

BELLE VUE SHEEP FARM POST JOURNALS

1860

NEW YEARS DAY

- Sunday 1st Very cloudy & dull.--
All quiet. --
- Monday 2^d Thick & foggy weather.--
Friday w^h Ind^s threshing in barn.-- Antoine & 'Lamane' ploughing
w^h 3 yoke oxen.-- Aleck:- very ill.-- Angus out at sheep stations.--
- Tuesday 3^d Fine calm clear day. --
Friday w^h horse & cart procuring firewood.-- 2 Ind^s carrying
manure into garden. Aleck: still very unwell.-- Antoine & Lamane
ploughing.-- Angus out at stations.--
- Wednesday 4th Weather much as yesterday.--
All hands as yesterday.--
Mr Powell returned from Victoria.--
- Thursday 5th Fine clear day w^h a fresh westerly breeze.--
Lewis & Lamane ploughing. Friday hauling firewood.-- Ind^s & Mr
Moore manuring the garden.-- Aleck:- still very sick.-- Angus out at sheep
stations.--
- Friday 6th Raining heavily all night & showery during the day, wind
light from West.--
All hands threshing in barn, procuring firewood, &c.--
"Eliza Anderson" came & left again last eve.g late.--
- Tuesday 10th Light fall of snow during the night & frosty, wind light from
the North.--
I returned from Victoria about 11 am:- in my canoe -- "Otter"
brought us as far as north end of the island -- Found all well here.--
- Wednesday 11th Dull & cloudy, no wind, a little snow still on the ground.--
Lewis & "Lamane" ploughing. Ind^s threshing. Friday w^h horse &
cart getting firewood.--Aleck:- still sick.-- Angus out at sheep stations --
- Thursday 12th Fine day light S:E: breeze.--
All hands as yesterday.--

Major D'Courcy & M^r Crosbie left for Victoria w^h M^r Powell -- the former to remain there a few days the latter en route to the States.--

Friday 13th Slow drizzling rain all day wind light from the southward.--
Lewis & Lamane ploughing. Aleck: w^h Indians overhauling
potatoes.-- Angus killing sheep for rations tomorrow.-- Friday w^h horse &
cart hauling firewood.--

Saturday 14th Wind fresh from S:E:- drizzling rain all day.--
All hands as yesterday.--
M^{rss} Warbass & Fitch¹ left for Victoria.--

Sunday 15th Beautiful calm clear day.--
All quiet.--
M^r Powell returned from Victoria.--

Monday 16th Another fine calm clear day.--
Aleck: Friday & 2 Ind^s cleaning potatoes & cellars.-- Lewis making
a coffin for Angus child.-- Lamane hauling gravel.--

Tuesday 17th Weather much as yesterday but chilly.--
Aleck: Friday Lewis & Lamane threshing oats. Indians cleaning
potatoes.--

Wednesday 18th Blowing a strong S:E: breeze, cold.--
Aleck: Lamane & Angus out hunting up all our cattle w^h all very
poor.-- The others threshing & Ind^s cleaning potatoes.--
"Eliza Anderson" arrived from Victoria last night.--

Thursday 19th Wind much as yesterday.--
All hands as yesterday.--

Friday 20th Raining all night & day w^h a strong S:E: breeze.--
All hands threshing oats. Ind^s cleaning potatoes.--
H:M:S: "Satellite" arrived about midday.--

Saturday 21st Blowing a perfect gale from S:E: accompanied by occasional
showers of rain.--
Men & Ind^s as yesterday.--

¹ Ed Warbass was one of the post sutlers at American Camp; he later established a homestead on the island and was one of the founders of Friday Harbor. The identity of Mr. Fitch is not known.

- Sunday 22^d Calm but dull & threatening.--
All quiet.--
- Monday 23^d Blowing a strong westerly breeze from the westward, dull
heavy day.--
Lewis & Friday repairing fencing that the wind blew down.-- Ind^s
cleaning potatoes.--
- Tuesday 24th Calm cloudy & heavy weather.--
Lamane & Ind^s cleaning potatoes. Lewis w^h oxen & cart went out
w^h Friday's things to Little Mountain & brought home Ignaces luggage.
He leaves for Victoria, discharged for habitual drunkenness. Aleck: looking
after cattle.--
H:M:S: "Satellite" left for Victoria this morning.-- Major D'Courcy
went in her.--
- Wednesday 25th Beautiful calm clear day.--
Lamane & Ind^s at potatoes, Aleck:- & Lewis finished threshing
oats.-- M^r Powell left for Victoria w^h M^r Moore & Ignace who I have
discharged.--
"Eliza Anderson" arrived from Victoria about 10 am:--
- Thursday 26th Weather as yesterday.--
Lamane & Lewis ploughing. Aleck:- out looking after cattle.-- Ind^s
cleaning turnips.--
- Friday 27th Weather cloudy calm & very chilly.--
All hands at turnips. -- Lamane hauling firewood.--
Powell returned late this eve.g--
- Saturday 28th Weather as yesterday cloudy & dull.--
All hands cleaning turnips.--
Angus serving out rations.--
- Sunday 29th Cloudy dull heavy weather, no wind.--
All quiet.--
- Monday 30th Weather unchanged. --
Lewis, Lamane & Ind^s cleaning turnips.-- Aleck:- hunting up his
cattle.-- Angus out at Lamane's north end of the Isl^d.--
- Tuesday 31st Weather unchanged.--
All hands as yesterday.-- except Aleck:- cleaning out barn yard.--

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 1st Dense fog all day chilly & calm.--
All hands cleaning turnips. Aleck:- clean calf park & barn yard.--
M^r Powell left for Victoria.--
- Thursday 2^d Drizzling rain w^h one or two smart[?] showers rain.--
All hands as yesterday.--
"Eliza Anderson" arrived late last night w^h letters &c for camp.--
- Friday 3^d Heavy rain during the night & showery all day w^h a fresh
S:Easter.--
All hands cleaning turnips &c.--
- Saturday 4th Weather cloudy & overcast, light air.--
All hands as yesterday. Lamane hauling firewood. Angus serving
rations.--
Powell returned from Victoria about 3 pm:--
- Sunday 5th Fine calm clear day.--
All quiet.--
- Monday 6th Cloudy & dull w^h heavy fog.--
Indians cleaning out sheep shed. Lewis making a churn handle
&c.-- Aleck:- cleaning calf park, barn yard &c.-- Angus out at stations.
Lamane hauling firewood.--
- Tuesday 7th Showery & dull weather, light northerly air.--
Lewis & Ind^s cleaning barn yards &c.-- Aleck: hauling dung.--
Lamane carting wood.--
- Wednesday 8th Beautiful fine clear day. --
Lewis w^h all the Ind^s out cutting cedar rails.-- Aleck : variously
employed.-- Moore working in garden.--
"Eliza Anderson" arrived last eve.g -- Cap^t Hunt returned in her.--
- Thursday 9th Dull cloudy day w^h heavy rain & a strong S:E: wind.--
Lewis & the others as yesterday.-- Moore pricing[?] accounts.--
- Friday 10th Weather much as yesterday dull & chilly wind fresh S:W:--

Lewis, Lamane & Ind^s out cutting rails posts &c. - at fork of the road.-- Moore working in garden -- Aleck: out looking after our cattle.-- Angus butchering for tomorrow.--

Saturday 11th Light air, weather unsettled.--
Lewis & Ind^s splitting rails -- the others at their customary employments.--
Powell left early for Victoria.--

Sunday 12th Wind fresh from the southward.--
All quiet.--

Monday 13th Cloudy & dull w^h a light S:E: breeze.--
Lewis, Lamane & Ind^s out splitting rails.-- Aleck: out w^h his cattle.
Angus visiting[?] stations.--

Tuesday 14th Beautiful fine clear calm day.--
All hands as yesterday. Moore working in garden.--
Powell returned from Victoria.--
"Eliza Anderson" called in from Victoria about 7 pm:--

Wednesday 15th Dull cloudy day w^h southerly air.--
Men & Ind^s occupations unchanged.--

Thursday 16th Weather much as yesterday w^h a drizzling rain.--
Men & Ind^s occupations unchanged.--

Friday 17th Weather a little finer[?], heavy rain during the night.--
Men & Ind^s occupations unchanged. Aleck: & Powell brought home a cow /fat red fur/ & calf last night.-- Calved out behind Grande Bay Ind: Village².--

Saturday 18th Wind fresh from S:E: -- tolerable fine day.--
Ind^s cleaning up round Estblmt -- Lamane w^h oxen & cart hauling firewood. -- the others as usual.--
H:M:S: "Satellite" came to anchor off old Salmon Fishery Bay about 4 p:m: -- Major D'Courcy returned in her.--

Sunday 19th Raining more or less all day, wind very fresh from S:E:--
All quiet.--

² Grande Bay was the name that was used by Company employees for Griffin Bay; this suggests that the "Indian Village" was at Fish Creek.

