

Dec 29th Rode part of the way, I walked on up Seith's creek; the land on
 Seith's creek. the sides scrubby & unprofitable for grazing. —
 30th Sunday. —

40 31st Having arranged work for the men I started for Washburn, and arrived
 Washburn. there at about 6 1/2 o'clock. — New Year's Eve. —
 1850

Jan 4 1st Made drawings for an addition to Rev A. Starkhouse's house at
 Perth. — Paid Dr Kilgour £6 for medical attendance. — 50 W. to W. McCormick.
 2nd Botanised in Scrubby Corner. —

3rd Started in the afternoon for Cheshunt, and stopped at Rutally for
 the night. Met the Davieses there. — On my way there I called at
 W James Gordon's on the Muddy Plains, and hired his daughter
 named "Jessie" for 3 mos at £13 per ann.

4th Reached Cheshunt. — Saw R. Duckett at Deloraine — still drinking.
 told him not to come to me for a job. — On my way down, I found
 a roll of parchments (petitions attached, wth transportation) at Deloraine;
 and at the Westbury Post Office a letter or circular from W. H. Dawkins
 asking me to take or send them round for signature: — both letters
 I will misdirected. — Wrote to him, on the 2nd, to tell him of the contre-
 temps. — Straw moved from barn, & sluice gates repaired in my absence.

5th Porter tells me that he has seen 53 of the cattle above 2 yrs old
 outside the fences: this is very nearly a full muster. — Sent to
 Deloraine & procured a parcel of boards from Best; and some
 crockeryware from W. McCormick. — Walked through the aats; &
 into backfoot corner, the grass & oats in which must be eaten
 down, on account of the abundance of sorrel. — The pined land
 nearly fit for burning off. — Sheep & cattle improving in condition
 & the headlocks becoming bare. — Accepted W James Robertson's
 draft for £59. 3. 10; this includes goods to the farm amount £20. —

Sent a cheque for £100 3. 6 to Rev Dr Sillic, in payment for
 boxes of mineralog & geolog specimens & blowpipe apparatus for
 me from England, & 8/- for a bath, Sudley's Nat. Syst. of Botany.
 6th Sunday. — Rev M. Williams here in the evening. —

7th Having arranged for Porter's starting tomorrow morn' with 8
 steers for Washburn, — I proceeded with C. H. to the top of Burnings
 Head and remained there for the night. —

8th Botanised on the mountains & returned to the top of Burnings
 Head for the night. At 11 o'clock rain began to fall, and it poured
 till 2 o'clock, when a heavy snow storm arose, and lasted
 till morning. We were of course soaked, and had to proceed
 at night.

down the slippery rocks, ^{through the} ~~quiet~~ shrubs before we reached home, which however we accomplished by 2 past 8 A.M. ^{of the 9th} having been met through for 7 hours. — Porter started with 8 stuns for Washburns. —

9th Set Symons & 3 Muses to collect logs & stumps in the flat for lumber. — Arranged my plants. —

10th J. & P. arrived in the afternoon. Mr Turner is to come up to look at the horses. —

11th In trying to get in 8-2 & 3 yrs old horses they went over the log fence & could not be retrieved. Left some panels down for them to come in again, after hunting for them for some hours. —

Mr Turner & Mr Hardwick arrived late, having lost their way. — Porter brought 6 oxen, 7 heifers, & 1 cow from Washburns. —

12th The young horses have returned into their pen & I managed to drive them to the yard at the homestead, with the help of 3 others on horseback & 4 men on foot. — Mr Turner finally agreed to take 1, 5 yrs old filly (Sally Hester), 2, 4 yrs old fillies, 3, 3 yrs old fillies & 4, 2 yrs old fillies, in all 10, at £10 each, & he is to send a man to handle them & take all responsibility connected therewith. — My brother will take 5 or 6 to Washburns also. —

Rode to Deloraine, ^{with J. & P.} and delivered the petitions for "represent^{ing} assembly" ^{with J. & P.} ~~represent~~ ^{of transport} to George Hally, Broome Key, to obtain signatures, & then to forward them to Mr Douglas at Westbury. — Sent Schultz sailor £5.3.0 in full, & Carrier £1. —

13th Sunday. —

14th Rode to the dam in Seiths Creek, & arranged for its repair with pebbles from the river. — Started for Washburns & stayed at Moreton, the Rev J. Reibey's, for the night. —

15th Rode to Washburns. —

16th At Perth. ~~LORE 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100~~ Visited the parsonage at Longford, & named a number of plants for Rev R.R. Davies: — and signed some deeds securing certain property for the use of Mrs Lythton. — Advertisd the sale of 1000 ewes & wethers, from Cheshunt. —

17th Rode through the oats & wheat at Washburns; the crops are very fine. Could not leave for Cheshunt on account of the continued illness of little Lucy. — Spoke to my father concerning the building of a new cottage, of which he did not entirely disapprove. —

18th Started for Cheshunt, and stopped at Syalls at Westbury for the night. — Exchanged Jack at Washburns for old Snip. Rode rid^{ing} my mare & Snip for Jack. —

19th Arrived at Deloraine & changed my horse for Kit; and proceeded

Boring logs in flat.

J. & P.

Young horses over fence.

Mr Turner & Mr Hardwick.

Cattle from Washburns.

Horses sold to Mr Turner.

Petitions to G. Hally.

pd Schultz & Carrier.

Repair dam in Seiths Creek.

Moreton.

Washburns.

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Articles from
Woburnish. safely to Cheshunt. Procured some blacking and 3 lbs of Tea from
Woburnish; also on the 14th 2 vegetable-dishes, & 2 jugs. - Found Blackberry
laid up with a weak & painful leg, the effect of a paralytic (?) stroke. -
Jan 5th 20th Sunday. Read Mr Williams here.

John Davis 21st Davies, the horsebreaker, is here handling the horses which
sheep for sale bought by Mr Turner. Selected 506 Fat Wethers, and 505 Fat Ewes
for the sale. - Hawkshaw & Wignall to take them. - Sent the remainder
Remainder of the Wethers 438 (by count) to Lane P^k, and the remainder of the Ewes 392 (by
Paddock count) to Black-gate P^k. - Drove Snp in the carriage into Mount
Plain to see Knowles & Rop at the drain; but did not go far enough. -
Whiteley's 22nd Bathed. Whiteley's team arrived in the evening bringing flour,
tea &c. Denning & shepherd named Love came with it, to go with
Denning & the fat sheep to Lammerton. - Wignall to go on to Westbury & bring
a flock from there for fattening. -

Whiteley's 22nd Started Whiteley's Cart with 38 bags of Oats (39 1/2 lbs to the bush)
containing 133 bushels. He left 10 bags at Brownwick's. - Bathed
team with oats in the Meander with G.H. assisted in getting the Ewes & Wethers in
separate lots across the river, (which is very low indeed,) and
counted them again; 506 Wethers, with Wignall & Miller (whom I settled
with yesterday in full, engaged to go to town with one lot of sheep, & 505
Ewes with Love & Denning. The sheep remained in W.B. Brownwick's
yards for the night. - I gave the men orders on Pitcher (Love) & the
landlord of the Traveller's Rest (Wignall) for Thursday night: they are
to remain tomorrow night at Westbury, whither G.H. will go to
arrange for paddocks, & count them off in the morning. - Gave the
men money 18/- to pay the toll at the Sand-hill. - Fished near
Garnett's Sugar-loaf in the evening, but only killed 3 herrings. -

G.H. to 23rd G.H. started for Westbury on Pigrow. - I rode to Blowing Plain, to
see Knowles & Rop, who had got on pretty well with the cleaning
out of the Dringt & Chent. - Hawkshaw's 2 teeth sheep took well.
24th Rode to Mile Drain: Carr & Holding have nearly finished the
cleaning of Main Drain through a mile in length. - My mare
got away from the tree where I had tied her up, breaking
the leading rein & headstall; when I came to her the Pelham
bit was hanging between her legs, while she fed: she let
me catch her readily: I had taken the precaution to return
by the way, I went from her, as matter of importance. -

Bathed with G.H. in the Meander. The sheep arrived at Syah
Westbury yesterday at 3 o'clock, and started this morning cash
up. 2 had knocked up, & 1 of which died, & the other was sold for 7/-.

C.H. counted the lots off all right this morn^g. - I sent a list of
 Probation Pappholdus to Mr Jones. - Settled with Wm Reid &
 sent him to Mr Wheelis at Port Sorell; pay^d him at the rate
 of £14 maximum, & 5/- for expenses up to Cetherburn. - Caught
 yesterday afternoon near Gassett's Sugar loaf & herrings (having
 lost by bad tackle) nearly or quite a dozen. - Kelly's sheep were
 in the yard today. they are improving in health: I counted 744 only
 shewing a deficiency of 9 (2 being dead) as to the number brought up from
 Wothams, and of 13 as to the number increased by the 4 from the 2nd
 lot brought. - Brigstock has reported 4 sheep killed by the wild dog lately.
 Rode to the Sugarloaf, E. side; the firestick is much wanted there.
 On my way back I found, on the N. side, a hill of freestone; which
 may prove useful some day. - All the cattle outside the log fence are
 looking well. - On the 21st I put the old bull Rob Roy with the
 best cows, 34 in number in Barn PK, - no word being heard
 of the Hereford bull from Panshanger. -
 Sent Bloom to Deloraine for 8 bags of flour left there by Mr
 Whiteley's cart, & 10 bags of oats, ditto, (1 bag of oats to be emptied for
 the Saddle at Mr Brownish's, who is to pay for them). -
 Rode to Bentley with L.H. Swenton to the Mersey. Crossed
 (2 1/2 feet deep) and found the Anopterus glandulosa in fruit.
 Sit a pine at the foot of Magoz (?) which ran to his head in half
 an hour. - Bloom did not bring the oats. - 7 of Brigstock's sheep killed by wild dog.
 Sunday. -
 Sent Bloom to Mr Brownish's & got back 9 bags of oats, leaving
 3 1/2 bushels for the Saddle, Tuthill. commenced castrating and
 branding the calves, J. Davies operating. - Settled with Brigstock, and
 paid him £13.15.0 Balm prices, & 16/- for a rug, - in all £14.11.0. -
 Continued & finished the branding &c. - Heifers A.1, 17; Ditto A.2, 26; Ditto
 A.8; Steers A, 59; Total 51 Heifers & 59 Steers. - Drew out 42
 ewes from Black-gate Park for Storeuse. - Wignall & Sane, with
 Langley (bullock driver) arrived bringing a flock of sheep from
 Wothams. I counted 894, ^{including} a young lamb: - shewing a deficiency
 of 5 on the number started with. - Wignall accounted for 2.
 The Wethers sent to the sale fetched 6/5 & a few 6/6; the ewes 5/6. -
 The two lots arrived in Lannerton 38 short of the number
 that left here. - of which the following is an account. viz:-
 3 W. Havelthwaite Park; 4 W. 6 E. W. Rudges; 2 W. 2 E. W. Syalls; 1 W. sold, Anthony; 1 W. dead;
 1 W. 6 E. Quarmby; 1 W. Harding & Hadspen; 1 W. Hadspen; 6 E. Between Carnick and
 Richey's Bridge; Total 14 W. and 20 E.; = 34, leav^g 4 not accounted for. -

List of
 Pappholdus
 to Mr Jones
 Wm Reid dis-
 charged
 Kelly's sheep

4 of Brigstock's
 sheep killed by
 wild dog
 Sugarloaf 25th
 freestone

Rob Roy
 with cows

8 bags of flour
 from Deloraine 26th

Bentley
 Anopterus
 in fruit
 7 of Brigstock's
 sheep killed by
 wild dog

9 bags of
 oats from
 Mr Brownish's
 1 to Saddle
 settled with
 Brigstock
 29th

42 ewes from
 Wignall & Sane
 Langley
 sheep from
 Wothams
 Price of sheep
 at the sale

Sheep left on
 the road

Jan^y 30th - Rode to Deloraine and brought my letters & papers. - J. Thomas
 is to try if he can arrange to send me a blacksmith regularly
 as I have used to come. - Received a note from Dr Brack. -
 Jan^y 31st Wm Fox hired by W. Turner brought a letter from him
 enclosing a bank receipt for £100, the price of the horses. -
 I started Davies & Fox with them, Blackaby & Porter going
 as far as Deloraine, and myself to the Falls: - They were
 driven safely to Deloraine, - & Porter & Blackaby returned. -
 Rode along that part of the main drain scoured by leave
 and, Holding; and met them at the Simethilus; when
 I arranged that they should dig a drain 4 ft wide at top
 15 inches at bottom, & 2 ft deep, along the E. & N. fences of Sim-
 ethilus Pk at 9 p.m. - to pay 6/12 for rations each, weekly,
 drawing the usual quantities. - The cost of scouring the
 main drain & mile drain opposite W. Parker's was about £9.12.0
 Feb^y 1st - I have now in the paddocks, fattening, 24 steers & 4 oxen on the
 flat, 19 steers in Saxe Park, & 17 heifers in Owen's Park, in all
 64 head of cattle. - Last night's heavy rain has caused the
 Meander to rise over its banks, flooding part of Town Hill
 Run, carrying away many panels of the fence between it &
 Saxe Park. - I rode through the runs to the Shiregate
 at the river, and remarked that the "blind" creek above the
 gate prevented the main current from rushing upon
 our bank; that a large quantity of water ran down the
 new channel on the E. side; & that the damming of the
 W. branch below the gate caused the water to overflow
 at the bend towards the log fence: I propose therefore to burn
 the drift rubbish forming the dam, & to clear out the blind
 creek; and further open the new channel on the E. side. -
 Kelly discovered yesterday that the wild dog (which has
 killed 5 and wounded 15 of Mr Brownie's sheep lately) had
 been among the sheep in Saxe Park, and had killed
 1 besides wounding 5; 3 also were missing. - The tohuco
 in Brigstock's former enclosure is looking well & will soon
 be fit to cut. - Rode through the oat paddocks, Mount Pk
 &c.; there is abundance of grass. -
 Wrote to my Father, requesting that Sims might be sent up
 and Taylor (who is detained at Moahams) & Martin also; &
 that £50 more might be paid to my aunt at the W.B. - Sent
 cheques to Towns, Campbell, Chick, & Prosser of L. Examiner.

Jan^y 30th
 1850

Wm Turner's
 horses away.

Leave Holding
 ditch in Simethilus
 Park.

Scour of
 main drain
 1850

Cattle
 feeding.

