

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1914. Thursday.  
Began the New Year very badly by allowing the sun to get up  
or nearly so before me, but I was utterly unaware of it until  
too late, of course we didn't pretend to do any thing but chores so it  
didn't matter much. We got every thing done up and I got dressed  
ready for dinner at Aunt Maud's which was supposed to be at  
half past one sharp, but as Liddums went to sleep and they didn't  
like to wake him, Dad, Crak, Roy & Frank didn't get down till about half  
past two, but I went down on time and told Aunt Maud how things  
stood. However when we did get after the turkey we soon polished him  
off. Dad, Liddums and I came home about five and did chores and  
minded Liddums by turns. Roy had to go back to night and Crak  
and Frank went down to the station to see him off. Crak and Aunt  
Maud also went over to Mrs. Johnson's reception where Winnie  
was tending bar. Mrs. Johnson sent word over to have Hubby go  
over this morning as she wanted a man to be the first caller on  
New Year's day. Dick was skating all the afternoon and I guess it is  
great on the pond. Crak came home after dark and Frank and Lila  
a little later. Hubby and Aunt Maud went up to Mrs. Bell's to a party. Winnie  
came over to Aunt Lucy's and Jim is capable of looking after himself  
so Lila came over here to stay all night. Ed. was over here just before  
Dad. went down town this morning to talk over the coming election. Ed.  
says he has gone over the voters list and given it up all the

doubtful ones and has I think one hundred and fifty something votes to Hayes one hundred and ten, but still Dad is shaking in his shoes for fear of Ed. being defeated. Dad sent a card to Res. Lumpkins to-day saying to come down to-morrow if at all possible and put up the wind mill. It has been freezing and cloudy all day but nice. The wind is rising to-night.

Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Res. Lumpkins came at last this morning, he and his man have been here all day and now have the wind mill all put together and all ready to erect. I expected to see them build it up but instead of that they put the whole thing together on the ground and raise it with ropes, pulleys and a team. Stubby and Lila came over at noon. Stubby was up at his party till three o'clock so didn't get up this morning. He put in the after-noon digging the holes for the foundation of his legs, they are just a little inside of the old legs and as they have been put in with stone and brick piled around them he had a fierce time but got them nearly dug. Frank went over and borrowed Lufford's post hole digger and that helped a lot as it will pick out a good sized stone. Chris Quabury came over this morning and took 16 of the swastars. Lila has been over all day but went home with them to-night. Old Mr. Martin and Matt Kivorn were over this after-noon. Cloudy with raw wind, not very cold.

Saturday January 3<sup>rd</sup>

It has been a very disagreeable day, it was just spitting snow when we went out this morning and threatened to clear up several times during the fore-noon, but after dinner it settled in to snow and stayed right after till by to-night there was a blinding snow storm raging, before tea the flakes were big and wet but there is quite a north east wind and the snow is drifting. First thing this morning Jim Waddle drove in canvassing for Ripken but Dad didn't promise him his vote. When he left Res. Lumpkins and his man came, and soon after them Stubby and Lila although they were very doubtful about the weather permitting them to finish the job. We washed all morning digging the holes and Res. levelled the little tank up and fitted the overflow pipes into it, after dinner they set two of the legs in cement, they just put a little cement in the bottom of the holes around the plates which are bolted on to the legs and filled the rest up with clay. He said he didn't like to set the other two feet till he got the mill up and saw just where the wanted to go, and he couldn't raise it to-day on account of the snow he said he would get his ropes allowed. so they left about three o'clock or a little after. Stubby and Lila went at the same time. Res. sized up the kitchen at noon and said he could put in a sink and all fittings from Cistern to sink and all for about \$7.00 Dad thinks he will let him. We put the three heifers in the cow stable to-night but let John go home in there we had a hard time trying snow drop us as she was frightened.

Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup>

When we got up this morning which was late we found ourselves almost snowed in. So we had to get right to work and spend an hour or two shovelling ourselves out. but by breakfast which we had somewhere in the vicinity of ten o'clock we had the buildings pretty well connected by canals through the drifts, some of the paths are pretty round about but we took advantage of all bare spots along the sides of the buildings and made them part of the paths. We put in the rest of the day doing chores Dick couldn't very well get down town this afternoon so he slept till noon and this afternoon he helped us move the piano from the parlor to the living room and Cuah stayed for us most of the afternoon. Siddons also tore off a little rag time for us but spent most of his time on the floor. No one has been off the place to day and no outsiders been on it. It has been cloudy (mostly) cold and windy but as the snow had packed a little it didn't drift much to day, it is milder to night.

Monday January 5<sup>th</sup>

Dad hushed up Joe to the cutter and drove the boys down this morning as Frank had to start back to school, the drifts were pretty bad but he only had to break the trail to the corner as Ed. Street had been up to sweep. Dad noticed just before he started out

that Joe had rubbed the skin all off under her feet she was supposed on Gingers rope, she has been pretty sore on it all day. Dad came right back and we did up all the chores this morning. After dinner we both drove down town. Dad voted for Ed. and then I don't know where he went as there is a new law or else an old one thing enforced that no one except the candidate can drive a voter to the polls, so Dad lent Ed. the horse to do a little canvassing with, we took Belle because Dad thought if he was allowed to drive any elderly ladies to vote they would not be at all afraid to ride behind Belle and they might be with Joe and Joe's leg was sore and Belle needed the exercise. I went around and got my hair cut and hung around all the afternoon although things were very quiet. Dad and Frank went home about five but as I had to be down at the land room at seven o'clock I didn't go home to tea but stayed at Stuby's and Dad and Frank drove down again with my horn faint and I were up in Jim Law's parlour when they were counting ballots, when we thought they ought to be about through we came down and the first person we saw was Hugh McQueen and my heart dropped when he told us that Nye had beat ~~the~~ by 100 of course we thought he was lying but on going down street we found Ed. in the Dominion and it was all too true, although it is rather hard to understand. The councillors are Freeman Henderson, Billy Lantz, Ward Sovereign and R. M. Taylor. I was up at the land room soon after seven and all the boys were there except Murphy and Fred Warren although they were both in town and they say

Murphy was the one who first proposed that we go out to night, but they suppose he was a little sure at the way things went, he should have seen Harry Moon who must have been as much disappointed as any of us and yet went out and enjoyed himself as much as any one. We started out soon after seven with Mr. Martin and Douglas the Scotchman hauling Harry Dyer and his team on a loaded sleigh in the van and followed by a large number of kids ranging from those about two sizes larger than Liddams right up to those old enough to know better, and we had George Waddles, Dick McDonald, Lily and Civil Schram as torch bearers. Of course we set out for Nye's first but by the time we got over the hill our horns were frozen solid so we had to go in to Carl Calm and to throw them out we got treated there to wine and fruit cake and in return played a men's equality which I got hopelessly mixed up in, we then went up to Nye's and by the time we got there my horn was frozen solid and I had to throw it out on a torch we got more wine and fruit cake in there to say nothing of the eloquent speeches of Walt and Nye, the former extending congratulations on behalf of the band and the latter stabilizing smooth the load all over us, intimating how grand and fortunate for the band to have had him in the past and to see him again in the future. Dover's chief wrote our bottle washers. We then dropped in on Uncle Ward, where we got a royal reception, Aunty Maude, Win and Lila were all there and Ruby had been over with some cider which was very much enjoyed by all who partook of it, we also had coffee, cake and oranges fixed up, as we were

leaving Uncle Ward, remembered he had a box of cigars for us so chased us out into the snow to give them to us, I didn't take one but induced Pud. Shocoll to give me a few puffs on his, he became alarmed for fear I was going to keep it so knocked it out of my mouth into the snow but smoked it all the way down town then volunteered the information that it had been too much for him, our next call was on Mr. Taylor, but we had to throw our horns out first at Bob. Rank before we could make our presence known to R. M. He didn't ask us in but made a donation to the band and passed around more cigars, one of which I collared and smoked (fabulously I suppose) and was not bothered by Pud. claiming any puffs or by any feeling that it was too much for me. The next man was our calling that was Henderson and we showed up at Mid. Thompson's before doing our little stunt for him. He made another donation and speech which contained the information that his house was much too small for us, which we know to be perfectly correct. Walt also gave his recitation which he had pretty well off by heart by this time, the same as we had the piece of music which he had us play and every stop. Billy Langs living farthest away was the last councillor for us, so we left our steps for his domain. None of our number resided in that vicinity so we called unceremoniously on George Steel to be warmed up. George told us we were a hot bunch to come in on a fellow with out being asked and that Bill Langs had just as much of us as he did but he lit another fire for us and we rattled off. We went on

home till morning" for him, he said it was pretty poor playing and sounded to him just like "So tell with Bill Trump, So tell with Bill Trump". When we went over to Billy's he took us in and fed us up properly. I had got pretty well filled up before though so didn't fear take of more. We were there quite awhile and on coming out trailed down street in any old order playing "Marching thru Georgia" and such airs as we didn't need music for. I know I was coming down Main street having Carl who banged the drum, with Harry Moon ahead of me and leads and other parts both ahead and behind. It was getting late but at the door of the Dominion we found George Ham and someone had heard had heater Aiken by 109 votes so we went inside and kicked up a little saw in honor of him Gandy who was last on the list of township Councillors was also there. Hummon had cigars but I had had enough alone. We played "The Campbells are comin'" in which the horn drone on one note, with out music. Harry struck the note but neither of us remembered the name of it. I got Eb which sounded about like Harry's and played it all through finding out after wards that it was the wrong note the right one being Ab. but Crank said that it would not be a discard although I guess it wouldn't have mattered much if it was and make would have been better to give the desired bag pipe effect. We then broke up and went home. I picked Dick up as at least he fell in with me as he had been spending the evening at the Dyer's and we got home about twelve. Every body was in bed of course but Dad. was not asleep as he was braiding over the

elections, the only bright spot in the whole day for him was a little incident this morning. When he was coming down Main street after leaving Frank at school old man Stinger hailed him and asked him for a ride down town. Dad. pulled up and growled at him to get in and then said he supposed he was going down to kill his Dads <sup>note</sup> "Oh!" says old Henry "I don't know". "Well I know" Dad said good and so awfully darned well you are. They hadn't got quite to old Henry's place and hadn't gone half a block when he thought he would like to get out home and change his clothes, but Dad. assured him that his clothes were plenty good enough for the man he was going to test for, however the old boy disembarassed and told Dad. he thought he had used him a little rough he had always had a great admiration for him. Dad. said he had a mighty queer way of speaking it. But what tickled Dad. about it was that Jack Martin told him to night that old Henry has told the tale among the Dyabites. It has been a pretty nice day as far as the weather was concerned, and a beautiful night, clear, frosty and moonlight. I think it froze pretty hard before midnight judging from the looks of things and the way the boards in the sidewalks scrunched and creaked, I didn't feel a bit cold although I had no overcoat or gloves on. I think it turned milder towards morning.

Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>

Dad. drove the boys down this morning and got a sack of flour. Gus. Lampkins and his man came while he was gone but they

met him so he went around and got Shuley. It took till noon to get everything ready to raise the wind mill as the snow made things nasty to work with, but right after dinner we raised it with out any trouble. Harry and Bell walked it up nicely and by to-night it was all complete and pumping water, it works all right. Mr. Flemming was here to-day to invite us to go thrashing there to-morrow. It has been a raw, dry, miserable day and windy.

Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>

Dad. went down to Sam Laws this morning and got Jimmy to go over to Flemming's for us as he thought my cold would be pretty bad to go thrashing, and as they are coming here next we were too busy to go any way. After breakfast he drove the boys down to school and saw Butler about getting a set of hob skis. Butler had sold a set which was there but was getting two more in a day or so. When he got home he went down and borrowed Alfred. We did up the chores this morning as we had neglected a lot of yesterday we had to do. After dinner we went down to Penman to see if we could get a load of soft coal for the thrashers, Harry Man saw that the General Agent was there then and Stenderen didn't like to sell any coal but we could get it if we came down after five to-night or early to-morrow morning, so we went down and weighed the skis and on our way home stopped in at Uncle W's to get some wood. He has some good apple wood which he

split and piled in the shed last winter hoping to have it for his furnace but he found it smoked there so said we could have it. We got all that he had in the shed in two trips and put it in the wood shed here. He has some more long stuff piled out side but we didn't take it to-day. This was Dick's birthday but he didn't get home till late to-night. Fine and mild.

Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup>

Dad. and I went down right after breakfast this morning and got our load of Coal Dick rode down as far as the mill with us. We only got 18 00 lbs. and as no one was around the office to pay we don't know how much it cost. It wasn't very good as there were hardly any big lumps. When we brought it home and un loaded it. Frank and I took the skis back to Alfred as he wants to get a load of hard coal and Enah said it was going fast. Dad. did chores. This afternoon we cleaned up the floor of the old barn and about five Enah and I drove down town for provisions Frank was sick last night and has not been at school all day. Dad. also feels pretty rotten with a cold so does Enah but Liddum and mine are getting better I think. It has been cloudy but very soft all day it looks as though our sleighing would not last long. There hasn't been wind enough to drive the wind mill since six o'clock this morning.

