

was in for awhile to have Dad. look at his horse. He told Dad that he heard Jim Dunbar had some wood for sale at two cord, so Dad drove Joe down to see if he could get her shed and drive down this afternoon but he couldn't get in the shop and was afraid to risk driving on these icy roads, so much snow. This afternoon we started to fix up a place between the granary & cow stable for a calf pen but couldn't do much as we had no nails. Dick & I went down town after tea & took my horn down thinking there would be hand practices but found when I got down that the council were treating the hand to an extra supper. I suppose I could have partaken of the feast if I had but I came home & got my skates. I put them on at the house and skated down to the pond. There were quite a few there but it was so dark I couldn't see any of their faces and I didn't think Dick was there so I skated up to the house where he was and said Dick had just gone out with his skates on. I stayed there about half an hour and then I wrote a letter to Betsy Denton. I then went back to the pond but it was nearly deserted so I came home and found Dad had just got here before me. He had been over at Dyer's or some place and hadn't been skating at all. Win. came over with Frank to stay all night. Nice day very much milder.

Friday January 10th

Dad & I drove down as soon as we could get started this morning which wasn't very early to get Joe shed but the shop was full again so we had to get a few things up town including a strop knife and come home. Dad did not know what to do as we want wood badly but he was afraid to drive Joe on the icy roads, especially after Uge told us this morning that Tom Low had a cow by slipping on the ice. I suppose it was his old lame one. At last I decided to try and skate down. I left here after eleven and skated down on the road all the way and was back here by before one. Jim Dunbar was in Jarvis but his daughter said she thought he had wood for \$2.50 a cord and would tell him to try and bring us a load tomorrow. I tripped several times going but only fell once. There were only a few places where the skating was at fairly good, the worst place was going up & down Ost Ryerson's hill. We did not do anything in particular this afternoon. Bill Donald came after Dad. to go and see his horse about five o'clock. Some fellow drove in while he was here and wanted to know where Anson Collier lived. Bill knew. He said he supposed that was some body after him for money. Neil Elliot & Charlie McKenzie were in to look at Fred's calf although they had just met Dad on the road and he told them the calf was not for sale. I went down to Mrs. Jarley's wax work practice to night, but there was "nothing doing". Mrs. Luck, Miss Harding & Booy, Waddell were