Flood.

Shiregate
 &c.

Wild dog
 among Kelly's
 sheep.

Tohuco.

Wrote to 2nd
 J.L. about
 new money.

Paid bills.

Wrote to James Macarthur.
Rivers not fordable.

Wrote to James Macarthur, late of Vineyard. - Sent G.H. with my letters to Delonaise, but he was unable to cross either at the ford, or the Falls. -

Feb 3 3rd

Sunday. -

Cartfoot
graps
bells.
James injured
by the flood.
Kelly's sheep
wounded.
Wignall's sheep
a hyena.
1 sheep killed.

4th But Cartfoot graps for seed, in backfoot corner. Rode into Yamm Hill run, and gave directions for repairing the fences damaged by the flood. - Kelly has seen 2 of the 3 missing sheep in Sag fence Fk; they were wounded. - Wm. Mearns brought over the head of a hyena, which had killed one of Wignall's sheep. - W. saw it when W. shot it: it had wounded 2 others. -

Short's parrots.
F. Mearns's Smith.
G.H. to Westbury.

Walked to Starkey Fk, and shot a dozen or so green parrots & paroquets which were destroying the acats. - John Thomas's Smith, Rogers, came for 2 days, to shoe our horses &c. -

W. rode Jepsie to Westbury with my letters: he saw Mr. Douglas there, who wishes to buy the sheep left at Quamby. On his way back he saw W. Cornish, who will not be able to pay any more orders, nor [probably] take any more sheep.

G.H. picked up the *Cryptostylis longifolia*, in flower, near Garrett's sugarloaf, & a small *Crassophyllum*? -

Drepsing
joints
bottles.

5th The last ewes from Washers in the yard: Wignall, Hawkshaw and Wishart drepsing; Kelly bottle-filling. About one third of them were scabby, and some in a bad state. Used tin-bottles; which, with half-a-cort, in them, answered very well. - Examined Sir Raymond's foot; and do not think he will ever be sound. - Rogers, Thomas's Smith, left in the evening: - he has made shoes for John, removed shoes of 5 horses; repaired several chains, ironwork of bullock dray: &c. &c. - Rode across the lower N. side of our Sugarloaf: I see the Kangaroo-apple grows there. Could not find the *Dicladium punctatum*. - Wignall tells me that one of the sheep bitten by the hyena is dead, making 2 of his dead. - Wrote a memo. for the Insp^t of stock, Delonaise, of the calves branded here on the 28 & 29th of Jan^y. -

Sir Raymond's work.

6th Rode to Garrett's sugarloaf & fished for an hour; no sport. Heard that Kangaroos are hunting under Quamby's Bluff. - Started with Rev W. Williams & W. Porter for the Mts. -

Wignall's sheep.
Notice of
Council to Insp^t.

Ascended Cummings's Head & passed the night (during which there fell 5 hours rain, without wetting us, under my tent) on the lower land beyond. -

Wrote to
G.H.

8th Walked towards the end of the West Mts, but did not reach it; returned towards home, stopping in the

Wts Martin & Taylor 1850
Feb 9th Substr Rivulet gully for the night. Saw a ewe & lamb on the mountain: Frenchman's Cap in the far distance bearing about S.W. — Josth Martin & R. Taylor from Woolmers bring^g Spirit Level.
Returned home 3 o'clock P.M. — W.W. returned to Deloraine. — Gave man³ Oats.

10th Sunday —

11th Raining weather. —

Cricket. 12th Rode to Entally, & played in a match "11 Amateurs ag^t 11 of the College Club"; my side winning, with 4 wickets to go down. I obtained 17 in the 1st & 11 in the 2nd inn^{gs}. — Slept at Entally. J.A.P. also played in the game. — I was only 3 hours riding from here to Entally, about 32 miles. —

Whiteley's Wagon. 13th Returned to Cheshunt. Whiteley's wagon arrived bring^g Sugar tea &c. — Sims, the wheelwright, & Stoner, rough smith, came with it. — My box of books from England. —

Books from Woolmers. 14th Started Whiteley's cart with 15 bags of oats weighing 2082 lbs & 15 bags weighing 2073 lbs infer^r, marked with a X in chalk. — Sent Blankley to Deloraine with spring cart. — He brought a tea chest with jars &c from Campbell's, & some slops from Robertson's. —

Garratt's 15th Drove the carriage to the creek near Garrett's Sugarloaf, and fished in the river. —

Garratt & Holding 16th Rode to see Barr & Holding at the ditching in Lime-Kiln Padd^g; & directed them as to further work. —

17th Sunday. Rev W. Williams here. —

18th Rode with W.W. down the river & arranged to meet him for an hour or two to angle: on my return

Woolmers 19th Home found a man with a special note from my Brother telling me of my Father's serious illness, & advising me to proceed at once to Woolmers; this was at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 P.M.; at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 I was starting for Weymouth and at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 I reached it, having stopped an hour at Westbury. — Read at Syall's, a little work by Mrs Esther Copley, (called "Early Friendships") with which I was much pleased. — Found my Father a trifle easier. — R.D. Kemnade, & wife, A.D.S., Dr Wm K., &c &c.

Woolmers 20th J. Mearns at Woolmers. —

19th Caught 3 herrings for my Father in the South Esk. 20th R.D.K. I caught 4 herrings in the Sals River. — Rode to Perth & directed the bricklayers as to

sundry points:-

21st Arranged for 3 men to go to Cheshunt. - R. D. K. & I caught 2 herrings (!) in the S. Esk. - Mrs. L. A. gave me a beautiful collection of Tasmanian Algae. :-

22nd De Paton (called in for the first time) Dr Pugh & Dr Kilgour held a consultation concerning my Father's State; I decided that there was no probability of a permanent recovery. that he might live 2 or 3 months, but not more; and that during that period sudden death might ensue.
How difficult to realise the near approach of death
נֶפֶשׁ אֶפְרַיִם לֹא תִּשָּׁאֵר וְיִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁמָד וְיִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁמָד וְיִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁמָד

James MacArthur to come to Cheshunt on Tuesday next. - Started at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10

o'clock for home & arrived safely (Lans Des) at 7 P.M. Carted the last of the gats from Stokely Park. -

The wild (?) dogs have been among Wignall's sheep killing 1, & wounding several. - Thunder, lightning & rain.

Two men, Wm Adams & Jas Munro, paperholders, arrived from Washers. Geo: Jones, Freeman, has not arrived.

Set fire in the forenoon to the drift timber below the sluiceway at the Meander; it burned fiercely, but

I fear the rain has put it out before its work was completed. -

24th Sunday. -

25th Geo: Jones, Freeman, from Washers, arrived yesterday. - Sheep from Bull Park (last from Washers) dropped. Counted 892

lives & 1 Lamb, - 1 ewe dead. - Sold two mares Violet & Jessie to Mr Arthur Maynes for £15, to be paid in 1 month; and

exchanged with him two mares Snip & Pipsy for a black colt by agreement out of Jessie (my pony mare). -

Hawkshaw drove from his run to the homestead this morn^g 2 Rams & 2 Wethers branded W.K. (Wuthinbury) &

1 Wethers branded O on offside. - 4 bushrangers in this neighbourhood. Porter & Blackaby took the 4 mares for Mr Maynes to Deloraine

& delivered them safely to him: on the way back Porter's mare got away from him (I strange to say) was lost on Wignall's

sheep run, with saddle & bridle. Wignall came for the sheep to drop wounded sheep, & told me that he had found several

dead & wounded, in all 14 since shearing; reducing his flock to 1182; but could neither see nor hear anything of the dog or dogs that did the mischief: - They must belong to

Algae.

Consultation
3 men

Jim!

Cheshunt.

Wignall's
sheep killed.

Men from
Washers.

Drift-wood
below sluiceway.

Men from
Washers.

1 ewe dead.

W. Arthur Maynes

Sold mares

Stranger's

Bushrangers.

4 mares
to Deloraine.

Porter's mare
got away.

Wignall's sheep
killed & wounded.

The dogs!

The Haggitts.
 17 Wethers drawn from it 17 Fat Wethers, and counted the remainder 766 including 2 of the West End sheep. Put the Wethers with his flock in Lane Park. Kelly tells me that he has found sheep killed by dogs, and several wounded; there is 1 missing also. C. H. started for Longford on Jessie.

Feb 27. Kelly brought in his Saffron-Park flock, I counted 273 showing a deficiency, compared with those put on the run, of 14. J. Macarthur came. Walked through the paddocks. Trees very fat, Wethers fat. Cattle improving. John Dennis ceases.

Feb 28. Kelly's Lower Hill flock in the yard for dressing. Counted 741. There are 5 dead, & wanting 9. Told him to mix them with the Saffron Park sheep, & having bedded them to watch them at night. John Dennis started with a 3 yr old & a 4 yr old filly for Woolmers. Rode up the Meander, & across Stocker's Plain.

March 1st Mr Macarthur left for Longford. Rode across Stocker's Plain with him. Moved the store ewes from Bull Park to Lane Park and the Fat Wethers to Mount Park. Kelly mixed 278 ewes from Saffron Park with those in Lower Hill. Walked to the floodgate & found the oats ripening throughout. Symons to Deloraine, & brought back some goods from Corbetta's & Robertson's Beets.

2nd Mowing oats, & men. The tobacco laid on the floors requires time to prevent its becoming musty. Rode through the paddocks; the thistles have grown up in W. Park; there is a plentiful growth of clover & grass in Crawford Close, which I left open to the cattle in Stocker's Park. Rode in the afternoon to Deloraine Plain &c. Examined work at Irrigat's Channel. Charles North returned this afternoon. Gave one of Sapsie's pups to Wignall.

3rd Sunday.

4th Took away the calves of the young heifers, and put them in Black gate Park. Told Porter to milk 6 cows for the house, so that some salt-butter may be made. Drove to the bank of the Meander opposite to the Celery-topped Pines, and bank. There is a sheep pen at Mr Bramwich's. There was a severe frost this morning which has damaged the potatoes & tobacco &c.

Mr Kimberley sent & took away 2 Rams & 3 Wethers which Hawkeshaw found on his run. Drove to the floodgate and with C. H. caught 40 of the small sprat-like fish (which abound in all our rivers, & some of

20 ewes + 6 or 7 for slaughter. - Drove out 20 ewes from Black-
gate Park to 6 Wethers from W.B.K. for slaughter. - Put with
them in stucky and the strange sheep branded O on the
ribs. - Mr Bremmick's man (Guthill the saddler) came
here with a swelled little finger, which I lanced and
squeezed for him. -

March 6th Rode to Deloraine with C.H. for my letters, & fished for 2 hours
or so, only catching 2 herrings. -

7th Rode to Simskilun, and saw a large number of Brigstock's
sheep, which are looking much improved from the dressing
they have had, and in capital condition. - The brush & flag
fence between Field's land & Jan's is becoming very low. -

8th The blacksmith, Jas. M. Simcox, arrived, and I tried him
for the time. the wheelwright is here, at 15/- per week, this
nation. - Sam Holding finished ditching in Simskilun Pk.

9th Rode down the Main Drain; examined the work done
by Sam & H. in Simskilun Pk, and arranged for damming
the Main Drain, so as to throw the water towards the
Irrigation Channel, along a ditch running E. & W. along a
fence through Flaming Plain, in order to allow of the
Main Drain being scooped out. - I think that the land
towards the Halls is by far the most valuable on the
Cheshunt property: - when drained and laid down in
grass it will keep 1000 more sheep through the year
than I can now. -
Saw the Hoggets in Mountain Plain: they are looking well.
also the young horses. -

9th Arranged that Blackaby should cook for the harvest men, so
as to prevent the great loss of time incidental to their coming
home to cook for themselves. - Discovered that our servant-
girl, Jessie Jordan, has been guilty for some time past of a
series of petty thefts, principally of articles adaptable to gay
attire. - Suggestant of lady like appearance, according to her ideas.
Determined to part with her. - Blackaby, whom I sent to
Deloraine with letters, brought me word that the bushrauger
was taken at or near Campbell Town. Dieu merci! -
He also tells me that Mr Bremmick's people have shot
a dog which was killing one of their sheep: he is a
tall brindled Kangaroo dog, with a white flank; evidently
belonging to one of the hunters. -

20 ewes +
6 or 7 for
slaughter.

March 6th
Herrings

Brigstock's
sheep

Blacksmith
Jas. M. Simcox

Sam & H.
Main Drain

Valuable land
towards the
Halls

Hoggets

Blackaby
to cook
Jessie a
mist

Bushrauger
taken

Dog shot
on
Stocker's Plain

March 10th Sunday.

2 acres killed by dogs 11th 2 of the blueflack (lost from Wootmans) were killed yesterday by a dog, in Marsh Meadows & Lane Park. — Went to the top of Cummings's head with Blackaby. —

C.H. to Songford 12th C.H. went to Carrick today enroute to Songford for medical advice about his swollen neck: — I wrote by him to Jordan the father of our last hired servant girl "Jessie", to come & take away his daughter, who has been discovered to be an inclaimable thief slave. Rode to Deloraine in the afternoon, back. Angled in company with Y. & J. Reiby, & killed 3 herrings. —

Angling 13th Breakfasted at Rev M. Williams's. Afterwards rode with him the Messrs Reiby & W Winter to Dunorlan House, putting up our horses there & at Mr Russell's. Blackaby met me there. We then walked (except W Winter, who rode) to the Mersey, about 5 miles or so; and angled till night.

Y.R. killed 1 herring, J.R. 3, W Winter 0, & I 10, most of them very small. W Winter & W Williams returned home.

During the night J.R. & I caught about 3 dozen small blackfish & trout; and early in the morning he killed 9 large herrings, Y.R. 1 small, & I 5 large & small. — We returned to our horses, dining at Russell's, where we were treated very hospitably. He told us that Mr J. Mackie

was getting for 200 acres of pasture land 550 cows (give the calves in) a rent of £250 per annum. — Russell milks 40 cows, & makes about 240 lbs of butter per week: he appears to be doing well. — Returned home in the afternoon.

Rest of 14th James Dunn, blacksmith arrived on the 13th, having been hired to take the place, at Wootmans, of Speckman who is to leave shortly: Dunn is to remain here until S. leaves. — Simcox is to leave as soon as the harvest is finished. — Wignall sent over 8th skins of sheep yesterday.

