

O H Johnson Diary 1908 [Spelling, punctuation, and some grammar corrected.]

Germaine commenced work June 8th in the morning and quit July 8th at 10 o'clock. He put in 27½ days that were full time.

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Spirit River Grub

at Revillon Bros \$4.50, at Head of Lake \$3.00, meat \$1.50

Beaver Lodge Creek

June 1, 1908 Percy brought mower and rake up and brushed in turnips and rutabagas and onions and carrots and I planted 1 row navy beans and 1 row string beans and 2 papers of beet seed and it began to rain at 4 o'clock in the evening. Rained all night.

June 2 Rained all day. Cleaned guns and sewed up my overalls and shaved and sat by the fire in the tent. Lonesome day. Greased shoes. Rained 30 hours, 2/3 of a pan full. Ate 4 times today. That is all.

June 3 Cloudy this morning. Two geese went to lake. Sowed rutabaga seed on Arnold's place. I saw two fresh bear tracks up at Spruce Grove. I was about 1½ miles from __ grove. Cleared up this evening.

June 4 I went to Saskatoon Lake horseback. Saw branded calves and went to Mead and Grant's Ranch. Stayed all night. Rained 2 hours.

June 5 I wrote 1 letter to Arnold and 1 to G. Kirk and sent with Low to Edmonton. Came back to Stone's place. Stayed all night. Rob and George came back from Dunvegan with potatoes.

June 6 Divided the potatoes. Came home and planted lettuce, radishes, m. worts, cucumbers and pumpkins. Peas and onions are up. Rained some this morning again. Rained 4 o'clock. Cleared up at night.

June 7 Went to Stone's and cut 3 sacks pat [possibly potatoes]. Edward Waddell went through to Pouce Coupe. Endolph Germaine came up to help me plant pat [possibly potatoes]. Warm today. Peas up and onions.

June 8 Commenced planting spuds. Very warm. John Glandey[?] came up and stayed all night. Waddell went bear hunting.

June 9 I broke. Slim went home to brand horses with Breed[?]. Mr. Stone came up. Percy brought spikes up this evening. Five for supper.

June 10 Finished planting spuds and Slim brushed the ground. Commenced digging cellar. Rained until 4 PM.

June 11 Worked on cellar. Cut road across creek. I [saw?] 1 covey little ducks. Waddell's dog stole 15 pounds of my bacon. Rained a little. Planted string beans and peas.

June 12 Worked on cellar. Warm for dinner. Cloudy after dinner. Looks like rain. Waddell caught 2 salmon trout. We had a few for supper. Saw 2 swans.

June 13 Finished cellar. Set the net and built a raft. George Stone called. Cucumbers are up.

June 14 Went up to lake and built a raft. Shot 2 ducks and gathered eggs. Stone was up. Rained. Waddell went around lake.

June 15 Rained this morning. Germaine went to the lake to fetch mud hen eggs home. Had eggs for breakfast and duck. Commenced cutting logs for shack. I went to Stone's place. Stayed all night there. George Stone came up after horses.

June 16 I left Stone's place with team for Saskatoon Lake to fix up his breaking plows. Archie and George went to break for Clifford. I got 2 letters: 1 from Minnie, 1 from Emma. Went to Swede's Place for cabbage plants. Stayed all night at Ferguson place. Gave him \$1.00 for stopping.

June 17 Came home with groceries to Stone's place, then came up horseback. Rained on me on the road.

June 18 Stone came up and hauled house logs and we had a shower.

June 19 Rained all day. We hauled 2 loads of logs in rain and got done and Stone went home at 5 o'clock. Rained all night.

June 20 Commenced the log shack. Laid up 3½ rounds of logs between showers. Rained in the night. Rede, Percy and Indian was up

Sunday June 21 Rained more or less all day. Sat around tent and cooked a mess of beans and fixed mess box so the mice can't come in to groceries. Niger broke the picket rope.

June 22 Worked on cabin. Waddell saw 3 moose tracks west of Swan Creek and he went after them. Germaine fell off raft.

June 23 Waddell, Germaine and I went moose hunting but did not see them. We set a bear trap west of Spruce Grove and I saw a Grizzly bear track.

June 24 I went to Saskatoon Lake horseback on Niger. Ferguson's for dinner. Stayed all night. Waddell moved out, don't know where.

June 25 Helped daub north end of Ferguson's house. Had dinner. Took his driving team and took Dillard[?] home and went to Louis Callioux. Castrated 2 horses and got whip saw and came to Dillard's[?] for supper and then drove to Ferguson's. Stayed all night.