Monday 20th Blowing a terrific gale all night S:E:[?] & to day S:W:--
Men & Ind^s cutting & cleaning turnips &c.--

Tuesday 21st A beautiful fine calm clear day.--
Lewis & Lamane carting in oats from Port L'Enfer.-- Aleck: & Ind^s
removing calf park. Moore in garden.--

Wednesday 22^d Weather as yesterday.--
All hands as yesterday.--
"Satellite" left this forenoon for north end of the Island.--

Thursday 23^d Weather as yesterday.--
All hands as on Tuesday.--
"Eliza Anderson" came into Harbor about 5 pm:--
M^r Cooper arrived in her.--

Friday 24th Weather unchanged.--
Men & Ind^s as usual. Lewis finished hauling oats from Port
L'Enfer.--
Powell left for Victoria. I gave Aleck: leave to go w^h him.-- M^r
Cooper took a passage across likewise.--

Saturday 25th Blowing fresh west, fine & clear.--
Lewis w^h Ind^s &c - cleaning oats &c.--

Sunday 26th Cloudy & dull, rain during the night & early this morning,
wind light.--
All quiet.--

Monday 27th Weather as yesterday.--
"Lamane" & 2 Ind^s threshing oats. 3 Ind^s cleaning manure out of
new calf park.-- Lewis repairing ploughs. Moore in the garden.-- Angus
out at stations.--

Tuesday 28th Weather fine w^h a fresh chilly S:W: air.--
Lamane & 2 Ind^s cleaning oats &c.-- Lewis & Ind^s cleaning out calf
park.--
Reengaged L'Gamine.--
"Eliza Anderson" touched in en passant.--

Wednesday 29th A beautiful day, southerly air.--

Lewis, L'Gamine & Lamane commenced ploughing big field & breaking in a young yoke of oxen.-- Ind^s all as yesterday.--
Powell & Aleck:- returned here this eve.g about 5 pm:- from Victoria.--

MARCH

- Thursday 1st Dull cloudy day w^h northerly air.--
All hands as yesterday. Lewis' young oxen were worked yesterday for the first time doing remarkably well.--
- Friday 2^d Weather much as yesterday.--
Lewis L'Gamine Lamane & "Little Man" ploughing big field. Indians cleaning potatoes. Moore in garden. Aleck: w^h horse & cart hauling firewood.--
Major D'Courcy left for Victoria in Clalam canoe.--
- Saturday 3^d Weather still cloudy & dull, light air. --
All hands as yesterday.--
- Sunday 4th Weather cloudy & chilly, no wind.--
All quiet.--
- Monday 5th Heavy rain during the night & all the forenoon.--
Forenoon. All hands except "Lamane" cutting turnips for oxen. -- cleaning potatoes -- every one at it. Afternoon. L"Gamine & "Lamane" Lewis & Little"Man" ploughing.--
- Tuesday 6th Strong S:E: wind, chilly & cloudy.--
The two ploughs at work & Ind^s cleaning potatoes. Moore in the garden.--
- Wednesday 7th Wind still strong S:E:- cloudy.--
Men & Ind^s forenoon all day as yesterday. ~~afternoon discharging flour & carting it up.~~ --
"Otter" came into Harbor about 4 pm:--
- Thursday 8th Wind fresh from S:E: & chilly. --
Men & Ind^s forenoon. ploughing & cleaning turnips. afternoon. hauling & discharging "Otter" -- flour, sugar, &c.--
"Otter" came to anchor about 4 p:m:--

- Friday 9th Beautiful day calm & clear.--
 All hands from daylight until noon getting 50 bales wool & 30
 sheep on board "Otter" -- she left about 12 oclk.--
 Afternoon. Ind^s at turnips -- & men ploughing--
- Saturday 10th Another lovely summers day -- light airs S:E:--
 Inds: at turnips. L'Gamine w^h little Man & Lamane w^h an Ind:
 ploughing.-- Lewis placing willows round fence in garden.-- M^r Moore in
 garden.-- Aleck: hauling wood &c.-- Angus serving out rat^s--
- Sunday 11th Beautiful day & very warm, light northerly air--
 All quiet.--
- Monday 12th Weather as yesterday.--
 L'Gamine w^h "Little Man".-- "Lamane" & "Siakshaks"[?]
 ploughing -- 8 oxen--Lewis in garden putting frames round fruit trees.--
 Ind^s cleaning turnips & cutting d^o for oxen.--
 Powell left early for Victoria. Angus I had allowed to go w^h him.--
- Tuesday 13th Heavy[?] all night & part of forenoon.-- afternoon fine w^h a
 fresh westerly breeze.--
 Men ploughing. Ind^s at turnips, cutting cleaning &c.-- Lewis &
 Moore cleaning & digging[?] in garden.--
- Wednesday 14th Dull cloudy day wind S:E:--
 Men as yesterday. Ind^s cleaning two barn yards.--
- Thursday 15th Fine day calm & clear.--
 Men & Ind^s as yesterday.--
 Powell & Angus returned from Victoria this eve.g--
- Friday 16th Blowing a fresh westerly breeze. Chilly.--
 Men ploughing. Ind^s cleaning out barn yards.--
 "Otter" touched here on her way to Frasers' River & landed M^r &
 M^{rs} Dallas.--
- Saturday 17th Weather stormy & a strong westerly breeze.--
 Men & Ind^s as yesterday.--
- Sunday 18th Wind still fresh from West. during the early part of the
 night had a fall of snow, -- it [insert was] merely a sprinkle.--
 All quiet.--

Monday 19th Wind round to the South East & very cold, hard frost during the night.--

2 Ind^s w^h Lewis putting up fence in garden. L'Gamine w^h "Little Man", "Lamane" w^h "Shiah shaks"[?] ploughing. Moore in garden. Aleck: hauling fire wood. Angus out visiting sheep stations.--

Tuesday 20th Beautiful calm clear day.--
All hands as yesterday.--

Wednesday 21st Weather as yesterday.--
Ind^s in root house. Lewis variously employed -- the others all as usual.-- Aleck:- very sick.--
"Satellite" arrived & came to anchor in Fishery Harbor about 5 P:m:- w^h 80 odd Marines &c on their way to Roche's Harbor to occupy that place³.--

Thursday 22^d Beautiful day calm & warm.--
Men & Ind^s as yesterday.--
"Satellite" left for Roche's Harbor at 1 o'clock.-- Major D'Courcy has left likewise bag & baggage.--
"Beaver" arrived in Harbor about 2 p:m:--

Friday 23^d Forenoon cloudy & showery, afternoon fine & clear.--
Ind^s cleaning up round Estblmnt.-- Ploughman finished big field.--
"Beaver" left about 10:30 a:m:- M^r & M^{rs} Dallas returned to Victoria in her.--

Saturday 24th Beautiful day calm & clear.--
Commenced sowing oats, harrowing &c.--
[*marginal note:*] **SOWING**

Sunday 25th Weather unchanged.--
All quiet.--

Monday 26th Another beautiful, calm, clear day.--
Lewis sowing oats, L'Gamine, "Lamane" & 2 Ind^s harrowing --
Moore in garden.-- Aleck:- very ill.-- Angus out at stations.-- Ind^s weeding & cutting turnips.--

Tuesday 27th Beautiful day, calm & very warm.--

³ English Camp was established under the agreed-upon joint occupation of the island. The official date of establishment of the camp at Garrison Bay (which was then sometimes called Roche Harbor) was March 23, 1860.