15th Jordan, who arrived yesterday evening, took home his daughter, & I paid him £1.12.6 wages for her, deducting 7/6 for articles destroyed. — Wrote to J. Reiby, to hire the daughter of Cooper the miller, near Westbury, for one. —

Finished 16th finished the mowing yesterday & commenced carrying the oats today. —

17th Sunday — Rev W Williams here. —

18th Sent Sims with the light cart to Deloraine, expecting

Goods from Delbraine
March 19th Kelly's sheep
Cott for 2 mares
Snell burn charcoal

Angling
Simcox left
Mr Scott Surveyor

Kelly part of his sheep
500 ewes about for sale

Set scum of grain down to leave

Charcoal
Hobbes
Safes

Ewes & Wethers for Sale
Kelly Adams

Herrings
Hobbes 2nd crop

to find Cooper's daughter there, but she had not arrived. Sims brought goods from Carbetts. Rode down myself & back. -
Kelly's sheep in the yard for shearing; nearly cured. I counted, with 98 brought in by themselves afterwards, 1015; 1 killed giddy & 9 still missing. - John Davies brought up a colt by a Cleveland horse out of a Waterloo mare belonging to W.S. Winter, for which with £6 to boot, I gave a bay & a black 4yr old mare; 2 of our worst: - The colt is rising 3yr old. - Snell this morn are burning a kiln of charcoal for me, as I have no men to spare for the job. - Rev M. Williams here in the evening. -
20th Rode to Delbraine & back with WW. in the afternoon for the letters. Killed 3 herrings. - Discharged Jeremiah Simcox the blacksmith & put Simon & Thomas in the shop. -
21st Mr Scott, Surveyor, who is defining the courses of the Meander & creeks in this neighbourhood, called: I gave him information, & some fresh meat. - Drove into Park Meath in the afternoon; & saw some of Brigstock's sheep, which were looking healthy. - Kelly gives me account of his sheep thus, 11 dead & killed by dog in Saffene PK; 7 dead in Yarrow Hill & 2 giddy ^{1 in Stacks, giddy} 1019 (4 since the 19th) in Saffene PK now: Total 1039; wanting 8, ~~as before~~. 500 ewes are to be advertised for sale in Samerston on Thursday the 28th inst. -
22nd Rode along the Main Drain, where Carr & Holding are at work; & agreed to give them 1/- per rod for scumming it. We have our stacks thatched, & all snug against rain. -
23rd Snell's Kiln of charcoal turned out about 20 bushels of dirty light coal. - Cutting the second crop of Tobacco. - When shall we put it? Set Brown to make safes for the men's huts. -
24th Sunday. -
25th Mustered the 6-teeth ewes, and selected for the Sale 316, less 11 (in Bull Padth) for our own use. Yarded the 6-teeth Wethers, & drew out 204 for the Sale, leaving 238, which were put in Dblegate PK. - I started Kelly, with Wm Adams (Agincourt), with the lot, in all 520 sheep; giving him £2.10.0 to pay all expenses, for which he was to account to Mr Joseph. - Boney gave a peck of oats for the sheep during the night. - I angled, while waiting for the sheep's arrival at Delbraine, and hooked with the artificial fly - (~~principally the mayfly~~) - no filthy gentle attached to it - a dozen fish, only killing 7 however. - Cutting the second crop of Tobacco. -

March 26th Wignall came to dress the Store ewes, but Hawkshaw who
 Store ewes dressed.
 Wignall.
 Hawkshaw absent.
 Brigstocky in dressing
 Potatoes.
 2 wild dogs.
 Hawkshaw absent.
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 29th Good Friday. - Read "Morning Prayers" at Wailack; the men went to work in the afternoon. - Rode to Upper Bee Padk to superintend the building of a kiln of charcoal, not being at all satisfied with those lately put up, which have been failures. - Went to Hawkshaw's hut at Native Plain; he had not returned; the West End Sheep, and Mountain Plain Haggies are looking well. - Saw Knowles & Rops at the source of Irrigating Channels: they have grained at the bottom to go through: - Returned to the charcoal kiln; & proceeded thence to the Leiths Creek gate of Irrigⁿ Chan, which I almost let down. I see the water breaks out of the Chan above the Salt Padk, along a tree which has fallen at the lower side. - Rode to Mr Rook's, the Retreat, the engine of Mr Sams which would be a fair deduction from Hawkshaw's wages (he

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Hawkshaw's misconduct.

Having returned) on acct of his misconduct, in remaining away from his work for more than 4 days; in neglecting to come & shear sheep, thereby obliging me to call Wignall from his run (where the wild dogs are lying) for that purpose; in neglecting to count Kelly's lot for the sale on the morning they left Deloraine. We agreed that he ought to pay at least £4, inasmuch as his sentence, if taken to Westbury, wd be that his whole wages due wd be mulctd & he wd be sent to the treadmill for a month. - Sent B Lenkaby with a horse & cart to Wykoot's, & brought home 5 sheep, belong to the last lot from Woolmers. -

5 Store ewes from Wykoot's

1850 31st Sunday. -

James & Co. left.
Woolmers
dropped
Hawkshaw
convinced to
forfeit

April 1st Started Geo: Jones P.P. & James Munro P.P. to Woolmers. - Saw fence Pk flock in the yards. Dressed by Brigstock & Hawkshaw who consents to forfeit the £4, but hopes that future good behaviour would induce me to diminish the amt. - I said that I should not be unwilling to consider the matter. - Went out with Mr J. Winter of Woodlands Quail-shooting: we killed 30 1/2 brace of birds; and missed very few shots; indeed out of the first 40 shots we only missed 3, (W.W. 1, & 2). - Mr Winter returned home by moonlight; I gave him 20 brace of the quails. -

Quail
Mr Winter

Charcoal

2nd Superintended the quenching of charcoal kiln, & the drawing also. 2 cartloads in half the kiln; still on fire in places. - J. Edwards

1 Day June
2 Store ewes
both dead
Mr Porter

found 1 of the sheep dropped yesterday dead (smothered in a ditch) in Barn Park. - Two sheep are dead also in addition of the Store ewes both giddy. - Thos Porter, Shepherd, arrived to take Kelly's place. -

Sale

He brought a letter from my Brother giv^g an acct of the Sale in town. Kelly left 79 sheep* on the road, as follows, viz. (*W. only.)

Sheep left
on the roads
and to Kelly's
account

"Turner", Butcher [?] Westbury	1
"Quamby's"	21
"Ashmole", Toll Bar, Billwood	12
"Blegg", Miller, Carrieth	20
"Poole", Innkeeper, Hadsper;	22
"Pitcher", Ditto, Sandhill,	1
"Mich ^d Whiteley & - Williams	2

Total - 79

Price of
sheep
at Sale
Porter's
wages

The Wethers sold at 7/- to 7/6; the Ewes at 6/6 to 6/10: the average of the whole being 6/10 1/2. - Thos Porter hired on 3rd March 1850 at £18 per annum. Had not the Fields just started selling meat at 1 1/2 per lb, the Wethers would have fetched 8/6; the Ewes 7/6. -

- April 3rd Blackaby whom I have set to to line the fresh sheepskins today
 turned in the second lot of wool he has taken off. - Shot over
 "Lassie" today 8 brace of quail, only bagging 6 brace. - Sold to
 Mr Thos Bramich, 30 W. at 7/6: he paid me in cash, £11.5.0. -
 Brought in the last of the charcoal today: the Kiln turned out
 well. -
- 4th Started for Woolmers & stopped at the "Westbury Inn" (Sygall's) for the night;
 6 of us, self & wife & 2 children, Mrs Symons & Eliza M. -
 5th Reached Woolmers. - Found my Father looking very much better than when
 I last saw him. -
- 6th, 7th / Sunday, 8th. At Woolmers. - Practising at cricket, on the 6th, at Longford. -
 9th The return cricket-match of the College Club agst Amateurs was to have
 come off today, but there was heavy rain in the morning which pre-
 vented it. - On the 8th I killed, below Doctor's Bend, 10 herrings, with fly. -
- 10th My Brother & I drove with Jessie in the gig to the College, and
 had a good game with the Club. - Robert Kermode came on the 8th & left
 this morning. I went to Longford Hall with him & inspected its condition. -
 Drove with Rattler from Perth in my carriage & was with Dr. & Drury
 with Dr. M. to whose I gave £10 to Franklin Village, to make purchases, & back to Woolmers, where
 Snip had taken us in the morn. - Bought £5.13.0 worth of books for Dr. & Drury.
- 12th At Woolmers. - Making drawings of galvanic apparatus. -
 13th Angling with Compton Abbott (Lieut. 18th Royal Irish). We killed 3½
 dozen herrings principally above Drummings Mill at Perth. -
- 14th Sunday. At Perth, as also last Sunday. -
 15th & 16th At Woolmers. Making out a statement of my Father's
 monetary affairs; by which it appeared that we can pay off
 the Bank & all other debts on the 1st of April 1855. - This amt
 includes £8000 Bank debt, & Int of same. Heron's 2000£, Bonney's £500
 &c &c, -
- 17th The Return Match postponed until today, came off, with a good
 muster of players, but very poor play on our side. The Collegians
 who bowled & fielded very prettily, beat us thoroughly; viz in one
 innings with 23 runs to spare. - We scored 1st Inn 46 & 22 in the
 2nd, in all 68 runs: while the College Club made 91 in their Inn.
 The deciding match was arranged to take place at Entally on Saturday
 week, the 27th inst. -
- 18th Having gone over the Debts Account again & made fresh cal-
 culations, and copies of statements, we started for Cheshunt
 taking Chase as far as Leamington; & stopped for the night at Sygall's
 Inn, Westbury. -
- 19th Purchased 18/- worth of artificial flies from W. H. Davis; -

drove round the Beefeater. Started onwards & reached Cheshunt by "The Yalls" road (the Meander not being fordable for the carriage) at about 5 o'clock; Co. H. who overtook us, on Jessie, on the Ykat, arrived with us. —
April 20th Found that Sims the wheelwright had completed the repairs of the various carts, drays, &c., & arranged that he should go to Woodmen on Monday the 22nd inst. —

21st Sunday. Archdeacon Davies was to have come, but did not. —
22nd Started John Sims. — Mr. Thos. Bramich came and purchased

20 Wethers at 7/6, for which he paid cash, & took them away. — Rode to the Yalls, and examined the adjoining ground, with a view to putting up a fence enclosing a paddock for the sheep while being dropped. — Disch^d John Wishart, & hired Geo. Philcox T.L. at the same wages, for 6 months in his place. —

23rd The fat steers from the Ykat and Obligate Pk in the yard: Drew out 10 small ones for home use in Obligate Pk; & put the rem^t 24 on the Ykat again. — Mr. J. Winter & Mess^{rs} J. & J. Arthur, his brothers-in-law, came; and we had an hour or two of practice at Cricket. —

Rode afterwards to Mount "Plain" & inspected Knowles's & Raps's work at the "Irrigating Channel", and also Lewis's & Holding's work at the Main Drain: — they have now made a dam above the Sims Kiln Pk, and turned the water down the drains which they cut in it. — Drawing plans for R. 2. K. —

24th Draw^{ing} plans for R. 2. K. — Sent Blankaby to Woodlands, for a Pointer, a young dog given to me by Mr. Winter. — Rode through Yarrow Hill: & found, on coming through the Ykat, on my way home, 2 panels of fencing down between Field's land & Lewis's. —

25th Working at R. 2. K's plans, & the drawings of alarm apparatus for Woodmen. — Wignall tells me that he has lost 36 sheep since shearing. —

26th Completed the above drawings as far as I could. — Rode to Ectally; & found the Bishop there and Mr. Parker: stopped the night there. —

27th Playing in a match of cricket of "The Gentlemen of the North" agst the College. — I bawled 4 wickets down in the 1st Innings of the College & caught 1 man out; but was most unlucky with my bat; only standing agst 3 balls. —

1 in 1st Inn^g, & 2 in the 2nd. — Left them at 4 o'clock and returned home, being obliged to ride round the Beefeater, owing to the height of the Meander. — Hawkshaw & Porter were dress^{ing} the Store Ewes yesterday. —

28th Sunday. —

29th Dressing the Store Ewes. Porter has brought in 20 ewes from outside the paddocks (9 from Westernbrook) with calves, unbranded. — Rode through the English-grass Paddocks, & found the pastures in them.

Killed a giddy store ewe.
April 30th Very short. - Killed a giddy store ewe for the dogs. - There are 30 head of cattle in Back Marsh & 9 head in Knight's Corner. Drying the store ewes. Stormy weather. -

May 1st Finished drying the ewes. Brigstock sent me word that he had found a sheep killed near the Main Drain, and had tracked from its neighbourhood a large dog towards W Parker's: that Harrison had gone over to see the overseer; and found that (by the cook's admission) the dog had been loose all night, and refused usual food in the morning: - The circumstances stated rendering it suspicious that the large dog, belonging to W.P., had killed & partly eaten the sheep. I wrote to W Eastley, the overseer, that he had better take means to keep the dog tied up, or I should be obliged to adopt measures for the prevention of the evil in future. - Rode through the paddocks, the pasture in most of which is getting short. - C.H. went today to Longford. -

W Parker's dog

Branded 13 calves

W Parker's dog

Painting 3rd away

French bedstead

5th Sunday

Gathering padlock

Marking out

2nd castrated & branded 13 calves & branded 13 heifer calves in all 24. - Blankley brought from Deloraine a fender from Corbetta, a panel of soap & essence ginger pills from Young, and 2 collars & 2 bridles from W Sheehy: these are to complete the payment for the horse "Samky". - W Parker's overseer, W Eastley, came. and ~~advised~~ to disabuse my mind of the idea that his ~~mischievous~~ dog killed the sheep above named: he said that nevertheless the dog should be kept fast for the future. - C.H. away. -

3rd Brown finished the new outer painting. - The fields are taking away their calves today. - Stormy unpleasant weather. -

4th Ordered French bedstead & mattress of Best, for Madlams. - Sent a "list & description" of all the taxable dogs ⁽²³⁾ on the property; together with a cheque for the amount of the duty (£3.16.0) to W Jones, A.P.M. Madlams. The grass is becoming very short in the paddocks. -