June 26 Bought heater stove, copper kettle, window sash, beans, machine[?] oil and grub stake for Germaine. Started home at 11 o'clock. Stayed at Minkel's for dinner. Came to Stone's in the rain for supper. Went home after supper at Stone's. Told him about Ferguson's breaking. Got team, mares and wagon from Ferguson to work.

June 27 Little Rede came up after tub. North Dakota started for Pouce Coupe Prairie with 1 pack and 1 saddle horse and left their outfit here. We cut saw logs after dinner. We caught a nice pickerel fish in

net. Fish for supper and enough for breakfast left. Potatoes are up. No rain today since early this morning. Fine day. Drying up some. Mares staying fine.

June 28 Sunday We went to Stone's after plants and to grind our axes and he was just coming up to haul house logs for me. We went home and G. plowed out the road down the hill before dinner and hauled logs after dinner. I hauled 10 saw logs and Stone went home. After supper he brought Prince (horse) up for me to use all summer rather than take \$100.00 for him.

June 29 Finished house and put ridge logs on. Indian visitor deafey[?].

June 30 Put poles on roof and got it ready for dirt.

July 1 Slim was up after tub. Little Rede was up after dinner. Cut out doors and windows and cased them. Commenced mudding roof after dinner. Caught 1 hobbled Indian broke. Rede brought Hudson's Bay horse up for Germaine to ride. Very warm and clear, cloudy in the west this evening. Carel Sievert came up with pack horse. Hauled mud on roof.

July 2 Hauled dirt on roof. Rained at 4 o'clock, thunder storm. Crossed creek on raft and water high. Caught groundhog in bear trap. Wind in south.

July 3 Hewed and chinked the house. Rained before dinner and we cooked dinner in the new house. Showery after dinner.

July 4 I fired sunrise salute in memrory of United States' Independence. Carel Sievert started back and I bought one axe, 1 shovel, 1 crosscut saw for \$5.00 from him. We built saw mill and cut 6 boards. Little Rede was up after the hoe. Rained after dinner. Showers and cool wind.

July 5 I went to Stone's and down to Slim's after some cabbage, tomato plants and beets. Germaine went up the creek and located his farm.

July 6 We sawed 23.8 inch boards today. Percy came up and tried the saw mill.

July 7 Rained in before noon, so we hewed joists and laid floor. After dinner we sawed 1 log into 1½ inch boards for door. George Stone was up hunting horses. We slept in the new house and moved in and we appreciate a house once more.

July 8 We sawed 7 boards before dinner. I caught a cold yesterday, am under the weather. Germaine quit me at 10 o'clock to cut his own logs. He cut 8 logs and this evening he is looking up a road to his place. I levered the dirt down in front of the door so we can get in and out. Looks rainy and cloudy.

July the 9, 1908 Went to Stone's after hoe and hoed the garden.

July 10 Hoed potatoes. Very windy. Germaine cut trail to his place.

July 11 Hoed potatoes. Germaine cut logs. Little Rede brought jacket up. Gray horse men came back from Pouce Coupe, had supper with us. Light frost 12th.

July 12 We went to Stone's and got team and wagon and went to Saskatoon Lake visited Perneas[?]. Had strawberries for dinner there. Bought 3 pounds butter. Stayed at Ferguson's all night.

July 13 I sharpen one plow lag. Pick and up set one hammer for Stone at lake CPR Railroad surveyors. Camped at lake for dinner. We started home at 3 PM. Got home at dark. Mr. Dillard came up with us from Stone's. Cloudy, looks like rain.

July 14 Dillard and Germaine went up the creek after dinner. Rained before dinner. I sharpened new saw and slept.

July 15 Dillard went back home. I set up mower and transplanted beets and hewed 4 joists for floor and put them in. Rained.

July 16 I went to Stone's with wagon. Ground axes and stayed for dinner. Came home. Hoed potatoes after dinner. Very warm. Cloudy this evening. Little Rede came for tub.

July 17 I finished hoeing spuds and hoed the garden. Rede came up after the hoe. I went in swimming. Weeded the garden and cleared brush north of house.

July 18 We cut 7 boards and after dinner I cleared brush of stable ground. George Stone was up after horses.

July 19 Had 6 Indians for dinner. They were going moose hunting. Rob, Rede Stone and a man from Spirit River came up and brought some tools and bolts to make bull rake with and I sent the tent home and they brought me meat and beans and sour dough and I rode and looked for hay. Germaine went to Saskatoon Lake to make hay. McBride was up with Stone's.

July 20 Made bull rake. Sawed floor. Germaine came back and George Stone went up to break land for him.

July 21 Warm. I went to lower place and hoed garden. Cleared brush after dinner. 2 Indians came back from lake. Had 1 swan. Warm.

