6 Sunday very fine, ocean glass, growing land getting dry.
- " 7 Monday cold in the forenoon. Peter and I were driving
posts, heavy showers of snow in the afternoon. Peter
21 went back to hew rails. Sharp frost at night.
- " 8 Tuesday mild quiet day, day looking like rain. Peter
and I repairing fence in the forenoon. I went to Cape
Cliff in the afternoon with a truck load of Potatoes,
22 turnips, meat and butter. rained nearly all night.
- " 9 Wednesday very rainy. Started for home about ten
O'clock from Cape Cliff, got home about three O'clock.
22 1/2 Peter not doing very much. 1/2 day
- " 10 Thursday fine day but cool. I went to the blacksmith
shop to get the cart fixed and the horse shod. Peter
23 went to McInnis' Factory, Malagash for Cassie Brown. 1/2

- May 11 Friday fine day. Peter painting cart and fencing.
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- " 12 Saturday fine day. Peter and I were fencing.
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- " 13 Sunday looking like rain. Peter got Neil's MacDonald's
X waggon and took his girl for a drive. Quite rainy.
- " 14 Monday fine day. Peter went home with Val's horse.
25 3/4 Val came home from Sidney. Peter made 3/4
- " 15 Tuesday fine day. Peter and I making fence. I went to
26 3/4 the school meeting in the evening, hired Miss Curry
till last of June.
- " 16 Wednesday fine day. Peter and I fixing bridge.
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- " 17 Thursday fine day. Peter and I making road to the
28 3/4 shore also cross-way on our own land.
- " 18 Friday fine day, started the plough. Peter ploughing.
29 3/4 Dr. Gates was here for dinner.
- " 19 Saturday raining. Got a grist ready for the mill, not
raining much. Peter went to mill, did not get his
grist. Dan was away, brought George McIntosh from
the siding. Rained quite heavy in the afternoon.
30 1/4 Peter idle 1/2 day. Oswald Waugh was here all day.
- " 20 Sunday Very wet - great downpour of rain all the
X morning. Calvin Waugh came to Uncle Pats and took
Oswald home.
- " 21 Monday fine day. Land very wet. Peter went to the
31 1/4 mill for his grist in the forenoon, in the afternoon
drove posts on the line between Frank & Me.
- " 22nd Tuesday cloudy all day with light showers of rain.
32 1/4 Peter and I were making new bridge and fencing road
going up to the fields.
- " 23 Wednesday very rainy in the morning, cleared in the
33 1/4 afternoon. Peter and I driving posts.
- " 24 Queens Birthday, very fine day. I went to Fox Harbour
along with A. MacFarlane and Alonzo Smith to appraise
34 1/4 the property of the Late George McIvor. Peter fixing
pig pen and making road.

- May 25 Friday fine spring day. Peter & I started the
35 1/4 plough up on the hill.
- " 26 Saturday fine day. Cow did not do well in calving.
 Florence went for Dan Dewar to see cow. Peter top
 dressing land for wheat. At four O'clock Dan Dewar
36 1/4 had not come sent Peter for William Canfield, Dan
 and William met here. William helped the cow make
 her all right.
- " 27 Sunday very fine day in the morning, in the afternoon
 began to get cloudy, wind strong from the North East.
 raining a little. Franks men moved their boats to
X the beach.
- " 28 Monday fine day, wind from the North East. Cool.
 Peter and I making flower garden, in the afternoon
 was ploughing, I was fixing hen house, intend putting
37 1/4 the hens in it in the morning.
- " 29 Tuesday fine day. Put the hens in their house in
38 1/4 the morning. Peter was ploughing.
- " 30 Wednesday fine day. I was making fence on the line
 between Frank and me, Peter was ploughing. Cow to
39 1/4 Sam.
- " 31 Thursday fine day. I went to John R. McKenzies for
 wheat, got two bushels from him and two bushels from
 Uncle Roly for which I paid him two dollars. Peter
 was top-dressing land for wheat when I came home. I
39 1/4 sowed a little over 1/2 a bushel up on the hill.
- June 1st Friday very fine day. I was fencing. Peter was
40 1/4 ploughing sod land for oats.
- " 2 Saturday began to rain a little in the morning. I
 sent Peter to Wallace for a half a ton of Bone Meal.
 He got back at dinner time. I was dodging round.
 Began to rain hard. After dinner Peter and I went up
 to Uncle Pats and got Hedly Hamilton to cut our hair.
40 3/4 Rained all the afternoon 1/2 day.
- " 3 Sunday fine day after the rain, grass looking fine.
 In the afternoon Florence and Almira went to see
X Oswald Waugh, found him fairly well.
- " 4 Monday fine warm growing day. got up at three
 O'clock in the morning and went to Levis Mill with
 a spruce log to get sawed into plank to make a
 platform in front of the house, got home about
 dinner time. After dinner went to the blacksmith