5th Sunday. -
 6th Arranged for 4 men from the Homestead with Carr & Holding, Jobbers, to form a gathering-paddock at the Falls: Carr & H. have completed the scouring of Main drain up to where the Limekiln Pad^{ck} fence meets it. - Knowles & Ross have nearly a mile of the Irrigat^{ion} Channel to complete up to Mount Pad^{ck}. Rode through Mountain Plain. - Rode to the Falls & marked out the line of gathering pad^{ck} fence; which is to be constructed of logs. -

men hands completed 36 per
Days at Chestnut. registered May 4th 1850. —

Time / Name	Sex	Age	Description	Breed	Price
Wells 7.6	1 Male	2	White with sandy patches	Pyrenees (Wolf dog)	
	1 "	1	Black, long haired. white muzzle	Sheepdog	30
	1 Female	age	" white on face, chest & tip of ear	"	
H. Symonds 4.0	1 "	"	White with black patches	Spaniel	10
	1 "	1	Black, long-haired small	Mongrel	
W. Porter 1.0.0	1 Male	3	Sandy yellow, short tail.	Cattle dog	10
	1 "	4 1/2	Black, tan muzzle & feet	"	
	1 Female	1 1/2	Reddish-yellow	"	all
	1 Male	2	" " <u>large</u>	Mongrel	
	1 Male	age	Black short haired	Sheepdog	10
J. Brizstock 1.5.0	1 Female	2	" long haired	"	d.
	1 "	1	" white	"	
	1 Male	2	Reddish yellow <u>large</u>	Mongrel	if
	1 "	age	Black & tan & white <u>small</u>	"	
J. Hankshaw 4.0	1 Male	1 1/2	Yellow long haired	Sheepdog	out
	1 "	2 1/2	Black short haired	"	0 bri
	1 Male	3	Black, tan muzzle & legs	"	at 2
J. Porter 7.6	1 "	2	" white white ring neck	"	
	1 Female	1 1/2	" white muzzle & feet	"	old
R. Wignall 4.0	1 Male	age	" long haired	"	ould
	1 "	2 1/2	" "	"	
J. Edwards 4.0	1 "	1	Greyish brindle white belly & legs	"	unf
	1 Female	3	Black & tan & white	"	teen
£3.16.0 2.3					after
					ried
					7
					with

14th The sharp frosts have cut off

Yalls enclosure. This afternoon; 4 of our men returned home; Edwards to remain with the oxen for 3 days to clear the road, with base & holding, drains spans for the sheepyards &c. Sent down, by Symons, a new gate with articles required to hang it complete. - Worked at a tool box, to hold my chisels &c. &c. Made it handy with slips, hinges, & lock keys. 3 sheep put in park. There are 3 of Brigstock's sheep still with W Parkin's. -

May 19th Sunday. -

Snell & House 20th Gauged & calculated the measurement of the stuff sawn by Snell & House and found the amount 13407 sup^l feet. - The ewes are improving in condition. - Prepared for turning out my bay mare. - Cattle to W Braungton.

Bottle to Mr Braungton. 21st Settled with & discharged Jas House, Snell's mate; - paying him £17. 8. 9. Drove to Mr Halls. - Car finished hanging the gate; & the road has been cleared off fallen logs. - Edwards returned home. - Car arranged that Snell should join him & holding. - Gave them a new spade, & 2 new grafts tools. - Porter returned from Westbury, having left the cattle viz. 4 oxen, 7 steers, and 15 cows - (2 aged) in all 26 heads safely with W B. -

Snell & House 22nd Rode to Deloraine to have a day's shooting with Mr Winter but he was engaged. - Sent Blackaby with the cart to Deloraine. The brought back two cream-coloured pointer-pups. - Sent from Adelaide by W. S. Rutland: - they are very superior animals to any I have seen in the country. - Weighed 2 casks of tallow - viz. 1 - 3. 1. 4 & the other 2. 3. 25. - Grafts. - Engaged John Black & Co.

Yallows 23rd Adjusted my spirit level, by experiment, on the lawn. - Examined Bee Park and the bush park above, for sheep; viz. the ewes in Black-gate Pk. - Fixed new crops. 24th Levelled for a water course from the Chant on this side of Seith's Bridge to the fence of Bull Park, for irrigating it; rounded the low ground below the old cottage, so as to give the means of watering that also. - Porter's Dogfence Park flock counts 1008, (8 dead, wounded by dogs & giddy, since he came, -) & missing since April 1st. 1 of them with store ewes. -

Swelling 25th Drove 52 Hups & 3 steer calves to the Sugar-loaf run. - Inspected the watercourse made at the turn in the Meander above the main sluice gate; & found that it was much choked with drift wood; but it evidently carries off a large portion of the water, in time of flood. - Brushed the fence between Bee Park & Davis's Park to prevent the ewes, which are to be moved from Doublegate Pk, from getting through. - Vivat Regina! -

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May 26th Sunday.

27th Rode to the main drain at Black Bog, where Carr, Holding & Snell are at work: they will soon finish all that requires sewing. - Found that Knowles & Profs have made goods way lately at the Frigate's head. -

Dreping 2nd lot of store ewes. - Memo: "Chiloglottis diphylla" in fruit. -

28th Getting ready for building meat-house. - Arranged for forming a paddock adjoining Stockyard for feeding Oxen &c. - Collected & described some Fungi.

29th Rev^d M. Williams came in the afternoon and remained for the night.

30th Carr & Co have finished the main drain up to their dam, about a quarter of a mile below the turn at beachfoot corner. - Hearing that Whitely's wagon, on the way here with iron &c., had stuck fast between Deloraine and the Falls, I sent C. H. to reconnoitre.

He returned with the wagon at about 10 o'clock: - 36 bars of iron have been left behind at a cottage. - Some apples & quinces, raspberry jam, Marsala wine (3 doz.) Geology & Mineralogy specimens (from England) & books (bought of D. Pugh) are among the articles brought; besides a large number of fruit & other trees. - Springthorpe, Bricklayer came.

31st Started Whitely's wagon with the 2 casks of Galloway C. 1. 1, 24 bags of oats containing 84 bushels & weighing gross 3387 lbs (30. 0. 27) - 1 box of books viz "Brown's Prod. Flor. Nov. Hall" for D. Lillie; "Vegetable Kingdom" & "Musci & Fungi" for D. Valentine; - "Whiston's Josephus" & "Persecutions in Madagascar" for Mr. Archer of Woolmers; & sundry books for Rev^d W. Stuckham.

also 1 Tub 3/4 full of honey for R. L. Hemmings; - & 1 Sheepdog (pup) for Grace Shephard at Woolmers. - Sent W. Bloom with a cart & 3 horses to take down part of the oats to Deloraine, and bring back some lime, and ~~also~~ the iron left by Whitely's Cart: - he returned (Blackaby being with him on trip) at 9 o'clock, having upset the cart in a stony creek between the Falls & the Redgate, - left it there. -

Worked out a drain through Black Bog, 5 feet wide at top, 18 inches at bottom and 2 ft 6 in deep, for Carr & Co. to be done at 13 per rod. - Busy setting out the fruit trees, from Woolmers, in the late potato-grounds. -

31st Set out all the remain^d fruit trees, in all 117. - Dressed best store ewes & counted 392, being 2 more than the proper number, 4 having been slaughtered. - Bloom & Edwards with Taylor went for the iron &c: the horse-cartmen's shaft & front rails are broken, so that Edwards brought the iron, with 8 bags of lime from J. Thomas, & a barrel of sugar & oatmeal from C. H. Campbell. - Fixed J. Edwards's wages at \$13 per annum. -

2nd Sunday. Rev^d M. Williams here. -

3rd Made up the best store ewes to 400 and started them off.

June 13th
Corbett's

Cairn & Co returned. Arranged that they should go to Wignall's on Monday the 17th and put up a new hut, and drafting yards for him. They have only done about 16 rods of the ditch in Black Bag.

Mosses

Walked through Whitegate PK & Co. the grass becoming very short; procured some mosses in Auer's Creek.

Wignall's
all barrel gun

14th Wignall brought the double-barrelled gun which I bought at Corbett's for him (£5.10.0) with shot belt & powder flask, from Deloraine. — Walked through

width of river

Lower Hill to the fence corner at the river between Young Hill & Log fence PK. I found the width of the river about 50 yards above was 72 feet, & between 85 & 100 length of span wd be required for a bridge. —

Chaff
Wheat
G. Holley

15th Stuffed 2 mattresses with sifted^{out} chaff, which makes a bed nearly equal, indeed far superior in my opinion to feathers. — Settled with G. Holley to 1st June I paid him £16.0¹/₂. — The store runs in

store runs

the yard. Porter counted 357 to White gate PK, 110 broken fleeced to Beet PK, and 20 for slaughter to Bull PK. —

Irish
Chant

16th Sunday. Rev^d M. Williams in the evening. — LEEDS VICTOR.

Irish
Chant

17th Walked to Mountain Plain I directed Knevels concerning the Eastⁿ side of Irizgat's Chant. — Went up Tent Creek, & through the burnt ground outside the log-fence, (where I found the underwood much cleared away by the fire) and Whitegate Padk & Co. which still affords a good bite for the sheep, home. —

Williams
grove

18th Mr Braunsgrone came and took away 24 steers; Porter helping him to Westbury. — Rode with them to Garetts

Wignall
robbed?

Sugarloaf Creek. — Wignall came yesterday and complained that Mr Mannes, his but keeper, had robbed him of £3. After

Williams
dish

hearing the contradictory stories of the pair, I saw that it wd not do to keep them together any longer; — so that this morning I discharged Mr Mannes. — Leaver, Snell, & Halding, went to Wignall's

Corbett's
to E. Side

but yesterday to split piling for a new hut, (the present being scarcely habitable,) and stuff for drafting yards. —

Wignall's
flock counted

19th Rode to Wignall's hut & examined his sheep, which, though poor, look healthy and strong: — I counted 860, nearly 300 being short of the full number. — The fence requires looking to, especially towards the Muddy Creek. — Rode to the Falls in the afternoon and examined

Wignall's
flock counted

Brizstock's flock: there is not much scab shewing among his sheep. I counted 1364, 110 being away. — Some of them are fit for the butchers. I saw 40 or 50 on my way home. — Mr Braunsgrone

Wignall's
flock counted

was here trying to buy some heifers: he is to come tomorrow. My Brother & Rev^d A. Stadhous were to have been here today but have not come. — Mr Horton sent 156 bushels of lime. — Paid him

Since from
Horton

£3.18.0

June 20th My Brother & Rev^d A. Starkhouse arrived at half past 10 o'clock
 last night, after a tedious and difficult drive by the way of
 the Kalls from Deloraine. — W. Braunsch came and I sold
 him 2 Heifers for £4.4.0 each, averaging their weight at about
 440 lbs each. — I thought the larger would weigh 465 lbs, & the
 smaller 420 lbs: my Brother set them at 450 lbs, & 500 lbs, or
 more. — He says Mr Wm. Rickalls, of Quareby thinks that I did
 not get more than 12/- per 100 lbs for the cattle sold to Braunsch.
 I consider that I sold them too cheap by 5/- per head. — Mr
 Starkhouse assembled the men in the evening. — Started Symons
 off with the spring cart to Westbury, to bring up a girl, who
 has been hired for us by Mrs Price, of the Livestock Registry Office
 Llanneyston. — Porter did not return until 11 o'clock today in
 stead of last night: I gave him a strong caution on the subject.
 21st Rode to the ford with our visitors & saw them safely across.
 Directed the delivering a heifer of a very large dead calf, of
 which she had been in labour 3 days, I hear. — Succeeded. —
 22nd Rode to the East Side and counted Wignall's sheep 1129, 27
 being away; — 4 dead since April 1st. — W. Braunsch makes
 the weight of the smaller heifer sold to him 412½ lbs. —
 Forwarded to Westbury Police Office John Knowles's application for a T.L.
 Symons returned in good time yesterday, bringing Ann Wae
 hired at £16 per annum. —
 23rd Sunday. —
 24th Rode up the Meander & round the N. side of our Sugarloaf to look
 for some cattle fit for sale; but did not meet with them.
 The heifer calves seem to do very well. —
 25th & 26th — Nothing particularly done. — Rode through part of Kalls & round
 the Meander. —
 27th Walked up Aven's Creek for about 1½ mile; & found in the
 thicket of fern trees &c. a small hut, thatched with the fronds
 of the fern trees, uninhabited. — Collected some crocuses. — Sent the
 light cart to Deloraine for parcels but did not go. — Mr Y. T. Parker
 remained for the night. —
 28th Mr Parker left. — The calves [5] got into the garden last
 night and ran through my shrubs, without doing any
 damage, mirabile dictu. — Settled with B. Brown who left for
 Llanneyston. — W. Porter invalided, with swelling in groin;
 probably from a sudden strain. I see there is a young
 lamb, about 3 days old, in White gate P^h, with the store
 ewes. —

June 29th - commenced pruning gooseberry & currant bushes. - Walked to the
Paving triple watergate under which (through the pebbles) the water runs
Wignalls hut. in large quantity. John Edwards is over the river drawing
in the stuff for Wignalls hut & yards. -

30th Sunday. -

July 1st Rode over Sarspit Hill; and, about a mile past the sarspit, discovered
Sandstone some sandstone, in thin layers, fit for pavement; - Walked onwards
up the creek (aven's) and on the sides where the ground is flat &
Ovens Creek. covered with underwood and dead timber besides the forest trees
of stringy-bark &c. - Gathered some mosses in & near the creek. -
Char. of this bed of sandstone occurs above the fossiliferous limestone
in which the spiriferæ, strophoræ, Truettellæ, &c are found: - It will
not be difficult to work it, and cart it to the homestead. -

2nd W. M. Bramish came & took away 50 nettles (that) paying me
W. M. Bramish 50th in cash £20 for them. - A carpenter came for a job: to let him
have an answer on Thursday. - Offered W. Bramish the 2 knives,
off 2 knives. remain^d from those he took, at £4 each, laying the weight of the
weights of smaller at 405 lbs, and of the larger at 460 lbs: - He told me that
the larger knife sold to him whose weight I set at 465 lbs, weigh^d
461 lbs; - My Brother set his weight at more than 500 lbs. - Saw a
1 store deer dead dead store deer in White-gate Park today. - W. Porter still ill. -

3rd Rode over to the East Side, and found that Carr & Co. had made a good
Wignalls hut. start with Wignalls hut, having finished the framework, and paled one
side & one end, besides putting on a quarter of the roof. - Directed Carr as
to the new yards &c. - Rode home across the marked-tree Ford, & through
Longfence Pk. (which is dryer than I ever saw it at this season). -

4th No letter from Woolmers about a Carpenter: so that I agreed to let the
Drake carpenter. man Drake (who called on the 2nd inst) the job of bedding wall-plates, laying tie
Cost of roofing joints to every other pair of rafters, fixing rafters & bedding every other pair, battens,
shingling, & fixing saddle-boards, for £4; he to find rations, & assistance in getting
up the timbers. -

