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property as possible & if the weather does permit to endeavor to get the Batteau repaired, I send what may be saved of the property down by water if profitable if this cannot be done to lay it up & leave a man & an Indian to take care of it until such time as it can be sent for with sledges at all event to send the women & children down by land. Mr Brown & party returned without finding cattle.

Friday 8th Fine clear mild weather Wind S

The old hunter & Dayneau arrived with horses & brought 600 lbs of meat. 5 men employed in building a house for the families which are coming from the Batteau 2 men employed in threshing oats & 2 men engaged in cutting & hauling fire wood. The rest of the men variously employed. The Engagay arrived

Saturday 9th Clear mild weather Wind S

The Engagay traded a good many Peltries & went off. Et One arrived with a good stock of furs to trade 4 men employed in threshing oats & Barley. The rest employed in building a house & in cutting fire wood

Sunday 10 Clear mild weather

The hunters arrived from the hunting tent and also 2 Stone Indians with a little to trade

Monday 11th Fine frosty weather

The Hunter arrived with 3 boxes he had received a stab in the arm in the evening

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a few Stone Indians arrived with a little to trade. The men employed in the same manner as stated on Saturday.

Tuesday 12th Calm fine weather a very little snow fell in the course of the night which disappeared when the Sun got up.

The men employed as yesterday. The Indian who arrived yesterday traded and went off about 2 o'clock PM the Batteau from Dog rump Creek arrived the only part of the cargo which was saved consisted of Buffalo leather which was all wet. The provisions which consisted of Pounded meat was all lost except a Bag of 60 lbs. The quantity lost was 5 large Hags & 3300 lbs which was all except a very & also a good deal of the mens private property. It was fortunate when the Batteau sunk that it was in shallow water or all hands must have perished as the ice was driving very thick on the river & the weather very cold. By the arrival of the Batteau it brings an addition of 3 men 5 women & 13 children to our families

Wednesday 13th Very cold blinding weather some snow fell in the course of last night Wind N W The men employed as follows, The Bluehorn in attending his charcoal kiln & 5 men engaged in building & also 4 men employed to winnow the corn & 1 man to haul wood & one sick. Mr Bird & party returned when they discovered that the Batteau had sprung a leak

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they went a hunting & killed 2 Bulls wt 1000 lbs

Thursday 16th Very cold snowy cloudy weather Wind N

All the men employed in building a house except the Blacksmith who is working on the Forge.

The river frozen over for the second time this season. A Gross & several swans passed the fort

Friday 15th Cold raw weather Wind N

4 Stone Indians arrived in the morning on the north side of the river where they were obliged to remain on account of the bad state of the ice. In the evening a Barn of 8 arched on the same side but could not venture to cross. The men employed in cutting wood & in finishing a house & in fetching a new flag staff

Saturday 16th Cold raw weather Wind N

The Stone Indians who arrived yesterday crossed the river early in the morning tramped & went back to the camp. 4 men employed in finishing a house & 3 men in cutting fire wood. The rest of the men variously employed about the fort

Sunday 17th cloudy weather with snow.

9 Stone Indians arrived with some provisions to trade

Monday 18th cold raw weather Wind N

The Stone Indians who arrived yesterday went

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off this morning. The employment of the men was cutting fire wood to furnish their own houses & families during the winter. Sent Lubris & Spence to the hunting tent & Johnson & Parcien to discover if there are any Buffaloes coming down the river banks

Tuesday 19

Dark cloudy weather Wind N

Dayneau arrived with the meat & Red Deer W 800 lbs A Crow arrived. The men employed in the same manner as yesterday

Wednesday 20th Fine clear weather Wind S.W

The employment of the men was as follows 2 men threshing wheat sent 2 men down along the river to cut wood for sledges to drag fire wood on the rest of the men engaged in sawing wood & repairing a house. Sent Leith & Dayneau to the hunting tent to drag meat & one arrived from the hunting tent at the Bloody Berry Lake & informed me that 6 red deer were on the stage. In the evening there arrived a 11 men & 9 women all Stone Indians with provisions to trade

Thursday 21st Dark cloudy weather Wind N.E

The men employed in the same way as yesterday except one man who was sent to the pines to fetch a piece of wood of 25 feet long to splice to the end of the flag staff. Mr Brown and a man went off for meat at the Bloody Berry with 5 horses. A Crow arrived with a

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little to trade. The men who were sent to fetch Tuesday 25th
Birchwood returned with part of it.

Friday 22nd Cold raw weather Wind N.E

Sent 5 men to fetch the rest of the Birch wood.
The rest employed about a variety of jobs about
the Fort. The Stone Indians as well as the Crees
went off after trading. Traded yesterday
from them 666 lbs of Fat 220 lbs of Powder
met a few Hare traps & some Badgers skin.
Three Beaver skin. Crees arrived.

Saturday 23rd Cold raw weather turning a little in the
course of the day Wind N.E

The men employed in getting the Birch up
to dry & in putting up a new Flagstaff
& in repairing the house. In the evening gave the
men a treat & a dance as is the custom when
a new Flagstaff is erected. Mr Brown the trader
of

Sunday 24th Cloudy weather Wind N.W snowing at
intervals

A 11 Stone Indians arrived & 9 Crees they
traded and went off immediately. Mr
Brown & 2 men arrived with 6 Red Deer

Monday 25th Cloudy weather wind N.E

The Crees & Stone Indians left the Fort. A Cree
arrived with letters from Edmonton informing me that the Stone Indians had
stolen 26 horses from that Department. All Stone
Indians arrived with a little to trade. The
men variously employed about the Fort

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Cold blowing weather Wind N.E
The men employed in sawing wood for sledges
& in cleaning & to winnow wheat & barley.
The 4 Stone Indians went off this morning.
Sent 5 men to cut fire wood La Venture
arrived with meat 100 lbs.