- June 4 shop and got the mare shod. Went to Robt. Cunningham's to inquire how to use bone meal. Peter went up to Val's to see about getting a horse to go to Wallace, away two hours. Went away again in the afternoon.
- 41 1/2 lost 1/4 day
- " 5 Tuesday beautiful fine calm morning, everything looking green. Peter top dressing wheat land by the house in the forenoon, in the afternoon preparing wheat land for bone meal and seeder. I was making fence by the brook.
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- " 6 Wednesday fine quiet morning. Peter and I sowed bone meal for wheat. got ready for the seeder. Sowed wheat by the house.
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- " 7 Thursday fine day for farming. Peter and I planted six rows of early rose potatoes in the morning. Could not get the seeder, got tired waiting for it and sowed the wheat broadcast. Nearly three and a half bushels.
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- " 8 Friday fine calm morning. Peter and I sowed grass-seed in the morning also sowed four bushels of oats. Sent Uncle Rory's harrow home. in the afternoon Peter rolled wheat and oats by Hank's line. in the evening Peter and the Girls took the mare and went to Wallace.
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- " 9 Saturday Cloudy quiet morning, looking like rain. Peter and I finished manuring the vegetable garden. Peter not feeling very well. Went out to field to plough oat land, was not able to plough. Came home and went to bed. I ploughed until dinner time. After dinner it began to rain and rained all afternoon. In the evening Florence and I went to the corner. I got a new pair of shoes that Sim Chambers made for me. raining heavily. Peter did no work today.
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- " 10 Sunday fine growing day after the rain. Miss Annie Woodlock and a Miss Gildersen from Pugwash were here for tea.
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- " 11 Monday fine morning. Peter and Wallace Carty took 6 head of cattle to Alexander Cunningham's pasture. I took the truck (wagon) and went along with them to the siding to bring a Seeder home that I bought from C. K. McLellan. in the afternoon Peter ploughed for oats. Bert McLellan came and set up the Seeder.
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- June 12 Tuesday fine cool morning, rained a shower last night. Peter ploughing for oats. heifer to Sam. the country now looks beautiful, fine appearance of hay.
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- " 13 Wednesday Lovely fine morning. Peter still ploughing for oats. I am getting oats ready for sowing.
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- " 14th Thursday fine morning. Peter finished ploughing for oats. Went for Uncle Rory's Spring tooth harrow, harrowed two and a half acres. D. G. McKenzie came and started the seeder for us. Florence & Lena walked to Wallace. began to rain before we got done sowing.
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- " 15 Friday fine morning after last night's showers. Peter making land ready for to sow, finished sowing oats about four O'clock in the afternoon, came in to the house and began to plough for barley. A. McFarlane brought the Girls home from Wallace. A.M. had a little flask in his pocket. We played forty fives, five cents a corner and I lost twenty five cents.
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- " 16th Saturday fine cool morning. Peter ploughing for barley in the forenoon, in the afternoon harrowing potato land with the disc harrow.
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- " 17th Sunday fine quiet morning, looking showery. drove the wife to Wallace in the afternoon to see Mrs. Grant who is very sick. Went to Dr. McLeod's and had tea, rained quite a shower while we were there.
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- " 18th Monday fine morning. Peter carting manure on the potato land. I was rolling the oat land, did not get it done. Dr. Gates went to Malagash to hold an inquest on the body of Sam Jewars which came ashore close to where he was drowned.
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- " 19 Tuesday. Beautiful calm morning. Peter still carting manure on potato ground. I finished rolling oat land. Mame Battey was to tea, she is trying to get up a music class.
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- Wednesday June 20th Murky kind of a morning. Sun not shining brightly. Peter spreading manure heaps. I was harrowing with the disc harrow, in the afternoon Peter was cross-ploughing the potato ground. the wife and I were cutting seed potatoes get ready for planting.
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- Thursday June 21st fine morning. Peter finished ploughing Potatoe ground in the forenoon, in the Afternoon he was carting earth into where the heavy rains had