5th A man arrived this forenoon, at abt 11 o'clock, with a letter from my
Brother, telling me that my Father had a serious attack of shivering
fever. Asking me to go to Woolmers. - Having made all necessary arrange-
ments - I proceeded to Westbury for the night. -

6th Reached Woolmers & found my Father better. - Worked at R. L. K's plans.
7th Sunday. Went to Perth Church. -

8th R. L. K. drove me to Perth where I had a consultation concerning
Perth. Kitchen fireplace the smoking of the kitchen fireplace, and gave orders for such
alterations as will, I hope, remedy the evil. - Drove on to Longford

Longford Hall

Wesleyan College
Dr Valentine

Hall, and advised R. D. K. about sundry matters in connection with his new building, of which part of the foundation is already laid. Dr Valentine came to Woolmers in the evening; and I went over some plans which he is making for a Wesleyan College, to be built on Capt Horton's property. - I promised to think the matter over at home and to write to him upon the subject of the front elevation &c. - Sat up late talking about botany, microscopic analysis, elementary organs &c. -

Heath's work
at Perth
Parsonage

9th Dr Valentine returned home with R. D. K. & wife. Worked at the calculations of labour in the erection of the Kitchen &c. at the Parsonage Perth. - Stralled out through Top Padk, along the South Esk Rv. - Very sorry to hear that Grosse's flock of the pure ewes is very scabby; - in consequence, I am told, of scabby sheep from Mr Arthur's side getting among them. -

Grosse's flock
scabbyAlarm
apparatus

10th Finished calculations of Perth Parsonage Kitchen. - Examined some apparatus, which had been made for the Alarm Bell, by Speakman; it was not according to my drawings. - Rode to Westbury on my way home. - Arranged some masses which I had gathered in the neighbourhood of Woolmers. -

Return
homeJames Sims
to go

11th Rode on to Cheshunt. - Finding that Jas Sims's orig sentence was for "cutting & maiming", I determined to part with him at once. - Mr Y. Bramish came and took away the two heifers which I offered to him, & paid me £8 for them. -

2 Heifers to
Mr Bramish

Sims away

12th Let Jas Sims have a pass till Wednesday night to look for a situation. He started about the middle of the day: I gave him £3. - When we had made all arrangements for managing the cooking &c. I was told that a man was outside, wanting employment; who proved to be William Hampden, who was cook here once with Mr Davidson: - he has been just acquitted of horstealing, (on a malicious charge, it appears) and is sadly in want of a place. I engaged him as cook, to take Sims's place, and hope he will suit us. - Worked at the Wesleyan College. -

Hired
W. HampdenWesleyan
College

13th Wrote sundry letters; enclosed the "Wesleyan College" drawing (front elevation) to Dr Valentine; - paid Mr Humphreys his bill £1.15.1. - Sent Hampden's pass to Mr R. H. Davies. - Discharged John Stewart (with Clark paying him £3.16.11½, after deducting half of the cash & extra rations drawn. Paid him for half of 5150 4ft paling, & 3900 5ft paling. - The carpenter has finished all the rafters of meat house. - Rode across the Meander and examined with Carr, a place for a footbridge, & directed him as to an alteration in Wignall's drafting yards. - All the paddocks are dry. This year than I can remember to have seen them. - Offered Clark 6/6 per 1000 for postering

John Stewart
discharged

Paling

Footbridge
across river

W. Hampden

July 14th. Sunday.

15th Recd notice from Mr Humphreys that Wm Harrison had been sentenced to 14 days solitary confinement, for misconduct. - Brigstock came to tell me. Wignall came over to get medicine; he is very poorly & weak. - Rode over E. end of Song Hill intends to look for the calves in Knight's Corner, but had not time. Picked up some mopes. Saw Coypanther in bud.

16th Sent Blackaby with the light-cart taking W. Porter to Deloraine, on the way to Westbury for medical advice, concerning the swelling in the right groin, which is again increased. - Paid Mr Humphreys for Postage to 30th June. - Walked through the Paddocks to Swallow Hole &c.

17th Knowles & Rofs are now at the middle of Tent Padk, as I saw yesterday. - Rode to the East Side & found Carr & Co repairing the damage caused to the bush fence by wind, fallen trees, &c. Found Wignall's dog caught in a snare by the foreleg; Sassie was caught in the same way. - The store ewes were in the yard to be dressed: - 2 of them were killed for rations. - Jas Sims returned for his clothes. I settled with & discharged him, with a pass to Mr Police Officer Westbury; he having obtained a situation in the service of Mr J. Mills, in that neighbourhood. -

18th Mr Wm Bremich came; and I sold him 31 Wethers at 9/- which he paid for in cash as usual. - He told me that the larger of the two last Weifers did not weigh 400 lbs, & had a calf in her. - Mr Douglas sent me word, by Blackaby that the Fields had raised the price of meat in Lameston. - Rode to the Yalls: saw Brigstock's sheep but did not count them: they are in capital condition, for bush sheep, & shew but little scab. - John Edwards is with him. - Picked up an Andruca at the Lower Yalls on the face of one of the large rocks facing the S. - Springthorpe commenced yesterday pulling down & rebuilding the kitchen chimney & oven. -

19th Rode over the S.E. part of East Side, to see how far the sheep made their way, & found that they had penetrated to the tops of the lower ranges of hills, and had much improved the character of the pasture: - Passed on, over rocky ground, and through much underwood, to Jackey's Plain Creek: the land in the neighbourhood of it is valueless for a mile or more to the N.W., i.e. down the river. - Directed Carr & Co as to the footbridge preparations.

20th Wignall is better; I sent him a blister for his chest; and some more aperient medicine. - Hired as hutkeeper a man named James Bryan (B.) at £9. - Edwards tells me that Brigstock

Brigstock's
width of
river.

Spans.

Wrote to
W. Bicheno
about lens
to go to
sale.

did not muster his sheep within 100. - Walked to place at
the river prepar^d for the footbridge; and found the width
by admeasure^t, of the river 65 feet, - and of the space between
the trees and bank about 73 feet; - to the top of the W. bank
about 90 feet. - measured the two spans cut for the bridge,
one was 76 feet & the other 81 feet long. - have thought he'd
get two longer spans; if not, I will alter the plan of the
bridge. - Wrote to W. Bicheno, asking for the loan of
his 40 lens; - and to J. P. about sale by auction of 330 ewes
and 10 steers. -

July 20th Sunday. - Revd M. Williams in the afternoon here. -

Bridge

22nd Walked with M. Williams to the place for footbridge; and went
with Carr & Co. & J. Edwards, tak^g 8 oxen, ^{in the timber gig,} to bring one of the logs, which
are to reach across the river: - accomplished it after 5 hours work. -

Bridge

23rd Walked to the river and directed that a pier sh^d be constructed
in the middle of the river, and spans placed from it to
the W. bank, &c. - Away all day. -

Bridge

24th All preparations being nearly completed; we worked the
immense spar, weighing about 6 tons, into position
for hauling across; cut other spans &c. - Away all day. -

W. Bicheno

Recd a letter from W. Bicheno, cordially offering me the
lens, I wished &c. - W. Porter returned. -

Bridge

25th Walked to the river. Got the spar across well. - Took
8 oxen & the timber gig, and hauled to the E. bank, the
second spar for bridge. - Determined to make the
bridge capable of carry^g a horse across. - Away all day. -

Bridge

26th Walked to the river; & we hauled across the second spar,
turned him, notched & fixed in position, nearly. - Springthorpe

Springthorpe

has made a good job of the kitchen fireplace, chimney & oven.
Vis today resetting the boiler in washhouse. -

Denning
from Washhouse

27th Busy at the bridge &c. - Denning brought a letter from Washhouse about Sale
(at barrick)

W. Harrison
ret.

28th Sunday. -

Wignall to
Homestead

29th Wm Harrison has returned, and Bryan has come back to the
Homestead. Sent Bloom with light cart, taking Springthorpe & Gay for
to E. Side hut, to build the chimney; - & bringing back Wignall

330 ewes
for sale

who is not so well. - Selected 330 ewes for sale & started them with
Thos Porter & J. Denning to Deloraine, to go to Quamby tomorrow, - and

Bryan to
E. side

nearest morning to barrick. - Sent Bryan to keep hut at Eastⁿ
Side. -

Cattle
for sale

30th Started W. Porter (& Blackaby) with 10 4yr old (this calving) steers - 2

Split stuff
for bridge

aged oxen - & 3 Bull-stags. - Directed to care of to split stuff for
footway of bridge, sides &c. - Started for Larnick & Woolmers, and
stopped at Westbury for the night. -

July 31st
Larnick
Sale
Prices

Helped Porter to drive the cattle into the yards at Pascoe's,
at Larnick. The sheep counted to 330. - The stags brought £8. 7/11
& £6. 6/- the oxen £4 each & the steers from £3. 5 to £4. 10. - average £4. 6. 8
The ewes averaged about 6/8 - very poor prices indeed. - Rode
on with J. L. P. to Woolmers. -

Aug 1st

Left Woolmers at abt 2 P.M. Frode to Perth, seeing Meath about
altering the kitchen chimney at the Parsonage, which still smokes
he is to be allowed £1. 5. 0 if he cure the chimney, but nothing if
he fail. - Went into Larnick. Paid Corbett £11. 15. 0. - Arranged
various matters. - Spent the evening with J. A. S. at the "Barnwall". -

Larnick
Pollock

2nd Pd £50 to my of at W.B. - Pd Best £17. 12. 0. - Ordered sundries. -

Mosses

Botanised on the hill at the N. side of Cataract, for mosses. - Spent
an hour or two in the evening at the Barnwall with O. Brock. -

Larnick from
W.B. Bickens

Obtained at Towens 2 lenses from W. Bickens 1 a $\frac{1}{3}$ Doublet; the
other 2 single lens. - Unpacked some books for J. A. S. from a box
from England & left them with 1 parcel for W. B. Arthur at the
Barnwall, in the care of Mrs. Blyne. - Bill &c. £1. 15. 6. -

Books from
J. A. S.

Woolmers

3rd Rode to Chesham. - Pd Ginman at Westbury 7/- for 2 tinboxes (various)

4th Sunday. -

Hired
W. Drake

5th Hired Wm Drake 1/2 Carpenter, for a year at £26 to commence on
the 1st of July 1850. - Wignall returned to his hut, nearly well. -

Wignall to
his hut

6th Arranged for the mortising of pieces for the bridge &c. - Drove

Porter's house
Hill flock

the carriage & Mrs. W. &c. to the Kells & back. - Porter's Town Hill flock
counted 996, 5 missing, yesterday. - Brigstock & Edwards gathered 3 Kells flock

Brigstock's flock
muster of
Kells flock

7th Sent W. Porter, Newkshaw, & Thor Porter, as well as Brigstock &
Edwards over Back Marsh &c., going through the scrubs down to Long

Hill myself: they found 43 sheep; & I saw tracks of sheep on the
Long Hill. - Counted the flock 1451 - ~~23~~ missing; - 16 dead since
"shearing". - On my way back from Larnick W. Kimbrey applied

Sheepwash
tobacco

to me for tobacco for sheepwash: I could not let him have any: it is
fetching high prices about Longford &c. W. Mene of Wainstead is

Geo. Philcox
lost 4. 2.

asking £2. 6. 0 per Cwt for it. - Geo. Philcox was taken to Westbury
on the 30th or 31st July and lost his 4. 2. for not mustering in Dec^r

last: he was returned as P.P.H. to my Father's service. -

Drake
verandah

8th Directed Drake to put up a verandah to the S. end of Meathouse; which
was included in his contract for £4. - Rogers, Thomas's blacksmith

Rogers
blacksmith

came yesterday to work for a few days. Rev^d M. Williams came. -

Augt 9th Public Meeting today in Laureston to protect and petition against the continuance of Transportation to this colony. —
 Went with W Williams up Litch's Creek, and obtained some mosses. — Edwards was after the sheep on Long Hill, but could not fall in with them. — Stopped a prout tooth yesterday for all.
 10th Rode to the bridge (the floor of which is nearly finished) and directed as to sundry points. — Rev^d W W. returned home. — Sent Blackaby for a box, from Towns, which had not arrived at Deloraine.
 Received on Thursday (the 8th) a box containing the 3 last nos of Roberts's Egypt & Arabia, being the last nos of his sketches. Nos 17 & 18 have not yet arrived. —

11th Sunday. —

12th Rode to the Sawpit, on Back Marsh Run, and examined the shingles and paling split by Clark. He has 12000 shingles, (all with the sap barked off) and about 12000 palings. I told him to split 6000 more shingles. — Paid W. Drake £4, being the sum for which he undertook to do the roof of Meat house, without deducting the price of his rations & extras during the time he was at the job, which was 3 weeks. — Springthorpe (with Taylor) is making a drain in the stable (Saddle-horse), with gratings opposite the centres of the stalls. —

13th Directed Rogers about making 5 pairs of dogs for the house, and 1 large pair for the kitchen. — Directed Gave to put up boards at the sides of the bridge. —

14th Hawkshaw cannot find all his West End sheep. Told him to take another day to examine his run. He says he found one of them the other day scabbed in the breach & dressed it. — Agreed to keep him on, at the end of this year, at the same wages. —

15th Rode to see Knowles & Kops at the Drigating Channel; they are now 150 yards above the W. fence of Blackgate Park & their paddocks above it. — Picked up at the Stockhouse Galls a few mosses.
 Rode along Saffence to the Splitters' Hill, and on to the end of the split-shuff track on the top of it, to look for Hawkshaw's stray sheep; but saw no tracks. —

16th Hawkshaw got in the 2 last sheep from Mount Pⁿ. We examined them as to scab, but found none. — Counted 768 including 7 of the West End sheep. I was drawn (giddy) into the W. End sheep in Mount Pⁿ making in all 762 Swateth sheep by W. End. — Heavy rain after noon.