All hands as yesterday.--
Capt^s Hunt & Bazalgette⁴ came in from Camp yesterday stopped all night & went off this morning early.--

Wednesday 28th Weather unchanged.--
Men & Ind^s employments unchanged.--
"Eliza Anderson" arrived last eve.g w^h 20 head of cattle for Capt^t Hunt.--

Thursday 29th Weather unchanged.--
Lewis repairing horse cart, it broke down yesterday w^h a load of bark.-- Lewis likewise sowing oats, very early this morning & after dinner.-- L'Gamine w^h a yoke of oxen, & by himself, cross[?] re-ploughing potatoe field. "Lamane" & an Indian harrowing.-- 3 Ind^s rep^g fencing this side of big field.-- Aleck: sick.-- Angus out at stations.-- Moore in garden.-

Friday 30th Weather unchanged. --
All hands as yesterday. Except Ind^s cutting seed potatoes.--

Saturday 31st Very warm & calm. --
Left about 11 am: for Camp north end of the Island.--

APRIL

Monday 2^d Blowing a fresh gale from S:W:- fine & clear.--
Returned from Camp about 3 pm: Lewis & L'Gamine ploughing potatoe field. Ind^s cutting seed potatoes. Aleck: still sick.-- Angus attending flocks. Ewes lambing fast.--

Tuesday 3^d Blowing fresh S:E: & showers of rain.--
All hands as yesterday.--
Angus reports lambs doing well.--

Wednesday 4th It has been blowing a perfect hurricane all night until about 2 or 3 oclk. - Just before it abated we had a shower of hail & rain. --
All hands in pit cutting seed potatoes. Angus reports lambs doing well. -- lost none last night or to-day.--

⁴ George Bazagette (1829-1885) was born in Canada and had served in the Royal Marines for 12 years—several of them in China--before assuming command of English Camp. After his seven-year duty on San Juan, he returned to England and retired with the honorary rank of major.

- Thursday 5th Fine day w^h a fresh S:E breeze.--
 All hands Ind^s & all **sowing potatoes**.
 A number of north canoes arrived. Chimsians.--
- Friday 6th Beautiful day calm & clear.--
 All hands as yesterday.--
- Saturday 7th Weather much as yesterday.--
 All hands at potatoes.--
- Sunday 8th Chilly N:W: wind fine & clear.--
 All quiet.--
 M^r Cooper⁵ came in from Eng: Camp.--
- Monday 9th Cloudy & dull w^h a southerly wind. --
 Forenoon all hands finished sowing potatoes. Afternoon.
 "L'Gamine" & "Lamane" out at Cowitchin Road hauling cedar rails to top
 of the hill. Lewis w^h Ind^s /3/ repairing rail fence at lower end of the big
 field.--
 Angus out at sheep stations. Aleck:- still very ill -- Moore sowing
 carrots &c. --
- Tuesday 10th Beautiful day calm & clear. --
 All hands working as yesterday afternoon.-- Aleck:- still sick.
 Angus out at sheep stations.--
 U:S: Rev. Cut: "Jeff: Davis" arrived here last eve.g w^h the
 paymaster.-- Left again this eve.g or to-night.--
- Wednesday 11th Another beautiful day calm & clear. --
 All hands as on Monday afternoon. Lewis w^h 2 Ind^s finished big
 field fence. -- & repair. To-day rep^g. turnip field fence. --
- Thursday 12th Weather beautiful calm & clear. --
 L'Gamine & "Joe" hauling cedar rails from Cowitchin road.--
 Lamane rolling big field.-- Lewis w^h Ind^s /2/ cleaning barn yards.--
 Moore sowing carrots & turnips behind D'Courcy's[?] -- Aleck: still sick.--
 Angus out at stations.--
- Friday 13th Weather unchanged. --

⁵ Henry T.M. Cooper was First Lieutenant under Captain Bazalgette. He served in China and then volunteered for Vancouver Island. After his service on San Juan, he became an aide de camp to the governor of British Columbia, and later collector of customs in Gambia, where he died at age 38. (see June 15th).

All hands as yesterday. --

Saturday 14th Beautiful day wind a little fresh West. --
Employments of men & Ind^s unchanged. Discharged to-day "Small Boy" -- "Honabe" [?] -- "Siats-Shank" [?] -- "Coggistee" [?] -- "Joe" - Stikenes [?]. --

Sunday 15th Weather unchanged. --
All quiet. --

Monday 16th Fine calm, warm, clear day. --
Lewis, Moore & "Moss" erecting a fence to enclose a portion of the prairie for our own stock.⁶ L'Gamine & "Lamane" hauling rails from Cowitchin Road.-- Aleck:- dairy man & attending cattle.-- Angus started this morn.g to bring in some wethers for slaughtering.-- Shepherds all w^h their flocks. --
Powell left this morning w^h five of my Ind^s, discharged, to be paid off at Victoria.--

Tuesday 17th Blowing a fresh S:W: wind & very chilly.--
All hands as yesterday.--

Wednesday 18th Wind still fresh from the S:W:- & very chilly.--
Men & Ind^s employed as on Monday.--
Light showers of rain during the day.--
M^r Powell returned from Victoria.--

Thursday 19th Wind still fresh. --
All hands as yesterday.--

Friday 20th Fine day wind fresh & chilly S:W:--
Lewis & "Moss" ploughing turnip field.-- L'Gamine & "Lamane" hauling rails to turnip field from "Cowitchin" Road.-- 2 Ind^s cleaning potatoes.-- Aleck:- attending stock &c.-- Angus killing sheep for rat^s tomorrow.-- Moore in garden.--

Saturday 21st Dull & cloudy very little wind. --
All hands as yesterday. --
Angus served out a full rat. of mutton to all hands, our salt meat is finished. --

⁶ This passage seems to be an indication of the growing competition from American Camp for grazing area in the vicinity of Home Prairie.

Sunday 22^d Beautiful day warm & calm. --
All quiet. --
Visited English Camp north end of Island.--

Monday 23^d Weather unchanged. --
Lewis sowing turnips & barley. "Lamane" harrowing. Aleck:- w^h
black horse rolling.-- L'Gamine hauling rails from Cowitchin roads.-- 2
Ind^s cleaning potatoes in cellar.-- 1 Ind:- w^h Moore weeding garden.--
Angus attending to the shepherds.-- Finished sowing turnips in big field
& the barley. --

Tuesday 24th Very warm calm & clear. --
Lewis & "Moss" ploughing below my garden for turnips.
L'Gamine & "Lamane" out at "Port L'Enfer" ploughing for oats.-- 2 Ind^s
at potatoes. -- Moore & 1 Ind^a weeding in garden.-- Angus out at Channel
Prairie.-- Aleck:- making butter, washing pans &c & cleaning dairy.