July 22 I went to lake and Germaine's place for dinner. Cleared brush after dinner. Burnt it.

July 23 Percy came up with. I Began cutting hay and set up rake. Very warm. Rained a little. Cut hay after dinner. ~~Made work bench.~~

July 24 I made work bench. Cut hay. Little Rede brought me some beef. A man from Paterson's, Alex More Partner, went to Germaine's place. Rained a little.

July 25 Made ladder for cellar and bedstead and cleared brush to Walring place and boiled beef.

July 26 Windy this morning, north west. Cold. I went to Stone's and had new potatoes. Germaine went to Saskatoon to hay. George Stone stayed all night. Very cold.

July 27 Frost this morning. Potatoes nipped. George Stone came up to rake hay. I cut hay after dinner. Cloudy tonight.

July 28 Stone's came up and we started the bull rake, but hay was not dry. Had dinner and it began to rain. George ran after his team all forenoon afoot. Cut hay on bench before dinner. Hoed the garden and potatoes.

July 29 Hoed spuds morning. Cut hay after dinner. Cloudy and damp.

July 30 Finished hoeing spuds. Cut weeds, raked hay after dinner. Cloudy this evening. Mosquitos plenty. Caught 3 mice last night.

July 31 Jerry pulled picket stake. I went to Stone's after him. Found him on my road back. Raked Hay after dinner and bunched the hay. Cloudy, wind in the east. Began to rain after dark, very heavy shower of the season. I guess my hay is gone.

Saturday August first - 1908

Began to rain at 4 o'clock. Heavy thunder and lightning. Both horses broke loose and gone with picket ropes. Went toward the lake. My house leaked like a sieve. I found the horses on Arnold's place, one rope gone. Percy came up. I brought Prince home and he broke the rope and went to Stone's. Little Rede brought him back, 1 more rope gone. I hoed 1 row spuds on our A H J place. Showery and windy all day. Cloudy tonight. Killed 4 ducks today, 1 old one, 3 young ones. Very nice.

Sunday August 2 I went up to the forks off creek horseback. Found lone spruce spring. Got Germaine shovel.

August 3 I turned over hay. Percy was here for dinner hunting horses.

August 4 Hoed spuds and it rained some more and I killed 4 mallard ducks. Showery this evening.

August 5 I went to Stone's and stayed until after dinner and Percy came up and we cocked hay after dinner in the bottom.

August 6 We hoed spuds on A H J's place before dinner. Turned hay after dinner and cocked some more. Killed 3 ducks.

August 7 Finished hoeing and cocking hay. Percy worked 2½ days for me. I killed one duck and Percy took it to Stone's. Cloudy and rainbow tonight.

August 8 I was on the sick list today. I went after bear trap. Went to Stone's after pills. I took 7 pills to one dose. Rained 4 PM. Very warm. Had peas and beets for dinner.

August 9 Sunday I am feeling better. Cloudy and windy. George Stone came up hunting horses. Rained a little.

August 10 Cloudy. Rob Stone came up after the rake and I went down to mow hay. Commenced to mow hay after dinner for Stone.

August 11 Rained a little to stop haying. Laid in camp all day.

August 12 Cut hay.

August 13 Cut hay. Stone stacked hay after dinner. Archie started for Flying Shot after dinner. Showery.

August 14 Cut hay. Rob's team.

August 15 Cut hay. Windy and showery. Frost last night nipped spuds. George turned mares loose and gone.

August 16 My birthday. Frosty this morning and clear. Came up home.

August 17 Picked hay for Stone in the bush.

August 18 Picked hay ½ day. Cut hay after dinner for Rede Stone. Finished his.

August 19 Cut hay for Robert Stone 1 day.

August 20 I Came home with mower and cut hay in river bottom.

August 21 Finished cutting hay at 10 o'clock and quit for dinner. Went to Stone's after the rake and tea.

August 22 Archie and Percy came up and hauled 6 loads of hay from bench, hay in bottom to Gren[?] to rake. I killed 2 teal ducks after supper. Tried to rain.

August 23, 1908 Cloudy, damp this morning. Rained. Percy brought Mr. Hardin and man from Oregon up and they got the mowing machine.

August 24 Rained. Planed lumber for door and started to make door casing with crosscut saw and ax.

25 Made door and hung same. Percy came up after dinner and commenced digging holes for barn.

August 26 Set crotches[?]. Hauled poles for barn. Finished.

August 27 Hauled and dirt on roof. Rained enough to wet the hay. Cloudy. Rained evening.

August 28 Rained in the night. Cut poles before dinner. Rained after dinner. Rede brought Prince up. Rained all night.

August 29 Rained. I made window casing and mouse trap. Stallion came and got our mares.