17th Heavy rain; the Meander rising. Blackaby with Jessie crossed the bridge, to Deloraine for letters. I rode down in the rain, to

River
rising

see the state of the river & bridge; & crossed backwards & forwards with Pigeon. River not within 6 feet of bridge. —

18th Sunday. —

Water within
3 feet of
bridge

19th Porter the shepherd says that the water was within 3 feet of the bridge yesterday evening; the temporary pier however has not moved. — Rode down to the bridge & perceived that a slight deflection had taken place in the spans, the upper one especially. Marked a road (with bars) to the deadwood fence run down to Bramich's buildings. — Directed Carr & Co to put up a slip panel at each end of the bridge to prevent cattle & sheep from straying over it; & to clear the road as far as the log fence; — also to put 2 struts below the pier of the bridge on the W. side. —

Carr & Co.
7 or 8
panels
&
struts
to bridge

Crossed
the carriage
at the bridge.

20th Drove the carriage to the bridge, & taking out Snip, ran it over, leading Snip over afterwards: did the same back again; all appeared sound. Carr & Co have finished their job. They are to be settled with, before commencing a fresh job. — The bridge has cost altogether £12.10.0. —

Carr & Co
finished

Knowles took
into cottage.

Corysanthes &c.

21st Arranged to let Knowles go into the cottage behind orchard, at least for the present. — C. H. rode to Long Hill & brought me some specimens of *Corysanthes Dieffenbachii*, *Cyrtostylis reniformis*?, & a leafy-stemmed *Pterostylis*. — Walked to examine Crowfoot Close, which is very wet. —

Carr & Co's
work.

Scour of
Frigate's Channel

22nd C. H. went with Carr & Holding & measured the work done by them. Snell in Scour's Main drain, & cutting drains round Limekiln P.K. — Walked to examine the irrigating channel above Whitegate & Down Pad, & decided to scour it no further for the present; but only clear out rubbish & make good banks &c. for the remaining distance to Seith's Creek, & thence to the river. —

Hawkshaw's
West End flock.

Count

Wid's dog am?
Weiborn's
sheep.

23rd Hawkshaw's West End flock examined; no scab but on the one sheep caught in the run by him. — Counted 675, there are 7 with 2 teeth E.H.W., 5 dead, & 2 drawn out giddy: missing 7. — Removed the Store Wethers to Same P.K., & put the W. End sheep in stocky & P.K. &c. until I hear more concerning some dogs that are harassing Mr Gibson's sheep. Making up Carr & Co's a/c. — Edwards broke pole of drag. —

Carr & Co's
a/c

Yas Porter
application for
Cond Pardon

Knowles.

24th Made a rough calculation of the work done by Carr, Snell, & Holding, and completed their accounts. — Forwarded to Mr Jones A.M. an application for a Cond^l Pardon by Tho^s Porter; & wrote to the Comp. troller Gen^l about Knowles. — Knowles took possession of the cottage behind orchard today. — Bristock found the Thursday the 23 sheep missing from his flock at the last count. —

Bristock's
23 missing
sheep.

25th Sunday. —

- Aug 26th Walked, marking a track, with C.H. part of the way towards Cummings Head.
 Porter has burnt a great deal of ground in the rise to the E. of the Tent Creek.
 Made up part of barr 46^o a/c. — Knowles & Hops have scoured the Brigsteering Chan to Davis P.
 The cost of scouring the Brigsteering Chan for abt 4 miles is £22.10.0: — the job
 has lasted more than 7 months. — C.H. counted the peeling split by J. Clark,
 viz 5150, four feet long, and 7000 five feet long; & the shingles 14000 all with
 the sappy part backed off. — Walked to the bridge expecting that the
 rain of last night & this forenoon would have raised the river, but it was
 quite low. Found the land very wet. — Settled with barr, Holding, & Snell.
 28th Went with Knowles to the Sawpit Hill, & on to the Sandstone Hill beyond,
 where we examined the various places at which the strata cropped
 out; they had a dip of about 15° ^{N.E.} Easterly. Picked up some masses in
 the creek (Owen's Creek) (below the stone ^{which is exposed}) which also runs in a bed of
 sandstone. It is on the brow of the hill that I proposed opening
 a quarry. Coming homewards along the brow, I found a spot
 at which an advantageous opening may be made, both to get
 rid of the rubbish, and to cart away the stone. —
 29th Obtained some slops (Robertson's) from Deloraine. — Very wet day. —
 30th Barr 46^o set fire to the kiln of charcoal they have been preparing. —
 The land in Crawford Close is very wet, & must be drained previous
 to ploughing.
 31st Walked to the stone quarry, & found that a good road can be
 obtained thence to ~~the~~ Owen's Park along the top of the hill to
 the E. of Owen's Creek. — Knowles had laid bare part of the flags, &
 spoke favourably of the stone & the capabilities of the quarry. —
 Sept 1st Sunday —
 2nd Hired William Clarke (Gree) Farm-labourer, & Bullock driver for 1
 year at £14. — Wm Newham to thresh till I return from town.
 Went with barr to Crawford Close, & arranged for making three
 drains, 1 in the middle 4 ft top, 15 inches bottom, & 2 feet deep; the 2 others
 3 ft top, 1 ft botm, & 1½ ft deep at 2½ per cubic yard, which will be
 for the large ditch 5 per rod, & for the smaller 4½ per rod; this
 seems rather too much. — Rode to the Yells and saw most of
 Brigstocks sheep which he is just gathering (with Edwards). —
 3rd Rode to Rutally. —
 4th Heavy rain. Remained at Rutally Read "The White Doe of Rylstone" by
 Wordsworth, & was much pleased with it, although parts are very
 defective.
 5th Still wet, & still at Rutally. Read some of Macaulay's Critical Essays.
 He is a clever, showy, bitter, unsound writer. — Y.R. read part of Southey's
 Roderick.

"Roderick"; I was astonished at finding such a display of genius & true poetry in it.

Sept 6th Rode to Lanneston. Botanised with C. Stuart on the N. side of the Catteract, and procured several new mosses. - Bought some garden seeds, peas, onions, &c. & some rhubarb plants of $\frac{1}{2}$ York. Ordered sundry articles of crockeryware of ~~Mr~~ William, & also some goods of Robertson. - Returned to Entally by way of Mrs Webster's, who was away from home, but left £2.4.0 with her little girl for her. -

C. Stuart
Crockeryware
&c.
pd Mrs Webster
£2.4.0

Back to
Cheshunt

7th Rode to Cheshunt, crossing my bridge. Found at Westbury the man whom we have expected as cook had reengaged himself. -

8th Sunday. -

Rehired
Knowles.

9th Settled with Thos Knowles for the year ending on the 7th (Saturday). Rehired him at £14 per ann^m. - Gave him £6 and a pass to go to Lanneston. A man came from Thomas of Deloraine for a pair steers on his acct. - Hawkshaw removed his sheep from Stockyard Padth. - Springthorpe commenced a drain to the Plough horses' stable. -

Springthorpe
making drain
to stable

10th Porter went with the man from Thomas to look for a pair of steers, & brought 1 3yr old Steer from outside the lag fence, which he is to take with one of the 4yr old Steers in Bright's Hill. Walked through Lagfence Padth, along the fence, down the river, picked some Sassafras flowers, crossed & inspected the bridge, shot 4 wattle birds, ordered the men (3) to discontinue getting stone for new house, & then home. -

a man
from Thomas
about 2 Steers

Sassafras
in flower.

Stone for house

H. Symonds
Horse.

4yr old Steer
killed in being
yoked.

11th Henry Symonds & wife to remain on for a time; but not hired for any definite period. I'm trying to yoke the 4yr old Steer from Bright's Hill, his horn with part of his skull broke away from the rest of his head; and I had him slaughtered for the store. - I took Pigeon & rode in another 3yr old Steer, which was yoked with the other in the afternoon, & being placed in the same team as the bullocks brought by Jamison nearly broke all their necks, but were finally left by themselves in the yard all night. -

Goods from
William, &c.
Robertson & Gowers.

Blackaby brought from Deloraine a cask of crockeryware from William, some goods from Robertson's & Gowers, & a workbox from Best.

Springthorpe
building stable

13th Set Springthorpe, who has finished the drain in the Cart-horse stable, to brick up part of the cottage occupied by Knowles. Walked to Starkhouse Halls, and on the way

Planted
orchids in
garden.
2 Steers taken
away.

Sept. 14th

Jeremiah
Simcox.

Bellis
perennis.

back picked up some orchids with roots round their bulbs, & planted them in the garden. — Jamison succeeded in getting away his Steers safely to Deloraine. Thomas is to pay £8 for them. Wrote to J. Wds. — Jeremiah Simcox, blacksmith came last night, and I put him on in the shop, to do some jobs that were wanted finishing for putting up gates &c. — Took up about 4 dozen plants of *Bellis perennis* from the flat, & gave them to Ad to make a border in the garden; — some were in flower. —

15th Sunday — Rev d M. Williams here. —

Quarry.

16th Walked to the stone quarry: Knowles had squared up some of the rougher top stones; and there was promise of good flags below. Rode to Deloraine with W W. Stagg for the night at his house. —

Port
Sorell

17th Rode with W W. to Port Sorell; and visited W Wheeler. — Passed on the way, about 13 miles from Deloraine, a new house, lately built of stone, by W B. Field: there is a tract of fine country adjoining — Further on we came to first the "Little Avenue" and then to the "Great Avenue," a noble plain about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile long by $\frac{3}{4}$ mile wide belonging to the Fields. — I saw some of the ships belong^d to Davies, W W. Anson's late overseer, and they looked well. — The principal part of the road lies between the Rubicon Rivulet and the Mersey. — At length we came to "Starkey's", (where the constable was shot, 2 years ago, by Rogers Riley Esq.,) about 27 miles from Deloraine & 10 from Port Sorell. — Next place we passed was W Davies's "Station", then D Soane's house, about 7 miles (or 6) from the coast, then W Douglas's, a little nearer, and finally reached W Wheeler's hospitable cottage. —

18th Walked across the country between W Wheeler's & North Down. Found a new (to me) *Acacia*, a *Styphelia*, a *Pinelaea*, & some other plants. "Pig's' Noses" (*Mesembryanthemum aequilaterale*) abounded on the coast, near the beach, together with several other fleshy plants not yet in flower. — I found also a *Cassytha* with white flowers, and another hairy one. — 19th Started, at about 11 o'clock, with a constable named Donovan, across the arm of the sea into which the Rubicon empties itself, for Badger's Head & the Asbestos Hills. — Walked from the boat to Little Badger Head in 1 hour & 20 minutes, (abt $6\frac{1}{4}$ miles). Here I found a pretty shrubby *Senecopogon*, besides the arborescent one, *Cornus alba*, with a few others, and a beautiful violet coloured *Caladenia*. On the "Head" I saw the dwarf grass trees (? *Xanthorrhoea Hastata* Br.) and the common Banksia dwarfed down to 18 inches high. —

Port 30th The Maquarie Harbour vine was shew^d flower buds, and there were many plants more backward.

Sept. 20th Returned to Deloraine. On the way picked up, a new Ardea,
Ba Bank to Deloraine Va Pomaderris. - Slept at Mr W's. -

21st Back to Cheshunt. - C.H. & Blackaby had brought gravel from the
Cheshunt Gravel river sufficient to cover the walks of the garden thinly. - No herrings
Herrings yet to be seen in the Meander. - R. Wakeham (Ann's father) came. -

22nd Sunday. -

23rd Wakeham objected to his daughter's intimacy with Blackaby, &
Wakeham I undertook to stop it, by remov^g B. to another station. - W. left. -
C.H. to the Quarry Drove the carriage to the quarry hill, up which we all walked,
and inspected the stone. - C.H. has joined Knowles at this job, for
the present. - Planted some Rhubarb plants (from York) in the
garden. - Edwards with Brigstock gathering his sheep. -

24th Rode to the Eastⁿ Side across the ground burnt by Wignalls: it
Rhobarb planted extends a long way above the E. end of the fence and S.E. from
E. Side Bt York his hut. - it is not very good pasture ground. - Told Porter to
get in some 3 yrs old Steers for working. -

25th Drove to the Halls, to see Brigstock's sheep; but they had been in &
Halls. dropped & turned out again; very little scab among them. - Porter brought in steers.

26th The bullock drivers Edwards & Blair yoked up a pair of 3 yrs old steers.
Steers broken in. So other steers were selected, & put in Tent Padⁿ. - Rode to Deloraine
for my letters; & tried, on the way, to crop from Purvie Stone Marsh
to Mr Winter's lands, but could not find the fods. -

27th Carr & Co have finished the line of drain marked out last May in
Black Bog; they have been 7½ days at it. - they finished the drains
Carr & Co in Crowfoot Close on the 18th Sept^r. - Directed them to split posts for
renewing the fences in Tent Padⁿ | W. side | and between Marsh Meadow &
Tent Padⁿ, - making them 4-rail fences. -

28th A brickmaker, named Edwin Worley, came from W Rudge to engage
Brickmaker for making bricks. He wd make them at 10/6 per 1000; but he is a married
man wishes to bring his wife, a proceeding which I fear would
not be satisfactory: however I told him I wd enquire conc^d his wife
& let him know my decision next week. - Walked through Crowfoot
Close & other paddocks. Black Bog, Tent Padⁿ, Doublegate Padⁿ &c. - The
drains in the first have quite dried the ground; the Cocksfoot gap
in Cocksfoot Corner looks very badly, & rushes are springing in
the centre of the gr^d. - Carr & Co have made a good job of the drain
in the Black Bog, which is drying the land considerably. - Hawkshaw
with a very severe cold: prescribed for him. -

Sept 29th - Sunday.

30th - Hind & y^t Clarke & Edwards & not manage the young steers I turned them out for the present, and set them with Rops to clear the Creek Close. Made arrangements for leav^g Chestnut tomorrow. A man named Saml Hallet came to hire as Cook, sent by Mr Wakeham. I engaged him for 1 month on trial at 7/- per week. He is to go on the farm. - Hawkshaw much better today. - Two of Brigstock's sheep got among the Mount "P" flock yesterday, & were driven out today. -

October 1st Drove family to Westbury & remained there for the night, at Syalls. -

2nd Went to Moreton, the residence of the Rev^d J. H. Reiberg; & passed two 3rd days there very pleasantly. -

4th Drove to Woolmers. - Found my Father very ill. -

5th At Woolmers

6th Sunday. Ditto. - Went to Church at Perth. -

7th Selecting ewes & Rams with my brother. -

8th All into Sarum. Left Eliza at her home. - gave her 10/-

9th Midland Agric^l Assocⁿ Show at the Blenheim Hotel yards, at Longford. We sent 1 Bull, 5 aged Rams includ^g an imported Ram bought from Wm Jackson & Co. (this lot was considered the best there) 5 - 6 teeth Rams (which took the 2nd prize, mine's took the 1st) & 5 ewes (which took the 2nd prize, mine's the 1st). - The Rams shown for sale in the village were sold only in part (60 I think) at very low prices, (about £1/-). Our servants Grubb & Seac took the 2nd & 3rd prizes for "good conduct & length of service in one place". -

10th My Father was this day "tapped" by Dr Pugh, Dr Valentine & Kilgour being in attendance. 4½ gallons of water were removed & it was ascertained that there was a mass of fatty matter in the front of the abdomen 5 inches thick weigh^g probably 50 lbs. Owing to a fit of coughing the trocar was displaced, & it was thought inexpedient to insert it. My Father bore it very well. - Arranged with Valentine that he should write to Rops for a compound microscope with lenses &c to the value of £60 or £70. Valentine was very much pleased with my drawings of orchids. -

* Owing to the displacement of the trocar, during the operation of tapping my Father, not nearly all the water was drawn off. -

11th At Woolmers -

12th " Ditto. - My Father not so well today. -

October 13th Sunday.