Wednesday 25th Weather very warm calm & clear. --
All hands as yesterday.-- Aleck:- driving out the cattle.--

Thursday 26th Weather much as yesterday. --
Men & Ind^s employment unchanged.-- Aleck:- hauling firewood.--

Friday 27th Heavy rain forenoon, w^h a strong S:W: wind. --
Lewis Aleck: & Angus killing steer for rat^s. -- Ind^s cleaning
potatoes. --

Saturday 28th Beautiful day calm & clear. --
Lewis w^h Ind^s cleaning potatoes in pit. --
U:S:S: "Massachusetts" came to anchor in Bay about sunset w^h
Capt: Picketts C^{oy} from Bellingham Bay to relieve Capt: Hunts C^{oy}.⁷--

Sunday 29th Weather much as yesterday. --
All quiet.--
Capt: Picketts C^{oy} landed & marched up to quarters about 11 a:m.--

Monday 30th Slow drizzling rain w^h a light S:W: breeze.--
Ind^s (3) cleaning potatoes.-- Moore transplanting cabbages.--
Lewis ploughing for turnips & sowing d^o &c.--

⁷ By orders of April 10th, Captain Pickett with Company D relieved Hunt and Company C, who proceeded to Fort Steilacoom.

MAY

Tuesday 1st Beautiful day calm & clear.--
Lewis & Ind^s weeding garden walk.-- The others are at their usual employments.--

Wednesday 2^d Weather much as yesterday.--
Lewis & Ind^s as yesterday.--
Cap^t Bazalgette & others came in last eve.g from north end of the Isl^d on a visit -- & returned to-day.--

Thursday 3^d Weather continues fine, warm & clear
Lewis & Ind^s cleaning away rubbish out of new field.--
U:S:S: "Massachusetts" left sometime during the night w^h Capt: Bazalgette Hunts Co^v for Steelacoom.--

Friday 4th A light shower of rain forenoon -- afterwards fine calm & clear.--
Lewis transplanting cabbages &c-- Ind^s cleaning away rubbish in meadow.--

Saturday 5th Calm & clear.--
All hands thinning carrots.
Served out rat^s of beef /fresh/ to all hands.--

Sunday 6th Fine day calm & clear.--
All quiet.--

Monday 7th Raining more or less all day w^h a strong S:E: wind.--
Lewis & Ind^s weeding carrots. Moore in garden. Aleck:- dairyman & looking after cattle. Angus w^h L'Gamine & Lamane out at sheep wash sep^g parti's[?] dams &c.--

Tuesday 8th Forenoon showery & dull. Afternoon fine & clear.--
Lewis & Ind^s weeding. L'Gamine out at Port L'Enfer looking after "Fridays" flock.-- "Friday" & his son, "Lamane""Kahaliopua" & "Kamaka's" contracts have expired they left for Victoria.⁸--

⁸ Although Friday and his son, Joseph, left, they returned to establish claim on the island around 1865; Joseph, who became an American citizen in 1880, eventually applied for the homestead, which was certified in 1883. The fate of the other men is not known, but other Kanakas settled around Kanaka Bay.

- Wednesday 9th Heavy **SNOW STORM** this morning it did not last on the ground long -- the day turned out calm warm & clear.--
 Ind^s w^h Angus fixing parks, washing --? & dams out at bridge.--
 Lewis making partitions &c.- on threshing floor in barn -- for shearing sheep.--
- Thursday 10th Cloudy & chilly w^h a light S:E: wind.--
 Ind^s cleaning potatoes.-- Lewis carting firewood &c.--
- Friday 11th Beautiful day calm & clear.--
 Lewis w^h Ind^s cleaning out sheep shed for shearing.--
 Capt^s Bazalgette & Henry⁹ who arrived here from the other camp last eve.g- returned this forenoon.--
- Saturday 12th Weather as yesterday.--
 Lewis & Ind^s cleaning sheep shed.-- "Moss" & another Ind:- sent out in charge of "Fridays" sheep.--
- Sunday 13th Light wind from the southward, fine.--
 All quiet.--
- Monday 14th Beautiful day calm, warm & clear.--
 Lewis thinning turnips. 2 Ind^s cleaning sheep shed. "Moss" & another Ind:- in charge of "Fridays" band of sheep. "Friday" has left for good.-- L'Gamine hauling firewood. Angus out visiting stations. Aleck:- attending stock & cows.--
- Tuesday 15th Lovely day very warm w^h a light northerly air.--
 Angus & L'Gamine w^h 5 Ind^s out washing the wethers.-- Lewis & Moore weeding carrots & turnips.--
- Wednesday 16th Weather as yesterday.--
 All hands weeding & hoeing potatoes.--
 Left about 2 p:m: for English Camp.--
- Thursday 17th Very warm, calm & clear.--
 All hands as yesterday.--
 I returned this eve.g about 5 p:m:--
- Friday 18th Raining more or less all day -- wind fresh from S:E:--

⁹ Captain Henry has not been identified.

All hands & 4 Ind: women weeding & hoeing potatoes.-- Cap^t
Bazalgette left for the Camp.--

Saturday 19th Dull & cloudy wind fresh S:W:--
All hands as yesterday.--

Sunday 20th Beautiful day calm & clear.--
All quiet.-- I rode out to John Bulls & Grande Prairie.--

Monday 21st Beautiful day w^h a southerly air.--
Lewis w^h 2 Ind^s & women weeding potatoes. L'Gamine hauling
firewood.--
Angus & John Bull commenced shearing rams & wethers.--
A Hyder was shot down town last night by an Amⁿ whiskey
dealer.--

Tuesday 22^d Very warm calm & clear.--
Lewis & Ind^s weeding. Moore weeding garden.-- L'Gamine,
forenoon, hauling water to sheep shed for steeping tob^o.-- afternoon
weed^s. Angus & "John Bull" shearing rams & wethers.--

Wednesday 23^d Blowing fresh from South, fine.--
All hands as yesterday.--
Powell left early this morning for Victoria I sent Aleck:- w^h him to
see the doctor.--
"Eliza Anderson" called in this morning & left again immediately.-

Thursday 24th Weather fine & clear w^h S:W: breeze.
All hands as yesterday.--
Shearers finished shearing wethers & rams.--

Friday 25th Beautiful day calm & clear.--
Men & Ind^s employments unchanged.--

Saturday 26th Weather as yesterday.--
Men & Ind^s employments unchanged.--
Powell returned from Victoria.--

Sunday 27th Beautiful day warm & calm.--
All quiet.--

Monday 28th Very warm calm & clear.--

Lewis & L'Gamine w^h Ind^s weeding potatoe field.-- Moore in garden.-- Angus & "John Bull" shearing /com^d to-day/ the gimmers.-- "Kane" tying wool.--

Tuesday 29th Very warm & calm.--
All hands as yesterday.--

Wednesday 30th Heavy rain during the night. To-day fine & clear.--
All hands in the potatoe field. Moore in garden. Shepherds shearing.--

Thursday 31st Weather fine & clear.--
All hands in the potatoe field.--

JUNE

Friday 1st Beautiful day fine & calm.--
All hands in potatoe field.-- Angus "John Bull" & "Kane" shearing gimmers.--

Saturday 2^d Wind fresh from S:W: fine but chilly.--
All hands weeding, hoeing & ploughing potatoes.--
Angus & the others finished gimmers.--

Sunday 3^d Beautiful calm warm & clear day.--
All quiet.--

Monday 4th Excessively warm & sultry.--
All hands washing sheep -- except Moore & Lewis weeding.--
U:S:S: "Massachusetts" arrived this morning w^h Col: Casey & several officers, ladies & civilians -- the Col: is on a tour of inspection it seems.--

Tuesday 5th Dull fog all forenoon. Afternoon fine but sultry.--
Ind^s assisting shepherds washing sheep in tob^a water.-- Moore weeding in the garden, Lewis w^h his boy ploughing potatoe drills. Women weeding d^a.--

Wednesday 6th Fine day & warm w^h a breeze from S:W:--
All hands weeding & hoeing potatoes except the[?] L'Gamine hauling wood & water for tob^a &c.--

Thursday 7th Fine calm & clear.--
All hands at potatoes.--
"Eliza Anderson" arrived from Vic: about 6 p:m:- Major Alvord[?]¹⁰
arrived in her.--