- Thursday washed deep furrows in the potato ground of last year. In the afternoon I started for the Gulf Shore to help to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of Mrs. Boyce's birthday. the wife came as far as Wallace with me. I arrived at Sandy Boyce's house about 4P.M. and found a lot of friends there. We had a very enjoyable time, the old lady got about \$6.00 in cash a nice easy chair, pounds of tea and other stuff. I got a souvenir of her birthday in the shape of a toilet mat made by herself shortly before her birthday.
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- Friday June 22nd fine morning, stayed at Cape Cliff all night. Started for home about seven Oclock came to Wallace and got the wife. Arrived home about dinner time, on the way home from Wallace nearly to Allison Waughs, I discovered that I lost a bag with grass seed in it had to go back and look for it, found it by Buckley's gate. the old lady had picked it up and put it on the fence. In the forenoon Peter was carting sea-weed on barley land. Afternoon quite a strong breeze of wind sprung up from the North with heavy rain which lasted nearly all the afternoon. Peter and I not doing anything.
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- Saturday June 23rd fine morning after the rain, everything seemed revived. Peter getting land ready for planting. Florence and Allie helped us to plant about 6 bushels in the afternoon. After dinner Peter and I took the seeder to the oat field and seeded three ridges that I missed in the first seeding.
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- Sunday June 24 fine morning looking a little like rain. George McIntosh called to see us, in the afternoon we had a sprinkle of rain.
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- Monday June 25th Morning cloudy looking showery. Peter and I planting potatoes, finished a little after dinner, ploughed barley land the rest of the day. I went to the school meeting in the evening, got put in for trustee.
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- Tuesday June 26th Cool windy morning. Peter went for Uncle Rory's Harrow to harrow barley land. Afternoon Peter went to blacksmith's shop with the old waggon to get it repaired to go to Malagash tea-meeting. After he came home we sowed the barley by the early potatoes. Peter lost half a day going to the shop this afternoon and another afternoon that the blacksmith was away.
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- Wednesday June 27th Rained a shower early this morning. Peter and I finished sowing barley on the potato land at dinner time. After dinner Peter went to the tea-meeting and took Mag Carty. he had Val's horse and my old waggon. Florence, Lena and Allie also went to the tea-meeting. The old lady and I were left alone. We put out about eighty cabbage plants - Peter lost half day.
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- Thursday June 28th Morning came in fine altho there was a heavy thunder storm in the night with a big shower of rain, Peter not feeling very well got too much of the ardent at the teameeting, did not go to work until after dinner, lost 1/2 day, afternoon ploughed for buckwheat in the field west of the shop. Wallace Carty helped Peter to bury a calf that died in the morning.
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- Friday June 29th Cloudy morning looking like rain. Florence had to go to Wallace, gave her the mare. Peter and I put out about two hundred cabbage plants in the forenoon. Florence got home about dinner time in a great down pour of rain, rained heavy nearly all the afternoon. Peter oiling the harness. I went to William and Val Hickey's to fix their sewing machines, had my tea at Val's, played cards with Val and his wife lost two cents, came to Bill's played cards. Made nineteen cents. got home about eleven Oclock.
Grey cow to Sam
60 1/2
- Saturday June 30th Last day of June, it rained nearly all night and it is raining this morning. Peter began to plough about ten Oclock, the day getting fine. Florence and Lena wanted to go to Pugwash but could not spare a horse to drive them to the "siding". After tea sent the girls to Wallace, got home about eleven Oclock. raining when they came home.
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- Sunday July 1st This is Dominion day but falling on Sunday tomorrow Monday, will be a Government holiday. It is raining again this morning, the brooks are all running, the land is full of water.
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- Monday July 2nd Raining in the morning. Clearing towards noon with strong breeze of wind from the Northward. Peter and I making fence by the brook, in the afternoon took the horse and cart and went to Wallace for super phosphate.
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- Tuesday July 3rd Fine morning. Peter finished ploughing the turnip land, also finished repairing the fence by the brook, then removed fence in cow pasture. Mr. J. R. McKenzie came in the morning to make platform for front door, finished it and charged me a dollar for the job.

- Tuesday Charles McLellan was here for dinner, took Allie to Tatamagouche to attend the Exams - at dark it began to rain a little. Florence went to Pugwash on the train.
- Wednesday July 4th fine morning. Peter and I began to make fence in the horse pasture worked until tea time and then Peter went harrowing the buckwheat land. We got the sad news of A. B. Dickey's death, by drowning, which has cast a gloom of the county, in fact the whole Dominion will regret the sad affair.
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- Thursday July 5th Very fine pleasant morning. Peter sowing phosphate for buckwheat, sowed both pieces of and harrowed the turnip land. After tea Peter and I went to Wallace. Peter got a new coat.
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- Friday July 6th fine day. Peter got uncle Pat's roller and rolled barley, buckwheat and turnip land. After dinner we began to manure turnip land. the late A. B. Dickey was buried today at Amherst at 2:30 Oclock P.M.
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- Saturday July 7th Fine morning. Peter getting land ready for turnips. After dinner I went to the Gulf, got Doyle's boat and got Jim Walsh to go with me, got to Cape Cliff about tea time.
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- Sunday July 8th I am over at Cape Cliff stayed with Sandy Boyce all night. rainy morning occasional claps of thunder started for the North Shore about ten Oclock. wind strong from the Eastward. beat to Oak Island stay there and had our dinner then went to Pugwash with R. S. Flinn. Jimey Walsh came home with the boat. I stayed all night on Oak Island in the morning Russel McNeil brought me home.
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- Monday July 9th Beautiful morning. Russel McNeil brought (me) home about eleven Oclock. After dinner went to Angus McKimms wife's funeral. Peter went and lost half day. Very warm.
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- Tuesday July 10th fine morning. Peter rolled the turnip drills. Bert McLellan brought Allie home after dinner. Bert and I went to Wallace.
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- Wednesday July 11th fine morning. Peter sowing turnip seed in the forenoon. Afternoon went to the tea-meeting at the stake, lost 1/2 day. The wife, Allie and I went to the tea-meeting had a very nice time. Joe Roberts came home with me.
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- Thursday July 12th Cloudy looking like rain. going to Pugwash to attend a lawsuit for Russel McNeil. Joe Roberts went with me to see his daughter who is staying at the asylum. Russel and G. N. Allan settled, Russel, paying ten dollars and keeping the boat. Came to Wallace and met Alonzo Smith and A. Macfarlane. I signed papers in the McIvor Estate. Peter not working today drank too much tea.
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- Friday July 13th Fine morning but looks showery. Peter and I putting implements away. Rained quite a shower in the afternoon.
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- Saturday July 14th Fine bright morning. Peter took the wheel off the truck (wagon) to J. R. McKenzie's to get a spoke in it, brought back a load of sea-weed and the cultivator. Thundering in the distance showers of rain passing. a broken afternoon. Peter went to the shop to get a piece made for the cultivator. Peter and the girls went to Wallace after tea.
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- Sunday July 15th Thick drizzly morning, wind from the North cleared in the afternoon.
- Monday July 16 fine day. Peter getting ready to make compost.
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- Tuesday July 17th fine day. Peter making compost. Went to Wallace in the evening to meet Reid. Lena and Allie went with him.
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- Wednesday July 18th Dark morning, Peter making compost. I went to Wallace to help Sandy Hartling with his Lawsuit. Was away all day Judgement against Sandy for \$6.00 Amt. sue was \$19.00
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- Thursday July 19th fine morning, looking like rain. Peter making compost. Stephen Purdy here repairing hay cart.
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- Friday July 20 fine morning. Peter doing odd jobs.
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- Saturday July 21st fine morning. Peter went to the light house last evening and stayed all night, got too much of the ardent - was idle all day. I was painting hay cart, in the evening Lena and I went to the church. I mowed the grass from the road to the door. Dr. Walsh is going to have Mass in the church tomorrow.
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- Sunday July 22nd fine cool breezy morning. Lena, Allie and I went to church, quite a few at church.
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- Monday July 23rd Very fine morning. Peter took the horses to the roads to put them on the road machine, in the afternoon they broke the pole of the machine. Peter came