Wednesday 27th Cloudy weather with a little snow

Some Crees arrived in the evening & Dayenne
shortly after with the meat of 3 Red Deer.
Bathash entered the service again in conse-
quence of his last engagement with the late
N.W company. 12 men employed in
making a sledges to pack furs. Sent 2 men
to cut fire wood & drag it home. The rest of
the men variously employed about the
Fort. Parenteau & Lumen the furriers
arrived with sledges which they promised
to furnish the Company with. The Thunder
& Dubois men sent a hunting

Thursday 28th Dark cloudy weather Wind N.E

The Crees who arrived yesterday went back
to their tents after getting a few supplies
& another Band arrived from Gou Sutherland
with traps to trade. The men employed as
follows 2 men in repairing & altering
the Shore & 1 man in making sledges to
drag fire wood & hay. Sent the rest to cut
fire wood & also 3 men & a boy to fetch meat.

Friday 29th Fine mild weather Wind S.E

The Cree who arrived yesterday after hauling

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2000 men returned to their tents with the supplies which they received in exchange. Sent 3 men to fetch meat with dog sledges this being the first trip with dogs this season on account of the want of snow.

Employed 2 men to finish the work in the store & the rest engaged in cutting pine wood & in making dog traces.

2 Crees arrived - Parmentier & Lameau returned to their tents.

Saturday 31st Very cold weather Wind N

The Indians who arrived yesterday traded and went off. The men employed in cutting pine wood & bring it to the Fort & in fetching brick & in working in the Forge with the Blacksmith.

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Sunday 1st

Cold weather Wind N

One Cree arrived. La Venture arrived with the meat of half a bull & shortly after Beauchamp with 4 horses loaded with meat.

Monday 2nd

Cold weather part clear & part cloudy Wind N. The men employed 2 men in working with the Blacksmith one in making sledges and sent one man to cut pine wood & also 2 men with horses to drag what was cut home to the Fort. The rest variously employed.

Tuesday 3rd Cloudy blowing weather Wind S E

A Band of Stone Indians arrived after trading a little fat left the Fort. Conner employed in making rat traps & Goulett in cutting wood Pephin & La Libertie in drag it home with horses. Sent 3 men for meat with dogs & sledges.

Wednesday 4th Clear cold weather Wind N E

Sent 7 men with dogs & sledges to fetch meat. The Blacksmith working in the Forge & Mr Goulett to cut wood & Pephin & La Libertie to bring it home.

Thursday 5th Clear cold weather wind N

The men at home employed about a variety of jobs about the Fort. A Band of Stone Indians young men & women arrived with a little trade. A furman arrived with a few rats skins to trade.

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Tuesday 6th Clear mild weather Wind N.E.
The men employed as yesterday. The Indian who arrived yesterday left the Fort & also a half breed freeman. In the evening 2 Stone Indians arrived.

Saturday 7th Fine mild weather Wind S.E.
The men employed in dragging wood & making dog traces & other jobs about the Fort. The two Indians traded a few fowlers & left the Fort.

Sunday 8th Uncommonly mild weather. This season is remarkable on account of the want of snow.
The Great Knife arrived with a few attendants; he is the greatest chief of all the Stone Indian tribes, I gave him a small present of tobacco & a little rum & after drinking he traded a little more.

Monday 9th Very mild weather Wind S.E.
The men employed in fetching hay & wood & in repairing sledges. The Blacksmith in repairing his bellows. 5 men arrived with meat on dog sledges & dogs нарк with 4 horses wt 2150 lbs

Tuesday 10th Mild weather Wind S.E.
The men engaged in cutting pine wood & dragging it home with horses. The Blacksmith employed in making rat darts. Several horses arrived late in the evening. The Great Knife with his attendant left the Fort

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to return to the camp

Wednesday 11th Cold weather Wind N.E.
Sent 7 to fetch meat & with them two more who are to remain at the hunting tent to drag animals to the stage. The about the Fort employed in cutting & dragging wood & in making traps. The Blacksmith in making rat darts

Thursday 12th Cold blowing weather Wind N.E.
The men employed in the following manner, Goulett in cutting wood & Peppin & La Liberte in hauling it home on the horse sledges. Corner in making rat darts and Gillock in blowing the blacksmith's bellows.

Friday 13th Cold blowing weather Wind N.E.
The men employed in the same manner as yesterday. 5 men arrived with dogs sledges loaded with meat wt 1125 lbs Goulett with some Halfbreed freemen arrived late in the evening. A Stone Indian arrived who had been at the Fort on the Bow River, he reports that the Indians of that department are rather hostile to the whites & that they had killed 3 Stone Indians close to the Fort. This report cannot be much relied on from the known want of veracity among the Stone Indian tribes.

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Saturday 14th Cold Heavy weather Wind N

The men employed in the same manner as they above. A band of 15 Stone Indians arrived with some provisions to trade. The freemen traded rats & other peltries to a considerable amount. Two men armed from the hunting tent with meat wt 260 lbs. The Stone Indians traded rats all night till near morning.

Sunday 15th Cold blowing weather with a little snow

Wind N E — 2 Crows arrived in the morning. The freemen & halfpounds returned to their tents. The Bands of Stone Indians left the Fort after trading a little tobacco. In the evening 2 birds arrived.

Monday 16th Very cold weather Wind N

Sent 5 men with dogs & sledges to fetch from Friday's tent. Traded some rats from the Crows. A band of 5 Stone Indians arrived they traded & went off immediately. The men employed in cutting fire wood & hauling it home & the Blacksmith in working on the Forge.

