

They went to Shup's and we didn't see much of them to-day. When we got home Art Ryerson and Colin came in to settle up some accounts. They were here a long time and Art was expressing his opinion of the war, hard times, and the outlook for feeding till Spring and others which are troubling the most of us just now. To-night just about six Jack Highland came in and wanted Dad to take down the three bags of blue-grass seed. Harry told me the other day that he wanted it to-day but we didn't know whether he meant it or not so far as I got it. So Dad & Frank had to take it down to night. I went to Simcoe to-night and took Colin Ryerson with me but when I got there I found them practicing for another folk riot concert in the Armories and they weren't having any drill and wouldn't let Colin in at all so we didn't stay long and I got home before Dad. Went to bed early.

Tuesday February 9th

We were going after a load of wood this morning but Jack McBride came after Dad. to see a sick cow so I did up the chores and cut a little wood for Mrs. McBride who was here washing. This afternoon I went over to Frank Martin's thinking Prof. Graham would be there from the O.A.C. with his short course students as he told me he

was coming down about this time and John Cranberry told us yesterday he was coming to-day but I found out he had come last night and been over here this morning so I missed them. After I got back Dad. & I loaded down in the bob sledges and brought County & County Alice over. It has been a nice day, sunny but pretty cold.

Wednesday February 10th

Dad. and I went back this morning and got a load of rails. We got all we could and nearly all there were but there are still a few under the snow. While we were at dinner Capt. Rankin came over to ask me if I would take a load to Simcoe to-night. He said there were three or four fellows promised to go and an equal number of girls and that it would be worth while. Dad. told me to tell him I wouldn't go so I did and then Dad said if I wanted to take Belle & Joe I could so I promised him I would. This afternoon Dad. and I went up and got a load of gravel at Canteloupe and I had to hurry to get down town at the right time. When I got there I found ten girls waiting and only one boy Charlie Mun. The others had disappeared and Capt. had gone up on the train. They all piled in and then I remembered that in my hurry I had come away without