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Tuesday Feb. 7th

Nice Cool weather with a light Breeze from the South. I went over to Walshes near Warrernstown to day I Stopped until Sundown.

Wednesday Feb. 8th

Warm with a light Breeze from the South West. I went to the Port to day to see Mr. Prest. about my Land. I think I will get it under another act. the leasing act. Prest wrote to the Commissioners of Crown Lands about it.

Thursday Feb. 9th

fine and Cool with a good Breeze from the South West all day. ~~At~~ Michael, Lar, and James Hewett and myself and Kate and Sissey went down to the Praughton Beach fishing we caught 100 fish & 1 Turkey.

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William Lerraghy
Hingle Co. Kerry
Mrs J. Fitzgerald Ireland
1887

Friday Feb 10th

Cool with a light Breeze from
the South-West. we finished putting
in the Chaff. to day.

Saturday Feb 11th

Cool with a light Breeze from the South West
The M^r and myself went to Port Pirie
At to day with 33 lbs of Butter & 10 Dozn of Eggs
Butter was 1/- and Eggs 1/6 per doz
John Fitzgerald Port Pirie Warden P.D.

Tuesday April 12th 1887

Nice clear Sunshiny Day with a light Breeze from
The East the Sun went down with a pinkish color
This Evening the Green grass is just making
Its appearance above ground it will be a good send
To cattle and Horses also I was Ploughing
Again to day Bill was Harrowing a half Day
he could not find the Bullocks in the morning
I Signed a Bill for Brest Brothers this Evening
For 110-12- I also wrote a Letter also to James Fitzgerald

Wednesday April 13th

Nice Warm Sunshiny Day there was just
The least sign of a Breeze from the North-West
The Sun went down Behind some small Black
to clouds after Sundown the Air was swarmed
With Flying ants I think it is a sign of some more
Rain soon I was Harrowing to day I finished
What I had Ploughed I received a Letter to
Day from Michael Fitzgerald from Inker Plains

Thursday April 14th

Nice & cool to day with a North West Breeze but at 2 P.M. it changed to the South-West. There ~~there~~ was great signs of Rain all Day but only a few drops fell at 3 P.M. it seemed to be coming up heavy for some more but at Sundown it all cleared off again a Rainbow Appeared to the East. at the time the few drops of Rain Fell. Another good Shower would do a lot of good to help the grass. at present it is coming up nicely and every place Looks green again.

I was Ploughing again to day in the Scrub Paddock. Bill did not get the Bullocks to day either until dinner time he said they were up in Treasars Paddocks.

he took 2 loads of straw in the after noon off the ground. he harrowed

harrowed

Friday April 15th

Nice mild Day with a Soft Breeze from the South-West. there was a great Lot of White Fleecy Clouds rolling up from the South West all day and in the evening it showed Great Signs of Rain. As some Big Black Clouds came Looming up from the South & South-West.

I was Ploughing again to ^{day} the ground is in grand trim for Ploughing just now.

Bill was Harrowing the headland in the House Paddock. In the fore noon he took in 2 loads of straw in the after noon and put it on the shed.

Saturday April 16th

Nice clear day with a sharp breeze from
The South-East. We did some black clouds come
Come up from the South and South-West in the
evening before sundown which showed some
signs of rain.

The Mr & Katey went to Port Pirie
This afternoon she brought home some bluestone
To Pickle Whiat she also brought home a Bag
of Rotaboss she took Katey to the Chemist to get
some medicine for her.

I was Ploughing myself all day, in the
morning before Breakfast I got a very severe
Rain in my Left side which prevented me
from going out early.

Bill took in a few logs of straw in the
Waggon.

I got a Letter from the Government
this Evening for Taxes.

Sunday April 17th

Fine clear day with a sharp cold Wind
From the South-East all day in the evening
it came up cloudy and showed great
signs of Rain but none came.
James McQuire came here this after-
noon about 2 o'clock he was going home
To his Father's Place he came Back
again at Sundown and stopped until
10 P.M. I took the horses to the Whim well to
Water. To Day myself, Bill said he was
going for a stroll To the Crossing he came Back
again at about 3 o'clock P.M. but I did
not see him when he came Back.
I think he had his mind made up to run
away from me. I only had my suspicions for
it but it turned out to be a solid fact.

Monday April 18th

Nice clear day with a light breeze from the South-East. There was some white clouds hanging about all day and in the evening some black clouds seemed to come up from the South & South-West.