14th At Woburns - Sat up till 4 A.M. a'clock, with my Father.

15th My Father appeared to be growing weaker, and I sent to Fairfield for my Brother, who came down to Woburns, and remained ^{with} ^{me} the early part of the night with my Father, who, as though he had a presentiment of death, prevailed upon my Mother (who was to have taken the morning watching with me) to sit up with, & to be near him. About $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 o'clock P.M. severe coughing came on, which continued, & was succeeded at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 12 o'clock

16th - by a shivering fit. - Dr Kilgore was called at 1 o'clock A.M. & he called me at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1. My Father was evidently in a dangerous state, in fact he was dying. We four tended him till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 A.M. when the members of the family began to congregate in the bedroom. - My Father was perfectly conscious, though unable to articulate distinctly. - Mr J. Anker Saw came at about 8 o'clock. - At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8 my Father desired that my Sisters should leave the room. - Upon a hymn being repeated to him he said in a low tone "I am safe - I am safe". He recognised each individual present, and took, as it were, a last look at each, particularly at my Mother, my Brother, & myself. At 9 o'clock, or a little after, the difficulty of breathing appeared to cease, together with all uneasiness, and indeed sensibility: he now reclined his head upon the pillows, and continued ^{for about half an hour,} like one in a quiet sleep, until the saliva could no more be swallowed; and then a few breathes - drawn with a longer & longer interval between them - then a minute's cessation - then two or three irregular inspirations - and the soul had left its tenement of pain & care for the blissful regions of Paradise. - Not a struggle, not a muscular movement preceded or accompanied the last breathings; - all was peace to the body, & we most confidently trust to the immortal essence - the soul. -

nothing returned
& and that better
report of the

- October 17th All necessary arrangements were made in order that the funeral of my dear Father might take place on Saturday.
- 18th The body was enclosed within a wooden case inside a coffin of lead, and all further directions given that were necessary.
- 19th The last sad rites were now to be performed. — The members of the family assembled, — about fifty gentlemen of the first respectability & rank in this side of the country attended at the house, and the hearse was followed by upwards of twenty carriages (although no notice whatever was given of the time of the funeral excepting to a very few). — The shops & even the inns were shut up; and about 200 people witnessed the deposition of the coffin in the family vault: — the bearers were old servants principally, & the pallbearers oldest friends: six clergymen in their surplices were at the vault. We went down, & saw the coffin of my eldest Brother, which was in good preservation, and that of my Mother's last child. — The coffin of my dear Father occupied the centre of the vault. Requiescat in pace, it resurgat in gloria! —
- 20th Sunday. — Read prayers at Woolmer, & R.D.K. a sermon. —
- 21st The Exors (with the exception of my Mother who was too ill to attend) met & read Mr Will. — and made sundry arrangements to —
- 22nd My Brother is to manage Woolmer & the airfield, & I Cheshunt; transacting farm business & John's cheques &c. under the signature of "W. & J. Ashbee". — R.D.K. & wife returned home. —
- 23rd Suffering from sore throat, cough, &c. &c. — at Framfield. —
- 24th Went to Lamerston & arranged with J.A.S. to open an account at the Union Bank in the name of the Exors of the late Thos Ashbee Esq. Paid £200 to my Mother's acct & £148.8.1 to the credit of the Exors; this amount was the bal^{ce} in my Father's Cashbook. — Arranged for administration, &c. &c. with Mr Gleadow. — Gave Brigstock £4. in town.
- 25th Stan^d arranged for the alterations of the Woolpress & other necessary matters, I started with Borchall for Camick, where I got on to Mr Douglas's coach & arrived at Mestbury, for the night, where Blackaby met me with "Pigeon". — Wrote to the Surveyor Genl to license the occupation of the Crown lands at Cheshunt in the name of the Exors. —
- 1st Rode on to Cheshunt. — Brigstock, who had gone to Longford to Lamerston to arrange about defending himself in an action
- 11th At lit against him for debt, had not returned according
- 12th " " " — Hired two men, named John Hall, & Patrick

The
Funeral

Management
of Estates

Open "books"
accts at W.B.
transferring &c.
balance
to Brigstock.

Co
Mills for Crown
lands in the name
to be on Exors.

2 Lamb, Y.S.s, for 12 year ^{6 mos} at £7, to have 10/- more if industrious &c. -
October 27th Sunday. -

Woolley. 28th Woolley, the brickmaker, his wife, & mate, have been some little time at Cheshunt. - John Edwards, accord^d to order, brought up a large lot of the Falls flock. - Tried to shoot the buck which is now in our paddocks, but failed. - Agreed to give Higginall £20 for the com³ year of his service. -

the buck. Refined Higginall at £20 a year. 29th Started W. Porter to Woolmers, to bring up work³ oxen. - Tried the buck again; got away. - Arranged as to shearing & washing. Rode to Pine Bank, but could see no hewings in the Meander. Arranged with Wm Harrison, P.P., to remain. - Paid Carey, a bootmaker at Deloraine, his bill. -

Porter was for oxen. Askerings. pd Care. 30th Made up this book to today. - Yesterday culled, of short & coarse woolled sheep, out of the lot of Brightstock's Wethers 630, wight 329 in Obligate PK & 301 in Bright's Hill. - Put the remainder, of best woolled sheep, in Bain PK for the present, 620. - There are 4 strangers am³ the "cull" lots. - Mr Park's answer came & took away 2 of his sheep. - John Edwards brought from the Falls Run 214 more wethers, making in all brought in 1464: he says there is a giddy sheep on the run & 1 he put on the Yelut, & 1 sheep found dead in ditch, 3 more, leaving 3 as missing. -

more falls sheep. Cattle from Woolmers. 31st Having ridden to Westbury last night, I went on to Woolmers. - 1st Porter took out to Cheshunt 10 oxen, 1 cow, & 1 yearling heifer. Rode to Panshanger to see Mr John Arthur's lambs, and their wool. - The wool is of good quality and character; and when handwashed (as it is to be this year) will bring probably 3/- per lb. -

Panshanger lambs. At Woolmers. 2nd, 3rd & 4th. At Woolmers. On the Sunday read the Moon's Service & sermon. 5th Mr Burns, Com² of the Supreme Court, & Mr Meadow having arrived all five Trustees & executors administered to the Will of my deceased Father; the personal property being sworn under £22000. - R. L. K. returned home. Dr Brock at Woolmers. In the afternoon word from Fairfield was brought, that Hart the groome had stabbed Seth & Mrs Gubb with a bayonet, and had shot himself with a pistol. Dr Kilgour & Mr McKee went to Fairfield. -

Hart stabbed Seth & Mrs Gubb. 6th My Brother being obliged to desist from the superintendence of the sheavers &c. I took his place; and he went early to bed, & took medicine. -

superintendent's sheavers. 7th I superintended the shearing operations today. 8th With the sheavers till half past 12 o'clock P.M. - My Mother returned with Dr Kilgour from Fairfield. Seth & Mrs Gubb dying and Hart better, notwithstanding that his coffin had been made, upon the report of the

news from Fairfield.

impossibility of his living through the first night:— the pistol was loaded with slugs.— Started at about 3 o'clock with the carriage & household, and reached Westbury for the night.— At Carnick the collar of Mr Starkhouse's horse Rattler, (which he was kind enough to lend me,) was put on Snip by mistake, & Snip's collar sent back on Rattler. Engaged Francis Taylor F.S. as shepherd, at £20 per annum, should be able to do his work well.— Sent him to Woolmers, to be there on the 12th.—

10th Sunday. Rev^d M. Williams came in the evening.—

11th Rode to the stone-quarry. Knowles has got out a tolerable quantity of stone, principally solid pieces fit for a base course, sills &c. together with a few flags.— Altered the brickmould which Worley has been working with, and made one $9\frac{3}{4}$ long $4\frac{7}{8}$ wide & $2\frac{1}{2}$ thick.— Started V. Porter & J^r Bryan to Woolmers for sheep.—

12th While I was away the sheep brought in last from the Yalls run by Edwards were drafted into two lots, one of 100 best into Barn PK with the 620, mark^d their number 720; & the remainder 115 (1 more than I counted) with those in Bright's Hill, mark^d their number 416.—

Rode to Deloraine, & then on, with Rev^d M. Williams, to Egmont, near Westbury, where I killed below the bridge in the Meander 2 dog herrings, one of them the finest I ever saw, weigh^d probably 10 oz., but most of the others very small.— Stopped, with W.W., at Syalls for the night.— Wrote to Mr Wheeler about visit^d him at Pt Sorell (in family).—

13th Went to Lanniceston by Douglas's Coach. Bought breakfast service at Allan's. 35/- and sundry other articles.— Saw Braunsgrone the butcher, about selling to him some fat cattle and arranged for his being at Cheshunt on Monday morn^g.— Beef scarce.— Rode to Deloraine & slept at the Parsonage.—

14th Up early and killed 10 small herrings below the bridge.— I found yesterday evening that Francis Taylor who brought away from Woolmers 500 & more young wethers on Wednesday was still at Deloraine, owing to Wignall (who was to guide him to Cheshunt) being drunk and unable to move &c.— He started however this morning early.— Tho^s Porter & Bryan arrived with a flock from Woolmers (at Westbury last night) at 11 o'clock.

to and, I rode on with them to "the Yalls", meeting Brigstocke at the Red Gate.— Counted the sheep, at the Yalls yards, 1439 (I left at Quamby): they started with 1440.— On arriving at Cheshunt I counted the wethers brought by Taylor 525, being 1 less than the number started with, perhaps misped in the count?—

15th The 720 wethers were moved from Barn PK into Yowe Hill; and

to
house.

Hired Francis
Taylor
Nov 9th

Stone quarry

Brickmould

gull lots of
the Yalls sheep
as drafted

Killing at
Egmont

to
Lanniceston
Breakfast service
Braunsgrone

Killed at
Deloraine

Sheep from
Woolmers

Sheep from
Woolmers
Yalls Run

Sheep counted

Hired
Isaac Paine.

the 2nd tith Wethers (a scabby lot) into Burn PK. - A man named Isaac Paine hired with me at £13 per annum. - he is a bullock driver: his year will commence from the 12th inst. -

Hot baths
for sale.

16th Made sundry arrangements. - Symons & wife arrived from Washburn whither they went on the 12th inst. - Seth & Mrs Gentle are (strange to say) now expected to recover, & that also. - Porter has 9 fat heifers in Bull PK, 9 fat cows in Blkgate PK, & 3 fat sters in Lane PK, for the butchers to look at. -

Mr Braungrove.

17th Sunday. - Rev^d Mr Williams came in the evening. -

Yonced
Port Sorell
(in family)

18th Mr Braungrove came and I sold to him 3 barren heifers at £7 each. 4 cows at £6 each and 9 cows & heifers at £5 each, to be taken away in a fortnight. - Prepared for going to Port Sorell. Drove to Mr Williams's, Deloraine; Symons taking the spring cart, & stopping with his wife & Ann Wakeham at the Beeston Inn. -

Ann Wakeham
to Samson
Miss deard.

19th We started for Port Sorell, (Ann Wakeham having proceeded to Sam-
ceston by the conveyance) - and reached Mr Wheeler's hospitable house at about 7 o'clock, having gone out of our way during the last stage between the "Newground" & Bungel, as the Township is called, Mr Williams kindly guided us as far as the Great Avenue. - Mr Wheeler was from home, but we settled down as well as we could, Symons & his wife, & Blackaby going to the Inn at Bungel about a mile or so away.

Mr Wheeler's.

20th Mr Wheeler returned bringing visitors, Miss Thomas & Mrs Bat-Thomas. & a little girl. -

Bathed.

21st Strolled on the beach, & enjoyed the delightful air. - I bathed. -

Protargine.

22nd My wife & I took a long stroll across the bush to the North Down beach, picking up on our way *Thelymitra cancellata*, & an orchid nearly allied to *Pterostylis*, but new to me. - Rev^d Mr. Williams came & took up quarters at Mr Sam Thomas's. -

Fishing at
Mersy.

23rd Rode with Mr Williams to the Mersy, & caught three (about 13 miles from Poynton (Mr Wheeler's residence)) 3 1/2 doz. herrings, some very large & fine. - Sent half to North Down House, Mr Jocelyn Thomas's the Sen^r. - Bad cold & cough. -

24th Attended service at the Police Office in the evening, Mr Williams officiated. - Sunday. -

Salt water
fishing.
Dined at
North Down House.
Mr Wheeler
left.

25th Gave up all idea of a trip up the North to see the Pines said to grow there. - Cold & cough worse. - Went out fishing in salt water; slow work! -

26th Dined at North Down House; the folks very kind. -

27th & 28th Pottering about for plants. - Called on "Mr Bat." -

29th Mr Wheeler left in my spring cart, (Blackaby driving) for Deloraine. -

30th Found a small *Proserpinaca* (B. hesperaea) & some other plants. - Cough worse.

