

October 1897

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Saw Watson about the oats, said he had made arrangements to sell it for 2/1, we drove home in the afternoon. It was raining very heavy nearly all the way home the crops wanted it badly.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Blowing a N.W. gale. I was felling blue-gum trees this afternoon. Mat finished rolling barley in gravel pit. Dan sent advertisement to the Guardian about claims he told him to stop sending the paper.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> raining this afternoon, splitting stakes. Mother & Kate went to the cemetery.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Blowing cold sou-wester. D. cutting gorse in paddock above house. J. cutting gum trees.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Ashburton Show today. Blowing cold nor-easter wind. D. cutting gorse. J. cutting trees. Mat ploughing top of road. Paddock for turnips. received cheque from Holly Bros for oats £4.8.2.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> J. Kerr's second eldest daughter died to day.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 9 o'clock mass at Luston, very dry weather just now blowing strong nor-wester. Kelly was here today.

Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day a holiday of obligation. at mass to day. I drafted some sheep this afternoon. W. Smyth sold to day.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> very warm today, write letter to Loughlin asking him to forward seed shules before Friday. went to Smyth's this afternoon for a ton of potatoes. he has about 20 ton left. Mat ploughing for turnips.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> turning gorse in road paddock. raining heavy this afternoon from north-east. this was badly wanted. harrowed potatoes to day.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> drafted sheep to day. blowing nor-wester.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> blowing strong nor-wester. Luston Sale to day. we bought down sheep & pigs. sold them all. pigs were cheaper than on the preceding sale day. sheep were rather dull. fat wess @ 8/- cattle no sale given away.

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54 woor & 61 lambs = 115 @ 6/- all counted	£ 34.10.0
1 baconer @ 33/-	1.13.0
8 stores @ 18/-	7.4.0
6 " " 15/6	4.13.0
6 " " 13/9	4.2.6
6 " " 18/6	5.11.0
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yardage fees 9/- bonim 29/-

we received cheque for this amount £ 1.18.0

£ 37.13.6	+ 1.18.0	=	£ 35.15.6
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McKellar's estate (Rob Day) died to day. a big loss for him. Luston Court to day. Elder & Durdant. concerning partnership joint appeared for Elder & Russell for Durdant. the case was adjourned to Christchurch. Mrs Peter Campbell's farm of 300 odd acres is for sale. her & the son can't agree. Miss P. Lacey married today.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Mat ploughing. D. burning gorse above the house. got bag from J. O'Rourke. raining lightly this afternoon. Mat harrowing for turnips.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 11 o'clock mass at Luston, blowing cold sou-wester. a heavy shower here this fore noon. W. Smyth getting better to day. D. was down to see him. Mrs Poole had just now.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> blowing strong nor-wester. M. harrowing for turnips. D. & Mother went to Luston. Mrs Bell had just now. her eyes got hurted. Mrs Poole died to day.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> blowing strong nor-wester. very dry. I got cultivator from J. Smyth. he just sold his wheat on last Thursday.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> cold sou-wester & raining lightly. a terrible heavy thunder-storm across Dunsmuir this afternoon.

Mrs Poole buried to day at Billinchy about 3.5 traps or a few more men. Mrs Bell had just now Inflammation of the eyes.

H. Chappell is also bad something the same as Mrs Bell. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> blowing cold nor-east wind. Mat ploughing for turnips. very dry weather just now.