Friday 8th Weather continues fair, warm & calm.--
All the men & women in potatoe filed. L'Gamine w^h Angus
shearing.--

Saturday 9th Dense fog forenoon. Afternoon fine calm & very warm.--
Employments of men & Ind^s unchanged.--

Sunday 10th Weather calm, warm & clear.--
H:M:S: "Plumper" from Fort Rupert & Coasturse[?] en route to
Esquimalt came to anchor in Bay this morning about 8 a:m:- I dined on
board found all well.--

Monday 11th Dense fog fine calm & warm.--
Lewis w^h his son Loma ploughing & Ind^s, men & women, weeding
potatoes.-- Angus & L'Gamine w^h "Moss" shearing Friday's old flock --
Moore in garden weeding &c.-- Shepherds all w^h their flocks.--

Tuesday 12th Slow drizzling rain nearly all day, no wind.--
Angus & L'Gamine shearing.-- 3 Ind^s cleaning potatoes in cellar &
3 women weeding in field.-- Lewis finished ploughing potatoes this
afternoon. -- Moore in garden.--

Wednesday 13th Fine warm & clear.--
Lewis & Moore weeding & thinning carrots & turnips in field
behind Mens houses. Ind^s weeding potatoe field.-- Angus & L'Gamine
finished shearing "Fridays" old flock ewes.-
Capt: Pickett & Doctor Craig¹¹ left for Victoria.-- Capt: Bazalgette &
Paymaster of H:M:S: "Ganges"¹² arrived here from other camp to make
arrangements about purchasing more sheep.-

Thursday 14th Heavy rain & wind during the night -- to-day fine, clear &
cool.--

¹⁰ Could be Major Benjamin Alvord (1813-1884), who was paymaster for the Department of Oregon.

¹¹ Doctor Craig has not been identified.

¹² *HMS Ganges* was the flagship of the commander of the Pacific Station at Esquimalt, Rear Admiral Robert Lambert Baynes.

All hands as yesterday -- except Angus, L'Gamine & Indian boys
/3/ out washing sheep.--

Friday 15th Fine day w^h a fresh southerly breeze.--
All hands at weeding, except shearers packing wood.--
U:S:S: "Massachusetts" came to anchor last eve.g in the Harbor
from Bellingham Bay -- left early this morning for Victoria.--
Lieut: Cooper arrived here late last eve.g from English Camp in
their boat looking for --? of their men who had deserted.--

Saturday 16th Calm warm & clear.--
All hands as yesterday.--
Angus serving out rations.--

Sunday 17th Weather much as yesterday.--
All quiet.--

Monday 18th Blowing a fresh S:W: breeze -- fine & clear.--
Lewis & his son ploughing drills for pot^s.-- 2 Ind^s & 2 Ind: women
weeding carrots & cabbages behind men houses.-- Angus & L'Gamine
shearing "John Bulls" flock of ewes.-- "Moss" tying wool.-- Moore
weeding & making trenches for celery in garden.--

Tuesday 19th Cloudy dull day wind southerly.--
All hands as yesterday.--
H:M:S: "Plumpers" boat "Shark" arrived last eve.g from Esquimalt
to discover a rock off the entrance of Harbor w^h the "Massachusetts" lately
struck on. They found it this morning & returned to Esquimalt.--

Wednesday 20th Wind fresh S:W: & several showers of rain, chilly & cloudy.-
Indian men & women in potatoe cellar cleaning potatoes & pits.--
Lewis & his boy ploughing.-- Angus & L'Gamine shearing -- the sheep
were in the shed last night, so quite dry this morning.-- Moore
transplanting celery & cabbages.--

Thursday 21st Fine calm clear day.--
Indians weeding turnips lower end of ~~turnip~~ potatoe field.-- Lewis
& Loma ploughing potatoes.--

Friday 22^d Beautiful day calm & warm.--
All hand weeding turnips.--
Angus & L'Gamine finished shearing all the sheep.--

Saturday 23^d Weather warm & calm.--
 Angus serving out rations.-- L'Gamine & "Moss" packing wool.
 The others weeding.-- Aleck:- McDonald returned from Victoria.--

Sunday 24th Very warm & calm.--
 All quiet.--

Monday 25th Warmest day we have had this summer not a head[?] of
 wind.--
 All hands Ind^s & all washing "John Bulls" flock in tobacco water.--
 Aleck: out hunting up his cattle.--

Tuesday 26th Weather much as yesterday.--
 Ind^s & women weeding turnips. -- Lewis & his son ploughing
 potatoes.--
 "Eliza Anderson" arrived from Victoria.--

Wednesday 27th Oppressively warm.--
 All hands except Indⁿ women /weeding turnips/ washing Fridays
 old band in tob^o water.--
 Capt: Bazalgette arrived from Eng: Camp.-- U:S:S: "Shubrick"
 arrived during the night. -- "Eliza Anderson" left early this morn.g.--

Thursday 28th Very warm & sultry.--
 All hands at weeds in turnips.--

Friday 29th Calm day fine & clear.--
 I left in [*insert the*] "Shubrick" this afternoon for Victoria.--

JULY

Saturday 7th Calm warm & clear.--
 Returned last eve.g on Steamer Anderson from Victoria, found all
 well here.--

Sunday 8th Weather as yesterday.--
 All quiet.--

Monday 9th Very warm & calm.--
 Lewis & L'Gamine commenced making a new hay cart -- Moore in
 garden. Afternoon all hands assisting &c castrate calves.-- Ind^s all left --

they are waiting to leave w^h Powell day after tomorrow to be paid off at Victoria.--

Tuesday 10th Weather unchanged.--
All hands as yesterday.--
Discharged all my Indians.--

Wednesday 11th Showery all day.--
Lewis & L'Gamine putting brick /new/ hearths in my chimney.--
Moore w^h all Ind^s in garden.--
"Eliza Anderson" in from Victoria.-- "Massachusetts" arrived last night & off again this morning.--

Thursday 12th Heavy rain more or less all day calm w^h heavy fog.--
Lewis & L'Gamine repairing salmon blls. Moore, Aleck: & Ind:-
weeding in garden.-- I have discharged all my Ind^s except 2 -- they left this morning at day light w^h Powell to be paid off.--

Friday 13th Beautiful day calm, warm & clear.--
All hands weeding in garden & potatoe field.--

Saturday 14th Weather unchanged.--
Mens occupations as yesterday.-- I have no Ind^s now in my employ
-- except one Fort Rupert & a Clalam, my servant.¹³-- They have all left for the North.--

Sunday 15th Weather unchanged.--
All quiet.--

Monday 16th Weather unsettled cloudy & dull, last night we had a
tremendous thunder storm w^h frequent lightning.--
Moore in garden. Lewis & L'Gamine repairing hay carts.-- Angus
out at stations.-- Aleck:- weeding. Indian boy cleaning barn yard.--

Tuesday 17th Weather fine & clear.--
Lewis & L'Gamine out on Cowitchin Road splitting cedar rails. --
Aleck:- & Moore variously employed.-- Indian boy sick.--
M^r Powell returned from Victoria last eve.g late.--

¹³ This comment indicates the continuing reduction in the operations of the farm due to increased squatting on Company runs by Americans.