Tuesday 17th Fine mild weather Wind N E

Sent all the men to cut fire wood. Employed horses in the Forge & Myfauult in making small keys. Pansun brought the meat of a Red Deer which he killed when hunting for horses.

Wednesday 18th Fine clear cold weather Wind N E

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The men employed in the same manner as yesterday. Traded some rats from Bonhomme the freeman. 2 Stone Indians arrived with a few peltries to trade. Sent Dayreau & Lutte to the hunting tent to fetch meat.

Thursday 19th Cold raw weather Wind N

The men employed in cutting fire wood & other jobs required about the Fort. The 2 Stone Indians went back to the camp.

Friday 20th Clear cold weather Wind due N

The men employed in the following manner 4 men in hauling home fire wood with horses. The Blacksmith in fitching coals, & Gillock & Portneuf in repairing the Store. Sent 3 men to fetch meat from the hunting tent. 2 Stone Indians arrived with only one Red Fox to trade. 5 men armed with dogs & sledges loaded with meat wt 1000 lbs.

Saturday 21st Cold raw weather Wind E

The men employed in cutting fire wood and Myfauult in making keys & the Blacksmith working in the Forge. The 2 Stone Indians who arrived yesterday sent back to the camp.

Sunday 22nd Clear sharp weather Wind N E

3 Crows arrived & 2 Stone Indians at the same time 3 men with dogs & sledges loaded with meat.

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Monday 23 Cold ran weather Wind N

The men employed in the same manner as stated on Saturday. The Crees & Stone Indians left the Fort. In the evening 6 Crees & 12 Stone Indians arrived.

Tuesday 24th Very cold weather Wind N 8

All the Indians after trading left the Fort except 3 of the Crees. The men employed in cutting and hauling wood & other jobs required about the works.

Wednesday 25th Fine clear cold weather Wind N

This being Christmas day a general holiday was given & in the evening a dance & treat to the men as is the custom on such occasions.

Thursday 26 Fine mild weather

One Indian arrived sent with dogs & sledges to fetch meat. The men employed in cutting & hauling firewood.

Friday 27th Fine clear cold weather Wind N

Sent off 6 men with dogs & sledges to fetch some. The few men at home employed in furnishing firewood except H. Faull who is making traps. 2 Stone Indians & 6 Crees arrived with peltries to trade.

Saturday 28th Cold weather Wind N 8

The men employed in the same manner as yesterday. 2 men arrived late in the evening with meat. All the Indians left the Fort &

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and some more Crees arrived

Sunday 29th The weather clear & cold

The Crees who arrived yesterday traded some peltries & left the Fort. 3 men with dog sledges arrived with meat. 1400 lbs.

Monday 30th Cold blowing weather Wind N

A band of Crees arrived with provisions & peltries to trade. The employed in cutting firewood and hauling it with horses to the Fort.

Tuesday 31th Cold blowing weather with a little snow Wind N E

The Crees who arrived yesterday remained at the Fort also they finish trading. Two men arrived with meat 1400 lbs. In the evening 2 more arrived with a Bull which stood on the road from the hunting tent. The men employed in the same manner as yesterday.



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Wednesday Fine clear cold weather Wind N.E

This being the first day of new year a general holiday was granted & in the evening a treat & a dance was given to the men as is always the custom on such occasions.

Thursday Fine clear cold weather Wind N

A Band of Stone Indians arrived they traded some provisions and left the Fort in the course of the day to return to the camp. The men employed in cutting & hauling fire wood. Two bares arrived

Friday Clear cold weather Wind E

Sent off 10 men to the depount hunting tent with dogs & sledges to fetch meat. 3 Stone Indian and some bares arrived with provisions to trade.

Saturday Cloudy cold weather Wind N.W.

The men at home employed in cutting firewood & hauling it home. Sent 1 man to the Thunders tent to fetch meat. All the Indians left the Fort after trading & three more Stone Indian arrived with a little to trade.

Sunday Cold sharp weather

The 3 Stone Indians traded & went off & in the evening 3 more arrived

Monday Very sharp cold weather Wind N

The men employed in hauling home fire wood. 10 bares arrived with nuts to trade & other peltries, and in the evening 9 Stone

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Indians arrived with peltries and a little provisions to trade.

Tuesday Fine clear warm weather Wind N.E

The bares traded nuts all day. The Stone Indian remained at the Fort. The men employed in cutting wood and hauling it home. 2 men returned from the Thunder's tent with meat one of them had been drying meat to the stage.

Wednesday Fine mild weather

The men employed in the same manner as yesterday. All the Indians left the Fort after trading. A bare arrived traded & went off. Sent a man to fetch at the Little Dogs tent

Thursday Uncommonly mild soft weather

Sent 2 men to fetch hay. Employed one in cutting out Indian carpets & 1 in making a sledge & 2 men on cutting firewood. One Stone Indian arrived & a man with 4 lbs of meat

Friday Fine mild weather Wind S.E

The men employed in the same manner as yesterday. Sent 2 men to the hunting tent to fetch meat. The Stone Indian traded & went off in the morning

Saturday Fine clear mild weather Wind S.E

The men employed during the day in fetching hay & cutting wood & turning the potato

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Served out the rations with potatoes & fat bacon
no meat in the house.

Sunday 12th Fine clear mild weather Wind S

8 men with dogs & sledges arrived with meat but
2000 lbs Parmentier & his family came to reside
in the Fort but to find his own provisions and
all other necessities he may require like the
rest of the furmen who live within the walls.

Monday 13th Fine mild weather Wind S

The men employed in cutting fire wood for
their own families & sent 4 men to cut wood
for me & the Clerks. 3 Indians arrived and
also 3 furmen with peltries to trade 2 men
arrived with meat.