August 30 Murtell[?] got away. Percy went home on Prince. Clear this morning, warm. Rained at 3 o'clock. Archie and George passed hear and didn't stop to say hello. Baked gingerbread.

August 31 I took hay rake down to Mr. Hardin's. Percy cut poles, put brush on barn and hauled poles. Clear and frost.

September 1908

September 1 Hauled poles before dinner. Hauled hay on barn. Fine. Cloudy and sprinkled.

September 2 Huge wind. Hauled hay on barn and killed 2 grouse. Rede brought beef up. Very windy and cloudy.

September 3 Hauled hay and finished barn. Cut load spruce poles for bears.

September 4 Rained this morning and windy. Lot west wind. Percy mixed mud and I daubed the house and we went to Stone's after supper. Stayed all night.

September 5 Mr. Stone and Archie and I went to Flying Shot and stayed all night at Clifford's.

September 6 We went to Bredin's to attend road meeting and had dinner at Bredin's. Went to Smith's and stayed all night. I got seven letters the 5.

September 7 Mr. Allie Brick brought the mail. I got 2 letters from Arnold at Edmonton and one from Minnie Pool and we came back to Revillon Bros. and I settled my account with Ferguson at the Hudson Bay Co \$1.16. Mrs. Ferguson gave me a pair of moccasins and I welded wagon. Rode.

September 8 We came to Stone's for dinner. Wrote note to Hardin by Rede.

September 9 I came home afoot. Put in window glass. George Stone was here for dinner hunting horses south of creek. Mr. Hardin brought mowing machine home and I gave him some beets. Slim came up with team.

September 10 Slim commenced digging hay pen post holes. I went to lake to cut hay after dinner.

September 11 Slim and I went to lake to cut hay. I killed 7 ducks and Slim killed 4 grouse.

September 12 Mr. Bernard came up with rake and Little Rede came up to hunt ducks. We built hay pen. Had 3 ducks for dinner.

September 13 Slim and Rede and I went to lake to make hay. Killed 4 ducks. Rained. Too wet to make hay.

September 14 Slim and Rede killed 12 ducks and it rained. I went out on the lake. Slim got one shot in the head.

September 15 Horses broke loose and I went after them. Too wet to hay.

September 16 Slim raked some hay. I killed 20 ducks.

September 17 Rede, I got shot, went home with 22 ducks. Hauled 5 loads hay. I finished raking. Rede, Slim killed 5 ducks.

September 18 Hauled 7 loads of hay. Rede came back home. Windy.

September 19 Hauled 1 load to top out stacks and came home 10 o'clock. Slim went down to Stone's with rack.

September 20 Mr. Stone and I went to Saskatoon Lake to attend road meeting.

September 21 Walter Eaton and I went to cut poles. Pearne[?] boy told us about seeing a black bear. We went to hunt him. Riled a brown cub bear then hauled poles. Very windy.

September 22 Came to Stone's. Met Benson and Hurceff[?] and Germaine. Stayed at Stone's.

September 23 Settled up with Mr. Stone all accounts, except breaking. Archie came up and we are getting ready for a moose hunt. Settled up with Archie Stone in full. Snowed a little.

Thursday September 24 Started for a moose hunt. Camped at forks Beaver Lodge Creek for dinner. Beaver Indian and family went with us. Camped at Sucker Lake overnight. Had ducks.

September 25 Friday Frosty. Lots of geese on Horse Lake. Left trail for moose range. Came by some fine lakes. Moose scarce.

September 26 Saturday Indian turned back and we came on through the bush to W. Reynolds place on Swan Lake, British Columbia.

September 27 Sunday Rained and snowed. Mr. Reynolds caught 2 fish in net. Slim hunted geese and got none.

September 28 Monday We packed up and are going to start out on trail. Lost trail and camp at 5 Swan Lake. Tracks of 2 horses going east.

September 29 Met Beaver Indian boy. Camped on Beaver Lodge Creek. Moose meat supper. Beaver Indians drying meat.

September 30 Left Beaver camp west. Camped at Muskrat[?] Lake. Saw some moose signs.

October 1 Slim saw 1 moose about 600 yards off. We did not shoot at him.

October 2 We went out in the swamp after moose, but did not see any. I saw 4 bear tracks on the logs in the frost but could not find them. Rained all day. Came back to Rat Lake.

October 3 We went up to Kowesekow River. Fine mountain stream. No game at all.

October 4 Sunday Cloudy. We went up to Koweska River. Fine mountain stream. Rained on us most all the way.

October 5 We started back home. Camped at forks. Beaver Indians gone.

October 6 Came home to my shack before dinner. Went down to Stone's and Archie came back and stayed all night.

October 7 Slim went home and I dug spuds.