Wednesday 18th AN ECLIPSE of the Sun visible at sunrise this morn.g -- the day warm calm & sultry.--

All hands as yesterday.--

"Anderson" arrived from Victoria -- left again for Semiamoo.--

Thursday 19th Fine, clear day warm & calm.--

Lewis & L'Gamine hauling rails out of woods on to prairie -- the others as usual.--

"Anderson" returned from Semiamoo this eve.g -- & leaves to night for Victoria.--

Friday 20th Weather as yesterday.--

All hands killing beef for rats.- forenoon, afternoon as yesterday.--

Saturday 21st Excessively hot.--

Lewis & L'Gamine hauling rails. -- Angus serving rats.-- Moore & Ind^s cleaning round houses.--

Sunday 22^d Weather still very hot & sultry.--

All quiet.--

Monday 23^d Tremendous heavy **thunder** storm , lasted from about daylight until 10 or 11 a:m;, accompanied w^h lightning & heavy rain.--

I gave Lewis leave to go to Victoria to day to get his child christened, he went w^h Powell.--

L'Gamine w^h Ind:- repairing fencing round calf park.-- Aleck:- w^h him.-- Moore working in garden.-- Angus out at his stations.--

Tuesday 24th Fine warm & clear day.--

Aleck: & L'Gamine out near New Station to find & drive home all of our young steers out there.-- Moore & Ind. in garden.--

"Eliza Anderson" called in about 11 a:m:--

Wednesday 25th Weather as yesterday.--

L'Gamine cutting forks for harvest.-- Aleck:- cleaning out sheds & barn yard.-- Moore & Ind:- in garden.--

Thursday 26th Dull & cloudy w^h light showers of rain.--

Lewis w^h Ind:- whitewashing my kitchen. Moore in garden.--

Aleck:- & L'Gamine cleaning barn yard.--

Lewis returned late last night from Victoria.--

"Massachusetts" arrived from Steilacoom about 10 a.m.- & left again soon after for Bellingham Bay to coal.--

- Friday 27th Fine warm & calm.--
Lewis & L'Gamine w^h Indⁿ opening drains & cleaning them.--
Moore & Aleck:- working in garden.--
- Saturday 28th Warm, calm & clear.--
All hands as yesterday.--
- Sunday 29th Dense fog nearly all day -- calm & warm.--
All quiet.--
I have allowed Angus & L'Gamine to go to Victoria this morning.--
- Monday 30th Weather as yesterday, fog cleared off in afternoon.--
Lewis hauling gravel all day for my garden & yard.-- Ind: boy &
Moore in garden.-- Aleck:- out looking for a cow & calf.--
- Tuesday 31st Showery all forenoon, afternoon fine calm & clear.--
All hands as yesterday.--

AUGUST

- Wednesday 1st Beautiful day calm & clear.--
Lewis repairing steps of gallery & pickets round yard.-- Moore &
Ind^s in garden.-- Aleck: attending cattle.--
- Thursday 2^d Weather as yesterday.--
All hands as yesterday, afternoon Lewis making rakes. -- Ind:
cleaning yard & walks in garden.-- Angus returned from Victoria in
"Eliza Anderson" .--
- Friday 3^d Heavy rain during the night, to day fine & clear.--
Men as yesterday afternoon.--
H:M: Gunboat "Grappler"¹⁴ called in here on her way to the other
camp /Marines/ w^h the Paymaster of the "Ganges" to purchase sheep for
the Marines.--
- Saturday 4th Fine calm & clear.--

¹⁴ *HM Gunboat Grappler*, launched in 1856, was a screw steamer stationed at Esquimalt; she was decommissioned in 1865 and eventually burnt in 1885.

"Massachusetts" arrived in forenoon, been on a cruise.--

Sunday 5th Blowing a light breeze S:W: -- fine & clear.--
All quiet.--

Monday 6th Very warm & calm.--
Lewis & L'Gamine w^h all the others assisting shepherds to separate
ewes & lambs.-- We have commenced weaning the cattle.--

Tuesday 7th Fine warm clear day.--
Lewis & L'Gamine rep.g cradles.-- Moore collecting seeds &c.--
Shepherds all as yesterday.--

Wednesday 8th Very warm day & calm.--
Lewis & L'Gamine commenced cutting oats.-- Moore gathering
seeds in garden.-- Angus driving out lambs to their different stations.--
Aleck: looking for a cow & her calf -- just calved.--

Thursday 9th Light northerly air, oppressively warm.--
All hands -- except Aleck:- looking for a cow & calf -- at harvest
cutting oats.--

Friday 10th Light wind S:W: very hot.--
All hands cutting & tying oats.--

Saturday 11th Fine warm & clear.--
All hands harvesting.--

Sunday 12th Weather unchanged.--
All quiet.--

Monday 13th Wind East -- heavy rain until noon, afternoon cloudy &
dull.--
Lewis getting hay carts in order. L'Gamine hauling firewood.--
Angus visiting stations. Aleck:- cleaning barn yard &c.-- Moore collecting
turnip seed.-- Shepherds all w^h their flocks.--

Tuesday 14th Fine calm & clear.--
All hands at harvest.--
"Eliza Anderson" & all those officers from Steilacoom who were on
a Court Martial¹⁵ here.--

¹⁵ This "Court Martial" has not been identified.

Wednesday 15th Showery, but light.--
 All hands at harvest.--

Thursday 16th Beautiful day, fine & very warm.--
 Aleck: & L'Gamine w^h ox cart hauling oats. The others cutting &
 tying.--

Friday 17th Weather continues warm & fine.--
 All hands at harvest.--

Saturday 18th Beautiful day warm & calm.--
 Men all at harvest.--

Sunday 19th Weather continues warm & fine.--
 All quiet.--

Monday 20th Weather unchanged.--
 All hands carting in oats -- Angus & Lewis cutting -- two ox carts
 hauling.--

Tuesday 21st Weather unchanged.--
 Two men cutting & the rest carting in oats.--

Wednesday 22^d A little rain early this morn.g -- fine all day.--
 Men cutting oats. -- Moore weeding in garden.-- "Eliza Anderson"
 arrived almost 2 p:m.--

Thursday 23^d Fine day calm & clear.--
 Finished cutting oats in big field, men tying d^o.--

Friday 24th Fine day warm & calm.--
 Heavy rain during the night. Men could not tie oats until eve.g.--

Saturday 25th Weather as yesterday.--
 All hands tying oats.--
 Mail steamer "Cortez"¹⁶ arrived for troops here.--

Sunday 26th Very warm & calm.--
 All quiet.--

¹⁶ Built in New York, the *Cortez* came to the West Coast in 1852, and Puget Sound in 1858. An 800-ton steamship, she was a 225 feet long, 32½ feet in beam, and had a 24 foot depth of hold. Captained by T.H. Huntington and C.C. Dall, she was eventually sold in 1861 and sent to China.

Monday 27th Fine day w^h a fresh S:W: breeze.--
 All hands tying & carting in oats.--

Tuesday 28th Beautiful day calm & warm.--
 All hands tying & carting in oats.--

Wednesday 29th Calm warm & clear.--
 All hands carting in oats.--
 "Eliza Anderson" called in here late last night.--

Thursday 30th Weather unchanged.--
 Last night men finished big field.-- My barn is full to the roof.--

Friday 31st Heavy rain during the morning.-- afternoon.-- tolerably
 fine.--
 L'Gamine & Lewis threshing.-- Moore securing & drying seeds.--
 Angus out at sheep stations.--

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1st Cloudy w^h showers.--
 Men repairing fences, hauling firewood.--

Sunday 2^d All quiet.--

Monday 3^d Still continues dull wintery weather, occasional showers of
 drizzling rain.--
 Lewis & L'Gamine out at Port L'Enfer turning the oats that are out
 there cut.-- Moore & an Indian in garden.-- Angus out visiting shepherds
 & flocks.-- Aleck:- repairing calf park & out looking for "Peverly" [?] & her
 calf.--

Tuesday 4th Fine day.--
 L'Gamine out at John Bulls cutting oats. Lewis at Port L'Enfer
 tossing oats.-- The others as usual.--

Wednesday 5th Fine day, calm & clear.--
 Men as yesterday.--

Thursday 6th Heavy rain during the night, the day fine, warm & calm.--

Lewis out with L'Gamine at John Bulls tossing & tying oats. --
Aleck:- w^h horse carting away rubbish out of garden.-- Angus attending
to his flocks.--

Friday 7th Cloudy & dull, no wind.--
All the men as yesterday.--

Saturday 8th Fine, warm calm & a light S:W: breeze.--
The men at fencing & carting firewood.--

