

Wednesday Oct 13th

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Sanderson drilling rape beside us today. I & M clearing water race. a heavy thunder storm this afternoon & a sharp frost tonight

Thursday 14th finished water race & pulled up wire from middle fence in plains, blowing cold North East wind & a sharp frost to night. Don wrote to Watson & Co about Oats advising him to sell for 2/11 if possible also wrote to Loughnan about Will.

Friday 15th putting up wire fence above wheat in Spring paddock, crops are looking well after the rain, raining brightly this afternoon.

Saturday 16th we put merinos & hoggets on dun oats above house, The Sisters & Mrs E. Holly here this afternoon.

Sunday 17th Blowing cold Sou wester this morning, nine o'clock mass at Leeston all the family at communion. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered up for father, James Holly was inquiring for out.

Monday Oct 18 a most beautiful day very warm crops growing well. Sold 50 bush dun oats to Holly Bros @ 1/10, a light frost to night

Tuesday 19th a fine spring day & very warm. What rolling head in road paddock. delivered oats at mill Blowing a strong N.W. wester, very dry. One of the young heifer very bad after calving

Wednesday 20th Oct

October 1897

Blowing a strong north-wester very warm & dry. Don went to Leeston to get medicine for the cow also a horse brush

Thursday 21st Show Day, a beautiful day for the show, rather dull looking but pleasant & cool. concert tonight in Town Hall by the Kovich Family & a ball at Doyleston but ratschaf chaff just over 80 pounds in a bag, average about 28 bags to the ton, about 2 ton altogether, Will Smyth here today

Friday Oct 22 Sale at Leeston Sold 7 cattle & 11 sheep, 1 cow in calf £. 3. 2. 6, one at £. 2. 7. 0. one two year old heifer at £. 2. 6. 0, two yearlings at £. 1. 8. 0 & 2 calves at 2/- Hoggets 2 & 4 toothed @ 10/6. cattle sold very cheap, almost given away cross bred ewes & lambs with about 70 3/4 lambs 9/- wens with 100 per cent lambs 14/3. Pigs sold very dear, weaners at 1/- good stores from £. 1. to 2 5/-

	£	S	D.	Sheep
1 cow	3	2	6	11 @ 10/6
1 cow	2	7	0	10 1/2
1 heifer	2	6	0	110
2 heifers @ 160	2	12	0	3 1/2
2 calves @ 4/0	0	4	0	25 / 15 1/2
	£	10	11	6

Saturday, Brought 5 sacks wheat to the mill, flour

Sunday 24th October Very warm to day. D. & I drove to town. went down in about 4 hours. Stayed at Murphy's on Sunday night, he does a big trade. Mrs. Murphy has not been very well lately.

Monday We saw Mr. Loughnan today, we got the Well which we brought home. He agreed to fix it up for £. 15. put advertisement in Times & Press concerning claims against the estate, to be sent in before the 13th November