Tuesday 14th Fine mild weather Wind S

Sent 6 men with dogs sledges to fetch meat
& 4 to cut wood & bring it home. Employed
the Blacksmith in the Forge to make
arrows & 8 Stone Indians arrived with a little
to trade

Wednesday 15th Fine mild weather Wind S

The Stone Indians traded & left the Fort
The son of the Great Knife arrived with 24
Stone Indians. The men employed in fetching
dry hay & wood. A man arrived with 300 lbs
of meat

Thursday 16th Clear mild weather Wind N W a
little snow fell during the day.

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9 Beavers Hill trappers arrived with some peltries
to trade & 3 Stone Indians with some provisions.
After trading they all returned to their traps.

Friday 17th Fine clear cold weather

The Picket arrived from Ille-a-la-Croix by
Pat Cunningham & 2 men. It contained letters
from the War Department & trappers among
the men employed in a variety of jobs about
the Fort

Saturday 18th Cloudy weather with a little snow Wind S
3 men employed to fetch hay & the rest in
cutting fire wood for their own families
except Thyaault who is engaged in making
Picket boxes.

Sunday 19th Cloudy weather with snow

5 Stone Indians in the evening with a
little to trade

Monday 20th Fine clear cold weather Wind N
Sent 3 men with dogs sledges to fetch
meat. Employed the men at home in
fetching fire & various other sorts of
wood. A band of Stone Indians arrived

Tuesday 21th Clear mild weather Wind S
All the Stone Indians after trading left
the Fort after trading. In the evening 3
Stone Indians arrived. The men employed
in the same way as yesterday

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Wednesday 22nd Clear cold weather Wind N.

A Band of Stone Indians arrived & a few trees with peltries to trade. Sent the men to fetch hay.

Thursday 23rd Fine mild weather Wind N.W.

The Stone Indians after trading left the Fort to return to the camp but the trees remained at the Fort. The men employed in hauling fire wood & in cutting it & other necessary jobs about the Fort.

Friday 24th Mild weather blowing a gale from the S during the night - The trees who arrived on 23rd left the Fort. A small Band of Stone Indians arrived in the course of the day. They employed in the same manner as yesterday. A tree arrived & traded and went off immediately.Saturday 25th Fine mild weather Wind S

The Band of Stone Indians who arrived yesterday went off this morning. In the course of the day 3 Stone Indians arrived. The men employed in hauling & cutting fire wood. Sent 3 men to the hunting tent to fetch meat.

Sunday 26th Fine clear weather very cold Wind N Nothing occurred to day.Monday 27th Sharp weather with snow

The men employed in hauling wood. Two

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Indians arrived 8 men with dogs & sledges & with meat wt 270 lbs. The hunters almost perished with cold in the open plain.

Tuesday 28th Fine clear weather Wind N.W. It blew a gale during the night

The men employed in cutting & hauling fire wood. Sent 3 men with dogs & sledges to fetch meat. Late at night 3 men arrived with meat wt 950 lbs. An Indian arrived.

Wednesday 29th Clear sharp weather Wind N

The men employed in the same manner as stated above. 2 Stone Indians arrived & a man with 400 lbs of meat.

Thursday 30th Clear cold weather Wind N

Sent 3 men to fetch meat from the Elkhorn tent & 2 men arrived with 300 lbs of meat. The men employed in cutting & hauling fire wood. A Band of bres arrived with a little to trade.

Friday 31st Very cold sharp weather Wind N

The men employed in the same manner as stated above. Sent Johnson & Parmenter the foremen a hunting to see if their are cattle coming down the banks of the river.



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Saturday 1st Cold blinding weather Wind N.

Mr Douglas with Pensin & Gie Ward brought the packet down from Cormac & the Bear river. The reports about the Slave Indian brought to the house were not to be false. The men employed in a variety of useful work inside the Fort. A few Slave Indians arrived.

Sunday 2nd Cold blinding weather Wind N.E.

Sent a packet down to Cumberland containing 68 letters by Pensin & Pat Logue and at the same time despatched another for Mr. Lee a la Crope containing 18 Letters by Mr. Douglas Pat Cunningham & Bouchie. Two Slave Indians arrived with 3 Rats & a piece of lead to trade coming the distance of 10 days march with their trudging articles to trade & staying 2 days on the road. The men employed in fetching wood & hay. In the evening 3 Slave Indians arrived with a little to trade. Johnson & Parenteau returned without finding cattle. Sent 4 men to fetch meat.

Monday 3rd Cold sun weather Wind due N.

The Slave Indians traded and went back to the camp. In the evening 3 Slave Indians arrived. The men employed in cutting fire wood & other jobs about the works.

Tuesday 4th The weather very cold & stormy Wind N. 3 Crows arrived with a good trade of Rats. The men employed in cutting & hauling fire wood.

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Wednesday 5th Sharp blowing weather Wind N.

2 men employed in the same manner as yesterday. The Crows traded 2000 Rats & the Slave Indians who arrived yesterday traded some provisions & returned to the camp. 2 men arrived with meat at 350 lbs. They brought the news that the animals were plentiful about the hunting trail.

Thursday 6th Sharp cold weather Wind N.

The men employed in hauling hay & wood & a variety of other jobs about the Fort. 2 Slave Indians arrived.

Friday 7th Sharp cold weather Wind N.

2 men employed in hauling wood for fuel & 1 man in making bags. Sent 3 men to fetch meat. 3 Crows arrived with rats to trade.

Saturday 8th Very sharp weather Wind N.

The men at home employed in cutting & hauling firewood. 2 Slave Indians arrived with a few Peltries to trade. No meat in the fort served out a few pustules to save the dry provisions in case of a scarcity during the summer.

