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May -

- Fri 21 Surveyed road for Botherways
& Olivers frontages & continued
same up gully abt a mile -
- Sat. 22 Surveyed Disell's sec. 45 ac
and continued Botherways road
& rode home - Jack came in
with the cart gave him 20/- 1 00

Tuesday 23 Wet day, got Chaffcutter over
from L. Smith's. cutting chaff
& sharpening the knives

Monday 24 The Queens birthday, sixteen
years since I left England
Heavy sea, no wind sent
Barques Collingwood & Susan
Jane went ashore -
Duncan Cameron lost his life
by the life boat capsizing
bought Hay Knife 10/-
Jack cutting chaff - 10 00

Tuesday 25 Jack cutting some hay from the
stack - afterwards at the staple
chase at the creek - I went
to the office & worked quantities
& well tracing of sections at the
Pareora. Saxton & Smith
afterwards saw staple chase
with Loo from top of hill
Chaff cutting & clearing up
stable in evening
gave Jack & milk 4 00

Wed. 26 Wet day, fixing feeding
place in stall no 2 in stable
and did some paving in
stable at the doorway

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Thurs. 27 Went with Loo Smith & Jack
to the Pareora - surveyed Smith's
& Saxons sections 50 & 20 ac
& returned - bought rat trap - 1 6

Fri. 28 At office, plotting Pareora
sections - & preparing reports
plotted sec. I altered on
the Ohapi ek - took my
watch & Jacobs to be fixed -
saw Mrs. Hay - Loo went
to erect at the mechanic,
with Mr. Knight & Ted Smith
Maackintyre & Kerton left
Timaru this week -
sent Jack with the dray
back to the camp -

Sat - 29 Went to Pareora & put out Saxons
line 15 links. called at Strikers,
writing report in the evening -

Sunday 30th Oiling & cleaning stonup irons
saddle, mending chisel handle
grinding do - posted my reports
& letter to Dave about Maori
Reserves -

Mon. 31 Rode to camp in Levels paddock
with Jack - Jack rode Groppey
pony out - 10/- 1 0