I hope it will bring some rain

This morning when I went to call up Bill Macmullen I got no answer so I went into the hut where he used to sleep but he was not there he was gone he had taken his cloths & blankets so after breakfast I went to the camp to see if he had been there but he had not put in his appearance there so I came to the conclusion that he was cleared out and all I say is let him go and good luck to him, I took a load of wood to the camp. This afternoon I had some stumps in it as well

Tuesday April 19th

There was a cold wind all day from the South-East. Early in the morning the wind was from the North West but it soon shifted to the South-East again it is showing signs of rain for the last week but still none had come. A good shower of rain would do a lot of good now again to revive the wheat & grass. This South-East wind is stopping the growth of both wheat and grass. The sun went down pale this evening there was also some small black clouds overhead.

I was ploughing again today I finished one land it was pretty hard too. the hardest I ploughed yet

Mr. McQuire came here this evening he stayed until half past 7 P.M. I wrote a letter to the Deputation Board this evening



Wednesday April 20th

Nice mild day with a South-East wind.
The Wind has been from the South-East now for
the last week. I don't like the Wind to be from
that Point as it is to be always a sharp cutting
sort of wind very cold in the morning and evening.
There don't seem to be much growth in the weather
so long as the Wind is from that Point.

We want a good Shower of Rain now again
to make things a bit faster. The ground is also
getting a bit stiff for ploughing.

I was ploughing again to day, after I knocked
off work in the evening I went over to the crossing
camp with my Bill to Mr. Nevins.

I did not see him but I gave the Bill to the clerk
young George Howard. Mr. Raymaster
paid me the milk account that was owing by
Samuel's. He did not pay me for the water.
I got a Book from Bailey also. S

Thursday April 21st

Fine clear sunshiny day with the Wind still
from the South-East there was a few white clouds
visible in the middle of the day and in the evening the
Sun went down behind a Bank of clouds
it looked cloudy to the North-West.

I was sowing what I had ploughed to day
I was harrowing it in the afternoon.
Frank & Bridget Finigan came here to
to day in the Buggy. They came for the old man
& stars which they took, they stopped and
had dinner first. They also took the Advantage yoke
that I took from Potts Place when I brought
the stars here.

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Friday April 22nd

Fine clear day with a light Breeze
From the South-East there was also a clear
Blue Sky Without one sign of a cloud
And no appearance whatever of any rain.

A blessing that would be wanted now again.

I was harrowing to day again in
the fore noon and ploughing in the after
noon - I believe it will be a good Season.
Though for all I have heard some neighbors say
that the ants is collecting the grains as fast as
it is sowed on the ground and by previous
observations and instances I think it will
be a good Season.

About 4 years ago the ants done
the same thing and that was a real
good year for both wheat and grass
So also I hope this will be a good one
With the help of God.

Saturday April 23rd

It was a bit warm to day with a clear Blue
Sky and a light Breeze from the South-East
But in the after noon about 4 o'clock it shifted to
South and at 10 P.M. it shifted again to the
North-East and a fresh Breeze sprung up. Still
there was no signs of any clouds visible the Stars
were clear and numerous.

The grass is beginning to fade again for want
of rain the wheat plant seems to grow right
enough so far.

I was ploughing again in the fore noon
I was going to break in one of the young of the
Colts in the after noon but I did not do it
Afterwards I went to the Whim for the mail.

I bought 2 1/2 worth Beef & Sausages
from Parke's Butcher.
It was sundown when I came home.

Sunday April 24th

A clear day and Passably warm
There was a very dry Wind ~~the~~ Wind from
the North or North-East Everything seems
to be Drying up before it

Myself & the Mrs. went to Crystal Brook
to Chaffer to buy Frank McEwen with
us. When Mass was over we called at the
Royal Hotel we had 2 drinks there
So when I came out I went into Parker's
Shop for some fruit I got 2 lbs of Apples and
one lb of Cakes when I came out in the Street
Again I met my Brother Patt so I had
a chat with him he was in for the Horse
Doctor as one of Patt Evans's Horses
is showing signs of the disease which
was so prevalent this good while amongst
Horses

Walter Brown came in this evening

Monday April 25th

North East Wind again to day and very
boring but at 4 P.M. there did a change set in
the sun became obscured behind a heavy Bank of
Clouds and did not make its appearance for the rest of
of the evening the sky became very dark and
Gloomy all round showing great signs
of Rain Still the Wind is from the North East
it also got close and sultry at last
I hope it will terminate in Rain if this dry North
East Wind holds much longer Everything will be
Parched up again

I was Ploughing again to day in the scrub
the Paddock

The Navies shifted camp again to
day from the Crossing to No. 5. in the reserve
in Naffurby Nevins did not shift
he will stop at the Crossing for a bit yet

Tuesday April 26th

Very Windy and dry in the morning about six a.m. the Wind was from the North-East there was also Blood Red Streaks in the Sky to the North-East and also to the South-West & North-West the Sun came out clear until noon. It then became clouded for the rest of the day toward evening it got dark and gloomy looking all round and showing great appearance of rain about 8 P.M. the Wind began to rise to a half storm from the North and is still very dark and no stars visible I think it will shortly rain tomorrow or perhaps at 12 o'clock to night if the Wind shifts to the North West to night I think the Rain will be apt to come down. I hope it will however as it is much wanted as the ground is every day getting harder.