Sunday 9th Fine clear cold weather Wind N.

An Indian arrived & also 4 men with dogs & sledges with meat at 850 lbs.

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Monday 1st Fine clear cold weather Wind N.

The men employed in hauling wood & other jobs about the Fort. 3 men arrived with meat wt 765 lbs. In order to procure this they have been 13 days married.

Tuesday 11th Fine soft weather Wind S.E.

The men employed in turning the potatoes & 2 men taking the keys out of the cellar for present use. Sent 3 men to fetch wood. Two men arrived with meat wt 360 lbs.

Wednesday 12th Sharp cold weather Wind N.

The men employed in the same manner as yesterday. Sent 3 men to fetch meat & 2 men arrived with sledges loaded with meat wt 450 lbs. An Indian arrived.

Thursday 13th Cold sharp weather Wind N.E.

The men employed in the same manner as stated above. 3 men arrived with meat wt 650 lbs.

Friday 14th Fine mild weather Wind S.

The men employed in hauling wood & other jobs about the Fort. 2 Stone Indians arrived & 3 women with them. In the evening a few dogs arrived. They all brought a little to trade.

Saturday 15th Fine mild weather. It blew hard in the night from the N.

The Indians traded during the day &

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remained at the Fort. The men employed in the same as yesterday. 2 men arrived with meat wt 500 lbs.

Sunday 16th Fine mild weather. a little snow in the course of the night.

All the Indians left the Fort to return to the camp. 2 men arrived with meat wt 400 lbs.

Monday 17th Fine soft weather Wind S.E.

The men employed in hauling wood & other jobs. A band of Stone Indians arrived with traps to trade & some provisions. In the evening they traded a little rum.

Tuesday 18th Fine mild weather Wind S.

Sent 4 men with dogs & sledges to fetch meat. 3 Stone Indians arrived with provisions to trade. The men employed in hauling firewood & other jobs required about the Fort. 4 men arrived with meat wt 800 lbs.

Wednesday 19th Fine mild weather Wind S.

All the Stone Indians left the Fort to return to the camp. Sent 5 men to fetch hay.

Thursday 20th Fine soft weather with a fall snow N.W.

Sent 9 men with dogs & sledges fetch meat 5 of them were freemen who agreed to fetch meat on condition that they were to receive a part of the meat for

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their trouble. Three men arrived from Cumberland House with the Packet for that Department. Two Crees & a free man & a band of Stone Indians arrived. The men employed in the same manner as yesterday.

Friday 21 Fine clear mild weather Wind S E

The men employed in the same manner as stated above. 5 men arrived with dogs & sledges loaded with meat at 1200 hrs. Sent Parson to look for horses. The Crees & Stone Indians left the Fort.

Saturday 22 Fine weather Wind N E

4 Indians & freemen arrived with furs to trade. The men at home employed in cutting and hauling wood & one man in mending sledges.

Sunday 23 Fine soft weather Wind S E

Sent a packet down to Cumberland with 2 men belonging to that Department.

Monday 24th Cold sharp weather & blowing a gale from the North. A Cree & 5 Stone Indians arrived. Two men with dogs & sledges loaded with meat 2000 lbs. The men employed in a variety of jobs about the Fort.

Tuesday 25th Clear cold weather Wind N

The 9 sledges & men returned. Gave the free men a part of the meat for their trouble.

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Received 22 & 26 lbs total. A Cree arrived & the Freeman & one remained at the Fort but the 5 Stone Indians returned to the camp. The men employed in the same manner as stated above.

Wednesday 26th Fine clear cold weather

The Packet arrived from Cumberland by Parson Butteau & De Chene bringing at the same time a tray of jewels & a roll of Tabacs & some knives. 4 Stone Indians arrived & the Cree & Freeman left the Fort. The men employed in cutting ice to make an Icethouse.

Thursday 27th Clear cold weather Wind N

Sent 6 men to fetch meat & employed the rest to cut & haul ice. A band of Stone Indians arrived.

Friday 28th Clear sharp weather Wind N

The Indians left the Fort & employed the men in putting the ice into a cellar in order to preserve meat during the summer season.



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Saturday cloudy cold weather

A band of Stone Indians arrived they traded and went off immediately. Employed the men to cut more ice and build it up in the cellar.

Sunday cold cloudy weather Wind N.E

A band of Stone Indians arrived with robes to trade & other peltries. So ones arrived

Monday 3rd cloudy weather Wind N

Sent 3 men to fetch meat & other articles from the Thunder tent & also sent 2 men to cut wood at the pines. Employed 2 men to thresh oats & 2 men to cut fire wood and bring it home. A band of 12 Stone Indians arrived with robes & peltries to trade. The ones & Stone Indians who arrived yesterday after trailing left the Fort.

Tuesday 4th Fine clear weather Wind S.W

The men at home employed in the same manner as stated above. The men who went to fetch meat on the 17 Feb 7th arrived wt 1200 lbs. Some Stone Indians arrived & those who arrived yesterday went off to return to the camp.

Wednesday 5th Fine clear weather Wind W

Sent 6 men to look for horses. Employed 3 men in cutting & hauling firewood home the rest in other necessary jobs about the Fort. An other band of Stone Indians arrived with

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peltries to trade & those who arrived yesterday left the Fort to join the camp.

Thursday 6th

Fine warm weather Wind W

Sent 9 men with horses and sledges to fetch meat at Geo Tullerlands House as Mr Brown expressed a wish to accompany the party I gave him permission. The men employed in cutting & hauling fire wood. About 3 o'clock PM Gilbert arrived with meat wt 166 lbs.