Dec^r - 1st. Sunday. My wife read the Morning Prayer, and a sermon by Mr Wheeler's Brother, Vicar of Shoreham. -

2nd Made arrangements for procuring meat &c. and wrote to Mr Thomas Sen^r about hay. -

3rd Mr Thomas promised me all his later hay. Miss Thomas (the 2nd) promised me drawings of some orchids. Picked up *Dipodium punctatum* in back

4th Started on Pigeon at a 4 to 9 A.M. and called at Deloraine for my letters & papers, reaching home at about 8 o'clock P.M. -

5th Started Charles North off to Port Lurell, on Jessie; giving him £2.15.0 for Mr Wren. - Busy arranging for sheepwashing. -

6th Drew out 193 Culls from Porter's flock (including 3 6-teeth W.) and put them with the Store W. from Lane PK in Whitegate PK. - Sent the remain^r 800 (11 dead & 7 still miss^s) to Tent PK. - Hawkshaw brought in 766 2-teeth E. & W. (includ^s some W. end sheep) to Blkgate PK for washing

miss^s them with the 19 Store W. there. - Had the picked 6-teeth W. in the yard from Lower Hill & counted 700 (3 with Porter's Culls in Whitegate PK and 17 missing: - Sent them to Mountⁿ PK. - Moved the 6-teeth Store W. from Delegate PK into Colt PK. - Rode round the paddocks to see the cattle. There are 19 picked 3¹/₂ yr old heifers in Colt PK & 3 others; 20 3 yr old Steers in Marsh Meadow; 25; 3 yr old heifers in Bull PK; 24 3 & 4 yr old Steers in the Flat with 17 3 yr old heifers & 8 cows & heifers in Whitegate PK, besides the 16 cows & heifers sold to Baunsgrove in Blkgate PK: all the above are for sale except^s those in Colt PK. - Told Porter to put the 24 steers from the Flat into Bull PK and the two lots of heifers into the Flat, making 42 there. -

Completed the sheepwash. - Sent Blackaby to Woolmers for my gig & fifth letter.

7th Removed the 1280 Ewes from Bull PK to Lower Hill & Stockyard PKs. Harrison tells me that he saw in the Falls Run 12 or 13 of the missing 6-teeth W. from Lower Hill. - Told him that Brigstock was to bring them up to the homestead. - Washed 785 - 2-teeth W. &c. from W. PK & Blkgate PK; - to Brights Hill. Hawkshaw brought in his West End sheep; to Blkgate Pad^k. Procured a bottle of brandy for sheepwashers from J. Thomas. - The sheep today washed very white. -

8th Sunday. -

9th Washed 675 - 4-teeth W. (Hawkshaw's, West End) to Blkgate PK. - I was drowned. - Blackaby returned from Woolmers with my gig, & 5 bottles of brandy from Thomas. Retired Brigstock at £20 per annum. - Springthorpe, having dug out the cellars & stretchers, commenced the lay^s of foundⁿ new lathes today. -

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Mr Braunsgrum took away
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Mr Braunsgrum
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Wignalls sheep washed
Dec^r 10th Washed 251 of Wignalls sheep, put them in Lane Park. Wignall brought the remainder of his flock which he made 894 being 7 short of the count Oct^r 16th. Rev^d M^r Williams & Barker came. - commenced altering sheepwash; putting down boards at the sides.

11th Owing to heavy rain coming on, no more sheep were washed. - 2 shears named Jones & W. Smith came. Set Hampton to cook for the shears.

Hampton for shears
12th 8 shears, viz. Gregory, E. Smith, Lyles, Lovell, Railstone, Horton & two others. Whitelys Teams arrived in the evening bringing 4 flour woolpacks.

Whitelys Teams
Bricklayers & Plasterers
13th Hired a Bricklayer named Wm Davies, recommended by Mr Ridge of Leamington, at £1 per week for 14 days, to come in 5 or 6 days. His mate William Belbin (a married man) (both of them Y.L.) to come in about 6 weeks. His price for 3-coat work 6¹/₂ per yard. He is also to lay bricks until the walls are ready for plastering. - Tippet, a Blacksmith from Deloraine, jobbing here today. - Completed alterations of the woolprep. - The 800 4-teeth Wethers (Porter's) which had mixed with a lot of the Store W. were drawn off today & sent to Lunt Pk. There were wanting 12 sheep to make the count of the whole of the Store W. correct. - 433 in 800 gate Pk, & 493 in Whitegate Pk, included 193 Porter's Culls &c.; All are now in Whitegate Pk. - Sent by Whitelys Teams for Woolmens 40 Bags of oats weight 2¹/₂ tons. Nett. - & measured 140 Bushels.

Tipper Blacksmith
4-teeth Wethers
Store W. 12 wethers
14th Began to shear. Sheared about 260 of the 2-teeth ewes & wethers. - Arranged to give the shearers 4¹/₆ per diem, supposing that they will shear in the day (of 16 hours exclusive of dinner & breakfast) 45 sheep each. - Sheared 7 hours today. - I acted as Woolsorter until 1 o'clock. - Dinning (for whom I sent J. Edwards yesterday to Woolmens) came & went on with the sorting &c. - Mr Braunsgrum came ^{the day before} yesterday and bought a cow for £5 which he took away. - The new-sized woolpack answers very well; it is 3.6 x 2.2 x 2.2. - Washed 893 Wignalls 4-teeth ewes; to Marsh Meadow. - 2 of the 2-teeth sheep have died in the paddocks since being washed. - Mr Jos^h Archer writes me that the new Council. - The qualification is the possession of £2000 worth of property, I am told.

Woolsorting
1 cow to Mr Braunsgrum
15th Sunday. Rev^d M^r Williams here in the evening.

New sized woolpack
Washed 893 Wignalls 4-teeth sheep
16th Showery weather which prevented our shearing. - Rode to the stone quarry in the afternoon, and found that Knowles had got some tolerable flags and about enough or nearly enough stone for a base-course.

Members for New Council
Stone at quarry

Dec^r 17th. Commenced shearing at 11 o'clock. Rode round the Stockyard PK, where the oats look well, - and the W^t PK, where the sorrel is spreading & killing the oats; so that I determined to turn in cattle at once. - Sheared 6 hours. - Drew out the store W. from Porter's W. - 1 of the latter missing, - 2 of the former also, & 1 dead. - 2 more shearers Gould & Harrell came for a day or two. - Sheared 281, 2 teeth sheep. Sheared 10 hours. Finished 2-teeth sheep, & commenced West End W. - Washed Porter's W. 799, by tally. - Procured a box of cracking (Wallan) from Deloraine. - C. H. came from Port Sorell. - Put 19 steers, 16 cows & heifers from Whitegate PK, & 7 heifers from the Flat in WAPK. - Counted 8 harks of bricks for Worley, to form another kiln, 24840; the former kiln contains 27400 bricks. -

18th Sheared 10 hours. Rode to the Sugar-loaf Run to look out a place for a shepherd's hut, - and thought that a position near Chitty's Creek would be the most advantageous. - Gould & Harrell left this evening. - Finished 2-teeth sheep, began the West End W. Washed Porter's 800 W. Cattle to WAPK. Bricks in 2 kilns. 19th Sheared 10 hours. Washed 28 Store Wethers, including the culls from J. Porter's flock. - C. H. started for Port Sorell. - Shearing the ewes from the E. side today; their fleeces are tolerably large, and clean. -

20th Sheared 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours. Washed 28 Store Wethers, including the culls from J. Porter's flock. - C. H. started for Port Sorell. - Shearing the ewes from the E. side today; their fleeces are tolerably large, and clean. - 21st. Branded 408 2-teeth ewes, and also 397 Wignall's ewes with which they were mixed, (making 805 in all) and sent to the E. side. Drew from among Wignall's ewes 20, 6-teeth W. and 7, weakly E. which I were also branded, together with 365, 2-teeth W. (includ^d 18 %m. W.) making in all 892, which were put in Blackgate Padk. - 1, 2-teeth W. died in the yards, so that there are 11 missing. - The shearers did not behave at all well today, not shearing better than the average of work done by the 100. I noted them soundly for their knavery. - This afternoon the unshorn sheep (Porter's flock) mixed with Wignall's shorn sheep in Lane PK from Bright's Hill: we tried to get them out but it was too late in the evening, when we knew it first, to thoroughly effect this: there were about 200 or 150 shorn sheep left with the others in Bright's Hill. - W. J. Bramich (married yesterday) came today and bought a 4 yr old steer for £6, which he paid. -

22nd - Sunday. -

23rd Sheared 10 shearers/10 hours; Gould & Harrell 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours. - Finished Wignall's flock, and commenced the 4-teeth Wethers (Porter's). Washed 713 (by tally) 6-teeth Wethers from W^t Plain & 1, with leg broken, killed for ration. Gave W. Drake £6, and leave to go to Launceston for the week. - 24th Sheared 10 hours, (12 shearers). Finished (Porter's) 800 W. and commenced Store W. Branded (by count) 669 Wignall's ewes, (sent to their run) 55, 6-teeth W. (for Porter's) and 21, weakly and better ewes (for Store flock); also 522, 4-teeth W. from

Wegmann's
marked block.
where branded

Woolwash³.

Limbed wool

Christmas
"Rations."

Christmas
Day.

The
man.

Wood at
Woodburn.

Porter's flock
on the Sugar
River.

Run:
Brands
tion

Brain
Compositions
cells
PK -

1 piece of wire with
in soft pine

1 tree
in sap
Sheared, 10 hours.

Parcels to
Port Lonnell.

West Ind, 153 not brought in from the pad^k. - Wignall has now on his run 1474 fives, viz. 408, 2 teeth fives, 11066, 6 teeth fives: 55, 6 teeth W. & 21 weakly fives have been drawn out from his flock, & has been drawned; so that there are now 5 unaccounted for: - These fives are branded on the off-side. commenced washing the wool which has been taken off the skins of slaughtered and other sheep by means of lime: the lime has been rather carelessly applied, - so that an improvement in this matter will be necessary. - Gave to each man upon the establishment 12 lb plums, & 1/2 lb Suet to help towards the making of a Toms pudding: - They have also 2 lbs of meat each & flour if required. -

25th Christmas Day. - Among those who "keep Christmas Day" how very many there are who do not know why it is so called; how many more who only know that, caring to know no more; how many who attend to the ordinances of the Church outwardly; how very few who remember the blessings which the event-commemorated was intended to convey, and who strive to make them their own.
"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners". He "died for our sins,"
"and rose again for our justification". LEFJ TONKV NJAO JOFLE EEEEO!

To prevent the men's going away to the Public Houses, I set them to cricket and various games, giving prizes for races &c. - I allowed them a fair share of cider, which however was almost too much for a few weakheaded ones, owing I suppose to the heat & exercise of an unwonted kind. - Read Morning Prayers & a sermon

26th Recd a letter from Woolmers from my Brother, saying that they had packed 128 bales of TA wool, and 6 of TA wool, total 134 bales. Branded the remainder of the West End sheep 153, and with them 6 sheep (R. & W.) 2-teeth, and 3, 4-teeth W. (I suppose) which have straggled through the bad fences, & joined them. Counted Porter's flock, branded on the rear shoulder) - 1085; of which there are 353, 2-teeth W. - 58, 6-teeth W. - & 674, 4-teeth W. - Sent them to their run, the Sugar-loaf Run. 1 of Wignalls ewes was left in the Sag fence PK among the R. M. ewes, with which she must now remain; - so that he has 1473 sheep. -

Commenced washing by hand the lined wool on the 24th, about $\frac{1}{2}$ of it washed today; very slow work! — Sent yesterday by the postman to Port Sorell for A.A. some sago & oatmeal in a parcel, & some white crape between 2 p^{rs} of stockings in another; also a letter by post. —

The prizes which I gave yesterday amounted to 17/6. — Sent Blackaby with letters for the post to Westbury. — Return filled up for D.C. — ^{accs} 23 ac. —

Pot's	Wash. Grass.	Bush Land	Horses	Cattle	Sheep	Oats	Potatoes	Oats	Potatoes
$\frac{1}{2}$ ac.	500 ac.	4000 ac.	28	438	8300	600 Bbls	8 Tons	500 Bbls	$\frac{1}{2}$ Ton
Grown Crops			Stocks		Prob. Prod. Grown Crops. Yes Prod. in Stock				

Dec^r 29th - Turned out the bales of wool from the barn, for the purpose of
mark^s and numbering them. Finished, & weighed 36. - Rode to fix
the site for the shepherd's hut on the Sugarloaf Run; and arranged
it with Y. Porter, whom I met at the spot. - Mr Douglas's 2 wagons,
with 4 horses in each, arrived to take away the wool. - Altered the
frame of one of the wagons. Helped to sort a quantity of the skin wool
in the store preparatory to washing it; - During the coming year it must
be sorted, as it is taken off the skins, and the different kinds of wool
kept separate. -

28th Branded Hawkshaw's West End flock of 796, 4-teeth W. (1 found dead in
Blackgate Pk.) - and sent them to their run. - Sent John Hall to
relieve, at Hawkshaw's hut, Geo. Philcox, who goes to the Sugarloaf
run with T. Porter. - Weighed, marked & numbered 13 bales. -
Finished shearing at 4 o'clock P.M. Settled with the Shearers. -
Sold to Mrs Gregory an aged Hereford ox blind of the off eye, on
which ^{the} there ~~was~~ is a large ulcer: - price 15/-; he was condemned
to be shot. - Paid Mr Kaste 15/- for fruit supplied last Feb'y. -

29th. Sunday. —

30th Harding Talbot F. S. Bricklayers, hired at £1 per week & rations.
began work. — Rode to Westbury in the evening. — Disch^d S. Allott.
31st Rode on to Woolmer from Entally, where I had travelled by Douglas's
coach. Arranged some business with fellow-exors, and returned
to Entally. Sent £3 the Monday to Sec^y "Samaritan Anti-Transpⁿ Assⁿ." —

1851.
Jan 3rd - New Year's Day, Anniversary of the Circumcision of our Lord. - 350
Y.R.'s Organ.
Rentally
Note.
Davis
Blayne.
and P. H. ...
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2nd. Returned home. Mr Douglass's 2 wagons arrived in the evening with 16 bags of sugar weighing ^{Cwt. & lbs.} 20.0.21 (at 20/-) & 4 chests Hyson-skin Tea (at £3.5.0) from Wm Jackson & Co; - 7 Bundles Iron hoops from & 1 point trowel, Hb Bkley's Lines, from Corbett; - these to acct of James plate "The Anchor" try; - also 11 (cut into $\frac{3}{4}$ boards) deals, & 4 whole deals, from DeSittle; - to my acct. - Marked & numbered the remainder of the wool, in all 54 bales, weigh'g gross 162.3.5. making the average of the fleeces $3.6\frac{1}{2}$. - Having arranged with my Brother to relieve him of 2000 sheep, I told J. Edwards to be at the Yalls on Tuesday night, (when abt 1000 will arrive,) to take the first lot to Knight's Coombe, & look after them. - The remainder are to be up in abt 10 days, say the 14th inst. -