I was ploughing again to day
on the South Paddock

Wednesday April 27th

This morning came in dull & cloudy with the Wind from the North West, at about 8 o'clock a.m. it commenced to rain it was a light rain it lasted until 11 it rained very heavy at the Cockies Crossing, about half past 12 it cleared up again and the Wind changed to the North-East again it held in that point until about 2 P.M. when it then changed to the South West. then some heavy Banks of Black clouds came up and soon after the Rain came down again in torrents and lasted for about 10 m. then it then cleared off again but was showing great signs of some more.

I went to the Crossing this morning with some Irons of a bray to get them fixed with Scottie the Black we were all day at them. I called at Nevins tent also for some money

but did not get it

Thursday April 28th

Nice mild sort of day With the Wind changing all Points of the Compass in the morning early it was from the North-East. It then changed to the South-East in the afternoon. It changed to the South-West and after Sundown it went to the South-East again & it to be very cold in the Night time when the Wind is from the South-East.

I Was Ploughing again to day there is no difference with regard to the Softness of the Ground after the Rain? if it Rained as heavy here as it did at the Crossing the Ground would be soft enough it seems strange that it should Rain so heavy there for the difference of 1/2 mile & a half from here to there

Mr Cowled called to the Paddock fence to say where I was ploughing he wanted to know the way to Perkins

Friday April 29th

Nice warm Sunshiny day and showing of another change for Rain the Wind was also shifting around to all Points of the Compass. In the morning it was from the North-East it then changed to the South-East then again it went to the South-West and also to the North West and finally it settled at the North-East there was a lot of white clouds hanging about all day intermixed with blue streaks and at Sundown the Sky over the Sun had a pale pinkish colour

I think that indicates Warm dry weather. I received a letter yesterday from the Destitute Council in answer to one I sent down with regard to getting a young Lard from there to mind cattle

I Was Ploughing again to day Old Maurice Fitzgerald came here to day at dinner time he did not stop long

Saturday April 30th

Fine clear Day With the Wind from the North
but towards Evening it went more to
The West it looked like a change again
To Day But in the Evening the Skys got very
Clear again Just after the Sun Set this Evening
There was overhead a Large Pale Pinkish
Colour Circle in the Shape of A Ladies fan
It all seemed to be in Rays going upwards
There was every Second Colour of Pink and
A Deep blue Which made it look very Pretty
and at the Bottom there was a Long Strake of
a black cloud and in the middle of it there was
Strakes of White So it all looked very Singular
It Lasted nearly an Hour it then all disappeared

11 P.M. the Moon is obscured with Black clouds
they seem to be coming from the North West
and West

I Was Ploughing against Day

Sunday May 1st

The first of this Month has come in cheerful
So far as Rain is concerned.

This Morning about Day light it commenced
To Rain but a Light Mist untill about 10 A.M.
When it then got heavier and kept on a Nice Steady
Rain untill about 4 P.M. it then ceased but
it commenced again at Sundown but only Light
at 10 P.M. it cleared again the Wind changed
then to the South East the Wind was from the North
West all Day Although the Wind is changed
it still shows Signs of more Rain the Moon is
Obscured Behind some Dark clouds in fact it
seems cloudy all round

So Far this Season is showing good Prospects
I hope it will continue

James McGuire & Walter Brown
came here this Evening they stayed untill
11 P.M.

Monday May 2nd

Fine clear day With a mild Sun Shining.
There was some large white fleecy clouds
rolling up from the South all day.
But in the evening they all cleared away again.
The Sun set pale this evening there was also
a long streak of a black clouds showing
in the West and South-West. The Wind was
right from the South all day. The Ground
is in grand trim now for Ploughing after
yesterday's Rain. The Wheat seems to make
good Progress in growth also.

I had Ploughing again to day.
The Mrs and Ellen Smith were cutting up.
The Big tree that fell down in the Raddock
yesterday. The Mrs set fire to the Butt of it
on Saturday so that Braught it down quick.

Tuesday May 3rd

Fine clear day With the Wind Shifting
To all points of the Compass in the morning it
Was from the South East. it then shifted to the North
East it went Right around with the Sun
and settled to the South-East again.
There was large white clouds rolling
up from the South and South-West.
and at 10 P.M. there was a large circle
around the moon. Showing great signs
of some more Rain. The Sun also went down
Behind a Bank of clouds.