October 8 I pulled carrots and beets and onions.

October 9 I went down to Slim's place after carrots and onions. Little Rede brought me home. Shot a mallard at saw mill on wing.

October 10 Heavy frost. I went to Arnold's place but could not dig spuds with hoe, too frosty. Turnips froze some. I dug spuds on Arnold's place.

October 11 I went up around Spruce Grove. I saw 1 moose track and 2 coyotes and beaver dam. Warm. Clouding up this evening.

October 12 Dug spuds. Warm. Killed 1 duck.

October 13 Finished spuds. Windy. Went to Stone's and Percy came up and hauled them in. Killed one duck.

October 14 Got ready for Saskatoon Lake. Took 3 ducks to Stone's.

October 15 Stayed at Mead and Grant's overnight and at Lowe's for dinner. Branded colts. Came home to Stone's.

October 16 Came home. Percy up with team. Puled rutabagas. Mr. M. Gogins, Mr. McDonald from Duluth, Minnesota, U. S. A., Mr. Robinson from Lesser Slave Lake, Indian from Crossing stayed all night.

October 17 This party left for Saskatoon Lake. This morning frosty. I pulled turnips and killed 2 pheasants and 4 ducks.

October 18 I pulled turnips. Windy and warm. 2 Beaver Indians and 1 boy came up for turnips and brought me some moose meat.

October 19 They went home and I pulled 2 piles turnips 1 Beaver Indian for dinner. He claims to have killed 2 moose south of creek.

October 20 Cold. I went over south looking for moose. 2 Beavers were at camp when I got home. Gave a piece dried moose meat. Stayed all night. Snowed a little.

October 21 They left for home. I gave them some turnips and I went with them to Stone's. I went home on the south side of creek.

October 22 I piled wood. George Stone came up. Hauled turnips after dinner.

October 23 We went to lake and fenced hay. Came home and hauled 4 loads wood.

October 24 Mended overalls. Cooler wind. I went to Stone's and brought Prince back.

October 25 Rained. Had a boiled dinner. I went up to the lake. Found trail leading northeast. Discovered Spruce Lake 1½ miles east on B line.

October 26 Windy. Threatening storm. I went to Stone's and stayed all night. Snowed a little. Cold.

October 27 Stayed at Hardin's for dinner. Went across to coal bank on Red Willow. Up Creek to Mr. J. Cory's place and stayed all night. Snowed some more. Colder. Snowed all day.

October 28 Snowed all night. Cleared off and sunshine at 10 o'clock. Still windy. Snowed again.

October 29 Snowed all day.

October 30 Snowed until 10 am. I started home after dinner. Got to Stone's 4 PM. Stayed all night.

October 31 Cold and clear. I went up home. Clear and fine, thawing a little. Baking bread and cooking moose meat for tomorrow's moose hunt. Snow 4 inches deep.

November 1908

November 1 Sunday Snowed all day.

Monday 2 Clear and sunshine. Snow about 1 foot deep. I am daubing inside of shack today.

Tuesday 3 I went south to Lodge Pole. No moose tracks. I saw one rabbit track. Cloudy in the west. Fine today. Sunshine.

Wednesday 4 Thawing. I laid floor. Chinook wind.

November 5 Thursday I finished floor. Very warm and soft sprinkled.

November 6 Friday Warm wind in southwest. Thawing. I went east on Spring Hill to Saskatoon Mountain. Found spring at southwest end. Stayed at Stone's all night.

November 7 Came home after dinner. Wind in southwest. Thawing.

Sunday 8 Clear and sunshine this morning. I stayed at home.

November 9 I discovered coal on Spring Hill and went to Stone's for dinner.

November 10 Cut house logs all day. Clear sunshine.

November 11 Cut logs all day.

November 12 I went to spring and then to Stone's. Stayed all night. Stone got cow and calf home. I got my woolen mittens from mother Stone.

November 13 I came home. Wind in southwest. Warmer, thawing. I cut logs.

November 14 Clear. Southwest wind. Thawing. I washed towels and dish rags.

November 15 Sunshine and warm. Finest day this month. Tom Sinclair and 2 sons arrived on trip to trap. Left sleigh and packed and one dog team from here.

November 16 Left this morning up stream. Percy Stone Came up and skidded logs. Warm.

November 17 We skidded logs. Warm. Thawing.

November 18 We skidded logs. ½ went to spring. Logs after dinner.

November 19 We cut logs. Very warm.

November 20 We skidded logs. Hauled one load. We hauled logs.

November 21 Hauled logs.

November 22 We went to Stone's. Got 63 pounds beef, 1 pound butter from Hardins.