Friday January 9<sup>th</sup>

Dad. and I put in most of the morning cleaning up the

big barn floor and Dad. patched the weak spots. Jack Mc Bride and Albert Reid brought over the wire fencing that Dad. ordered from Sid. Mc Bride. He was in yesterday and said he would dump it off the car down there some place for us to get when we had time but as it is we are saved a trip. They finished at Flemming's soon after dinner and moved right over here. it took them quite awhile to get set and they didn't thrash any this afternoon. About four o'clock Frank and I drove down for some more provisions which Emah forgot to get yesterday. While I was waiting for him Johnny and Helen Anderson came along and expressed the desire to see New York and took them for a walk around half a dozen blocks or so. Jim Lawson in this afternoon and only charged Dad. 50¢ for two days and a half thrashing. It has been very soft again all day. There wasn't enough wind to drive the windmill till late this afternoon and then she pumped through tank full of water.

Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>

We thrashed all day to day in the alkies but didn't quite finish as the clover mill broke down somewhere this afternoon and there is this another load or so in the mow, it hasn't turned out very well as far we have only got about seven bushels of seed. We put the straw out door and I looked after it what least was supposed to I have kind of a stack of square one but of course it isn't topped out yet. It was rather hard to build

owing to a strong nor west wind. It was pretty rotten up there except just on the north west corner. I kept that corner pretty well tramped. Dad. hired Jim Law again and Supper sent Jonas over. Mr. Flemming and old Bill George and Bill sent Teddy. Dad. did all the chores and as Cash had no one to help her, he and Frank I think looked after Liddums quite a bit. <sup>Frank</sup> It has been much colder today, fog, a little all day and windy with a little

Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>

Dad. and I did chores off and on all day and I read, shelled corn and darned a sack in the intervals. Frank was sick in the night and has felt very miserable all day hardly stirring away from the stove. Dick got up about noon and this afternoon took Belle and went for a drive we are not sure who with, Conscience tells us it was Pres. Dyer but Dick tells us it was Mr. Stohles. He didn't stay long as it was a nasty day but went down to the pond as soon as he got home he said there was a big bump down there; he intended to go to church and I guess did. Allan Law came over this afternoon and put a little fire in the engine to warm up the water in the boiler. He said his father sprained his ankle last night and was pretty lame on it to day. I was a beautiful sunny morning with out any wind but this afternoon it got cloudy and blustery with a little snow and to night there is a fierce south west wind with snow. Dad. had to kill one of the pigeons which came here from the shooting match to day.

Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>

This has been the worst day we have had this winter. There has been a high north west wind and the sun is blowing in clouds so that at times we couldn't see from the house to the barns. It has been very cold, and freezing hard all day. First thing this morning Mrs. M<sup>c</sup> Bride came over but of course didn't try to work. John and Ed. George came over too but there was no possibility of the riding so they didn't stay long. I drove Dick down to the bank this morning and when I got back took Mrs. M<sup>c</sup> Bride home. The roads were impassable anywhere but our lane was drifted full in the roadway so I had to go along the top of the bank next the lawn fence. We didn't try to do anything but tend to the stock, not even clean out the horse stable. Allan Law came over this afternoon to put a fire in the engine to thaw her out. About five o'clock P.M. walked down town and got the mail and some whooping cough medicine from Dr. Cook for Liddums as we are pretty sure he has it. He left word at Baby's for Dick to stay down all night. Frank was a little better to day but feels pretty sick yet.

Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup>

We didn't do any thing but chares and shovel snow all day. Mrs. M<sup>c</sup> Bride came this morning and was tussled right out after her walk through the drifts. She road from here to the carner in

impassable with a cutter and we shovelled a road out the lane. Ed. George came over this morning thinking we would be throwing but it was too cold so he played in the house with Frank most of the day building a swing bridge with Frank's Meccano. Sam and Allan came over this afternoon to thaw out the boiler and fix the mill where it broke the other night. Sam said they never thawed when it was below zero. They said it was 7° below down town this morning - and I think it must have stayed about that all day for I had to spend about half the time keeping my hands and ears from freezing although it was a lovely sunny day with just breeze enough to run the windmill. Dick went to Simcoe to night with a sleigh load when Billy Doughner took up and he said it was 16 below up there. In Toronto it was lower temperature than they had had for 27 years.

Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>

I didn't feel very well when I got up this morning and while I was watering the horses a sick & weak feeling came on me and it was all I could manage to get to the house and flop myself on the sofa in the kitchen. I haven't done anything but sit around the stove and read all day. To night I went out to have a little tea but while I was at it I felt deathly sick and made for the door. I can just remember standing there for a minute and then tumbling over on the wood shed floor. Dad and Enah picked me up and got me in on the sofa where I felt quite a lot better.

Jed. George was over again to-day but as they didn't thrash he helped Dad do chores. Jonas was also over but didn't stay long. Dad and Jed went down with the team this morning and got the bob-sleighs from Butler, this afternoon they put the box on them and went down town again for groceries and got a load of apple wood at Buck Woods, this is smaller limbs than the last we got and will have to be sawed a couple of times and guess they thought it was too cold to thrash again to day but we would have been short handed anyway with me sick and Jim Law has gone to Stratford to a cheese makers convention. It has not been quite so cold as yesterday but more windy and with a little snow. Frank put in the day fixing a spring on Siddum's carriage and fixing locks on various doors in the house.

Thursday.

Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Although not quite O. K. I felt ever so much better to day and was able to do quite a few little chores and fix a bit of sacking in the chicken house window to keep the snow out. Some Allan were in this morning and said they thought if it was fine they would thrash Saturday, but we saw Allan again this afternoon and he said they would get at it tomorrow. Jed and Jonas both came over again. Jonas went on over to Supper's to work but Jed stayed here all day and chopped wood. This afternoon we hooked up for and Jigger to the bob-sleighs and Dad, Jed and I drove down town and got the mail. We saw Dick but as there is a dance on to-night

he didn't come home with us for Wiggins is going to pass his every day pants for him. Very soft and cloudy all day looks like rain.

Friday January 16<sup>th</sup>

Sam Daws came over soon after day light this morning but as it was raining then he didn't know whether to fire up or not, but at last decided to as it let up a little it took an hour or two to get any steam for some reason or other and it was after ten before they got started to thrash and then a belt broke and it took half an hour to fix it. Jed. George was the only man to show up early Jim Law came over the middle of the fore noon and Jonas in time for dinner he was over at Supper's. There was only a little alsike left and we just got about a bushel of seed out of it. They finished it up and got all moved over to the other farm by half past twelve as they had to spend half an hour or so getting the engine through a snow drift. By the time we got through dinner it was raining again so we hung around in the drive shed for quite a while where Jim Law mended the life pretty near out of Jonas and then over in the barn where we kept snow balls on the fly but at last Sam decided to quit and told them to be back by tomorrow noon. Dad and I did up the horses and then we drove back down after the mail and took Jed with us. Dad saw Dr Cook about the baby as he has been very miserable to day, the whooping cough is bad enough but he is counting another tooth

Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup>

I drove Dick down to the bank first thing this morning and when I got back Dad and I hooked Harry and Belle to the sleigh and went down to Porter's. we didn't get back till about noon. Sam Law came over while we were gone, and they got started up about one o'clock and finished about four. there was about two bags and a half <sup>of peck</sup> from the four loads. Allan & Jim Law's Best Munroe were all down at Ern Flemming's to a dance last night and didn't get in till about six o'clock this morning they said they had a fine time but thought it a little strange that they should be invited to a private house with the stipulation that the ladies were to bring refreshments, and that a collection should be taken up to pay the fiddler and that the host should keep two dollars out and submit the remaining five to the fiddler, who was Lynn Wadsworth for watch Hazel for Sam's eye. Sam said it wasn't the right color (dark brown) for watch Hazel and told him to ask Dad. Dad smelt it and tasted it and said it was clear whiskey. Allan said if Sam had known that he would have swallowed it but Dad said he hadn't better as something else might be in it, so he gave him some of his. Allan said his sleighs had come but weren't set up yet, so he said we would go to Jarvis with our sled to morrow with our sleighs and his team. This afternoon I drove Ern down town to see the Doctor about Siddams, Dick went down with us and I suppose has gone to church to-night. It has been pretty cold all day but fairly sunny and no wind, milder to-night.

Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>

I just did a few chores this morning and went down to church where Iila went down earlier to be ready for Sunday school. Frank's calves too had for him to go, Dick was in bed, Ern had to look after Siddams and Dad's time was taken up ministering to the needs of a heifer calf which Charlotte presented us with soon after we went out this morning. Her ear froze a couple of times but Dad and Frank thawed it out with snow, when I came home it was on the kitchen floor, they had to bring it in to keep it from freezing to death. They took it out after it got good and warm and dry and I had taken a picture of it but Charlotte didn't seem very anxious to own it so Dad is going to try to teach it to drink now but it hasn't drunk any to-day. Allan Law came in this morning with a bottle of stuff which he brought down right color (dark brown) for watch Hazel and told him to ask Dad. Dad smelt it and tasted it and said it was clear whiskey. Allan said if Sam had known that he would have swallowed it but Dad said he hadn't better as something else might be in it, so he gave him some of his. Allan said his sleighs had come but weren't set up yet, so he said we would go to Jarvis with our sled to morrow with our sleighs and his team. This afternoon I drove Ern down town to see the Doctor about Siddams, Dick went down with us and I suppose has gone to church to-night. It has been pretty cold all day but fairly sunny and no wind, milder to-night.

Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>

I was up before six this morning and we had the seed loaded and already to start for Jarvis at eight o'clock, Alben brought his team up soon after and by the time we got his seed on and on the road it was ten minutes to nine, but the shipping was fine and we got there in a little more than an hour. We unloaded the seed at Jake's place and he just got started on our lot a little before dinner. I had my dinner alone as Alben was down at Ray Wimmer's. I was over at Frank's all the afternoon but Alben was just there a little while. They finished cleaning up the seed about four o'clock in time for me to get my check cashed which I did as I wanted to buy half a dozen bags of buckwheat, getting some soon after five. Dad did chores and cut wood. I forgot to tell him to take the price of them off the check. The whole thing came to \$8.26. The alder cleaned up about half, so I only got 4 bushels and 20 lbs. he docked me a little on it as there was a little white clover in it but I got \$2.00 for it. The red seed he said had a little buckwheat in it and I only got 7.75 for it. I brought home about a bushel of it and sold a bushel and 40 lbs. Alben only had about a pailful of alder which he brought home and he got the same as me for his red seed, it had no buckwheat in it but he docked him on brown seed. We got home here just about dark pretty well satisfied with the day's doings. Dad I guess did chores most of the day, the new calf got loose this afternoon and milked Charlotte for him. Miss Rowd was over to see Sid's and he drove her home. Cloudy, mild and a little breeze looks like snow or rain.

Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>

We didn't get up till about eight o'clock this morning so were late with every thing. Dad drove Dick down town while I was at breakfast. After I cleaned out the stables I sacked up some corn and Frank and I bagged up some oats to take down to be chopped. Dad wanted to go down to a meeting of the cream factory patrons but it was too late when we got through dinner. He and I took our first to the mill after dinner and came up around by Black Words and got another load of wood when we got it unloaded Frank and I went down town for the mail and provisions and came up around by the mill and got our chop and some bran, started to get my check cashed which I did as I wanted to buy half a dozen bags of buckwheat, getting some soon after five. Dad did chores and cut wood which was soon gone. Mrs. Art Kyrus was in this morning with some garlics which she said mixed with ram made a fine concoction for the whooping cough and she thought Sid's would benefit by it. I don't know whether he is to take it internally or not I think it will be internally which ever way. Alben and Jim had brought our slight home this morning, they drove down in them to get their own which are Baim make and cost \$2.00. They are very similar to ours but a little heavier and there is a difference in the price. Better day, very cloudy and foggy, fine rain most of the day freezing to night.

Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>

First thing this morning Mully had a fine big bull calf, good red and as big as Charlotte's new or bigger. Dad drove Dick down

to the bank this morning and we didn't do any thing much but clean it was dead. The after noon they cut some of it up and got a lot of fire wood out of it. After dinner I put a lot of fresh straw in but he had aarf Porrit and another fellow with him, so we didn't have to help him put it on. This after noon Dad, Frank and Lucretia to Uncle Hal for his birth day, and I went over to Mr. Artens with the kid I borrowed from Art. Sean-hury the other day, I saw Mr. Bailey and he was telling me that he didn't think a mash was the right thing at all for legs. I saw a hen, while Chris told me to feed it so it's hard to tell what to do. I saw Dad, and I looked for a ginger to the hals and went down to just back of the hals letter but we were too late for to night's mail. Dick and Wiggins rode over as far as the corner with us and then we asked on around the corner we gave Ben Vice a ride home too. We also brought some lumber over from Tommy Gillis for John Quensberg as Chris asked us to on our way down. We had great difficulty to night in trying to catch a read - naught and drive him into his stall and at last by running him through the deep snow till he was tired out he went in of his own accord. Snowed an inch or two last night and when rather cold and blustering all day.

Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup>

I did chores this morning and cleaned the straw out of the chicken house and also set in the dining room for awhile to catch Liddams when he woke up coughing and put in the time sorting Farmer's Advocate. Dad and Frank saved down the old Northern Spy in the pig yard.

the chicken house and helped Dad fix a pen in the corner of the old barn to put the calves into. Today day, fairly sunny and not too cold, looks like a

Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

We spent most of the morning hattering up the calf pen and Dad put the window in. This after noon he put the surcingh & bridle on O'gray. He didn't like it at all at first but once he got started he went down to the corner and back alright but sweat up a bit. When we got back I did a few chores and Dad and Frank got some more apple wood. Cousins Lull & Phoebe came over and about four o'clock Frank & I drove them home we also got the mail and a couple of horses to feed the calves in Charlie Butler was in at noon to see Dad about some horses. It has been cloudy and very soft all day. Looks very much like a storm

Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>

It was raining when we got up this morning. Turned to snow about nine o'clock and snowed till noon. Dad put the harness and bridle on O'gray but we couldn't take him out so just left him there all morning. He must have gotten through some violent exercise, probably trying to get loose when we went in at noon he was wringing wet. Dad also trimmed his front feet and had to resort to chestnutment to make him be loose.