Sam Richardson the Hawker
came here this evening. He did not keep
some fruit from him.
I was Ploughing again
To day
John H. Fitzgerald

Wednesday May 4th

Nice fine day again with the Wind
Shifting { like yesterday } to all Points of the
Compass And settled at the South-East in
the evening the Sun also Went down behind
A Black Bank of cloudes there was a great
Lot of White cloudes hanging about all day
and at about Seven P.m. the Sky was covered
all over With Small White fleecy cloudes
The Moon was also Showing Signs of Rain
I was Ploughing again to day

Thursday May 5th

Clear day with a cold wind from the East
in the morning it was from the South-East and at noon
it went to the North-East and in the afternoon it went Back
again to the East the Sun set this evening again
Behind a thick Black Bank of cloudes
And Showing great Signs of Rain

At 9 o'clock this evening the Wind
Shifted again to the North-East the Moon also
is Showing great Signs of Rain

I was Sowing to day in the fore noon and Harrowing
in the after noon While I was Harrowing young Howard
{ the time Keeper at Nivens camp and the Pay Master }
Drove up to the fence and Paid me the Pound for the
Last Load of Wood that I took to the Camp.

Walter Brown came here this morning
for the Lend of a Cart Saddle, which I gave him.

Friday May 6th

Decd. & cloudy all day with the Wind
Shifting as usual from South-East to
North-East but the Cloudes seemed to be
traveling from the North West all day
I Expected the Rain all day it Showed
Such great Signs of it all day. it got very sultry
in the after noon. I finished Harrowing what I had
Ploughed this after noon

Saturday May 7th

Rather Cloudy again to day it commenced to Rain about 3 o'clock a.m. morning and kept on a fine steady Rain untill about 8 a.m.

it then ceased but it soon came up cloudy again from the North-West. and commenced to Rain again but light there was a sort of haze all day pretty well

I was making a horse hay all day untill evening I then done some Gardening and sowed some seeds (viz) Carrots and onions after that I went to the Whim for the mail I met Antony Mollon &

John Whetton there. so we stayed untill half past 11 P.m. I lost my Paper in their cart.

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Sunday May 8th

Nice clear Sunbiny day With a Light Breeze from the South-West.

I went down to the Whim again this morning to know if my Paper was there but it was not so after dinner I went to Mr Gurnes Looking for a Little Rig that I lost. but they did not see anything of it I also called at Ringle's to know if they had seen any thing of it but they did not see anything of it either. Walter Brown came here about 8 o'clock he stayed untill 11 P.m.

Monday May 9th

Nice clear day again with the Wind from the North. there was a Weather Gull in the West this morning Showing signs of some more Rain and Wind. I was Ploughing again the day I went up to Mollons Camp this evening for my Paper that was there

Tuesday May 10th

Clear day untill noon it then came up
Cloudy from the West and South West
But the Wind was from the North untill
about 4 P.M. it then went to the West and
at the same time it came up from the South
Very Dark and heavy and filling up for
Rain and about half Past 4 there did one Shower
fall the Wind also shifted to the South
there was great Signs of a good down pour
from that up untill 8 P.M. But still it came
no yet 9 P.M.

I went up to Parkers this morning
for my lost Pig. She was there all the time
since I lost her. I did not have to pay
any damages for her.

I was Ploughing again to day

Wednesday May 11th

It looked like Rain this morning again
There was a Lot of Black and White clouds
Rolling up from the South and South West.
There was also a Weather Gail. Visible in the South
and then in the South West. about 10 a.m. it
rained a nice Shower from the South West.
but the Wind seemed to turn to the West
again so there did not much fall here but it
seemed to rain heavy to the South in fact
there was Big Rain clouds Looming up
all day there was Large White clouds also
I was Ploughing again to day in the forenoon
But the mare took bad with a Gripe so I had
to knock off, I then took a Load of Stumps to
the Cockies Crossing camp to Mr. Nevin
he sent me a letter to take it over I only took a half
a Load as the Bullock were too weak
I yoked the 2 Little Steers it was the first time for one

Thursday May 12

It commenced to Rain about 4 a.m.
This morning but it came Light untill
about 6 When it then came down
Properly and kept on untill about 8 or half
past it then ceased but commenced soon
again and kept Showery up untill Noon
It cleared up a bit then but was still
showing great signs of some
more, the Ground has got a good soaking
this time Wheat & Feed seems to
be coming up Splended

This is the first Rain we got this year from
the South-West. all the other Rain came from
the North-West, in the evening the Wind
shifted to the South the Sun also went
down behind a Black Bank of clouds