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B1 home about 3 O'clock, he and Burns Brown began putting straw out of the barn. Burns begins (to work here) today.
- Tuesday
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B2 July 24th fine morning. Peter and Burns putting straw out of the barn. I went to the Stake and got a new scythe and scythe stones. After dinner started the mowing machine the boys mowing in the brook (field). Very hot day about 92°F. in the shade.
- Wednesday
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B3 July 25th Mirky morning, looking like rain. Boys picking bugs, put hay rake together and mowing in the brook.(field) I mowed a piece by the buckwheat, after dinner raked and bunched up hay. After tea Peter and Burns went to blacksmith shop to get horse shod.
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B4 July 26th Sprinkling rain in the morning. boys cultivating potatoes.
- Friday
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B5 July 27th Fine morning. Busy hay making.
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July 28 Cloudy in the morning. hay making.
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X July 29th Fine day. Warren Bell and Healy Hamilton were here. Healy left a dog with me.
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B7 July 30th Fine morning busy cutting hay.
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B8 July 31st Fine day, busy making hay. Dr. Walker and wife, Mr. Hansen and his wife, drove from Truro to the North Shore.
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B9 Aug. 1st looking like rain, thunder in the distance. Mrs. Crowe and Mrs. Cameron of Tatamagouche came just as it began to rain. rain came down in torrents. Lightning very near, terrific peals of thunder. Dr. Walker, Mr. Hansen, the boys and I went to the shore to put out three traps to catch some lobsters, it poured down rain and we got all wet.
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B10 Aug 2nd Fine morning after the rain. Smith and I fished the traps and got twenty two lobsters. Peter and burns at the hay.
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B11 Aug 3rd Fine morning Smith and I fished the traps and got fourty two lobsters, boys busy making hay.

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Aug. 4th Cloudy morning, thunder in the distance. boys working among the potatoes in the morning, at noon looked finer and we shook out some hay and raked up what was mowed yesterday. Looked like a big shower of rain, put hay in in a hurry. Shower passed away, did not reach us. Mr. Hansen took the women to the village. Smith took train and went to Truro. very funny.
- Sunday
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Aug 5th A beautiful fine morning and a lovely day all through.
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Aug 6th Cloudy morning, looking like rain. Mary and her company getting ready for a start to Truro, the boys fished the traps. got 40 Lobsters Mary took them all Lena went to Truro along with the crowd, the day turned out fine, the boys and I put in hay.
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Aug 7th fine morning, fine all day. Making hay like fun.
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Aug 8th fine day, working hard at the hay.
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Aug 9th Fine steady weather, a lot of good hay getting made.
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Aug 10th Fine in the morning, in the afternoon looking like rain. put in a lot of hay yesterday and today. rained after tea.
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Aug 11 Cloudy morning, rained quite a bit last night, blowing strong from the South West. Peter and Burns started for Tatamagouche to see the launch. Peter missed the train and he went to Pugwash.
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Aug 12 A most beautiful morning and day throughout. Peter arrived home about dinner time looking pretty bad. I guess he must have had a loud time.
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Aug 13th I got to work early mowing, the boys weeding turnips.
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Aug. 14th looking very much like rain. At 7 A.M. raining lightly. the boys and I went to Frank Kerwin's field and reaped grass seed - raining a little all the time. After dinner we finished it and at about 4P.M. rained heavily.

Wednesday Aug 15th Fine morning, lots of heavy clouds floating
 around. the boys weeding turnips in the early morning.
 96 have about 2 1/2 tons of hay in coils. Shook it out
 20 before dinner. Afternoon we put it in. Today is the
 anniversary of my Mother's death. May her soul rest
in peace.