Friday 7th

Wind C Fine weather

Sent 2 men with dogs & sledges to fetch meat at the Puppies tent. The rest of the men employed in the same manner as yesterday. A band of Stone Indians arrived & traded and left the Fort in the evening. One Stone Indian and a woman arrived with robes and other articles to trade.

Saturday 8th

Cloudy & snowy weather Wind S.E

Employed the Blacksmith on the Forge & sent 3 men to cut & haul home fire wood. About 2 PM 4 men arrived with meat & some leather and also 4 Beaver skin breeches. 8 8 Stone Indians with some women & children bringing a few peltries to trade. Late in the evening Bourassa's wife with 3 Indian women arrived with peltries to trade.

Friday 9th

Snowy cloudy weather

All the Indians who arrived yesterday went off this morning. 2 men arrived



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with meat wt 522 lbs. An Indian woman arrived with a few peltries to trade.

Monday 11th A very fine day Wind S

Sent 9 men with dogs & sledges to fetch meat at the Harbor sent 9 men arrived with two sledges with meat wt 3650 lbs. 6 Stone Indians arrived with peltries to trade. The men at home employed in pitch forward.

Tuesday 12th Clear fine weather Wind SW

The men employed as yesterday One Stone Indian & 2 Crows arrived with a little to trade.

Wednesday 12th Cloudy weather thawing a little during the day

The Stone Indian arrived with his wife on the route from the camp they had started 7 days. The Stone Indian and the Crows returned to their tents. Sent 3 men to fetch meat with dogs & sledges & sent 2 men with traps & gun to the Pines to cut wood for building Barracks. The rest of the men variously employed.

Thursday 13th Fine soft weather Wind S

The men employed in hauling hay & pine wood and other requisite jets about the Fort. The Stone Indians stole 4 horses, three of them belonged to the freemen & one to Mr Bird.

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Fine mild weather thawing a little in the forenoon Wind S

Nine men arrived with dogs & sledges with meat wt 2000 lbs. The men employed in the same manner as yesterday

Saturday 15th

Fine soft weather Wind S

The men employed in hauling & cutting pine wood. A Freeman arrived with some other Indians In the evening the hunters arrived

Sunday 16th

Fine soft weather Wind SE

One of the hunters arrived with 3 other ones. Sent off 8 men with dogs & sledges to fetch meat at Geo Lutherford's House

Monday 17th

Cold blowing weather Wind N E

The men employed in hauling pine wood. Sent 2 men down to the pines to cut wood for building. Because employed horses as blacksmith to repair old guns. One of the hunters arrived.

Tuesday 18th

Cold raw weather Wind N

The men employed in the same manner as yesterday. Part of the hunters left the Fort. The Hunter remained at the house

Wednesday 19th

Dark stormy weather Wind N

Six men arrived with dogs & sledges with meat wt 2000 lbs. Most of the men engaged in hauling wood & horses as blacksmith

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Thursday 21st Fine soft weather. It blew a gale from the N.E. all night. The men employed in the same manner as yesterday as yesterday. 2 men arrived with an express from Edmonton from Gov. Simpson. Egg and victuals forwarded it to the Red River. Sent 7 men with dogs & sledges to fetch meat. All the Indians left the Fort.

Friday 22nd Cold blinding weather Wind S.E.
Sent Beauchamp with the express to the Minn & to Indians as guides & at the same time sent back the two men who arrived yesterday to Edmonton with letters for that department. The men employed in cutting fire & bones wished in the fore-

Saturday 23rd Fine clear weather Wind S.E.
The men employed in the same way as stated above. 4 men arrived with meat & groats. A band of 6 Stone Indian arrived with a little to trade.

Sunday 24th Fine soft weather Showery all day
5 Bungay Indians arrived belonging to the Cumberland District.

Monday 25th Fine soft weather Wind S.E.
The Bungays trudged and went off. The packet from York by Mr. Gordon & a boy who had been 10 days on the road from Cumberland House. The men employed in cutting and hauling fire wood.

Thursday 25th

Fine soft weather Wind N.W.
Sent 2 men with York packet to Edmonton House. The men employed in hauling branches to fence in the gardens. 3 trees arrived. Comes family left the Fort to make sugar.

Wednesday 26th

Fine mild showery weather Wind S.
The men employed in cutting fences for the gardens. A man returned from the pines to fetch provisions.

Thursday 27th

Fine clear showery weather Wind W.
The men employed in the same manner as yesterday. The ground quite clear of snow except some drifts.

Friday 28th

Fine showery weather Wind Y.
The men employed in felling the gardens. One of the hunters pitched at the house & 3 trees & 5 Stone Indians arrived. A man arrived with 200 lbs of meat. Several stuns were seen by the Indians being the first this season.

Saturday 29th

Fine soft weather Wind S.
The Comes and the Stone Indians who arrived yesterday went off this morning. 2 men arrived with meat & groats. The men employed in the same manner as yesterday.

Sunday 30th

Fine clear weather

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Monday 4th Cold raw weather Wind N

Sent 4 men to the pines with horses to bring plants to build a Batina. The rest of the men variously employed about the Fort. The water breaking the ice & the surface full of holes.

Tuesday 5th Fine clear weather until the evening when it began to snow

Sent 4 men to the pines to fetch plants employed the rest to cut pines for the garden 3 Canoes arrived.

Wednesday 6th Cold raw weather with snow Wind N

Sent all the men the Fort to haul a Boat over the ice but as the ice was not sufficient strong they took it to North side & made her secure by raising her on two banks. The ice all overflowed. The hunters arrived with a few moose tracks

Thursday 7th Cold weather Wind N

The hunters left the Fort to return to their posts. The men employed about various and necessary jobs about the Fort. Burgois the furmen arrived

Friday 8th Cold raw weather Wind N during the night a great fall of snow.