I was doing some Gardening to day
the mare that was bad yesterday is better

Friday May 13th

Fine clear Day With the wind from
the North-West About four o'clock p.m. some
heavy clouds came up from the South and southwest
they seemed to go to the North-West also it looked
as if we were going to have a very heavy Shower
but much did not fall here however a good Shower
fell at Sundown another Shower fell also at
nine p.m. it also looks Showery for the Night

I had a job this morning Looking for my Horses
I found them up Between Parkers and Lovelocks
so it was late when I went to plough but I did not
knock off the horses for any dinner I knocked off
a bit earlier in the evening

I planted a few cabbages this evening I have
a good few to plant just now But cannot
spare time to do it

6	+	1	=	5	X	3	+	30	=	33
10	+	40	=	40	X	6	+	60	=	66
3	+	2	=	5	X					

Saturday May 14th

Cloudy in the morning with a Strong North West Wind. Towards Noon it seemed to thicken up very much for Rain and at about 2 P.m. it commenced to Rain but not heavy until about half Past 5 P.m. When it came down then Properly it Lasted for about half an hour it left Sheets of Water on the Roads

I was Ploughing again to day and the M^{rs} went to Post Pier. So she got a good Wetting coming home she had Katty with her they got home just at Seven o'clock P.m. She Brought me a Pair of Boots Price 1/6 also a Pair to Ellen Smith 7/11 a Pair to Katty 4/- and a Pair to herself 8/6. She also Brought a Bag of Sugar and some Potatoes and Coffee & Rice and onions, I received 2 Letters this Evening one from the Sewing Machine man in Adelaide the other was from Ireland for James Connell from his Father, (in Shanagoldon.)

Sunday May 15th

Clear and Sunshiny in the morning but there was a Lot of Large White Clouds rolling up from the South West and North West. and at 3 P.m. A good Shower fell the Wind Still from the North West, there is no mistake but the Present Weather is all that can be desired for Wheat & feed as they are both making good Progress this is altogether a different Season to Last year this time Last year cattle were being Dying in hundreds than the God such is not the case this year in General cattle is picking up well just now

Muchrooms is very Plentiful this year also myself and the Children Gathered a Good few to pay the M^{rs} is going to make some Reckup from them

Walter Brown came here this Evening
He Stopped until half Past 11 P.m.

Monday May 16th -

Nice calm day with a warm Sun there was Large White Clouds Flying about all day up untill Noon then there bid some Rain clouds come from the South-West there bid a Shower fall about 2 P.M. and also at half Past 4 in the fore noon the Wind was from the North West but in the After noon it changed to the South and South East the Sun Set this Evening Behind a Big Mountain of Jet Black clouds and at the Bottom of the Clouds there was a Long Streak of a Pale Red Colour running North and South.

I was Ploughing again to day Pingle came to cut wood

Tuesday May 17th

Rather Cloudy to day with a Light Breeze from the South-East it was showing great signs of Rain all day the Sun also Set Behind a Bank of clouds

I was Ploughing again to day

Wednesday May 18th

Very Cold all day with the Wind from the South-East. It came up Very Cloudy in the after Noon. and showed Great Signs of Rain. I was Ploughing to day again When I Knocked off in the Evening I went to the Whim to see if there was any Letters But there was none. I Stopped there untill 11 o'clock. there was Grand funn there with some of the Navvies and Fred Gray and M^r Currell. they were dancing and singing and Playing Cards John Whetton & George Gale were Playing Currell and Charles Saint Sain & Currell Lost about 12 Shilling each

Thursday May 19th

this has been a Beautifull day with a Nice mild Sun Shining there was Scarcely a Breath of Wind what ever weather it was from the North in the morning but in the after noon it shifted to the South East.

I Ploughing again to day. Pingle and his Wife came here this after noon for some Wood they took a Load of Mallie roots

Friday May 20th

To day also has been a nice mild day with
A very Light Breeze from the South West
There was a few White Fluffy clouds traveling Northward
I Was ploughing untill dinner time to day the wife
had to go down Near the Broughton for the Cattle
So it was dinner time when she got home with them
I yoked up Six Bullocks and Loaded up the
Body of the Waggon with Wood and took it
To the crossing to Mr Nevins camp.

And while I was going around the Road with
it the Cook came near to tell me take it over.

I had it over before Sundown I Watered the
Horses at the Whim Well when I was coming
home I also gathered some mushrooms along
the Road as I came along there is a great
lot of them about this year I think it is a very

Good Sign of a Good Season
So much mushrooms to be about.

De. G.