November 23 Hauled logs. Cut new road. Cloudy. Colder. Mr. Corey came over from Red Willow Creek.

November 24 We went to spring and set camper[?].

November 25 We commenced building at spring.

November 26 Worked on house.

November 27 Laid off today.

November 28 Put up 2 rounds. Chinook today. Warm. Storming tonight.

November 29 Stormy snow about 4 inches deep. Percy went home.

November 30 Cold. Put 1 round on house. 4 Beaver Indians come up to hunt moose. I bought 2 pair moccasins \$3 sold 1 sash \$1.00. Clear. Very cold.

December 1 Tuesday the first Alex Sinclair and Indian boy left here. Left me a piece of moose meat. Very cold. We worked on house. Percy hauled logs. McBride, Paterson and Mr. Clark came up to whip saw lumber.

December 2 Very cold. Worked on house. Percy hauled 1 load logs. Glandey[?] came up hunting horses.

December 3 Cold, but clear. We put ridge log on the house. Finished. Paterson helped us. Got through before dinner. Washed towels and dish rags. Cooked Mulligan Mr. Corey. Warmer. Clouding up. Looking like snow.

December 4 Hauled 1 load logs, then we went to Stone's. Got there at 10 o'clock. George Stone and Mr. Corey and I went across to Red Willow after coal. Stayed at Corey's all night. Warmer.

December 5 Went to coal bank and loaded up. Got back to shack at 10 o'clock. Clear sunshine. Warmer. Started home at 12 o'clock. Got to Stone's 3:20 after dinner. Stayed at Stone's overnight. Warmer.

December 6 Came home. Clear. Warm. Mrs. Stone came up.

December 7 I went to new house. Put casing in door and looked for lagin.

December 8 Visited saw camp and set 2 traps. Cut some lagin.

December 9 Went to Saskatoon Lake with Paterson. Saw 1 moose track.

December 10 Went over to Mead and Grant's. D bought 20 bushels spuds. Saw Nicklson.

December 11 Stopped at Ferguson's overnight.

December 12 Went to Mackinnon's for dinner. Had horse and cutter. Windy and stormy.

December 13 Sold sleighs to Ferguson and harness to Eaton. Wrote Post Office and survey positions.

December 13 Came back to Stone's on snow shoes. Stayed all night with the boys.

December 14 Colder. Clear. Came home afoot. Cut lagin.

December 15 Cut lagin before dinner. Paterson and McBride and Clark moved camp. McBride and I went to Hardin's and stayed at Stone's all night.

December 16 I got Robert's team to haul my lagin.

December 17 Warmer and windy.

December 18 Chinook wind. Took team home after dinner. Hauled 2 loads[?] wood.

December 19 I hewed lagin. Chinook wind and warm.

December 20 Washed shirts and towel. Clear and warm. I visited saw mill. Tom Sinclair and Indian boy camped overnight.

December 21 Grizzly bear meat for breakfast. Warm and soft. 7 hours day. Sun shortest in the year.

December 22 I cleaned out chips. Worked on house. Mr. Jim Philips, Albert Tait, John Caulder of Edmonton stayed all night. Tait's residence 4.3.7 Winson Hotel. They start for Sucker Lake today.

December 23 CPR Party gone. I chinked the house. Warm.

December 24 Warm and chinook. Finish house. Robert Stone was up, with Mr. Myers from Saskatchewan. I set 2 traps.

December 25 Merry Christmas. We are going to Stone's for dinner. Cloudy and warm. Pudding and pie, roast pork for dinner. Corey came up. Stayed all night.

December 26 Corey went up the creek to Rock Point. I buried spuds and cooked and cleaned house. After dinner I went to saw mill camp. Corey came home and stayed all night, then struck south for Red Willow

December 27 I went to spring and then to Stone's for dinner. Came up with Rob and Paterson. Packed up and packed to McKell's place. Got there 11:30 PM. 6½ hours on the trail.

December 28 We started for Edmonton 9:20. Got to Sinclair's at 2 o'clock.

December 29 Stormed. Stayed 2 nights Sinclair. Cleared up after dinner.

December 30 Started out for Spirit River. Cold, 38 and 40 below zero. Lost my ware sack on trail. Camped 3 times.

December 31 Cold, 40. Camped at Saddle Mountain for dinner. Got English and Calkin. Stayed all night. Warmer.

January first 1909 Breakfast at English's. Came up to Garnett's for dinner. Warmer. Fine.

January 2 Colder swing. I helped Esplin shoe horses. Looked over Garnett's cows to hedge[?]. Snowed a little. Roast beef for trail.

January 3 Sunday Still at Garnett's.

January 4 Very cold. Fixed horse blankets. Got ready for trail dance at McKell place.