Sunday 9th Beautiful day warm & clear.--
All quiet.--

Monday 10th Cloudy & dull.--
"Otter" arrived here yesterday forenoon w^h Mess^{rs} Dallas,
McTavish¹⁷ & Fraser & left for Victoria this eve.g.--
Men stamping[?] horses.--

Tuesday 11th Heavy rain during the night, to-day warm, calm & clear.--
All hands commenced to-day digging potatoes.-- 19 blls:- = 57
bus:-

Wednesday 12th Fine day .--
All hands at potatoes. 35 blls: = 105 bus:--

Thursday 13th Cloudy & dull, calm.--
All hands at potatoes. 39 blls: = 117 bus:--

Friday 14th Left for Victoria.--

Tuesday 18th Beautiful day, calm warm & clear.--
All hands at potatoes.--
Returned from Victoria about 1 p:m: in "Eliza Anderson" found all
well here.--

Monday 17 th	132 bus:- potatoes
Tuesday 18 th	141 " do.--

Wednesday 19th Calm, fine & clear day.--
All hands at potatoes.--
40 blls = 10 bus: of potatoes dug to-day.--

¹⁷ McTavish has not been identified.

Thursday 20th Weather warm & clear.--
All hands digging potatoes except Angus & Aleck; the former
visiting stations the latter hunting up cattle & finding the Pearly cow w^h
her calf.--
20 blls: = 60 bus: of potatoes dug to-day.--

Friday 21st Weather unchanged.--
All hands digging potatoes.--
21 blls = 61 bus:--

Saturday 22^d Blowing a fresh southerly breeze -- cloudy & chilly.--
All hands digging potatoes.--
12 blls: = 36 bus:--

Sunday 23^d Cloudy & dull all day.--
All quiet.--

Monday 24th Heavy rain all night & showery to-day.-- Westerly wind.--
Moore & 2 Ind^s storing potatoes in cellar. -- Lewis w^h Aleck:- rep^s
cart.-- L'Gamine hauling firewood.--

Tuesday 25th Fine day, calm & clear.--
All hands at potatoes.--
24 blls = 72 bus:--
Powell returned from Victoria yesterday.--

Wednesday 26th Calm warm & clear.--
All hands at potatoes.--
26 blls = 78 bus:--
"Eliza Anderson" arrived about 2 p:m:--
Capt: Pickett returned.--

Thursday 27th Calm warm & clear.--
All hands digging potatoes.--
20 blls = 60 bus:--

Friday 28th Cloudy & dull all day, calm w^h every appearance of a
storm.--
All hands digging potatoes.--
15 blls = 45 bus:--

Saturday 29th Weather continues as yesterday.--

All the men & women digging potatoes 6 blls = 18 bus:--

Sunday 30th Drizzling rain all day.--
All quiet.--

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Monday 1st Raining all night forenoon drizzling afternoon fine & clear.--
Forenoon men threshing, afternoon digging potatoes 7 blls: = 21
bus:--

Tuesday 2^d Cloudy & dull all day.--
All hands digging potatoes.
10 blls: = 30 bus:--

[*marginal note:*] Geese(?) seen m^s(?) [*migrating?*]

Wednesday 3^d Weather unchanged.--
Finished potatoes.--
4 blls = 12 bus:-- making a total now of 1157 bus:--

Thursday 4th Heavy rain in the morning -- to-day fine w^h a fresh S:W:
wind.--
All hands covering roof of potatoe cellar w^h turf.--

Friday 5th Fine day warm & clear.--
All hands as yesterday.--

Saturday 6th Weather dull & cloudy.--
Cutting turf & hauling firewood.--

Sunday 7th Fine & clear w^h a northerly air.--
All quiet.--

Monday 8th Weather foggy, dull & chilly.--
L'Gamine w^h oxen hauling turf. Lewis cutting same. Angus &
Moore laying it on roof.-- Aleck:- left here on Saturday for Victoria
without leave.--

Tuesday 9th Fine day, clear, w^h a fresh S:W: air.--
All hands as yesterday.--

Wednesday 10th Weather fine & clear w^h a N:E: air.--

Angus out at stations.-- The others at root houses w^h they finished this eve.g.-- Aleck:- returned from Victoria last eve.g.--

Thursday 11th Weather unchanged.--

Men opening all the drains both here & in the barn yard & uncovering them.--

Friday 12th Very warm & calm.--

L'Gamine, Aleck: & Lewis working at drains.-- Moore in charge of rams.--

Saturday 13th Cloudy & chilly.--

Finished all the drains.--
Angus serving out rations.--

Sunday 14th Weather unsettled. Cloudy & dull.--

All quiet.--

Monday 15th Fine, bright clear day, warm & calm.--

Lewis, w^h L'Gamine & Aleck:- building a stable for 2 horses vis.[?] vis.[?]- granary in front of barn.--

Tuesday 16th Heavy rain during the night w^h terrific thunder & lightning -- to-day blowing fresh from S:W:- & showery.--

Aleck: & L'Gamine threshing oats in barn, Lewis making a rack for stable.-- Angus out at stations.--

"Eliza Anderson" arrived -- Capt. Pickett & D^r Craig left in her for Olympia via Victoria.--

Wednesday 17th Rain more or less all day calm.--

All hands as yesterday.--

Thursday 18th Blowing a gale from S:W: cold & cloudy.--

Lewis & L'Gamine putting flooring in new stable, squaring round logs &c.-- Aleck:- pulling down old stable to get the shingles.-- Angus out visiting all the stations.-- Moore w^h rams & ewes on this prairie.--

Friday 19th Beautiful day, clear w^h a light S:W: wind.--

All hands as yesterday.--

Saturday 20th Weather as yesterday.--

Old Lewis finished stable. Aleck: making drains. L'Gamine hauling gravel.--

- Sunday 21st Cloudy w^h showers of rain all day.--
 All quiet.--
 Discharged Aleck: M^cDonald.--
- Monday 22^d Fine calm & clear wind light[?].--
 Angus threshing oats in barn. Moore w^h sheep in prairie. Lewis
 sick in bed w^h a cold.-- Aleck:- I have discharged for habitual
 drunkenness & general bad conduct.--
- Tuesday 23^d Cloudy & overcast, calm.--
 Lewis digging up turnips.-- L'Gamine white washing all the
 Estblmt. -- Angus out visiting all the stations.--
 Powell left for Victoria.--
- Wednesday 24th Weather continues much as yesterday.--
 Men as yesterday.--
- Thursday 25th Very cloudy w^h chilly winds from South & S:E:--
 Old Lewis w^h 3 Ind: women digging up turnips.-- Angus removing
 Nahoure's[?] band from Long Acre¹⁸ to Channel Prairie. Shepherds all w^h
 their flocks.--
- Friday 26th Blew a perfect gale all last night S:E: -- to-day fine & clear w^h
 a fresh breeze from S:E: still.--
 All hands as yesterday.--
- Saturday 27th Heavy rain during the night & showery all day w^h a strong
 southerly breeze.--
 Finished turnips this forenoon--
 blls = bus:-- [*spaces left blank in original*]
- Sunday 28th Blowing fresh S:E: cloudy & dull.--
 All quiet.--
- Monday 29th Calm, cloudy & very chilly.--
 Moore & Lewis digging carrots.-- L'Gamine very sick, cold &c.--
 Angus killing sheep for salting.--
- Tuesday 30th Weather very chilly w^h a damp raw wind from the South.--
 All hands as yesterday.--

¹⁸ Long Acre has not been identified.