Saturday May 21st

Nice Camb Day with a very Light
Breeze from the North West. there was some
White Fluffy clouds hanging about all day
The Sun went down clear this evening
I Was ploughing to day again
I Received a Letter this evening from
the Water Works Department Telling me for
Water

Sunday May 22nd

Dull Cloudy part of day with a Light
Breeze from the North West.
It was showing Great signs
of Rain all day I went to the Crossing
to day I stayed there untill Sundown
Patt Fitzgerald came here this
evening he has left Patt Evans &
I have a spell Walter Brown came here also

Monday May 23rd

Cloudy sort of Day with a Light Breeze
From the South-West. it was showing
Great Signs of Rain all Day there did
A Light Shower fall about 4 P.M. but it
Seemed to Rain heavy to the South East and towards
The Brook. It also Rained another Shower after sundown
9 o'clock P.M. it is still showing Signs of some more.
I Was Ploughing again to Day

Tuesday May 24th

It has been Dull & Cloudy all this Day there was a
Light Breeze from the South-West there was also Great
Signs of Rain all Day it is nice Growing Weather
at Present. The Ground is damp yet
I Was Ploughing again to Day
Mrs Mc Guire and Kate came here to Day
Patt Finigan also came here in the afternoon

Wednesday May 25th

Dull & Cloudy again to Day with the Wind
Shifting to all Points of the Compass it Settled in
The Evening to the South East. The Sun did
not come out until one o'clock P.M. it went Behind
The clouds again at 3 - it came up cloudy again
at Sundown and showed great Signs of
Rain I was Ploughing again to Day
There did a Traveller come here about 10 P.M.
to stop for the Night - I Let him stop. he said
he came from Red Hill way.

Thursday May 26th

Nice mild Sunshiny Day with a Light
Breeze from the South-East. there was a Black Bank
of Clouds to the South all the after noon
I Finished Ploughing the old Ground to Day
I took a Load of Stumps to the Crossing
to Mr. Nevins this after noon 3 o'clock When Wind 3/4

Friday May 27th

Fine clear Sunshiny Day with a light Breeze from the South-East. all Signs of Rain Seem to be all gone again the Sun Set rather Red this evening so that I believe is a Sign of Dry Weather we could wish a Shower of Rain just now. I was sowing to day in the fore noon and in the after noon I cleaned a couple of Bags of Wheat. it was rather dirty for sowing.

I also pickled it with Blue Stone & is } one handful to the Bag. }

Saturday May 28th

Nice clear Day with a Cold Breeze in the Morning from the North-West.

it showed some Signs of Rain in the evening I sowed some more Wheat this morning.

So after that the Mrs & Patt Fitzgerald went to Port Pirie she brought home a Bag of Flour and some Tea the Flour was £1 tea 2/1 shillings.

Sunday May 29th

Nice camp sort of a Day but rather cloudy there was great Signs of Rain showing all day there was a very light Breeze from the South. I went over to the camp at the Cockins Crossing this after noon I took my Bill over and gave it to George Howard it was for the Wood. Walter Brown & James M^c Guire came here this evening they stayed until 11 P.M. Augusta } the Russian Fin that is at Featherston } came here also for awhile.

Monday May 30th

Nice clear Day with a Light Breeze from the North-West. it rained a nice Shower during the Night some more would be wanted just now } I was harrowing again to day After I knocked off I went up to the old Round to Mollone & Whittens on Business.

Tuesday May 31st

Nice mild warm day with a Light Breeze
From the North. it was very warm in the after noon
it also showed some signs of Rain

As there was a Lot of Black Clouds Looming
up from the South West. There was also a lot of white
Fluffy clouds hanging about all day
The Sun set behind a Bank of Black clouds
This evening } The W^{ro} went down to M^o Guines this afternoon.

Wednesday June 1st

Very cloudy this morning and showing great
signs of a Regular down pour. but towards
noon it all cleared off again the Wind was from
the North all day about 4 P.M. it seemed to lasker
up again and at Sundown it commenced
to Rain and Rained for nearly 2 hours there was
also Thunder & Lightning 110 P.M. it has commenced again
heavy and has every appearance of more it is cloudy.

Thursday June 2nd 1887

A fine clear Sunshiny day with a Light
Breeze from the North. the Rain seems to be all
cleared off again it Rained a good Lot Last
Night it was raining nearly all Night
This will revive the Grass and Wheat now for a good
Bit longer { When I was trying to put out
the young horses in the Road this morning the
dog took after the filly { Lucy } Back a bit in
the Scrub I went back a bit from the Stable to hunt
them back so when I came out the filly was at the stable
And a big Wound in her side what caused it
I am at a loss to know it looked as if she ran
Against a Piece of Wood I went to Thorpes and
got some Cole Tar I put it and some I
in the wound but nothing would stop the Blood at
least not altogether so about half past 4 P.M. she died
from the effects of the Wound and Loss of Blood
She was 2 years old Last Newyears Day

Friday June 3rd 1857

Fine clear day untill Noon. when it then became cloudy and showed signs of Rain and at 3 P.M. it Rained a nice Shower for about half an Hour. it Rained another Shower at 4 but it did not last long but at Sundown it commenced again properly and looks as if it is going to Rain all Night it is Raining now 7 & 9 o'clock P.M. The Wind was from the North-West untill Noon when it then veered round to the South-West. And is still in that Point. it is showing every sign of a good Night's Rain.