Thursday Aug 16th Fine day, busy hay making.
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Friday Aug 17th Fine day, busy hay making.
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Saturday Aug 18th Fine day, busy hay making.
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Sunday Aug 19th Cloudy day, looking like rain.
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Monday Aug 20th Raining rained heavy all day. Peter and
 99 Burns not doing anything
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Tuesday Aug 21st Still raining, cold and disagreeable. No work.
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Wednesday 22nd Fine morning Peter mowing the brook. (field)
 100 I went to Wallace. Burns came in the afternoon.
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Thursday fine day. Peter and Burns cleaning up the hay
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Friday Aug 24th Fine morning. Peter and Burns working at
 the turnips and getting wood. D. G. McKenzie and I
 are going to Amherst to attend a convention of the
 L.C.A. to nominate a candidate for the County in place
 of A. B. Dickey deceased. I took the wife along with
 102 me, arrived at Amherst at two O'clock, the town was
 25 1/2 full of people. Peter went away about 4 O'clock.

Saturday Aug 25 Fine day came home from Amherst
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Sunday Aug 26th Fine warm day. R. S. Flinn and Brent McNab
 spent the afternoon with us. A very severe thunder-
 X storm in the evening.

- Monday Aug 27 Fine morning, rained in the afternoon. Paid Burns and let him go. Peter went to Brule with the mare, did not want pay for the day.
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- Tuesday Aug. 28 Fine morning, as the day advanced began to look like rain. Peter went to Bill Hickey's in the afternoon took some wheat to Purdy's and had it cleaned.
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- Wednesday Aug. 29 Cloudy morning. Jim Chambers began to mend harness. Peter not doing anything, going out to Richmond.
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- Thursday Aug. 30 Fine morning. Peter getting a grist ready for the mill. Florence drove me to Wallace I started for P.E. Island.
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- Friday Aug 31 Fine morning. Peter went to McKay's Mill Waugh's River, got back about nine Oclock. I got to ch-town at 11 Oclock last night, went to church this morning. My first in the new Cathedral it is a magnificent building. I, in company with Mrs. Canfield and Miss Wigginston went to Crapaud in the afternoon.
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- Saturday Sept 1st Fine morning. Left Tryone at 6 Oclock this morning in company with Miss Wigginston (Mrs. Canfield stayed behind) and drove nearly five miles to get the steamer for Ch-town. Left the wharf at Crapaud 7 A.M. lovely morning to sail along the coast and see the beautiful residences and farms. Arrived at ch-town 10:30 A.M. I went across the ferry to South Port to see the boys. they were just unloaded in about an hour they came to plank wharf we hustled and got thing(s) on board and at 4PM we made sail for Wallace. We got off Oak-Island a little after dark and then the wind died out. We drifted in with the tide and light puffs of wind until we reached near the ballast wharf. We were compelled to drop anchor to keep ourselves afloat. All the boys except the Cpt. & myself took the boat and went ashore. it was now midnight.
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- Sunday Sept. 2nd Cloudy morning. the Capt. and I got the vessel under way and tried to get up to the stone wharf wind very light and ahead, tide going out, had to drop anchor below the wharf and go ashore in the boat. Went to R. B. Canfields and got my breakfast. Jimmy drove me home.
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- Monday Sept. 3rd Fine morning. Peter went with uncle Roly to put in grain, in the afternoon went to a meeting of the party at Neil Sutherlands. when I came home I met Kate

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109 and Allie just home from Truro. I also learned of the accident that happened to them and Walker at David Roberts bridge. Shortly after I arrived home Dr. Walker and Lena came, thus relieving the anxiety for their safety.
- Tuesday
110 Sept 4th Beautiful morning. Peter putting out compost, going to Uncle Rory's in the afternoon to put in the grain. Dr. Walker and I went to see about his waggon, the pole was broken. When we got and seen the place where they tumbled into it is a mystery to me how they escaped without having some of their limbs broken. it was a clear case of negligence on the part of the commissioners not having properly guarded the cut, also not having a light on it.
- Wednesday
110 1/2 Sept. 5th Fine morning. Peter putting out compost. Dr. Walk(er) getting ready to go home. the commissioner took his wagon and got it repaired and fetched it to him this morning. Peter got the horse and waggon and went to Coles this afternoon.
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111 1/2 Sept. 6th Fine day, Peter busy about the farm.
- Friday
112 1/2 Sept. 7 Fine day. Peter cut some wheat.
- Saturday
113 Sept 8th Beautiful day. Peter busy about the farm. Peter and I went to D. Mcfernald's Funeral.
- Sunday
X Sept 9th Fine day, the wife, Kate and Florence took a drive to the church at the cross roads, it being Mr. Frame's Sacrement Sunday. From the church they went to Charles McLeods for their dinner. Came home about 3 p.m. Annie Woodlock and a Miss Borden were here for tea.
- Monday
114 Sept. 10th Fine morning. Peter (and) I working about the farm.
- Tuesday
115 Sept 11th Rainy morning, cleared at noon. Uncle Roly, Peter and I mowed wheat over by Frank's line.
- Wednesday
116 Sept. 12th Dark morning, Came out fine. Peter, Jim Chambers and I put in wheat by the house. Peter went over to Cavanagh's to go to Halifax Exhibition.
- Thursday
116 Sept. 13th Fine morning. Peter away to exhibition.