Wednesday 31st Weather much as yesterday.--
All hands as yesterday.--

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Thursday 1st Wind fresh from N:W:-- fresh & clear.--
Lewis & Moore digging carrots.-- Angus salting mutton.--
L'Gamine very ill.-- His contract expired on the 28th & Kane's to-
day.--

Friday 2^d Beautiful day calm & clear.--
All hands as yesterday.--

Saturday 3^d Showery & very chilly.--
Lewis hauling firewood.-- L'Gamine better.-- Angus serving out
rats.--

Sunday 4th

Monday 4th5th Weather unsettled, wind fresh S:E:--
Lewis finishing taking up carrots.-- Angus & Moore taking
inventory.--

Tuesday 5th6th Weather fine w^h a strong S:E: wind.
Lewis & Moore variously employed.--
Gun Boat "Forward"¹⁹ arrived w^h the Pay Master to purchase
sheep.-

Wednesday 6th7th Dull & cloudy w^h showers all day.--
Moore taking inventory &c.-- Angus out visiting stations.-- Lewis
hauling firewood &c.--

Thursday 7th8th Cloudy with a chilly southerly wind.--
Moore making out accounts &c.-- Lewis repairing horse cart &c.--

Friday 9th Showery all day w^h a strong southerly wind.--
Lewis taking Moores things out w^h the cart to Little Mountain--
Finished my inventories accounts &c-- to-day.--

¹⁹ Built in 1856, *HM Gunboat Forward*, a screw steamer, served along with the *Grappler*; she was sold for mercantile service in 1869.

Saturday 10th Blowing a strong southerly breeze all day.-- & all night.--
Lewis hauling firewood.--

Sunday 11th Cloudy & dull w^h a fresh westerly breeze.--
All quiet.--

Monday 12th Fine calm & clear.--
Lewis hauling gravel. Angus out at Channel Prairie delivering
over 30 sheep to Marines.--
Powell left early this morning for Victoria, w^h inventories &c.--
Shepherds all w^h their flocks &c.--

Tuesday 13th Still blowing fresh from south with occasional showers of
rain.--
Lewis hauling gravel.-- Angus out visiting stations.--

Wednesday 14th Fine w^h a strong southerly wind.--
Lewis hauling gravel.--

Thursday 15th Fine day & calm.--
Lewis hauling gravel. Angus out at sheep stations. -- Lewis is the
only man I have here now.--
Powell returned late this evening from Victoria.--

Friday 16th Weather as yesterday calm & clear w^h a very light northerly
air.--
Lewis cutting wood for ox yokes.--

Saturday 17th Fine clear day w^h a light northerly air.--
Lewis w^h cart out at stations w^h shepherds rat^s.--

Sunday 18th Beautiful day light northerly air.--
All quiet.--

Monday 19th Weather unchanged.--
Lewis variously employed.-- Moore in charge of rams.-- Angus
out visiting sheep stations.--
Powell left for Stuart Isl^d early this mor.g.

Tuesday 20th Weather as usual unchanged.--
Men as usual.--

Wednesday 21st Beautiful day wind northerly.--
 Lewis making ox yokes.-- Angus out at new stations. Moore w^h
 the rams.--
 "Eliza Anderson" arrived after midnight last night.--

Thursday 22^d Weather unchanged.--
 Men as yesterday.--

Friday 23^d Chilly northerly wind, w^h
 Saturday 24th frost at nights & cloudy
 Sunday 25th dull days

Monday 26th Wind southerly, cloudy & dull.--
 Lewis making yokes. Powell commenced threshing.-- Angus out
 at sheep stations.-- Shepherds all w^h their flocks.--

Tuesday 27th Wind continues southerly, chilly & dull weather.--
 Men as yesterday.--
 "Eliza Anderson" arrived late this eve.g.--

Wednesday 28th Blowing very hard from S:E: all night & to-day -- heavy rain
 during the night, to-day fine & clear.--
 Men as usual.--

Thursday 29th Dull w^h rain, wind light S:E:--
 Men as usual.--

Friday 30th Fine clear day wind fresh from S:E:--
 Men as usual.--
 "MOSS" deserted in a drunken fit.--

DECEMBER

Saturday 1st Dull & cloudy all day, wind S:E:--
 Men as usual.--

Sunday 2^d Beautiful day calm & clear.--
 All quiet.--

Monday 3^d Weather dull but no rain, mild & little or no wind.--
 Shepherds all w^h their flocks.-- Lewis variously employed.--

- Tuesday 4th Cloudy, dull & very chilly little or no wind.--
Lewis variously employed -- carting manure to-day.--
- Wednesday 5th Still continues dull & cloudy.
"Eliza Anderson" arrived.--
- Thursday 6th Beautiful day fine & calm.--
- Friday 7th Weather as yesterday.--
Lewis carting down straw /to make room in barn/ & filling [insert
one] of the old stables.--
- Saturday 8th Beautiful day, calm & clear.--
Lewis carting straw & firewood.--
- Sunday 9th A beautiful day calm & clear.--
All quiet.--
- Monday 10th Weather as yesterday.-- A very hard frost during the night,
ice half an inch thick this mor.g.--
Lewis carting firewood &c.-- Moore pruning fruit trees & clearing
garden.-- Angus out at sheep stations & all the shepherds w^h their
different flocks.-- Little Loma I sent out yesterday to assist Ben, he has no
one.--
- Tuesday 11th Weather beautifully fine & clear.--
Men all as yesterday.--
U:S:S: "Massachusetts" arrived here yesterday, from Steilacoom w^h
Lieut: Casey & a party of engineer soldiers to survey off the Military
Reservation here²⁰.--
- Wednesday 12th Weather continues beautifully fine & clear w^h hard frost.--
Moore repairing fencing, Lewis attending to cattle, horses hauling
firewood &c.--
"Eliza Anderson" arrived this forenoon from Victoria.--
- Thursday 13th Cloudy & much milder.--
Men as yesterday.--
- Friday 14th Raining more or less all day.-- dull & dreary.--

²⁰ Lt. Thomas Lincoln Casey was ordered to survey the military reservation; this resulted in a map of the south end of the island that includes both American Camp and Belle Vue Sheep Farm structures and fields.

Moore & Lewis cleaning barn yard fixing the drains &c.--

Saturday 15th Cloudy but no wind, calm.--
Lewis carting firewood.-- Moore cleaning round premises[?].--

Sunday 16th Weather much as yesterday.--
All quiet.--

Monday 17th Showery all day w^h a fresh southerly breeze.-- mild.--
Lewis hauling firewood. Moore cleaning oats.-- Angus out visiting
sheep stations.--

Tuesday 18th Dull, cloudy weather, calm.-- heavy rain during the night.--
Moore digging parsnips, Lewis variously employed.-- Powell left
for Victoria.--

Wed" day 19th Weather much as yesterday, dull & cloudy w^h drizzling
rain.--
Lewis making a small enclosure out-side my stable & hauling
gravel.-- Moore working in the garden.--

Thursday 20th Weather dull & cloudy w^h sprinkling showers throughout
the day.--
Moore & Lewis variously employed.
Powell returned from Victoria.--

Friday 21st Weather unchanged.--
Men killing our old bull for Xmas rations.--

Saturday 22^d Fine day w^h a cold southerly wind.--

Sunday 23^d Fine day blowing fresh from the South.--
All quiet.--

Monday 24th Wind light from Southward, dull & cloudy.--
Moore & Lewis variously employed. Angus bringing sheep from
Channel Prairie to New Station.--

XMAS DAY All quiet.--

Wednesday 26th Beautiful day calm & clear.--
Lewis unfit for duty -- hurt his arm. Moore getting firewood &c.--

Thursday 27th Weather as yesterday.--
Men the same.--

Friday 28th Beautiful weather fine & clear.--
~~Men~~ Lewis laid up w^h a sore arm. Moore looking after cattle
hauling firewood &c.--

Saturday 29th Strong easterly wind & cloudy.--
Moore repairing fencing. Lewis hauling firewood.--

Sunday 30th Wind as yesterday, -- heavy rain nearly all day.--

Monday 31st Cloudy & dull, wind light.--
Moore & Lewis getting firewood cleaning round Estblmt &c. &c.--