I finished Cross harrowing to day in the forenoon. I started to plough again in the after noon. Kengel & his Wife came here to day again for another Load of Stumps they loaded up the Load for Port Pirie and left it at the Bend of the Road. Near the Gate. Mr. Mc Guire also came here in the fore noon. Patt Fitzgerald went to Warnerstown to day again with the Trap.

Saturday June 4th

Nice mild day with a Light Breeze from the North in the morning and at 2 P.M. it changed to the South-West it Rained a good Lot Last Night so the Ground was rather wet to Plough to day. In the morning I went into the Scrub and cut some Rails to fix the Garden fence. I then came out and yoked the two Bullocks and brought them out.

I brought out another Load after dinner and wove them in the Garden fence it was Near Sundown. Then I then went to the Whim for the Mail. I got 3 letters one from James Fitzsimons from Ardrosson and the other was from Michael Fitzgerald at Kadina. The 3rd was for Patt. I also got the Catholic Monthly.

10 P.M. the Moon shows more Rain to Night. There is a Circle around it it is also cloudy. The Wind is still from the South-West. A Very good Point for the Rain. There was a Weather gale Visable to the South this Evening.

Sunday June 5th

Fine and clear in the morning but there was a Lot of White Fluffy clouds Rolling up from the South West. The Wind was also from the South West. There had a few Showers fall in the afternoon and at 4 P.M. it commenced to Rain again and kept raining at intervals until 12 Midnight and is showing Signs of some more during the Night - it also Rained a good Lot Last Night so there is a good Prospect of a good Season this year.

I Went over to the Braughton to Day to Look after a Bullock that was there I Found him and he is getting on all right when I was coming home Michael O Loughlin and his Man came home with me Walter Brown also came here and Frank McMarren Frank stayed all Night it commenced raining again.

Monday June 6th

Very cold all Day with a Strong Wind from the South-West. There was a Lot of Large White Fluffy clouds Rolling up from the South all Day. It also seemed to be Raining to the South. It commenced to Rain here soon after Sundown and Rained at intervals up until 11 P.M. and is showing Signs of some more still. I Was ploughing again to Day in the Scrub Paddock. Pengele started to Mulligan in the Scrub to Day he is doing it for the Wood of it for me. Patt Fitzgerald Went to Warrertown this morning he went walking the Mrs went after him to Bring him home but she could not find him when she got there so she came home without him.

McGuire came here this Evening and stayed until 11 P.M. one of the Colds was in Harry Parkers Paddock this Evening.

Tuesday June 7th

Fine clear day until noon when it then became
A Bit Cloudy and showed signs of some more
Rain the Wind from the South-West. all day
it rained a good lot Last Night there was
shots of Water on the Ground this morning
so the Ground is thoroughly wet now.

I was Ploughing again to day
Thorp had all my Horses & in his yard
this morning they were in his wheat, and barley
he said he would charge me one shilling
per head for them.

So when I knocked off from work this
evening I took the Lot down to Mc Guire's Paddock &
and put them in there there is very good feed there
I stopped at Mc Guire's until 9 P.M.
The moon is showing signs of soon more
Rain to Night

Penzel was working in the Scrub to day
again

Wednesday June 8th

It has been dull & cloudy all day with
the wind from the North West. But only a slight
breeze it was also showing signs of Rain
the moon showed signs of Rain to Night
also I finished Cropping to day before
sundown I then went to Mc Guire's with the cattle
and horses I stayed there until half past 9 P.M.
Mc Guire came with me as far as the Whinn
so we had 3 or 4 rollers there and then left.

Thursday June 9th

Very dull & cloudy all day and showing great
signs of Rain it commenced to Rain right after
sundown it has every appearance of a good
Night's Rain, the Mrs and Patt Fitzgerald
went to Crystal Brook to day they bought a Bag of
Wheat from Mr. Peak for seed. I went to Nevins
Camp this evening for my money £2 = 10 for wood

Penzel took his load of stumps to Port River to day

Friday June 10th

Dull & cloudy in the morning and showing signs of some fine rain about 8 a.m. a light shower fell. and at 10 o'clock the sun came out clear and was clear all day there was a light breeze from the North.

I commenced to plough the Peace of New Ground that Black Jack Smith grubbed. I to say I am going to sow some bearded wheat in it.