Firday Sept 14th Fine morning. got Frank Kirwin and his boy,
 116 Uncle Rory, Jim Chambers and myself and put in the
 wheat by the line. Peter not home.

Saturday Sept 15th Fine morning. Peter came home last night,
 117 went to work this morning.

Sunday 16th Sept. Fine day.

Monday Sept 17th Peter on the Farm.
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Tuesday Sept. 18 Peter on the Farm.
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Wednesday Sept 19th Peter on the Farm.
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Thursday Sept 20th Cloudy morning, Peter on the Farm. Took
 121 Mrs. McKay to the Station.

Friday Sept. 21st Fine. Peter on the Farm.
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Saturday Sept 22nd Rainy morning. Peter on the Farm.
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Sunday Sept 23rd Rainy. Stormy breeze from the North.
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Monday Sept 24. Dark cloudy and Showery. Peter on the farm.
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Tuesday Sept 25 Dark and cloudy. Peter and I raking buck-wheat
 125 and oats. Went to Wallace, all of us, to hear Logan
 and Fraser speak. had a little fun but was disappointed
 in Fraser.

Wednesday Sept 26th Still cloudy and dark. Peter working on
 126 the farm.

Thursday Sept 27th Foggy in the morning. Cleared about 9 O'clock.
 127 Uncle Rory came with his oxen and cart & we put in 5
 loads of oats.

Friday 28th Rained last night, raining in the morning. Could
 128 not put in any oats to day. Peter and I hauled sea-
 weed until near dinner time and then Peter went to
 John D. McKenzie's for a calf I bought at the sale.
 Peter chopped wood all the afternoon and I was dodging
 around.

- Saturday
129 Sept. 29th Morning begins clear with a very heavy dew. Peter, Jim Walsh and I go over to Alex Cunningham's for the big steers that are troubling Alex - got home about ten O'clock and began to gather grain. Put in three loads. Kate and Florence went to Wallace after tea.
- Sunday
130 Sept 30th Very cloudy in the morning and very warm, fine rain in the afternoon. I was herding cattle in the shore fields. R. S. Flinn came here in the evening.
- Monday
130 Oct 1st Fine morning. Peter hauling sea-weed of the shore
- Tuesday
130 Oct 2nd Fine day. Peter carting, in the morning, cutting barley in the afternoon.
- Wednesday
131 Oct 3rd Fine day. Peter and I were cutting barley, in the forenoon I went down to D. G. McKenzie's and got a lamb to kill. About four O'clock D. G. and I went to Archibald's on the Grant to make out some papers to have his son become a British subject, he having been born in the United States of America, had our tea there. After tea we went to the Hall at Rany's Corner to hear Mr. Cahon speak. I brought Mr. Cahon home with me as he was going to speak at North Shore Hall on Thursday evening the 4th inst.
- Thursday
132 Oct. 4th Fine day. Peter digging potatoes. I took Mr. Cahon up to Uncle Pat's, after that drove him over to the Stake and up the ridge, got home at dinner time. After dinner took him down to D.G. and he drove him around Malagash. had a fine meeting, big crowd Mr. Cahon came home with me.
- Friday
132 Oct 5th Rainy morning Peter not feeling very well did not work today. I took Mr. Cahon down to D.G. and he drove him over to South Shore and then to Wallace, he was to speak at head of Wallace Bay. Raining heavily.
- Saturday
132 1/2 Oct 6th Cloudy rainy morning. Peter threshing grass-seed, in the afternoon went up to the Corner St(ore), got fine after dinner. Kate, Florence and I drove to Pugwash to hear Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Cahon speak, there was an immense lot of people, some say 2500 others say 3000. it was a great meeting for Pugwash. I stayed all night Kate and I came home on Sunday. Florence stayed behind. it was a beautiful day R. S. Flinn was here in the evening.

Sunday
X Oct 7th Beautiful fine day. Came home from Pugwash, left Florence behind. R. S. Flinn came in the evening.

Monday
133 1/2 Oct 8th Fine sunny day. Peter digging potatoes in the morning, I was turning the buckwheat and barley; afternoon we put in the barley by the house.

Tuesday
134 Oct 9th Rainy morning much to my regret. Peter and I finished threshing grass-seed. raining heavily hurting buckwheat and barley.

Wednesday
134 Oct. 10th Still raining cant do anything

Thursday
134 1/2 Oct 11th Still raining in torrents, greatest rain for a number of years, blew a very strong breeze of wind about dark from the North East. Peter and Lena were at the corner.

Friday
135 1/2 Oct 12th Rain ceasing. Peter and I cleaning out pig pen went to the woods for poles for the floor, getting fine in the afternoon.

Saturday
136 1/2 Oct 13th Beautiful morning. Peter and I began digging potatoes, in the morning about ten Oclock turned buckwheat and barley, found it in a very bad state, growing quite a bit. in the afternoon put in a small load of barley in bad order.

Sunday
X Oct. 14th Quiet morning, looking like rain. Peter went away, was away all day. began to rain about 4 p.m. I was herding the cattle when it was raining.