6 men employed on hauling hay & sent 4 men to the pines to fetch plants & 2 men to haul fire wood & employed Negroes to file,

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I gave the rest of the men several regular jobs about the Fort 3 Stone Indians arrived

Saturday 9th Clear fine weather Wind S

Sent 4 men to the pines to fetch wood & 2 men to fetch hay & employed two to enclose a place to sow seeds. Sent two men to repair a pipe in the stove. Employed Comer to work in the forge. A band of 15 Pine Indians arrived.

Sunday 10th Clear mild weather & thawing all day The band of Stone Indians left the fortMonday 11th Fine mild weather Wind W

Employed 2 men to make a skin canoe to send to Cumberland House & sent 4 men to turn the potatoes & put 20 bags apart for seed. Employed two men to build a Batina & sent another to drag the wood for the same purpose. Comer employed in mending rails

Tuesday 12th Fine thawing weather

The sugar sticks commenced to run. Sent 6 men up the river to hunt. Employed 2 men in building a Batina & 3 men in building a skin canoe. Part of the men sawing wood at the pines

Wednesday 13th Fine clear weather Wind S

Employed 2 men in building a Batina & 2 men in finishing the skin canoe & the rest employed in a variety of jobs about

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Fort sent 3 men to make sugar.

Thursday 11th Fine clear blowing weather Wind S
Employed the men in the same manner as yesterday except 2 men who were doing the buffalo traps.

Friday 12th Blowing strong from the S
Employed 2 men in building a Batteau sent 3 to look for horses & employed four men to pack the furs & 2 men to day the Buffalo traps.

Saturday 13th Fine clear mild
The men employed in building a Batteau & in fetching plants from the pines & in cleaning & clearing the ground for ploughing & in making sugar.

Sunday 14th Fine clear weather
Made 8 lbs of sugar.

Monday 15th Cold raw weather
Sent 4 men to fetch wood from the pines & employed 2 men in ploughing & 2 men to build a batteau. The blacksmith employed in making nails.

Tuesday 16th Cold raw weather Wind N
The men employed in the same manner as yesterday. 4 Stone Indians arrived & 2 tents of Crees on the north side of the river but it was impossible to cross them on

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account of the bad state of the ice. The Savans & Geese began to take flight to the North.

Wednesday 16th Blowing weather Wind N E

Sent 5 men down to the pines to fetch wood to build a Batteau Employed 2 men in building a Batteau. 2 in making sugar & 2 in ploughing the gardens & 1 in sowing & harrowing.

Thursday 17th Fine soft weather Wind S
Sent 5 men down to the pines to fetch plants Employed 2 men to build a Batteau & 3 to pack furs & also 2 men to plough the gardens.Friday 18th Cold raw weather with snow Wind N E
Employed all the men at the Fort to cut Potatoes for seed. 5 Stone Indians and a few Crees arrived.Saturday 19th Cold raw weather Wind N
The men employed in the same manner as stated above. 20 Crees arrived.Sunday 20th Fine clear weather Wind S
The Crees & Stone Indians who arrived on the 15th Inst & the 4 who arrived yesterday all left the Fort after trading. 3 Stone Indians arrived with a little to trade.Monday 21th Fine weather Wind S
The men employed in the following manner

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I'm building a Bateau Fort & men down to
the pines with the horses to leave them there
to feed. Some working in the forge & en-
gaged to pack furs. 2 Indians arrived & those
who arrived yesterday left the Fort.

Tuesday 22 Fine clear mild weather Wind S
Employed 4 men to pack the furs. Sent 2 men
to cut fence for the gardens & 3 to work at the
Bateau & I'm working in the Forge. Geo
Sutherland arrived with a few more horses
with fathoms to trade.

Wednesday 23 Fine clear weather Wind N
The men employed in the same manner as yes-
terday except 2 who were employed in sowing
& covering a thin canoe. Planted all the
cabbages & Lettuce with a variety of other
small seeds. Sent a man to fetch some Rice
from the Indians.

Thursday 24th Dark cloudy weather Wind N
The men employed in ploughing sowing and
harrowing and in clearing the ground and
in packing the furs. Beauchamp returned
with the express from Red River. The river
broke up & the ice driving down in large
masses.

Friday 25th Fine clear weather wind N
The men employed in ploughing sowing & har-
rowing & planting potatoes. Sent two men
to fetch horses.

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Saturday 26th Fine clear weather Wind S
The men employed in the same manner as
yesterday.

Sunday 27th Fine clear weather Wind N
Received the meat of 8 animals. from a hunt-
ing party who went off some hunting.

Monday 28th Fine clear cold weather.
The men employed ploughing sowing and
harrowing. Mr. Cantin embarked for Cumber-
land in a skin canoe with 3 men belong-
ing to that Department. The cargo consists
of lime & leather & other articles required by
Mr. Leith. Finished planting the potatoe
in all 35 Bush.

Tuesday 29th Very warm weather a shower of rain fell
in the course of last night.
Alex Trois arrived with a skin canoe with
meat. Sent 2 men up to the late N.W.
Fort with horses to plough & sow the gardens
there. The men at the House employed in
building Bateaux repairing Boats
collecting & burning the rubbish round the
Fort. Two horses are missing from the
north side of the river & are suspected to
have been stolen by the Indian who was
taken down prisoner last summer to
Cumberland House for having killed
to Canadians in the Beaver River some
time ago.