Tengel paid me for the stumps this morning 11/3. when I was coming home then I called in to the Whim Hotel. and paid Mrs. Thorpe seven 7 shilling for my horses on account of they been in their wheat a few mornings I also paid her 1/4 that I owed her previous to that.

Saturday June 11th

This morning in the early part was very cloudy and at about 8 or half past 8 a.m. it commenced to rain and kept at it all day it ceased just at half past 3 p.m. but only for about an hour when it commenced again and rained until about six p.m. It cleared then a bit and looked brighter still there is a few black clouds hanging about yet. I might say this has been a constant day rain from morning until night.

Sunday June 12

Showery again all day with a strong breeze from the South it rained some very showers in the morning there was 2 rainbows visible to the South this evening so that is a sign of fine weather still after the sun going down there was some black heavy clouds to the West. We are all bed with a cold just now.

Monday June 13th

Fine clear day with a Light Sutherly Breeze
And showing signs of some more Rain
as there was a Lot of white Fleecy clouds rolling
up from the South all day. I took a half a Load
of Wood to the Crossing to lay to the Government
Camp. the Cook was just out of wood
I had a job to take it over as Mr. Roache
was so Bad after so much Rain

When I was coming home I
took the Bullocks out of the Wagon
at Mr. Ganes Corner and put them in the
Paddock I then called at the Whim for my
Paper Mr. Guire was there when I went in
so we had a few Noblers and soon after
2 more Gentlemen came from Port Pirie
so they were shooting freely I stayed until
Seven and then came home Michael O Loughlin
and his man came here also.

Tuesday June 14th

Nice clear day again with a light cold Breeze
from the South I have not much to record to day
save that I was clearing off some rubbish and
stumps from the bit of ground ~~that was~~ Ground
Penguins man made a Start at the Mullensing
to day Mr. Mc Guire came here to day
Wednesday June 15th

It has been rather Dull & Cloudy again
to day with a Light Breeze from the South West
It was showing great signs of Rain all day
there was a Lot of white and smokey looking
low clouds Looming up from the South West all day
I was Ploughing and Harrowing and Sowing
to day and I am glad to say I am finished
cropping for this year, and so far it has every
appearance of a good Season

Patt Fitzgerald came back again to day
he was in Adelaide went there on Monday

Thursday June 16th

This has been a nice clear Sunshiny Day
With a Light Breeze from the East. but at Sundown
It changed to the South-West again it also
Showed Signs of Rain in the Evening
There was a Lot of Large white Clouds hanging
About all Day. I Did not do much to day,
Save to Settle the fence from the House to the
Road in the Evening I went over to Mergers Old Place
For some B.R. D.C.

Friday June 17th

Nice Mild Day with a Light Breeze from the South.
There was great Signs of Rain this Morning
There was a Sort of a mist about 8 o'clock a.m. but it soon
cleared off again and the Sun came out in all its
clearness and grandeur. There was also Visible to
the South a Rainbow this Morning. I was Gardening
to day I sowed some Peas. & Pengel's 2 men was cutting
to day Pengel himself took a Load of his own Stumps.

Saturday June 18th

There was a Very thick Fog this morning for the
first time this year. it Lasted up until 9 a.m. —
it then cleared off and the Sun then came out then
Nice and mild. but about 3 o'clock P.m. it became
clouded again and showed Signs of Rain.

I took another half Load of stumps and wood
to Mr. Nevins Camp this afternoon.

When I was coming Back I got 7 lbs of
Beef from Mr. Thorpe which I paid for
and soon after I came home the Mrs.
Took a very Severe Pain in her head and from
that it turned to something worse viz. a Flooding
and was very Bad all through the Night I went
for Mrs. Mc Guire about 9 P.m. so she came and
stayed all Night with the 2 of us stayed up all Night but
Mc Guire was near a short time previous to his wife.

I received 3 Letters to day one from Joe Banagan
one from Thomas James O'Donnell from home the from the Governor.

Tuesday June 21st.

This has been rather cold all day with the
Wind from the North-West. It rather Rained
A good Lot Last Night. it was also Very
Stormy all Night. This after Noon came
up Very Cloudy and at half Past 3 P.m.
A Very heavy Shower of Hail fell it Lasted
For about 15 minutes It left Shoals of water
on the Ground I went down to Butters Place
that is the old Farm I wanted to See an old
Reaping Machine that is there I also saw
my Bullock that is there I got home about
6 P.m. and soon after it commenced to Rain
Again it Looked Very cold and winterish
In Night Sam Richardson came here
this Evening he wanted Eggs and Butter
Mr. Finigan sold him 15 Doz of Eggs at one
Shilling Per dozen 6-8
{ End of this Book } John Fitzgerald R. is Wanda

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