January 5 Left Garnett place at 9 o'clock. Dinner at Mr. Steele's. Esplin Bros for supper. Cold and storm.

5720 January 6 Laid up on account of cold. Cold night weather.

45 January 7 Coldest morning. Mrs. C Gibes fine cook. Cut a little wood.

35 January 8 Moderated. Cloudy. Start for Dunvegan after dinner. Stayed all night.

January 9 Left for Burnt River. Got lost. Stayed at Hay Lakes all night at B Indian.

January 1909

January 10 Left for Burnt River. Got there at sundown. Fine day. Breed [or bread?] camp.

January 11 Stormy. Left for Old Wife's Lake. Stayed all night.

12 Left for Brick's. Dinner. Stayed at Mr. McKincey all night.

January 13 50 below. Crossed Peace River. Stopped at Jack Hudson's 15 miles out from Crossing.

January 14 59 nine below zero at Crooked Bridge. Shell Paul overnight.

January 15 S left after dinner. Brick cart up to us. Warmer.

January 16 Left bear head. Milder. Pete Leduck or Hart River overnight. Got to lake.

January 17 Snowed a little. Milder. English and Calkin left this morning. Got to Slave Lake.

January 18 Started for Cut Bank after dinner. Milder.

January 19 Storming, wind. Got to Shaws Creek for dinner. Blizzard. Laid up after dinner.

January 20 Moderated. Sunshine. Wapa[possibly wapiti?] for dinner. Asneil River overnight. Brick and 2 police caught up.

January 21 Snowed all day. Brick pulled out 2 white men come up for Grande Prairie.

January 22 Snowed before dinner. Laid up. Clearing up. Pulled after dinner. Slaven I overnight.

January 23 Pulled drifting very bad at Tom. S ylack[?] for dinner. Froze my face. Stone's for night.

January 24 Left Stone's. Cold. Waste aps for dinner. Henry's mare died at noon. Donaldson's at night. Milder. 18 below 0, 30 in the morning.

January 25 Milder and clear sunshine. Ladis camp for dinner at Atab River. Moose Portage overnight. Bum camp.

January 26 New camp for dinner. Lacord's overnight. Warm ~~January 27~~ Lacord's overnight. Milder.

January 27 Bald hill for dinner. McKell's overnight. Warmer.

January 28 Athabaska Landing for dinner. Smith's overnight.

January 29 Lewis' for dinner. Short's overnight. Windy.

January 30 Windy, northeast. Egge's for dinner. Warmer. Pottrey overnight, French man. Warmer. Cloudy.

January 31 Milligan for dinner. Sunshine. 22 miles from town.

Vinegar Recipe

14¼ of brown sugar to 7 gallons of hot water, 8 quarts cold water. Add toast[?] and yeast. This will make 9 gallon run. Set in sun or warm place. Ready to use in 6 months.

14 pounds beef at Garnett's \$1.40

Sugar Vinegar

Recipe for Vinegar

5 quarts of spring water, 2 pounds brown sugar, 1 piece of toast[?] sped with yeast.

Boil sugar ¼ hour. Skim well. 1 quart cold water the gallon. Set in a warm place. Don't cork. Shake every day for 8 days.

Horse Radishes Vinegar

6 ounces horseradish, 3 pints vinegar. Crape the horseradish. Pour over it the boiling vinegar. Cover it closely and let it stand 12 days, then pour vinegar of horseradish, then ready for use.

Drugs

Turpentine, Spirit of Nitre, gumbolts caustic, balsam liniment, borax, welding Coz[?], alum, saltpetre, citric acid, boracic acid, Sedlets[?] salts, Epsom salt, pills, painkiller, headache tub, quinine, Dimon[?] dyes, arnica, rat biscuit, Pare Gorick[?], perfume, Saint Jacob's oil, putty, window glass 10 x 12 20 x 24, flax seed, Harlem oil, combs and glasses, camphor, castor oil, Vaseline

Groceries

flour and cornmeal, graham flour, sugar granulated, brown and lump [sugar], coffee and tea, cornstarch, beans and peas, dried fruit, oatmeal, bale, rice, lard, meat, baking Magic powder and soda, matches, salt, pepper, mustard, cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, ginger, barley, rice, sago, allspice, no. 2 lamp globes, Cold Blast lant__y, lantern globes, lamp wicks and lantern wicks, coal oil, flavouring for soup, curry, Venely[?] lemon extract, starch flos[?], candy, peppermint, Mc Loual plug, plug tobacco Pay Rode, smoking T and B wide, pipes smoking, pipe stems, candles, tin pails, 1 pair scales, washboards, paper bags, wrapping twine, soap washing, hand soap, concentrated vinegar, catsup, cigarette papers, Bull Durem tobacco, canned salmon, condition powder, dried figs, mustard, picket rope [numerous numbers and small notations removed]