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Wednesday 30th Fresh clear weather Wind N by E
 The men employed in building a Batteau & repairing boats. Sent a man to look after horses. Employed 2 men to plant some pickets round the cabbage beds & the Blacksmith on the forge the rest working at the houses & clean ing round the Fort. A party of Indians arrived on the north side of the River. In the evening a few of the men came across & sold a horse for rum having no other articles of trade to purchase it with. The same Indian hunter arrived with a horse which he found belonging to the Fort. There was another horse which had lost at the same time & they were together. Their separation cannot be accounted for.

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Thursday 1st Wind S to blowing Fresh clear weather
 The men employed in the same manner as yesterday except one who was employed in putting a room in order for the reception of Governor Simpson whose arrival is daily expected from Edmonton. The other two men returned from the late NW fort having finished all the work required. The following is the quantity of seeds which has been sown here this spring. Barley 6 Bush. Wheat of ditto. Oats 3½ Bush. Potatoes 35 Bush. besides Cabbages Radishes Lettuce & other small seeds.

Fine clear weather Wind S

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Employed all the men to prep the packs except three who were engaged building Batteau. A band of Ones arrived engaged as Indian hunters for the Fort during the summer season.

Sunday 3

Fine clear weather Wind S
 Employed the men nearly in the same manner as yesterday. Sent Dubois & Bear chump up the river in a canoe with the hunters & Bapt. Parcien & Clatter along shore to take charge of the horses & to assist in bringing down the animals to the river when killed.

Sunday 4

Very fine warm weather Wind S
 A band of Ones arrived & traded a few rats in the course of the afternoon a few more arrived with 2 premen. Coming in to fetch his family from sugar making he returned with them in the evening.

Monday 5th

The wind and weather the same as yesterday. All the men employed in preparing the packs. The premen and the ones left the Fort.

Tuesday 6th

Fine clear weather Wind W
 Employed all the men to make pemican & a small band of Stone Indians arrived

Wednesday 7th

Fine clear weather with sharp frost at night Wind W
 The men employed in the same manner as yesterday. Made in all 500 bags of pemican.

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The Slave Indians who arrived yesterday return
ed to their tents. Some trappers arrived.

Thursday 8th Cold dark cloudy weather Wind N

The men employed to cut & haul fencing for
the gardens & traps men working on the store.
The trees begin to bud.

Friday 9th Very cold weather with a fall of snow. Wind N
The men employed in the same manner as
yesterday except 3 who were employed in
maturing oats & repairing a boat.

Saturday 10th Clear mild weather Wind N.W

The men employed in fencing the gardens
& other small jobs required within the works.
A small Bassan went a drift in consequence
of the river rising suddenly. Saved all the
small seeds. The river still very high.

Sunday 11th Fine clear weather Wind W

A few trappers arrived with some freemen

Monday 12th Fine mild weather Wind W

Employed the men to fence the gardens
and in maturing oats & several other re-
quire jobs about the Fort. Traded with the
Freemen & trappers. Friday the Slave Indian
hunter & a man arrived with the horses &
say that the canoe will be here with the other
3 men & the animals which they kill in
the course of next day.

Tuesday 13th

Fine clear weather Wind S
Employed 4 men in preparing the traps 2 men
in maturing oats. Sent 2 men with the hunters
to fetch meat, the rest were employed in fencing
the gardens.

Wednesday 14th

Clear cold weather. Winds E

Employed all the men to prepare the traps
& a variety of other jobs about the Fort. 3 Freemen
arrived.

Thursday 15th

Fine clear cold weather

The freemen returned to their tents. The men
employed in the same manner as yesterday

Friday 16th

The weather raw & cloudy Wind N

The men employed in cleaning out the
horse yard & other small jobs required about
the works houses & stores.

Saturday 17th

Fine clear weather Wind S

The men employed in the same manner
as yesterday except the Blacksmith who
was engaged in repairing axes. The ground
is frozen on the north side of the river

Sunday 18th

Fine mild weather Wind S.E

Sent 7 men & the hunters across the S branch
to hunt. one of those is to remain on the bank
with a canoe to crop the people on their return
& at the same time sent 2 men hunt swans &
geese. About 2 o'clock P.M. Mr. Finlayson
arrived with 2 boats from Edmonton in

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company with Mr. William Field & family on their route to Red River. The ground is fine on the north side of the river.

Monday 19th Fine mild weather Wind S

The men employed in a variety of jobs required about the Fort. Sent 2 men with 5 hours to the South Branch to wait till the arrival of the boats from the Bow river department to convey any some articles required or any of the Officers if they feel inclined to pay a visit. The ground is fine on the north side of the river.

Tuesday 20th Fine clear weather Wind S

The men employed in cleaning the yard and afterwards in making pemican

Wednesday 21th Dark cloudy weather

The men employed in grinding wheat and other jobs about the Fort

Thursday 22th Fine mild weather Wind S

The men engaged working at a variety of jobs about the Fort.

Friday 23th Fine weather blowing strong from the W
The men employed in working at the gardens.

Saturday 24th Fine clear weather

The men employed in the same manner as yesterday received 300 lbs of meat.

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Sunday 25th Fine mild weather

A band Slave Indians arrived about midnight. They had seen some of the war parties of the Slave tribes & out of dread they walked all night to arrive at the Fort for security.

Received one of the men who was sent away to bout the arrival of the Bow river returned & informed me that he had seen 6 Indians on horse back which he took to Slave Indians. He was sent back to recall the others & to place notes along the river in conspicuous parts of view.

Monday 26th Fine mild weather Wind S

Geo Simpson Esq Governor & Colin Robertson arrived in a boat with 6 men. In the evening an alarm was given by the Slave Indians that the Slave tribes were all round the Fort which proved to be false.

Tuesday 27th Fine clear weather Wind S

The craft arrived from Edmonton on board which was Mr Steven Weeks Manson & Morris & Dechambault.

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