Monday
136 1/2 Oct. 15th Rainy morning nothing doing in the afternoon the wife and I went to Murray Carlisle's to see the corpse of David King, he having died yesterday, Sunday, at the advanced age of nearly eighty-six years.

Tuesday
136 1/2 Oct. 16th Fine morning, too wet to do anything on the land to day. Peter got the horse and waggon and went to Richmond. this is the anniversary of the death of my brother Michael, he is 36 years dead to day.

Wednesday
137 Oct 17th rainy morning. Peter carting manure out of the dung space, made half a day.

Thursday
138 Oct. 18th Fine morning. turned the buckwheat and barley in the morning and put it in in the afternoon.

Friday
139 Oct. 19th rainy morning. David King buried today. Mr. Cohan speaks in Wallace tonight. Peter and I went to hear him.

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- Saturday
140 Oct. 20th Cloudy. Peter and I getting wood out of the
brook. Dr. Walsh coming this evening.
- Sunday
X Oct. 21st rainy morning. Church on the ridge this
morning. Very wet and muddy, got fine in the afternoon.
Went to Rory's and Daniels in the evening.
- Monday
140 1/2 22nd Very fine morning. Sam Langille came to help us
to dig potatoes. Peter & Sam dug all the forenoon, in
the afternoon Peter went to the wedding. Maggie Carty
was married to Thomas MacGar(v)ill of Pictou. Florence
went for Sam's two boys and in the afternoon we picked
95 bush(els) of potatoes.
- Tuesday
141 1/4 Oct. 23rd Beautiful fine morning. Peter went to the
station with Mrs. MacGarvill's house hold goods. Sam
Langille digging potatoes. Peter got back about 10
O'clock. Sam's boys came in the afternoon and we finished
digging.
- Wednesday
142 1/4 Oct. 24th Fine nice morning. Peter began to plough,
he ploughed potato land for next spring. I raked the
barley land.
- Thursday
143 1/4 Oct. 25th Fine morning. Peter and I got a grist ready
for the mill. Sent 11 bush - wheat, 6 1/2 Buckwheat
and 4 bush- barley. Peter took the wheat to Purdy's &
got it cleaned, going to get his grist on Saturday.
- Friday
144 1/4 Oct 26th Fine morning. Peter and I went to the shore
and got three loads of very good rock weed. Came home
about two O'clock and began to pull turnips. pulled
about seventy bushels. Elder John McKenzie's wife was
buried yesterday. She was a Baillie, aged nearly
eighty years.
- Saturday
Oct. 27th Nice fine day.

Allen, G. N. July 12
Archibald (Wallace) Grant, son born in USA to become
British citizen Oct. 3.

Borden, Miss Sept. 9
Boyce, Sandy June 21, July 7. lived at Cape Cliff.
Boyce, Mrs. June 21, lived at Cape Cliff her 100th anniversary.
Batte, Mame June 19 trying to start a music class.
Brown, Cassie May 10 at McInnis factory, Malagash
Brown, Burns July 23 - Aug. 21 hired man.
Bell, Warren July 29
Buckley, June 22
Carty, Mag June 27, Oct. 22 Married to Thomas MacGarvill of
Pictou. (Margaret Veronica Carty wife of Thos.
McGavill 1874-1903. Buried in Roman Catholic
Cemetery Wallace Ridge)

Cameron, Mrs. Aug. 1 visiting from Tatamagouche
Crowe, Mrs. Aug. 1 visiting from Tatamagouche
Chambers, Jim Sept. 12, 14. Aug. 29 mending harness.
Canfield, Mrs. Aug. 31, Sept. 1 at Charlottetown P.E.I.
(Canfield?) Jimmy Sept. 2 Wallace.
Cole, Sept. 5
Cavanagh, Sept. 12
Cahon, Mr. Oct. 3,4,5,6,19. Politician.
Carlisle, Murray Oct. 15.
Canfield, R. B. May 2. Wallace (Lobster factory at Cape Cliff?)
Sept. 2 store in Wallace (Partnership of Kempton &
Canfield) 1898

Curry, Miss May 15. School teacher, hired for balance of
school term.

Canfield, William May 26.
Cunningham, Robert June 4
Chambers, Jim June 9 Shoe maker.
Carty, Wallace June 11, 28
Cunningham, Alex June 11 - Sept. 29. Pasturing cattle there.
Doyle, July 7. borrowed his boat
Dewar, Dan May 19, 26 (the miller?) Daniel Oct. 21
Dickey, A. B. July 4. drowned. July 26 funeral at Amherst Aug. 24.
Flinn, R. S. July 8, Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 6.
Framer, Mr. Sept. 29 (D.A. Frame ordained missionary of the
two United Presbyterian congregations of Wallace
& Malagash. 1898-1901)

Fraser, Sept. 25 Politician.
Gates, Dr. May 18, June 18
Grant, Mrs. June 17. Very sick at Wallace
Gildersen, Miss June 10.
Hartling, Sandy July 18
Hamilton, Hedly July 29. June 2
Hansen, Mr. July 31, Aug. 1,
Hickey, William April 18, 28. June 29, Aug. 28
Hickey, Val April 30, May 14, June 4,27,29 (Peter's brother?)