Dry Goods

bleached muslin, unbleached muslin, gingham and prints, dress goods, spool thread 30 to 60, linen thread, Batelor Bot[?], buttons, pawe[?] rotary, needles, pins, safety pins, overall goods, shirting, socks men's and ladies', mosquito netting, yarn woolen, needles hand, machine needle[?] Singer, buckskin, needles, ~~mosquito net~~, shoe strings, handkerchiefs, gloves, ribbons, beads for fancy work, overalls and jumpers, pants cloth, Dufell[?] earrings and rings

Hardware

Steamers bread, whipsaw files, files, saw feicles[?], rat tail, butcher knives, jackknives, table knives, axes and handles, teaspoons and tea, ripsaw, spoke shave, Borax, tea pips, ~~citric acid, Alum~~, 27 x 6 inch Pips, ~~Saltpetre~~, 22 inch window, door locks, wire screen 28 inch, hinges, door sashes, nails N8 6 x 7 x 8 3 4 5, horse shoe nails, horseshoes never slip, iron and bolts and burs, 3 inch auger, chisels, adze round edge, stove pipe 6 inch, 2 bear trap no. 5, clamps, no. 1 and 2 shot, buckshot B, empty shells, primers gun caps, paper woods, felt woods, Pander Fr G Eade[?], 44 cartridges, 38-55-303 Savage, 30 x 30-22 rim fire, 30 x 40 W S Winches, meat chopper, chains log, spades all steel, triangle compass, gimlets, spring rasp and hammer, spring knife clinch, half nippers and butes[?] knife, cofree[?] rivets, iron rivets, s__ring acid loader, fry pans, pots, tin cups, and plates

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Beaver Lodge

August 19 – 1908

Mr. Ferguson

Please send me by bearer 1 pound smoking tobacco and charge same to me and _ blige.

Oliver H Johnson

Chadwick got nie cured in teafaco___.

Mr. Lyens ___ds the far Gron___ far information in strafer_____ can.

5 wide 44 long

August 5, 1908

Percy's time haying

August 5 worked days $\frac{1}{2}$

August 6 worked days 1

August 7 worked days 1

August 28 was hauling 22 $1\frac{1}{2}$

August 25 digging holes $\frac{1}{2}$

August 26 B barn 1

August 27 hauling dirt 1

August 28 cut poles $\frac{1}{2}$

August 30 Sunday off

August 31 cut Poles and Brush 1

September first

Hauled poles and hay 1

September hauled hay 1

September hauled hay 1

September daubing house 1

Settled in full to date September 23, 1908

Archie Stone time

August 22 hauling hay $1\frac{1}{2}$

September digging post holes 1

Cutting hay at lake 1

Built hay pen $\frac{3}{4}$

September 23, 1908 1

+ $\frac{3}{4}$ + $\frac{1}{4}$ = 2

5 + 1 = 6

9

1.50 + 7.50 = 9.00

6 days' work at \$1.50 per day. Paid cash \$4.00. Balance to, credit to Robert Stone \$3.50

Beaver Lodge Creek Alta

Sept 23 – 1908

Settled with Rede Stone for all accounts of bills and cash and work except breaking to be measured up to date. Mr. Stone debt \$3.90 - credit by cash \$0.10 = \$3.80 Paid

February 24, 1909

2 boxes matches 20, 2 pounds tea 50, 7 loaves bread, 3, 1 box matches 10

M. Gogins, Duluth, Minnesota, U.S.A.

N. McDonald, Duluth, Minnesota

Mr. Robinson, Lesser Slave Lake, near the Mission

Rede Stone

December 28, 1908

Hauling Logs \$25.00 + 9½ acres braking \$42.75 = \$67.75

\$380.00

Balance of account to date \$312.25

2.40

\$314.65

Settled in full February 24, 1909

onions, cabbage, carrots, parsnips, beets, radishes, lettuce, peas, rhubarb seed, horse radish, cauliflour, squash, squaw corn, pumpkin, sitrous, cucumber, tomatoes, spinach, rutabagas, turnips, sugar beets, horse carrots

currants, gooseberry, raspberry, blackberry, Siberian crab apples, 2 E strings violin, stile, 1 slet[?] A D G strings for Sinclair

Half moon earrings

Alice Sinclair

1 martin hide, 1 pair fine shoes, EE last length of cloth measure, 2 pair black hose, 1 black felt ladies' hat dark trimming,

Alex Sinclair

watch fixed

Tom Sinclair

9 weasel hides, purchase ceakid[?] prints for same, little flour in blue