Jewers, Sam June 18. inquest into his death by drowning.
(Samuel Jewers born at Beaver Harbour Oct. 17,
1859 was drowned April 23, 1900. Buried
Malagash United Church, South Shore.)

King, David Oct. 15 died yesterday, nearly 86. Oct. 19 funeral.
Kerwin, Frank (neighbour) May 4, 21, 30. Aug. 14, Sept. 11, 14,
May 27 moved boats to beach.

Leslie, Charlie Apr. 16.
Langille, Sam Oct. 22, June 12, 29, May 30
Logan, Sept. 25. Politician.
Levis Sawmill June 4. Where?
McNeil, Russel July 8, 9, 12.
McKimm, Angus July 9 his wife's funeral.
McNab, Brent Aug. 26
McKay, Aug. 31 (Sandy McKay had a grist mill on the
Waugh's River at Urquharts bridge. The dam
was above the bridge & the mill below & the
sluice way came across & under the highway.
The mill was located on the west side of the
intervale).

Mcferland (McFarland?) D. Sept. 8 Funeral.
McLeod, Charles Sept. 9
McKenzie, John D. Sept. 28. Re calf bought at sale
McKenzie, Elder John Oct. 26. Wife Baillie buried yesterday
MacGarvill, Thomas Oct. 22 From Pictou married Maggie Carty.
Oct. 23 took Mrs. MacGarvill household goods
to station.

McKinnon, Mrs. Apr. 20. Frolic cutting wood.
MacKay, Mrs. April 21, Sept. 20, From and to station.
McKenzie, J. R. (carpenter etc.) May 5, 31, July 3, 14.
McIntosh, George May 5, 19. June 24.
McDonald, Neil May 13
Macfarlane (J.P.?) May 24, June 15, July 12.
McIvor, George May 24. deceased near Cape Cliff July 12- estate.
McLellan, C.K. June 11, July 3 Tatamagouche selling farm machinery
etc.

McLellan, Bert June 11, July 10
McLeod, Dr. June 17 Wallace
McKenzie, D. G. April 12, June 14, Aug. 24, Oct. 3, 4, 5. (J.P.?)
McInnis May 10. Factory at Malagash (Located on North Shore
near Freeman Porteous' old property)
Purdy Aug. 28 cleaned wheat
Purdy, Stephen July 19. Repair hay cart.
Reid July 17. Politician.
Roberts, David Sept. 3 Accident at bridge near his property.
Rany's Corner Oct. 3
Roberts, Joe July 11, 12, daughter at asylum at Pugwash.
Smith, Alonzo May 24, July 12 (J.P.?)
Smith, Aug. 2, 3, 4.

Sutherland, Neil	Sept. 3
Treen, Leander	May 5. (started Malagash Butter & Cheese Co. Ltd. in 1898, later in 1909 it became the Malagash Farmers Union Ltd.)
Tupper, Sir Charles	Oct. 6, Political meeting at Pugwash.
Walsh, Jim	July 7,8. Sept. 29.
Walker, Dr.	July 31, Aug. 1, Sept. 3,4,5. (from Truro)
Wigginston, Miss	Aug. 31, Sept. 1 at Ch-town.
Walsh, Dr.	Apr. 29, July 21, Oct. 20 (Priest) at the church
Waugh, Oswald	May 19, 20, June 3.
Waugh, Calvin	May 20.
Waugh, Allison	June 22.
Woodlock, Annie	June 10, Sept. 9
Uncle Roly	Sept. 3, 11
Uncle Rory	June 8,14,26, Sept. 4,14,27.
Uncle Pats	May 20, June 2, July 6, Oct. 4.
Hank	June 8 (neighbour)
Frank (Kerwin)	"
Sat. Aug. 11, 1900	Launch of boat at Tatamagouche, The "McLure"
Aug. 24	L.C.A. Meeting at Amherst
Aug. 15 Wed.	Anniversary of his mother's (Mary) death.
Oct. 16	Anniversary of the death of his brother 36 years ago.

Family members: Florence, Amy, Almira or Allie, Lena, Kate

Peter, the hired man, is believed to be Peter Hickey and he never married. Note that on at least two occasions he was not paid when he took the horse to the blacksmith shop to be shod, because the blacksmith was away. Also on May 30 and May 31 although he worked both days he was only credited with one, and again on Oct. 1 & Oct. 2, the same thing occurred. He also lost 1/2 day on July 9th and again on Sept. 8th when he attended a funeral in the community.

The writer of the diary is Zabud MacKey who apparently lived on the Mortinson farm, to the west of McLean's on McLean's Hill, Malagash North Shore. He was a liberal minded Catholic and appears to have been a Justice of the Peace. His wife may have been a Protestant. He appears to have taken a great interest not only in politics but also in all community matters. He was an ardent Conservative. He is buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery on Wallace Ridge and the gravestone inscription reads:

Zabud MacKey	1832 - 1918	
Children: Matilda	1872 - 1879	
Patrick T.	1870 - 1879	
Mary H.	1868 - 1879	
Patrick	1796 - 1874	(Father)
Mary	1801 - 1866	(Mother)
James	1825 - 1844	(Brothers)
Stephen	1837 - 1859	"
Michael	1829 - 1863	"

As his wife is not mentioned she may have been buried in some other cemetery.