We put the old waggon and the plow in the shed out of the rain before dinner. This afternoon it stopped storming but got a little colder. Frank went down to the M. Bain's auction sale but didn't buy anything. He said there was a big crowd there. I spent half the afternoon looking at a book of house plans and then helped Dad saw up a few pieces of the old apple tree we then did chores. I drew a plan for our new barn to night.

Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>

Frank was the only one from here who went to church this morning as it was late when we got up and Dad and I spent most of the forenoon doing chores and we also took Elsie out for a little exercise. Dick was asleep the greater part of the morning. Frank and I went for a skate down on the pond this afternoon. Dick went down but I guess there weren't enough girls on the ice to catch him as he went on up town and lent his skates to Fred Luck. I was late getting there so only had an hour or two's skate but I enjoyed that much for the ice was pretty good and as it was my first skate this season maybe it was just as well not to make it too long. I went down to church to night and came home right after. but didn't see any thing of Dick who was not home to tea. It has been sunny and quite mild all day but is a little colder to night.

Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>

After we did chores this morning, we hooked up Harry and Belle to the waggon and went over to Sam's to get over quarters of beef. We took it down to Al's and weighed it and it was just 95 lbs which was pretty good for the front quarters of a calf not quite a year old. It was just about noon when we got home but we went and got a jag of rails before dinner. After dinner we went and got another bag of rails and then went down town for the mail and some yeast cake and got back about five. John Wess was in just before dark as his mare has a little touch of lymphangitis again. Dad told him what to do for it and said that she would go over and see it in the morning to night. I went down to the pond for a skate as I saw they had quite a lot shoulded off. I got a ride fast way down with Allan Law and he said they were going to start hauling ice to morrow and that he could haul one for me if we wanted him to. I told him we couldn't put it in to morrow but we might the day after. There wasn't a big crowd on the pond and only a very few girls but the ice was good. I put in most of the time chasing Benjamin Buecraft and Tony Cannister, ~~spinning~~ spinning them for throwing snowballs all over. I caught Tony early in the game and twisting his hair till he got down on the ice and filling his hat with snow succeeding in persuading him to behave himself but Benjamin was another proposition. In the first place I couldn't begin to catch up with him, being out of practice I suppose and then he was so nimble getting around the

corners. It would sometimes be nearly on him and he would jump right off the track into the snow and apparently make just as good progress there as on the ice. I jumped in after him once but my feet slid out from under me and I cleaned off quite an area of ice in a very short time and carried most of the snow off on my clothes. At last Alex Speare joined in the chase and we both got Benjamin headed for Suez point unless we thought we would catch him sure, we could just see his figure ahead of us and followed him around the point right through the snow and some very poor ice till the first thing we knew he was taking to the land like one of these alligator boats, we skirted back around keeping hoping to be where we thought he would get on the ice again by the time he was but there was no sign of him. He told us after waras when we were taking our skates off in Greenberg's wood shed that he was up behind Suez's ice house and heard his go past. Dick came down helped left and hung around till I got my skates off and went up to Suez's after a loaf of bread I got up town. We got home about ten. Very soft all day and wind enough to turn the windmill till after dark. Mrs. M. did some washing all day.

Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup>

As soon as we got things done up this morning which was about ten o'clock we looked up and went over to John Wessels and Dad's and his brass hall. Mr. Morgan was ~~over~~ over there and we got looking at his

gasoline engine and he was running it and grinding oats and showing us all around so it was after noon when we got home. Mr. Morgan came home with us and stayed to dinner and half the afternoon. Consequence being that we didn't get any thing but chores done although we had intended to haul some rails and clear out the ice house. Allan Law was in to night and said if they were hauling ice to waras he would haul one for us but I think it is raining now so not likely they will be doing much with the ice. It has been very soft and spring like to day. It rained last night and took most of the snow off the roads, and left them very slippery.

Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup>

We cleared out the ice house first thing this morning and got it all ready to fill. It rained last night and was so very mild that we didn't think Val was coming but just as we got ready for him he came along with a load, he said he went to see Val about it last night but Val was at lodge, so this morning he went down after a load of sand for the chickens so the thought they wouldn't be cutting to day but some body saw him down town and told him that Val wanted him to haul what was on the stand over here so he did. he got two loads over before dinner and four this afternoon. We didn't get the last load chinked or placed to night and if all well he is going to haul one or two more loads in the morning. We think we are putting this in better

than we did last year, we are leaving a good space between the walls and the ice for sawdust, and we put rails and sawdust on the bottom, but the ice isn't as good as last year especially what has been out of the water in the sun all day. Jim Coley was over this morning and got Dad to give him a two weeks option on his lot, he says he can almost guarantee the sale of them at the same. Bob and Carl also drove over and brought the saddle & bridle back. Bob was glad to see them and followed them way down the road but came back when we called him. Gupper came in to get his post & paper which we harrowed to dig the holes for the windmill post. Mrs. Gupper and the baby were with him. I guess Mrs. Gupper wanted to see Liddums but she didn't want to bring her kid in on account of the whooping cough and it was asleep anyway. Eva brought Liddums to the window to wave. It has been very spring like and the slipping is going fast.

Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup>

Just about as we got ready for him this morning Alan came along with a load of ice and should be more help for dinner, we then saw that we needed even more ice to fill up the ice house evenly so he brought the machine over this afternoon, he said he had a hard time getting them as the machine wasn't working. We put the extra three on top. Dad chinked it while I cleaned out the horse stable which has been neglected for two days, that makes over eight loads of ice that can be put in the

ice house. Old Bill George drove over before dinner to get the fork that Ted left over here. He was driving his sparkling colt to the cutter and the sleighing is about gone, it is the same age as Lucretia and not nearly so big so that sort of treatment must be had on it. Harry Dyer, his brother and Shummy Jones were over for awhile this afternoon. Dick came home to the tonight to change his clothes and attend the dance of the Orchestra's in the town hall. Another April day, water is running over everything and "the buds are within a hazy air of bustle" as Art Rye says. The snow is fast giving place to mud and it looks as if it would rain or a fine. Just a strong south west breeze all day.

Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>

It was freezing when Dick came home at three o'clock this morning and has been freezing in the shade all day but not very hard. We found that the south west wind the early part of last night had melted quite a bit of the ice that it could reach through the west window, so Dad had to fix it a little and we put in all the sawdust we had, but will need quite a bit more. So it than get the road would be too icy to stay. We gave Cleary a little exercise before dinner and I sorted out a lot of the apples down cellar. This afternoon we tore down a lot more of the gully fence but just put the rails in piles. It was a lovely day to do it as the sun is nearly all gone. More like a lot of all day to day except that there is so much refreezing water.

Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup>

We didn't do much but chores. to day. Dad cut a big pile of wood and <sup>Frank</sup> carried it and I hauled most of the sand which Dad got for Frank Slocumb to mend the Cistern with from the house over to the drain and put it in to dry up the mud as the water as run in a bit since it thawed. This afternoon Dad and Frank drove down town to get the mail and some provisions. They got a letter from "The Library of Original Sources" saying that our books would doubt less be here with in the next few days. I spent the evening making entries for the past month in my book keeping book. The hens haven't nearly paid for them selves. I got six eggs to day which is the most yet. Mrs. and Mrs. Walk McCall drove Dolly over this morning. she caught one of her front feet and we all got Dad to look at it. It has been a very blizzard day but not cold. It was <sup>start</sup> when we got up this morning then rain and a ~~blow~~ this afternoon with <sup>strong</sup> wind which shifted right around. To night it is blowing hard but I think clear.

Sunday January February 1<sup>st</sup>

I haven't done much all day. This morning Aunt and I drove down to church but got home very early. After dinner Dick and I went down town I went over to Harry Thorns and spent the afternoon and stayed to tea. Harry was showing me over the new part of his house which has fixed up pretty slick but hasn't quite finished the upstairs yet.

They went to church to night so I went down to see Lyla. Quint and Wile were at church and Lila was over here but Mabel and Auntie Maude were home. Frank came home with Lila while I was there so I went home with him. I don't know where Dick went but I have a sneaking idea that he spent the afternoon over at Dyer's. Last night when Dad looked up the stable there wasn't a sign of Bluch so we thought he must have followed them down town when they went down after the mail last night although they watched him so to day after church Frank went down to the Rankins and sure enough he found Bluch there so brought him home. Bob Rankin told Mabel that Jimmy cried him self to sleep last night because they wouldn't let Bluch sleep with him and told him they couldn't keep him. Some fellow was in here from Nanticoke to stay to have Dad look at his horse. I got seven eggs to day. It has not been <sup>so</sup> stormy to day but there has been a cold strong west wind.

Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup>

After we got the chores done we went out and hauled up three loads of rails before dinner, we got nearly all we had torn down. We also cut the tips off Cries and Spatty's horns as we thought that the comfort or even safety of the other animals was hazarded by their sharp points, we cut one of Cries a little lower than we intended and severed a little artery. It soon stopped after we let her out but this afternoon she scratched it against snowdrifts as the straw stack

and covered snow deep with grass and when we let them in to night a beautiful little spurt was coming out of it but Dad soon stopped it but putting a little chop-stuff on it. We intended to go prospecting for sawdust this afternoon but by the time I got the sails unloosed the Law's came in to take their clover mill and engine down to Bert's place as the woods are now in grand shape. We were very glad to have the clover mill out of the barn as it was a great nuisance, but we didn't get a chance to go for our sawdust as they were here most of the afternoon getting up enough steam to raise <sup>the engine</sup> out of the ground where she was frozen in, when Alan threw her in she would hump and stop "breathing" just like a horse trying to lift a big load, but after a few strains she loosened up and got out Jan's brother-in-law was with them and he seemed to understand quite a bit about it. When they went Dad put Joe's harness on Elsie and hooked him up to the logs with Belle. he did pretty fair but ~~was~~ to throw or fiddle his nigh prospect. James came over this morning and hauled a pitch fork and the hay knife as he is going to move the hay from M. Pain's barn to Sam M. Briddle's as they are tearing down the old M. Pain barn to-day. he brought them back to night and is now playing checkers with Frank. The lake had a little chance to see the shadow to-day as the sun has been shining nearly the whole time it has been an ideal winter day, not too cold and just enough wind to turn the wind-mill. I got seven eggs a gain to-day, they are getting a lot of milk now and it is beginning to talk on them.

Tues day February 3<sup>rd</sup>

I got up about five this morning and read till daylight. When Dad came out I found that Dick had brought home word last night that Winkey Smith was dead and was to be brought here on the eleven o'clock train to be buried, and as the funeral was to be taken charge of by the masons. Dad was wanted at the lodge room at ten o'clock. I drove down with Dad and hung around till the train came in and then drove up to the cemetery with him. After the service was over there we drove over to Evan's woods on the Radical opposite old Stringers place to see if there was any sawdust. We had quite a time finding any signs of a saw-mill but at last Dad came on it way back in a little ravine. she said there were no men around but quite a few logs and a pile of sawdust. This afternoon Dad went down and got his hair cut and was gone all the afternoon. I watered the horses and cleaned out the cow stable and then took a walk made the lane to look at the little trees. Most of them on the west side are dead while most on the east are alive. To-night Dad went over to a man's party at Jack Martin's. It has been very soft all day and the sleighing is just about gone. There is snow lying in the fence corners and on the north side of things but it looks very spring like. water is running everywhere and the fields are nearly all brown and where ever the sun can reach it looks dry and warm. I got twelve eggs to-day which I thought was pretty good.

Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Lobe did not write this up last night as he went skating. I did not get up this morning until 7:30, I found Loby up and the kitchen fire on and good and warm. Dick did not get home last night till sometime after I did and then we talked till after 12 O'Clock. After doing up the usual round of chores, we caught the 5 roasters and took them over to Jack Martin. It was dinner time when we got home from there. After noon we put on a small load of hay to take over to the other barn for the cows and calves. Frank went to skate after school. After tea Loby and I went down town to skate and I to a school board meeting where we had a lively time, it looked at first as if we would not get anything done but it became quite peaceable towards the close. Old Mart. Lofley is getting along fine in his walking and his cough is much better. Revs Hampton came in this evening and I paid him for the woodpile fairly cold all day.

Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup>  
 It was late again this morning when I got up, 7 O'Clock, being out at night does not agree with me. Dick worked late last night Loby and I came home with Jack Martin and got home first. Dick brought home word that the boy looked for books had come. After the Chores were done we hauled the hay over that we loaded yesterday and put it off, then we hauled in a load of corn stalks, after dinner we went down town and got the books that account for my writing tonight. Loby is absorbed in them. Dick went to Simcoe this afternoon, Frank went down and had his hair cut after school. Enck and little Lofley went through their usual daily round. It has been pretty cold all day, but for the most part bright. I find it hard to keep awake. I will have to take a look at the new books.

Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>

We took a load of grain to the mill this morning six bags of oats and four of corn, we got one bag of the oats rolled for the chickens. Lige Larr was in for awhile to see if we could rent some of the back of the place for pasture but of course there was nothing doing. Dad went down town right after dinner to give the deeds of his late to Jim Caley but as Cousin Willie was sick they couldn't get them fixed up so he & Cuck will have to go down some other time to sign off. He got home about four and we then went down to the mill for our chops. We had quite a time getting up the hill as it was very icy and the horses slipped all the way. Old Jonas was over this morning to get a dose of salts for his pig which he says he thinks will die. Dad looked at it and he thinks it's a cotter. If it does he will only have one left as two have died already.

Allan or Jim here were in to night Allan's horse got its leg cut in some way he doesn't know how and he wants a Doc. to look at it. I got up at half past four this morning to read the new books and also scan a little Latin out of Dad's old book. It froze pretty hard last night and there was a cold east wind all morning but it turned mild at noon and has been snowing & raining alternately all day after noon Poor Liddons felt very miserable this morning and they thought the poor little one had the earache but after he had his sleep he felt a lot better and has been all right the rest of the day.

Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>

I got up about half past five this morning because later till Dad came out about half past six then I went out to do chores. It has been blowing a hurricane and snowing all day. So we didn't do any thing but chores and Dad cut a pile of wood. This afternoon Frank went down town this afternoon to see if there were any waves on the lake but there weren't although it was a south west wind but likely there is a lot of ice in the lake. Dad and I started to make a hook case for the new books out of the box they came in. Frank got some cloth down town to line it with. I got thirteen eggs today. It has been pretty cold and very blizzardy to day.

Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>

Frank went down to school and church and Dad and I went down to church this morning we were late for although we came across the pond we had to stop in at Henderson's as my ear got frozen by the cold wind on the pond and we went in there where Dad thawed it out with snow I nearly froze my hand holding snow on it from the pond up there. We came around by Shubbs on our way home and got the old glue put to make some glue for our book cases and also looked at the old chicken house as we are going to bring it over here for a breeding pen. This after

noon we read did chores and listened to Aunt play the piano. Dick got up and had a bath before dinner, got Dad. to shave him and went down town about the middle of the afternoon as he says he is going to Church to night. Frank spent most of the afternoon skating on the ditch out here from the lane fence up to the oak trees and down in Danister's gully. Very cold and strong west wind, a little snow other wise <sup>and down in 1st and 4th day</sup>

Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>

It froze about the hardest yet last night and has been pretty cold and breezy all day, but was bright and sparkling part of the time, and snowing a little part of the time. We didn't do any thing but chores and Dad cut wood. Mrs. M<sup>r</sup> Bride was here washing all day and as it was too cold and draughty for Laddums in the kitchen Frank had to stay home to look after him in the dining room. Dad and Aunt were contemplating a trip down town this afternoon to sign the deeds to the lots but Mr. Sherry who is buying them and a Mr. Ross brought them over this afternoon and saved them the trouble. The option is up on them tomorrow as they wanted to get things settled. She paid Dad. a check for the six hundred. Jonas was over here most of the afternoon selling seeds. Dad. got an order for some of L. P. Genes's seed oats and we are going to make out and order for him to night of garden seeds from Simmers. No body was down town to day, so we haven't got the mail.

Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Dad saw a load of ice going into Mrs Patterships this morning and just remembered that we had not returned John's small sharp little ice trays and as we thought he might be needing them I took them down but he said he never used them as they were too small so told me to take them home again which I did. I stayed there quite awhile helping & watching him. Bob. Fetch was hauling the ice, it is a lot bigger and better looking than ours but John says it doesn't keep at all well in Mrs Pattership's ice house. It is cement and built right in the side hill. He let the ice slide down the hill and drop about eight feet to the bottom of the ice house and it breaks up badly. Dad cut wood while I was away and when I got back helped me clean out the chicken house. This afternoon I cut a piece off the stack and Dad carried over a lot of straw to the chicken house. Jonas came over this morning and we gave him the Simmers order although we are sure he is not an authorized agent, but as we don't have to pay for the stuff till we get it I suppose it will be alright. Dad told him he was crazy to waste his time selling seeds instead of cutting his logs down for wood over at Fryers but Jonas said he had to get a little money some way as he only had fifty cents. Frank said he was working down cutting ice this afternoon. It has been much milder though still freezing to day cloudy and just breezy enough this afternoon to turn the wind mill, snowing a little to night.

Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>

We did chores and Dad cut wood most of the day, this afternoon we put some poles across a couple of benches in the big barn and covered them with hay to make a pen for the ewes. The old ram seems to be getting crosser, he attacked me to-day for the first time, and we think it is because he has some way got the wood all pulled away from his eyes and can see much better all around him.

I got fourteen eggs to day, the cold weather doesn't seem to affect the hens any, I guess it is the feed and care that counts. Luch cut the cloth for the hook case of my new books this afternoon and to-night Dad and I glued it on the wood, it is going to look pretty nice I think. It froze very hard last night. Frank said it was seven below zero, and although bright and sunny has been frosty all day hardly thawing even in the sun. They say there was a slight earthquake felt in different parts of Ontario and in Montreal but I think the one that felt it here, just thought so after they got the papers.

Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>

Dad and I took a walk down to Posters and back this morning, we got back about half past one. This afternoon we just did chores. To-night after a lot of hesitation I decided to go down to the dance. Dick and he didn't think there would be many there but there was enough to suit me. Moore from Simcoe was down but all the down lunch was there and I had a good time, I didn't miss more than half a dozen dances

and much to my surprise found that I could dance fairly well. I didn't expect to be able to do any better than the last time I tried especially as I haven't been down for over a month. They say it was fifteen below zero down town this morning and although it has been a lovely sunny day with out-dreys enough to blow the wind-mill, it has been freezing hard all day, and is just as cold to-night.

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

After we did the chores up this morning Dad & I hatched Harry and Belle to the sleighs and went down town, the sleighing was good most of the way in town but was pretty icy in places. I took down 72 dog eggs and got at the rate of 36 cts a doz for them but traded them off for groceries. Dad got some lumber to fix up the sheep pen with and set it up with Tommy. This afternoon we just did chores and I had a little snooze as I only had about four hours last night or rather this morning. To-night Dad dressed up and went down to pay a visit to Alfred and Lulu. Billy Gaulkner came over this morning and took their heifer away. An old Peddler came in to-night about five he looked about frozen and picked off towards Sam Hunt who he evidently knows as he asked up if he didn't live down by the mill before he moved up here. This is poor weather I should think for his job I wouldn't mind it at all in the summer. pretty frosty all day and a cold north east wind but mostly sunny. It is milder to-night and trying to snow.

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

I did chores all morning and Dad & Frank cut up the old apple tree in the pigyard. They had some pretty hard sawing in it. This afternoon Dad and I took the team and wagon sleigh and hauled it up to the house where Dad split a lot of it. Frank went down town and got his teeth filled and sent off a lot of valentines. Bert Thompson came this afternoon to see if we had any black Oxington hams. There was just one left of the ones that Shady natched out three years ago of the eggs he got from Bert. I knew she wasnt buying and was glad enough to get rid of her, I would have sold her for fifty cents or less but Bert offered me a dollar for her so I let him have her. Dad had quite a visit down town Alfred last night, the old fiddler, whose name is Foster was there. Lulu was here but got home before he left, she told them that Al Ryerson who had brought her home heard down town that Blubber was dead, but as we have heard nothing about it to-day, we feel pretty sure there is a mistake somewhere. It has been milder to-day a little though still freezing hard. Honours left but was mostly

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

Crab and I walked down to church this morning and Frank went down to Sunday school and church. This afternoon Cousins Clark and Phoebe came over and also Fint, Shady and Lulu Dick was here all morning and went down town this afternoon and says he's going to church to night. Shady said Auntie Maude was pretty sick today.

Dad and I walked down to church to night and went around to see Auntie Maude on our way home. she was sitting up on the sofa but looks pretty miserable, we got home about nine o'clock and Dick soon after we did. It is still pretty frosty but getting milder I think. Cloudy most of the day and to night. Shady told us of a great joke they played on old Tom the cook on the Vigilant. It seems he is quite a lady's man and gets a letter occasionally from a young lady he met in St. Thomas. Young Archie McJensen knew this and put Bill Daves, Parks and a few more of the bunch wise to it and they with Mrs. Walt McCall's assistance composed a letter to Tom from his girl telling him to meet her at the Fair corner (so as everything could be seen from the Dominion hotel window) at noon yesterday and to be sure and bring a bottle of gin along, when Tom got the letter he never caught on and was in a great state of excitement all morning and kept his eyes on the fair corner. Meanwhile Archie had been getting topped up in a lot of Mrs. McCall's clothes. He is rather small and good looking and about two o'clock slipped out of the side door at the hotel and around the block up to the fair corner of course old Tom was right there to meet him and Archie immediately inquired about the gin so Tom told him to go over to the hotel and wait for him at the head of the stairs, while he got it. He rushed into the bar to get a fifty cent bottle but Bart told him that they didn't have any smaller than a dollar and a quarter bottles. Tom was in such a hurry that he said anything would do so took a big bottle up stairs and resolved the plain one of to his room. Archie told Shady after wards that it would have been rich

if he could have played his part a little longer but when Tom he quite  
kiss his hands, he could stand no more, so with a burst of laughter he  
picked up his skirts and fled down stairs. Tom was so mad he  
never spoke to any one the rest of the day but got busy on the handle of  
gin.

Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>

Dad. and I went down as soon as we could get ready this  
morning to get the chicken house down home ready to move but  
helped us and we got it raised and up on blocks by noon. While  
were at it, who should come along, here loaded and without an overcoat, but  
Walter, he had come through the house and Auntie Maude had told  
where we were so that accounted for the absence of hat and overcoat, but  
we hadnt the slightest idea that he was within a thousand miles  
of us, we were quite surprised to see him, but this afternoon we got  
letter from Roy, which we should have got on Saturday, saying that  
Walter was then in Barrie having come down with the body of Mrs. C. and  
father. He got into Toronto Friday night and came up here this morning  
but had to go right back again to night. He stayed at Hotel to dinner  
for as he said a walk over here before dinner did not sound well  
and right after dinner he ad. looked up Belle and went down and got him  
was only here an hour or two and then Dad. and I drove him down he had  
to stop in for a minute or two to see Miss Phipps, Amias Bessie, Clara and

Leland say good-bye to Auntie Maude, Dick Quint at Hubby went to the station  
to see him off. so I had a very hurried visit, but we were all very glad  
to see him if it was only for a short time. Eld Jonas came over to night to  
get his orders ready to send away, and to get a little corn. but I think principally  
for a visit. Auntie Maude says she felt better to day but looks very miserable  
I only got twelve eggs to day. It was a beautiful morning but this afternoon the  
wind got up and it was a rotten after noon very blizzard and with hails and snow to night.

Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>

We just did chores and cut wood this morning, I read for a while  
this afternoon and then Dad. and I drove down town and Dad. saw  
Johnny Walker about bringing over the horse chaise, he said he thought  
he could load it on the sleigh and bring it over to morrow afternoon  
we went down to see if we could get it any more ready but thought we  
couldnt do much more to it alone. A couple of the little Ryzair girls came in  
with Frank after school and a young Roy Benkites appeared from somewhere soon  
after Frank got home and they went sleigh riding back in the gallery and Roy  
borrowed a book to take home with him to night. It blew a little on my  
horn for the first time since election night. It was a very blizzard  
blustery morning, but turned out a nice bright afternoon, snowed quite  
a little bit. and there wasn't enough wind to turn the  
windmill.

Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>

Dad. and I did chores most of the morning besides taking the wire off the posts in the hen yard so we could get through with the other hen house which we intend to put in the north east corner of the yard. We had to pump water for the cattle this morning as there wasn't enough wind to turn the wind mill, it took us over half an hour to pump half a tank full, we took turns at it, it is the first time we have had to pump for them this winter, and if we had a bigger tank which would hold two or three days supply, it wouldn't matter about it being quiet for one day. As soon as we could after dinner Dad and I went down to get the old hen house Jack Walker didn't work for quite a while, but I went up town and got Shuby and we got it raised as in front nearly high enough to back the sleighs under, when Johnny came he said he thought it would pay us to raise it up high enough behind to back the sleighs as we did and without so very much more work got it raised beautifully, we were afraid the top of the pigeon house which Dad built on the roof of the hen house would catch on wires and bend but we hated to take it off, so it has been there so long but Johnny said he thought it would go alright. The first obstruction occurred going out to town and we had to chop a limb off Mrs. Low's apple tree that got past. Then going from the lane gate to the road where Dad had a nice driveway fixed the road scraper made a nasty ditch and never filled it in Johnny was afraid the building might tip over on the horses going over the hump so

Dad went over and borrowed some rope from Gint Rankin and tied it to the raze of the sleigh over the roof of the chicken house, we then got me and her solid but Johnny let his horses go a little fast down hill and rounding the curve with such a big top weight, she just heeled right over sleigh and all at the side of the road on end just nicely between the side walk and the road. I thought the far would rack her all to pieces but so far as we could see it did hurt a bit, except knocked the pigeon house right off the roof. We decided to leave her there for the night and Johnny said he would get a pair of spids from Val. and take her over on them in the morning. Old Faust said he would hang a light on to night for us. We got a side horse with Charlie Luanburg. Tonight Dad topped up in his dress suit and went down to pay a visit to Cousin Nell as she likes to see him dressed up so much. It was about eight below zero last night they say but has been a lousy day, rather foggy but quite mild and no wind.

Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>

Dad and I went down about half past nine this morning as that was the time Johnny said he would be on the spot but there was no sign of him so Dad went down to see if Jim Low had any chestnut coal but he had not a pound. When he came back from there he went in to see old Mrs. Lawton for a while Shuby and I carried back Mrs. Jim Low's clocks which we borrowed and then went and sat in the house, then no there was no sign of Johnny Dad.

Come over. At last about eleven we thought he wasn't coming so though we would go home, Shaky went down to the mill with us as it was, and Johnny go in there with a load of shakers, when we found him he said he was just ready to go so we went back with him. It took us quite awhile to get it turned over on to the skids and we had to get a few extra hands to help us. Allan Law came along just as we were about ready to start and as one of Johnny's horses is very poor on the drive and he couldn't start it Allan hooked his team on and the two snaked it along to Allan's corner, then Johnny took his team off so they thought two teams would be too wide going down that narrow road and over the bridge. Allan hauled it to the top of the hill and then Johnny took it alone the rest of the way, he let his team sail right through and as it was too hard work keeping up ahead I rode part of the way with Shaky. Johnny got stuck in our lane here where the snow was deep and he ran into the side of the bank, we had to take the little horse off and put all heavy on with Johnny's big horse and they pulled it easily. Shaky stayed to dinner and then after noon we placed the hen house just where we want to line it and put it up on blocks. Dad. and Shaky then drove back to straighten things up down there and to take back some stuff we borrowed from them. Jim Tom. I did chores while they were gone. Charlie Knutler was in for a few minutes this afternoon to see Dad about his horse which has something like lymphangitis. Dad. brought the pigeon house back with him this afternoon. Day, snowed a little, mostly sunny with a little breeze.

Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>

After we did chores this morning Dad. and I sacked up eleven bags of oats and took them down to get chopped. We went on down town and got some stuff and then down to Shaky's where we cut down a little locust tree and sawed it up in lengths to fit the wagon box and brought it over for fire wood we also took a big limb which was broken off the old Newton popple tree. I didn't get home till nearly one. This afternoon we discovered we had left Alfred's cross-cut saw down at Shaky's so we hooked up Joe and George (who were delighted to get out after about a month's confinement) and went down and got the saw and came around by the mill and got our grain. It was time to do chores when we got home. Tonight Dad. went down to a school board meeting, he didn't feel much like it especially as he didn't know that it was especially important. Frank went down with him to go to the moving picture show. Pretty cold, sunny but cold breeze. Dick told us that Frances Henry got badly hurt last night on Edmoran's hill while a bunch were sleigh riding. She was walking up hill and fell and a sleigh coming down run into her and cut an awful gash in her leg. I practiced my horn a little to-night. Dad. heard down town that Billy Anderson was dead.

Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>

Frank and I went over to Jack Martin's this morning and got a couple of roosters, as we want to mate up a breeding pen as soon as possible.

We got what they said over there were a couple of good ones although they were tough looking characters, as owing to their blood stained countenances it appears as though they had been indulging in a passage at arms. When we got home Frank helped Dad saw up the wood we got yesterday and I cleaned out the new chicken pen. After dinner, Dad and I went down and got a load of coal, as Allan & I was in before dinner and told us there was a car in, we thought it would pay to get in in time and wood saved. I took down eight dozen eggs to-day but the price is down to thirty two cents, when we got home Dad helped me put windows, panes and stoves in the new hen house and after tea to night we caught fifteen nice looking pullets and mated up a pen in there. Frank went back to the gully to-night this after noon and killed a dandy muskrat. Dick got home to tea to-night as he had a bath to-night. Sunny and nice day but a cold wind. We three lay beds both to-night and sat on the kitchen table in our night shirts till mid-night telling bad stories, while Dad smoked in the big chair.

Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Frank was the only member of the family who went to church to day and he went to the Roman Catholic (to see what it was like) but he went to our Sunday school. As the wind last night tore the door of the new chicken house off its hinges, Dad and I were forced to break the Sabbath and put it on. We finished our chores and sat around all day I drew a little this after noon. I am going to try and draw the picture I took of the mill and Herb's cabin here from the old cemetery at the top of the hill, and Frank went back to the gully, Dick

slumbered peacefully all morning and went down town this after noon, with the intention of going to church to-night. I got fifteen eggs to-day, eight of them were from the breeding pen of fifteen pullets, we thought that was pretty good for the first day. I drew a little to-night. It snowed to-day and was very windy and blustering, pretty cold.

Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

I learned this morning that our hard luck with the sheep deal was not over yet for when I went out to feed them I found a fine big pair of ewe lambs lying dead on the base of a post, as last night was one of the coldest nights we have had, I suppose the poor little things had hardly lived at all after they were born, but still I think if we had only been there to bring them in the warm as soon as they came we could have saved them but we never dreamed of any of them lambing before the 25<sup>th</sup> and this ewe wasn't due till next Saturday. It has been very cold all day (one of the coldest days we have had) so we didn't do any thing but chores and nail up a few boards for a sheep pen. Mrs. M. B. Bride was here washing all day, in spite of the weather. I got seventeen eggs to-day.

Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup>

I went to bed with my clothes on last night as I got up about three to have a look at the sheep but they were all right, it is a good thing

no lambs come last night for it was bitterly cold. We proled with the ewe which had her lambs quite a bit this morning and shut her up in the stable this afternoon away from the others. Dad went over to see if Birch had ever had such a case to deal with as he used to be a sheppard in the old country but he did not get much information. Hunt was here for a bit while this afternoon. I and Big George & Tom & her had come back to the gully on the trail of a skunk which Bill Baker saw tracks of, but they found William McPherson and some Matthews had got ahead of them and were digging it out up in Robert John's gully, George joined them but Hunt said they were all covered with mud so he did not care for the job and came home via this place. He says I sweep gully is full of men and teams hauling sod but I guess this finished to night. This afternoon Dad and I unloaded the load of coal we got and hauled up a load of rails which Frank unloaded when he got home. Sam Law was in this morning and Dad paid him for the threshing and hief to night. Dad and Cosh went down to the library concert leaving Kiddams in our care (Frank's & mine) but Dad says he will not enjoy himself at all for getting. I also have to keep water on the sheep pen although it is not so cold as last night it would be too much for little lambs. It has been freezing hard all day in the shed but it was very sunny and thawed a bit in the sun. I think it is gradually getting milder.

Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>

I slept with my clothes on again last night and got up about

four to look at the sheep, there were no lambs but I noticed one of the ewes was not well. she has been sick all day and has not eaten anything but snow, we offered her water and she drank a bit which made Dad think she was feverish. she was also quite badly foundered, and is evidently suffering from indigestion. I tried to give her some salt and Dad tried to dose her with salts but could not get much down her. Dad is afraid she won't pull through, it certainly looks doubtful. We don't know what caused it unless she has eaten some of the old chuff that came out of the Clover mill and which is mixed up with the hay on the barn floor. Dad thinks she may have got an over feed of corn as he found them the other day out by the corn crib where Frank's pig had rooted a slot loose and had got out a pile of corn out on the ground. The ewe that had her lambs and which we had shut up in the stable, was found to be all right this morning so after trimming her up a little Dad let her out with the rest in the shed, while we were there we heard a racket in the barn and on entering found the split eared ewe, the one which was due to lamb to day engaged in a desperate fight with Frank's pig, down in the corner was a new lamb just arrived and unhurt thanks to the courage of its mother as the pig would have made short work of it, if she had allowed it. I had the satisfaction of landing that pig a swift one and send it squealing out of there. I hadn't been there very long when another lamb came bigger than the first one. It wasn't very cold in the barn but we had to take the little fellows in the house by turns and warm them. Cosh and Kiddams looked after them, the latter was greatly interested in them. We hear they both got

good and warm and dry, we moved them and the ewes into the horse stable  
 it is very much warmer than the barn and they all three seem to be all right.  
 Jim Waddle was in this morning to see Dad. as his horses have by happen-  
 ing. Jonas was in at noon with our parcel of ends from Shomer's, he said  
 he guessed they wanted him to work for nothing, and I suppose he will not  
 get any commission and as he had to pay express on the ends I don't know  
 just where the profit comes in, but he was going off canvassing again this  
 afternoon. He says he is through with "Serge" for ever now. he had some  
 rumpus with them about his house rent. Dad told him he was going to  
 kill a couple of the biggest pigs ~~through~~ soon and wanted his volun-  
 teers assistance. Jonas is a wonderful pig stiver (as he says). A fellow from  
 Lincoln was in here to see him soon after he had some. Burns Brown  
 came in after dinner with the sink and fixtures, he said Gus would  
 be down to put it in as soon as we get the water dug out the drain. No more  
 I went down and got my hair cut and also to the moving pictures show  
 principally to go in with young Schramm who was too young to go alone.  
 Dick got home soon after I did and was sat up till after twelve but I went to  
 bed on a more civilized manner to night. Sunny and cold but cold wind.

Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>

As this is Saturday night and I am dead asleep, I can't  
 remember the details of Thursday's happenings, we hauled  
 two loads of sawdust from Evans place up on the Radical road

we just took the wagon box full this morning but as there were  
 no very bad spots we took side boards with us this afternoon  
 and hauled twice as big a load. Dad saw Evans about getting  
 some wood and him going to start logging up the limbs & tops  
 of trees next week and said we could get 10 loads of it for a dollar  
 a cord six ten inches long. The sick ewe seems ever so much better  
 to night. She is not lame and picks at the hay a little. Dick went down to  
 the dance to night. I fully intended to go but thought as it was that I  
 would go over to Swanberg's instead as they were having a surprise  
 party. I think in honor of Charlie & Katie coming home from the West. I  
 had a good time and spite of the fact that they played Pades and I tried  
 to learn the game but couldn't. It was hard in the sun, cold wind.

Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>

We went up at 9 am this morning and got another load of sawdust.  
 We had to go around by town this morning to get some groceries, when  
 we got up there young Sticksney from Post Office was there ahead of  
 us but had his load nearly on the spit was pretty well under-  
 mined but we got a good load alright and got home about one, the  
 sleighing is just about gone. This afternoon we unloaded the sawdust  
 we filled up all we wanted inside the side haul and Dad threw the  
 rest out side to pack in between the outside and in side walls. When  
 we got through there we started to clean out the horse stall which

hasn't been cleaned out for over a month, Dad. took two sleigh loads out and put on the old garden and there is still another load, the two day accumulation in the stable made the biggest part of the first load. Frank went over to tell Jonas to come and kill pigs in the morning as he told us he was going to work for "I vargo" on Monday. He drove Frank home about seven he was bound for some Englishman's place way out past Topoi's somewhere to sell seeds. The sick one is apparently all right to night. The salts had their effect and we found where she had eaten a whole pile of corn and not digested it at all, very sunny and mild hardly froze last night.

Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup>

Jonas came over about nine o'clock this morning armed with a formidable looking knife, which he told us was no good all ready to show us how to "hoother" hogs. He did quite a bit of ordering around and knife grinding before he was ready. We killed the two biggest pigs of the lot and they weren't very big, and did it up in the pig pen. Dad. held the pig while Jonas with great display made the fatal thrust. It took him a good big minute to do it which isn't a record breaking speed as Dave Waddle claims to be able to stick a pig and get the knife out with out getting a drop of blood on the knife, however they lied alright under Jonas' treatment, we hauled them down to the old house on Frank's sleigh and scalded them both together. Dad. said it was a handy scald and Jonas says it was due to his method of putting a dipper of woodashes in

the barrell and to his accuracy in testing the temperature of the water with his hand. Dad. helped scrape them and then had to go out to Jim Waddles to see his lymphatic horse as he was in after him this morning. Jonas and Frank dressed the pigs and I guess made a pretty fair job of it. I cleaned out the chicken house and poked around. They finished up before dinner and Jonas stayed to dinner. The same fellow that was here to-day the other day from Jim Coe was in again to day to see Jonas and caught him this time. This afternoon I drove Ench down town to do shopping, she took down ten dozen eggs but the price had dropped to twenty eight cents. I got twenty eggs yesterday and to-day. I had to wait quite a while for Ench so drove around with Fred Truck. Very soft and mostly sunny but cool with rain and snowing a little to night.

Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>

Frank went down to Sunday school and church to-day. Dad. drove Ench down to church but didn't stay himself. I didn't go down at all to day principally because I was too lazy. I didn't get up till way late this morning and haven't done anything much all day but a few chores. I like went through his regular Sunday programme, stayed in bed till noon, went down town after dinner and I suppose to church to night. He took my camera down and was going to get a film for it. Dad. and I intended to go out to the Shand's this afternoon but it was so late when we got ready that we didn't go. Mostly sunny but cold North wind, freezing hard to night and wind getting worse

Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dad. set up the pigs this morning we weighed them with the old scales which Dad. brought over from home and they just came to 105 lbs apiece. I put in the whole morning writing to Aunt, and at the same time watching Giddens who was asleep. This afternoon we did chores and covered up all of the sheep pen instead of a part of it we tried to fasten up the door which blew out of the peak of the barn but it fell out again while we were working at it and so it broke a little we left it for another time. (Also helped Dad. carry over a couple of loads of hay to the other barn on his back with the dog rope. We couldn't do much outside today so there has been a terrific north wind with a little snow and besides it has been cold. The storm was much worse in other parts of the province than here but has gone down to night.

Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

After we did chores this morning Dad. fixed some bars up at the south end of the horse stable out of the old wind-mill posts to keep the sheep in their own yard. Arthur Preston came over to borrow some of Dad's show clothes to wear at the Methodist concert next week. Colin Rysaire was also over for awhile. About noon Dad. and I drove down town to get some stuff and he wanted to see Harry Mann to see what kind of deer he wanted for the concert. I went over to the barn when we got home and found a lamb just arriving, the ewe was No 117 and we didn't expect lambs from her till Saturday. There was a yard

big ram lamb, we left him there till after dinner and when I went out then his sister was just getting off. We brought them both into the house for awhile one at a time and to-night put them in the little box stall in the horse stable. We didn't do anything much but fool with the lambs this afternoon. Much milder to-day and sunny but frosty.

Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>

Dad. and I didn't take our clothes off all night last night. Dad. crawled into bed about half-past two and I dozed in the big chair the rest of the night going out to the barn every hour or so to see how the sheep were, we expected lambs all along but they didn't show up nor all day to-day so I guess we will have another night's vigil. It is the ewe which was sick that we are watching, she is due on Friday. We spent about half an hour this morning trying to get Claprey out of the stable to give him a little exercising. Dad. put the harness on him and went to lead him out the door where there is a drop of about a foot into the drive-house, and he huggback. Dad. tried to come him but he was positive and the more determined Dad. was to bring him out the more determined he was not to come out. Dad. put a little rope under his chin and we tugged on that for quite awhile but couldn't get him any farther than the door. Then we tried whipping him but that had not the desired effect although it put old Harry into the notion of kicking and scard the other horns so. Claprey would rear and paw and throw himself but not go a hen. Then Dad. put

a rope on his front foot and we tried pulling him out that way but he would just paw and must have thrown himself a dozen times or more some times right under Belle's or Harry's feet. At last one time when he threw himself I took a hitch around a post with the rope on his leg and by dragging him out and not giving him a chance to fly back we at last got him out. He didn't seem at all mad and I took him down to the corner and back and he went beautifully. We didn't do any thing much the rest of the day but chores and I had a little snorage after dinner. Frank worked at the cold house after he got home from school he is boarding it up so as he can fill it in with sawdust around the ice. I shaved all day, some snow & cold wind since writing this we have put in quite a night of it. I went over to the barn about eight o'clock and found Dad's ewe with a lamb. I came to the house and got Frank and Dad who was asleep in the chair the only sleep he had all night to come out, while they were there another one arrived, so we brought the first one to the house to get warm, we noticed the sick one the one we have been watching all day looked very much as if she would lamb in a few minutes, but she didn't till about four o'clock. We all sat up for a long time, till Dick came home and he and Frank went to bed. I sat up till about one or two and then I went to bed. Dad. sat up and out at the barn all night with the two little fellows so they were both very weak at first but got stronger and he held an old coat over them a long time to keep them warm till they went to sleep and stopped trying to crawl out, and till the old one lay down beside them and stopped

trying to paw the coat off. He also had his eye on the other ewe and about four o'clock came in and woke me up, he said he hated to as I was so sound asleep and I guess he didn't hate to any more than I hated to get up but he thought the sick ewe was not right and something ought to be done so I went out with him and we caught her but didn't bother her much and we hadn't been out very long when her baby came, it was a ram and a ewe, the biggest one yet I think but she is the first ewe that didn't have twins. I went to bed again about five o'clock but Dad stayed up all night.

Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>

I didn't get up till about eleven this morning, so I guess I had my sleep out. Dad put the harness on Clapray and we gave him quite a long exercise, we got him out of the stable earlier today. I held Belle out in the drive house and when Dad saw Clapray wouldn't lead out he just let him loose and got behind him and touched him a little with the whip till he jumped out with out much fussing. I started to take him down the road and got about as far as the culvert and he didn't want to go any farther. I would let him go back so we just turned around and around in the road till Dad came out and he got him to go down to the corner and back a right & then took him down the other way as far as Piestro's barnyard and he got frightened and tried to go past so I started the same performance there again and at last started to lead him past but Dad

Came down and said to take him home as it was so late. This afternoon I cleaned out the hen house and did chores. Whitesell was in this afternoon to see Dad about a sick horse. It rained all day in the sun but not in the shade cold east wind.

Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>

I camped in the big chair all night last night and Dad went to bed. I didn't go to sleep till after midnight as I wasn't at all sleepy as had a good read. I went out to the barn at 12, 3 and half past 6 and slept in the mean time, every thing was alright out there. When I woke up at half past six this morning my knee was pretty stiff but it soon came up. I find I have a hint of a cold due I think to getting my feet wet. We did chores this morning and Dad put the harness on Claprey and I took him out he went fine. He started his little game of trying to turn around and go back this morning but I found out that in stead of trying to make him go ahead which to me was impossible, I just let him turn around and then pack him up in the direction I want him to go, he soon wants to turn around and when he does goes off all right in the right direction. I tried it on him several times and it worked fine every time. I took him down to Flemmings corner on the side road and then back and down to New Bethel corner. This afternoon I had a sleep and then took what few eggs I had over to Jack Martin and was awed there quite awhile. Only got sixteen eggs to day I don't know what is the matter with the hens

So night Frank and Leah went down to see "Laten" at the morning picture show. I was going down - but as I had such a cold I thought I would wait till to-morrow night. It snowed all day to day but didn't put much on the ground. Not very cold.

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>

Dad and I raked up 12 bags of oats this morning while Frank went down town after some salt petre to salt the fence with, then he and Dad went down to the mill with the load. When they got back they cleaned out the rest of the horse stall and I started to chop a hole out in the chicken yard to put a post in but it was frozen too deep. This afternoon Dad and Frank went down to the mill and got their grain and I took Claprey out while they were gone he went fine. When they got back Dad drove Leah down town and left her there and I minded Fiddlers all the afternoon he slept for awhile. Frank worked at the old house and Dad did chores when he got back 10 o'clock. I went down to the morning picture show and saw "Laten" I thought it was pretty good. Cloudy and snawgy but quite soft. Row breeze

Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>

Neither Dad nor I have been off the farm all day to day but have just done chores and sat around. We thought of hauling Claprey and Belle to the livery and going out to the Huns this afternoon.

noon but we didn't, we have to keep a rather close watch on one of the ewes Frank went down to church and Sunday school this morning and Enah walked down to church alone to night. We didn't get through in time to go with her. Dick slept till dinner and after dinner went downtown, he will likely go to church to night. Cloudy and rather cold with some snow and raw wind.

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>

We didn't do anything much but chores to day and catch sheep. Dad was hurt in bed at all last night and when he was out at four this morning to look at the sheep, found the side-headed ewe with a lamb, which if it had been left much longer would have perished with the cold; but Dad wrapped it up in his old pea jacket and brought it around alright. Mrs. M<sup>rs</sup> was here washing all day and it has been very miserable out cold and windy. To night Enah and I went down to the Methodist Choir concert and thought it was great especially the costumes which were all old fashioned. The hall was packed full, and they say some were turned away. I staid till late, we got home about <sup>half past eleven</sup> twelve o'clock. Dick and Dad. were both up.

Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>

We did chores all morning, Mrs Fleming was over for a little

while this after noon, we hitched Claprey and Belle up to the buck sleigh and drove them down to Jonas corner and back a couple of times as that was the only place there was any snow. Tommie Jackson was over for quite awhile late this after noon to see about getting some corn stalks, he was telling us a lot about sheep and a good many other things. Cold, raw wind, snow.

Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>

Dad. was up all night last night again and hardly slept at all. I stayed up awhile but got so sleepy and chilly that I could not stand it so went to bed. The white ewe, which is due to lamb tomorrow was in rather bad shape all night and there was no sign of lambs so Dad. got us all up early this morning and we had breakfast over by a little after seven and then Dad went out to examine her, and in about half an hour we had two more buck lambs but one was dead, she was very weak, so we just left her alone for awhile and brought the live lamb in the house to get warm. When we took it out, the ewe wouldn't own it so it has been in the house all day and Dad. takes it out every now and then for refreshments, she was so weak we didn't like to urge her. We were afraid this morning that she wouldn't pull through but she seems much stronger now, she eats and chews her cud so I guess will recover. We haven't done much to day but chores and out

around. Dad is very tired tonight Colin Ryerson was because Bill Duncan's man wanted Dad to go help them but he was too tired to go. There was a grand wedding in town today, Leo Olsen and Amy Schram, Frank saw them go off. Liddums can walk now all alone but he is a little afraid to unless someone's right beside him to catch him. Very sunny today but cold with wind. There was a fine eclipse of the moon in night, we don't know what it will be about.

Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>

We did up the chores this morning and then hauled the hay over to where the sheep are and put on a load of hay, we got it on by noon and hauled it over to the horse stable Cousins Phoebe & Nell were over to dinner and after Dad had showed them all around the ranch and talked awhile we put the load off over the horse stable and hauled another load over to the other barn for the cows and left it on the barn floor. The little lamb has been in the pen with its mother all day but still she doesn't recognize it although it's had to it. Dad has to catch her for the little fellow to get acquainted but once he gets started she stands quietly. Liddums started off by his own accord to walk today noon and was greatly pleased with himself to find out he could. He has prancing around ever since Jonas was over for a visit after tea and gave us a few selections on the mouth organ. It has been freezing pretty hard in the shade all day, fairly sunny.

Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>

This morning we did chores and I cleaned out the chicken house and separator as we want to begin separating again now. Lloyd Ryerson came in at noon with a notice for Dad to attend a meeting of the school board at three o'clock on the school grounds. We wanted to go off to a load of wood up to Evans this afternoon so went around that way although it made us pretty late. The way they have it surveyed out now, there is just the same width of ground on each side of the building and is fifty feet from Main St. This they all think is too close to the street but they can't move it back without cutting down or trimming up the old sycamore nut trees and so none of them want that done, they think it will have to go up where they now have it unless they buy some more lots. We knew Dad got through with them we went up to Evans and got the way you know full of wood, a lot of it was cut too long for our stove but we managed to get on about three quarters of a cord. We just got home a little before six. Not quite so cold today although freezing all day in the shade.

Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>

Dad was up at twenty minutes to five this morning and I got up at six so he and Frank were able to get started at half past eight for a load of wood at Evans. They got back at noon with a little over a cord. I did chores all morning they got another load this after

noon and I piled the two loads that were here along the end of the old house besides doing a few chores and watching the colts, dogs, chicken and Frank's pig that they didn't get into mischief. It was too muddy to take Caprey out on the road so I let him out in the yard and he and Duac ran around and chased the sheep out of the barn once. I also let this pen of hens out all over the place as I wanted to clean this place out and some out of the other pen got out in the hen yard so I couldn't let both pens in there together. Tom Abbot was in here to see Dad about a cow of his but as Dad wasn't here he came in again just before dark. He's also going to start coming here for cream a week from Monday if he is alive and well. It has thawed all day in the shade to day and is very muddy and wet.

Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>

I didn't get up in time to get ready to go to church today and unless Dick goes to night and I suppose he will. Frank was the only one of this family who went today. I just did chores and poked around. About noon Dad and Ench took Siddons out to see the lambs. It was the first time he had been out since the house since New Year's day. I took a couple of snapshots of him. Dick also got up about that time and came out. This afternoon Frank went back to the gully and Dick went down town. The cows all wandered back to the gully and I went back after them. We noticed they

were all covered with mud and Dad is afraid they have been slipping down the hill, but seem to be all right. It has been very mild sunny and spring-like today. Water and mud all over.

Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>

We did chores most of the morning, this afternoon Shuby came over as Frank told him this morning that we could use him now. He was glad to get to work he said and we hauled in two loads of corn stalks, putting two shocks on a load. They are in great shape to haul now as they have all thawed out. Jaffer came in for quite a visit on his way home from town. He and Shuby were both telling us about Tom Shirley hanging himself. Shuby stayed to tea and Frank and I went down town with him. I went to hand practice the first one of the season. We all had a bit of new music but there were only one or two of us there. Frank went to the moving picture show and then came up to the hand room. Dick came in too so we all came home together. From the way they all talk there are going to be great doings in Dover this year, with the rail road, big saws factory, and harbor improvements. It has been a lovely spring day sunny and mild and very muddy.

Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>

Shuby was over at seven o'clock this morning and we started as soon as possible to haul corn stalks. We hauled in

Two more loads and now have all in the barn that we have room for and left the last load on the waggon, there are only three shocks left out there now. Baby and I put in nearly the whole afternoon setting a couple of anchor posts in the chicken yard to put a cross fence in to make a separate yard for the breeding pen, they all got put together today. The post was in the ground about two feet, but by a lot of chopping and scraping a baby man aged to get down past it. Dad intended to night to think that the old white ewe has at last recognized her lamb. She nuzzles him and lets him get "meats at all hours" and apparently thinks as much of him as the others did when their lambs were first born. We blame it to St. Patrick's Day, pretty stiff, straight, mild and muddy. There have been a lot of skins seen in town but I haven't seen any yet.

Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>

I got up about half past four this morning but have been very lazy all day. Just sat around and did as few chores as possible, had a sleep this afternoon. I think the reason I felt so rotten was because my feet were so cold and wet. When Dad went out to the cow stable this morning he found a black and white calf the property of Snowdrop up and running around with its poor mother tied fast in her stanchions, we got them both around in the barn where the soon were all right. By after breakfast another

calf arrived on the scene this one a red and white one and Jim's both were hullo. Dad just turned all the cows out of stable and let Jim and her calf have it to them selves. Tonight he tied Jim's calf in the alley way in front of her and let Snowdrop's run loose in the barn and tied both of the mothers up and milked them. He thinks they are both going to be good - milkers and easy to milk Jim especially. This after noon Dad and I drove down town in the waggon and got some groceries and also half a bushel of beans from George Handley as Baby said he had some very nice ones. Dad got me a pair of rubber boots which have made my feet ever so much more comfortable. Dad went to a school board meeting tonight and I thought I would go down and get the films from Dick which he took down the other day to have developed. He said he was going to work to night so I went up to the bank but no one was there so I went down and saw the moving picture show, they had on "Robinson Crusoe" and it was pretty good. When I got out of there I went a gain to the bank but there was still no sign of life so I came home and fell in with Dad, Mr. Flemming and Jack Martin. They are having some squabble about the street up there which the company ordered closed but which they never signed (just dirty work). They have also decided to cut down the old hickory nut tree. Dick got home soon after we did and said he was at the bank all the time but he wasn't. It snowed last night and has been pretty cold and wet all day. Freezing hard to night.



alright but as soon as I did she began to perspire. I don't know just what she did but I know I was a little uncertain till I got out of the lane whether I could manage to sit on her or not, but did. I rode her down to the corner and back and when I came up Dick had vanished. Dad said he had had enough before even I got nicely started and had got in to change his clothes and go down town. Dad cinched Joe up again and I rode her around the block. I was very much surprised to find Lepper, John Weir and all out that way had the rural mail service. I went gone very long and came home and read till it was time to do chores. Quint & Lile came over with Hank who had stayed down there to dinner. Quint had his shot gun with him as Hank had told him about the geese and they went to look for them but didn't get a shot at any thing. They followed a white hawk or owl all over the country but didn't get it either. Quint went down before tea as he wanted to get ready for church - but Lile stayed and Frank walked down with her after tea. Lile's hands feel pretty miserable yet. Much milder today sunny & breezy. When Dad went out to the cow-stable he found a lovely red and white heifer calf lying dead behind Eric. It had been born dead about a month ahead of time. Dad thinks she must have been hurt when she fell back in the gully last Sunday.

Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

We did chores most of the morning and spent quite awhile with Eric. Shuby came over after dinner and pruned trees all the afternoon. I helped him till about four and then went down town with Dad to get our own wheel for the wagon and take Bob Lewis' back. Mrs. M<sup>rs</sup> Bridgman here all day. Go night I slipped my horn down to hand practice but there was none. Frank came down with me to go to the moving picture show so I went with him it was pretty fair. I saw the orchestra there so understand why there was no hand practice. Walt was there and told me it would be Wednesday. Allan saw overtake us on our way home and gave us a ride to their corner. We got home about half past eleven and Dick arrived before we were asleep. Snowed a lot more last night but has been very mild and sunny all day freezing to night. We started sending out cream to the factory this morning.

Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>

I got up at five this morning although I hated to and didn't feel wide awake for an hour or two, but got the chores pretty well done up before breakfast. Shuby was over at seven and pruned orchard all day. I helped him most of the day, except doing a few chores. We didn't get over many trees but we gave the ones we were at a proper old trimming, especially the russet tree which has an awful brush pile under it now. Dad did chores all day, and late this afternoon a new calf arrived via Spatty. It is a big horn calf and nearly all black. This morning Dad and I put some Nitrate of potash on the hills & also horses.

to see if we could take them out, we can't tell yet what for it is going to work alright or not. Dick came home to tea to night to try on his clown suit which Cuck is making for him for the masquerade dance he had to go back again after tea. It thunders a lot to day in the sea, but froze all day in the shade. Dad. sent away for a goblet to Amy.

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>

Stubby came over this morning and pruned the orchard most of the day. I didn't help him any as Dad. and I put up a fence across the chicken yard to separate the two pens. It began to rain about the middle of the after noon so Stubby and I put the corn stalks off the way go and then he and Dad. started to clean out the calf pen. Cuck went down town at three to have her teeth fixed and Dad. and I mind that by turns with Frank get home. We forgot to tell Tom Abbott to bring us any butter, although he hasn't brought any can back anyway yet, and as Frank forgot to get any on his way home, he had to hurry back to town and get some when Cuck got home. I went down to hand practice to night, but as Harry, Morn., Wall, and Carl were the only ones there we didn't have any. It was a lovely day till it rained and was very mild all day and to night.

Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>

Stubby trimmed orchard till we got the Charles home and then we went

over to the big barn and put on a load of hay before dinner. When we took the team over to the trough to water them at noon I let go of old Harry thinking he would go to the stable but the old fool lit out right for the field and Belle after him and they tore around there quite awhile before we caught them, but didn't damage their harness any. This after noon we hauled the hay over to the other barn and put it off for the cows and then went over and got another load for the horse stable but didn't get time to haul it over. Stubby did Frank's skins up for him as he is going to send them down to Hallam. Dick came home to tea to get all fixed up for the dance, he looked fine. I was kind of sorry I didn't get a little trouble and fix up myself. It was terribly muddy and dark so I drew him down to the side walk. He didn't come home after it was over. It has been very dark all day and rained nearly all the after noon we heard thunder growl two or three times which Dad. now believes when heard in spring to be a sure sign of cold weather off and on for six weeks but according to the other reliable forecast that the wind on the twenty first and twenty second will be the prevailing wind for six weeks we are to have it from the south west as Bill Oakes says, but they are having it very cold in the north west - 6 below at Edmonton.

Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>

It rained nearly all day and got much colder as the wind veered right around to the north Stubby couldn't work in the orchard so

put in the whole morning cleaning out the calf pen. I helped him for a couple of hours before dinner and Dad. for quite a while but we finished soon after dinner. We then cleaned up the barn floor and sacked up what few oats were in the small bin so as we could have the bin to put the seed oats which we cleaned up in. we set the fanning mill but didn't have time to put any through to-night only a few to see if it was all right. Dad sat up till after twelve to-night and finished reading "Fias Fuch".

Dick didn't come home again I suppose he couldn't get through the mud. Frank brought the new gobbler home to-night. He was right 19 lbs. but if you try the books all night.

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>

We didn't do any thing much but chores to-day. Hubby didn't get out till about ten o'clock and he trimmed in the orchard all day. Frank took his furs down town to post. and washed a lot at the old home. After dinner, Hubby and I went back to the gully to see if we could see a fish in the creek but failed although we saw a couple of ducks get up out of a swail in the old timothy sods. There were two very interesting letters in the "Maple Leaf" yesterday everlastingly jumping on Meyer for not signing the bylaw which the Council passed for closing Alma St for school property and also for representing to the County Council that it is the wish of the people of Port David to have a stationary bridge erected over Black Creek where a swing-bridge ought to be. a good many other of his misdeeds are mentioned. Sunny & muddy cold north wind.

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>

Frank went down to Sunday school and church and I drove Ester down to the corner and she walked down to church as she could make better time that way than driving the roads are so bad. I cleaned out the stables while she was gone and then drove down again after her. Lila was with her and came over to spend the afternoon. Frank came home through Flemming's gully and found a skunk cabbage. Just before dinner Charlie Shand came over us he had walked down to church and he stayed all the afternoon. Sam and Tom Jacques came over for a little while late this afternoon. Tom wanted to see if he could get a gobbler.

Dick came home last night, spent the morning in bed and this afternoon down town I suppose he is at church to-night. Mild & muddy.

Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>

It was raining when we got up this morning and rained most of the forenoon but cleared off before dinner and although cloudy it didn't rain at all after dinner, rather a sea wind all day. Hubby came over and while we were doing chores he sharpened the spade, shovel, pick and axes, and after breakfast we cleaned up oats for seed we ran through over sixty bushels so think we have enough. This afternoon Hubby pruned the orchard. I did chores and helped him for a couple of hours. Dad spent most of the afternoon doing

Chores and mending. To-day Sam Law came over to borrow the  
 sheep-pole. Jimmie came through the archard while we were out there  
 and says that the horses had been up creek and Jimmie came  
 around the way to see if he could get a lot at the ducks but  
 did not think he saw them. He said he had been and since  
 early this morning through all the rain, just a fish hunt. Jimmie  
 came over to night and as Frank was very anxious to go back  
 to the gully to see if he could get a fish as the Revere told him  
 they got some in the little creek, and as neither of us were very anxious  
 to go Jonas went with him.

Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>

Shubly didn't come over this morning as he had some  
 insurance to look after. Dad and I did chores and I cleaned  
 out the hen houses. We also docked all the lambs, we did  
 the trick with a hammer, butcher knife and block. They all  
 seemed to come through pretty well except the little fellow  
 belonging to the white ewe. The shock seemed harder on him  
 than the rest and he suffered some, but I think he will pull  
 through all right. We also trimmed up the ewes. Shubly came over  
 after dinner and worked in the orchard all the afternoon. Shubly  
 has for a while or two but spent most of my time pitching the wet  
 straw off the stack and carrying it over to the chicken house

and stable. I got a letter from Rev. Gordon yesterday asking if he  
 could come up here to spend his Easter holidays it was about  
 the first I had heard for three or four years from him. Frank  
 and Jonas got home last night about half past eleven and  
 never saw a fish although the Revere were out and got them  
 to you I think Frank said. Jonas has been over at Luff's  
 all day pruning his orchard. It has been sunny and windy  
 and very nice all day the mud is beginning to stiffen in spots.

Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Shubly spent most of the morning repairing the long ladder but  
 about ten he and I went out and started to prune we worked away  
 till nearly one. Dad went down town but didn't get back till after  
 two. He spent most of the after noon doing chores and Shubly cleaned  
 up the old house - and put the lead in the cider barrel as Dad took  
 it out when we scalded the pigs. I took white eggs I had over to  
 Mr. Martin and just sat around and watched. Shubly told  
 it was time to do chores. Jonas came through on his way from Luff's  
 but took a wind-mill upon a fence post to right (entered by request). I  
 got a lovely list of poetry from Louise Tuesday but not one of her poems is  
 a college song she says. Mr. Ferguson was through here this  
 morning canvassing for the canvasing factory she said. Dick Luff  
 was here but had helped him out. About noon Dick Luff is with the

Rural Mail Carrier. He was a Scotchman and Dick was evidently showing him round. but neither of them seemed to know just where to go and Dick and his horse wouldnt keep still long enough to tell him anything (it wasnt Dick's old horse I didnt know it at all) This was the first day they started on this new route. We didnt know they came past the front of this place but Dad thinks it is just as handy to have ~~them~~ bring it from school. Hubby asked Dick if he had quit the Cannis factory and he said he was laid off till further notice. It drizzled a good part of the fore noon and rained quite hard most of the after noon. wind

#### Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hubby brought a couple of quarts of harness oil over with him this morning and also a couple of saw benches which he made. While we were doing chores he fixed up the step ladder. We then took a tub of warm water out to the stable slung up a couple of poles and began to clean harness. Dad had wiped off all the windows which let in considerably more light. It was nearly noon and as we didnt want to get our hands all ~~sooty~~ before dinner we just washed one set. About noon we saw Jonas mudding through the orchard headed for Gupper's. Dad told him it was too wet to prune trees so he came over and helped us oil harness all the after noon for half a dollar. Dad did chores most of the

after noon but Hubby and I worked at it steadily, we washed it and Jonas oiled and what time Dad had to put it together after it had been oiled. We got all the heavy double harness done and half the light double set. Bruce Dell brought Rex over for Dad to look at us he has a little lump on his back. Frank got the money to day from Shelton for his muskrat skins I think they brought him 2.23. It has been a rotten day. It snowed quite a bit this morning and has been either raining or snowing most of the day. Very muddy and raw not west wind

#### Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

The ground was covered with snow when we got up this morning and it was quite cold although not freezing very hard but it got colder during the day and is freezing pretty hard to night. Hubby pruned trees for a couple of hours till we got things all fed up and then we started in at the harness again. Jonas came over soon after we got started and helped all the after noon. We got all the harness including bridles, bracking harness & bracking strap siles and put to gether before six. Hubby and Jonas worked steadily it and I was there most of the time but Dad did the chores ~~was~~ was not there so much. We had quite a concert at noon <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ the mouth organ & Cash with the guitar and all of them singing. Frank set the alarm to get up at half past four in the morning to ~~brushing~~ with the Ryerair.

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>

It froze the ground stiff enough last night for us to haul the load of hay we have had on the wagon for the last two or three weeks over to the horse stable. I was pretty glad to haul it over as it was a great nuisance carrying it over from the barn by the fast-fal. Shaly, fixed up one of the little ladders we got at the wind-mill, this morning while he was waiting for us to get the hay over thinking we would need him to help move it away but we found we didn't so he pruned in the orchard the rest of the day. After we hauled the hay over we took the rack back to the big barn and hooked it to the wagon and loaded up with the oats which we sacked up the other day. Dad. also hauled the sleighs over to where they will be handy to put in the shed as they have been standing out in the lane ever since winter. This afternoon Dad. & Frank to the oats to the mill for chop, went down town while it was being chopped and got some shingles for the old house and got home about 5 o'clock. Mr. Joy at the mill who we have named the margin owing to his likeness to gambler man of that title in St. George's St. Michael's got Dad. to haul 400 lb of flour down town as Mr. Joy's horse is rather laid up owing to the mud. The roads are a fright. I cleaned out the stable and helped Shaly for about an hour. It was a lovely sunny morning but cloudy & a raw wind this afternoon. Last night's snow thawed off this day but the ground is covered again in night. From all day in the lake.

Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>

Frank went down to Sunday school and church and Ersk and I walked down to church. I went up to see Ed. after church as he told Dad. if I came down any time last week he would give me a couple of grapevines but as I hadn't been able to get down I went up to tell him I would try and get them to-morrow. They are a couple he set out up there and as he is going to move down into Mrs. Allen's house opposite the evaporator and has no place for them down there, he didn't care to leave them especially as they have never done very well along the fence where I had them. I thought of going for a ride this afternoon but the roads are in such a condition that I didn't think I would enjoy it much so didn't do anything much but a few chores and read my self to sleep. Frank went back to the gully and Dick who was up for dinner went down town. It was a lovely sunny morning and the snow which fell during the night nearly all disappeared but this afternoon it got cloudy and colder and I think will freeze.

Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>

Dad. and I spent most of the morning doing chores but just before noon I went back and tore down a little of the gully fence. Shaly came over late as he had to go up town to get

his insurance papers and he spent a good part of the day measuring the buildings and renewing the insurance application. Mrs. McBride was here washing all day. After dinner I went some eggs over to Jack Martin and then went down town to get my grape vines which Ed. gave me. I stopped in at Uncle Ward's on my way home to ask him about them and he talked to me for about an hour and told me all about his Uncle London Bonzais vine if we over at Flint. I couldn't plant out my grape vines when I got home so just put them down cellar in a bag. Tonight I walked down to hand practice and had a fairly good one although there were a few of us there. It snowed nearly all day and has been a rotten day.

Tuesday April 9th

I didn't do much this morning but got dressed up and go down and meet Russ. Gordon. I drove down although the roads were awful. He came alright and we got home about noon. Study came over this morning as he had to finish up his insurance. He came over this afternoon and Russ helped us put on a load of hay. Study also put in the two grape vines I got from Ed. we hung a piece of hard wood and braced the step ladder. It has been a miserable day not at all cold but terribly muddy and cloudy all the forenoon and it rained all afternoon. Dick came home early to night and slept with Russ. I put the charman in their room to night all for half past three.

Wednesday April 8th

After we did chores this morning we cleaned up the barn floor where the fanning mill was and hauled over the load of hay which we put on yesterday for the cow stable. Russ spent it off and Dad. Luther Spent the madder, the had quarter is better and he was able to get the Alpha in the morning. Study came over about ten and pruned apple trees all day he saw the ducks get up out of one of the small holes this afternoon so went over and built a hide of some corn shocks. He also found two tame duck eggs in the orchard. This afternoon Russ and I put on another small load of hay on the rack to take to the horse stable. After we got it on we went back to the gully and fooled around for a while armed with Gunk's rifle but we didn't shoot anything except a fence post we both took a shot at it and Russ hit it. It has been a miserable day, it snowed last night and has been cold and windy all day, freezing hard to night.

Thursday April 9th

After we did chores this morning Dad hauled the load of hay we put on yesterday over the horse stable and Russ and I put it off. We then went out and cleaned out some of the big wood in the orchard. This afternoon Russ and I went down town. I got my hair cut and he went to see the Morgans. Then we both went up to

school and had a talk with Mr. Smith after four and came home around by the mill with Frank. My old setting hen hatched out a few chicks today but I don't know how many. Hubby came over at seven this morning and pruned nearly all day, it was too windy for awhile this afternoon so he put a win door in the wood shed which is a great improvement. Some Luce was over for quite awhile to tell us how could get better over there now. It has been very cold and windy all day. It looked as if it would be a lovely day this morning although it froze very hard last night, but it clouded up and snowed every now and then all day. Freezing hard to night.

Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday.

Hubby pruned in the orchard most of the day but this morning he and I took a walk back to the gully and he paid off the bridge of fence it would take to go along the top of the gully to the west. When we came back I cleaned up some more brush in the orchard, I worked at it a little this afternoon too. This being Good Friday. Enah went down to church, Dick had a holiday as stayed in bed till noon. Frank and Russ spent the afternoon back in the gully, they saw some fish but had no way of catching them. Dick was downtown all afternoon got home at midnight. We three boys went down to the Moving Picture show to see the

bottle of Waterbury, it was pretty good only all about the same. Lovely day sunny and windy much milder.

Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>

It was cloudy cold and raining at seven o'clock this morning but Hubby came over and worked around in the old house till we did chores, he then went over with Dad. & me to see Tupper. Dad. wanted to ask him if he could borrow his hog rack, and we took the shot gun & fish spear, after we'd seen all around the place Hubby and I struck off down Tupper's creek we followed it way down to Black Creek but never saw a thing we then cut across to Art. Reeves where we saw Wilton & James M. Pherson & Stewart Reeves with two or three mealy looking fish. We got some quite awhile after noon. This afternoon Russ & I did chores. Hubby pruned orchard and later Dad. went over and got Tupper's hog way & scales which Tupper. was very anxious he should bring over. Frank went down town this afternoon to get some window sash fixed & glazed for his shop. Quint came over this afternoon and saw the ducks out in the swirl hole and shot at them but was not close enough. Hubby and I saw six jesse fly over the place this afternoon. It didn't turn out to be a bad afternoon at all but is freezing a little to night.

Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> Easter.

I haven't done a thing in the shape of chores today since seven this morning. I got up fed the chickens sheep and horses and then went down with Dick to the early communion service we ran nearly all the way down or rather dog trotted but it just about killed me but Dick didn't seem to mind it, when we got home we had breakfast and then went down to the eleven o'clock service. The church was packed and Jithe Barwell sang a solo, Every member of the Barrett family except Dad and Liddens was at church from both houses. After church, Rev. Hunt, Frank and I took a walk over to the Thompson's with Joe who is keeping hatch at present. Hunt came over with us to dinner which we had rather late. Rev. wanted to make a few calls this afternoon so I went with him down town, we went to the Hobbes where we found Jithe, Murray and Aida. Miss Priest is here over Easter. we had such a good time that the first thing we knew it was time to come home for tea I did a few chores after I got home. The old hen I set on fifteen eggs up in the loft hatched out nine chicks but down yesterday the old hen got off the nest which is about a foot off the floor and three little fellows got off and couldn't get back when we were up at night we found them chilled to death and beyond all recovery. One of the turkey hens has disappeared, and we don't know where she is. It has been very windy all day but a nice day. The roads are drying up.

Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>

We loaded the hogs up first thing this morning and Dad and I took them down to Neil Elliot, we put Frank's pig in with the others and he weighed 172 lbs. We weighed them all on Gupp's scales before we started down we made the total weight 994 lbs. none of them weighed 200 lbs. the lightest was 153 lbs. On Jim Law's scales they just came to 950. we didn't think they shrank 44 lbs coming down town and don't think we made any mistake, how ever we only got paid \$9.00 a cut for 950 lbs of hogs. We came around by Tommy Gilles' to get some lumber for Frank to fix up the old house. Stagen was over for awhile this morning but didn't stay long. Dick didn't get up till the middle of the fore noon and then went down town to get some ham to make sandwiches for the dance to night. He was down town all the afternoon playing base ball. This afternoon we put a scaffold up along the east side of the old house and the boys and Stagy got two or three rows of shingles laid while we were doing chores. Stagy pruned a little in the orchard and opened a ditch up out in the corn stubble. To night we three boys went down to a dance in the hall given by the Sewing Club. The boys supplied the seats and the girls put up for the hall. Dick went down early and went to the picture show first and

Rus. and I got there about half past nine. We had a good though mighty hot time and got home about two o'clock. It has been a nice sunny day but cold raw wind.

Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>

I didn't do any thing much but chores and sowed red clover seed on the wheat east of the orchard. It froze hard last night and by the time I got that piece sowed it was too muddy & wet to sow the other. Rus. Moby & Frank shingled nearly all day at the old house and have it nearly finished. Rus. had to go back to Toronto to night or they likely would have finished. I drove him down to the train. He said he had a good time while he was here and felt a lot better than when he came. I drove Dick up town from the station he said he had been very busy all day and would have to work late to night. I got a bunch of shingles from Tommy and the sand etc we got from Jonas on my way home. There was a school board meeting to night but Dad. had such a terrible headache he couldn't attend. Frank went down to a nigger show which I suppose he enjoyed. I felt rotten with a cold to night and nearly coughed my insides out after I went to bed. It has been a lovely day one of the nicest we have had this year. It was fairly hot. The young stock all got back across the gully after dinner and Dad and I had to go back after them. <sup>the</sup> <sup>are</sup> <sup>back</sup> <sup>called</sup> <sup>on</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>chairs</sup>.

Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>

Moby and Frank finished shingling the old house this morning and Dad. helped them put the ridgeboards on. I just did chores and foaled around. Mr. & Mrs. Gupper came in and Gupper wants Dad. to put a team on the road scraper tomorrow if it is a nice day. After dinner Dad. and Enb drove to Simcoe and Jila and I looked after Siddamon with out any trouble. Dad. went up to pay Reid for discharging the mortgage and got all the old papers belonging to the farm. We spent the whole evening exploring them. The deed which gave Colin M<sup>c</sup> Nellig the place from the Crown in 1837 is lost but there is a big pile of other deeds and mortgages and the will of old Alexander Clark which Pa. drew up for him, where he leaves the place to his son. Moby finished pruning the orchard this afternoon and started to trim up the trees in front of the house. Frank worked all the afternoon at the old house. I got twenty four eggs to day, it is the first time I have got above twenty. It has been very cloudy but not very cold all day. Hind came over this afternoon and stayed to tea and fixed the mud on the box.

Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>

I haven't done much to day but sit around and do chores. I have a pretty bad cold and don't feel up to much. Moby and Fran

cooked at the old house most of the morning and Shuby trimmed the trees out in front this aft. noon. Dad. did chores, went down to Sam. Lewis after butter and helped Frank this after noon.

Mr. Shand was over for a few minutes to see to ad. about one of his heifers. Art. Guanhury came over to get what eggs I had. I only got fifteen to day and two of my little chickens died. It rained all morning but wasn't a bad after noon, not cold.

Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>

Shuby and Quint were over before seven this morning to see if the ducks were out in the water hole in the timber, they weren't so they set a lot of musk rat traps for them.

Quint was here all morning and he and Shuby helped Frank with the old house. Dad. started to dig an anchor post hole at the north west corner of the big barn as he wants to stretch some wire across the barn yard for the old rail fence will not keep the cattle in this time of year, they are bound to get into the field which they punch all up. I didn't feel much like working so after I got the churo done I started back to the gully. Quint saw me going so got his gun and joined me. He didn't shoot any thing but got a crack at a ground hog but was a little too far away. We found a lot of spring hearty in Robert John's place they were on a sunny side hill. I hope

The may flowers are out too but we didn't run across any place Quint got me blood root. He didn't stay to dinner as he said he wanted to go up the Radical Road after dinner. Shuby and Dad continued to dig anchor post holes this after noon and they set a couple of posts with an auger Frank borrowed from Jack Martin. Shuby also pruned some more of the pear tree out in front. I started to stretch chicken wire down the fence between the plum orchard and lawn. Allan Law went by at noon with a new horse he sold his little chestnut yesterday, he was going down to work at the school. It has been a beautiful day, sunny and warm. Spring at last.

Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>

Shuby and I hung some rails on the bottom of the line fence where Ivo's tile drain runs through there is a depression in the land and the sheep walk right under the fence but we fixed it to hold them I think. This after noon Shuby set the rest of the posts across the barn yard, burned the old brush heap in the pasture field near Ivo's fence which has been there for a couple of years and pruned some more of the trees in front of the house. I stretched the rest of the roll of chicken wire which I started on yesterday, it just reached part way down the plum orchard fence. I also cut a hole in the yard fence and let one pen

of bees out to night they were tickled to death - and soon explored the whole plum orchard and most of them got out through the fence where there is no poultry netting. They didn't all find the way back to roost - and we found one on a fence post way back the lane. John Weiss M<sup>r</sup> & Bride came over to night about 8 o'clock before we had had our tea, and got Dad. to go over and look at one of his mares which was sick. I went back with them and we didn't get back to supper till about half past nine. Dad didn't know what was the matter with the mare. She didn't seem very sick but was breathing very hard when we got there and was a little stiff in the right fore leg. Before we left her breathing got better and Dad. said he hadn't the slightest idea what ailed her. John Weiss was up all night last night with Ray Lumpkin who died about ten o'clock this morning. Beautiful day, hot, windy.

Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>

Frank went to church and Sunday school this morning and Dick got up at noon had dinner and went down town with the intention of attending church to night but the rest of the family stayed home. I didn't like the idea of going to church and coughing or blowing my nose all through service so we just did chores and sat around. Ed. came over this afternoon with Marion. He brought over a couple of sandy plans for the pig pen, the side elevation and ground plan for

Frank stayed at Halley's to dinner. Halley said that Charlie M<sup>r</sup> & Zuen told him he had seen our hen turkey over in Preston's woods. Frank went to look for her but didn't see her. It rained most of the morning but not hard. Cloudy most of the day but very mild. The wheat and grass has got very green to day.

Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>

Halley spent the whole morning clearing the brush off the lawn and we got it all nicely raked and the brush piled in the plum orchard. Dad. put in the forenoon receiving visitors. Dick Laulme was the first caller. Billy Galan then came in for a long time. He has a sick horse and Bruce wanted him to get Dad's advice. He said Bruce was just about healed, he had been practicing night and day and every thing he has seen in veterinary this spring has died. Charlie Martin then "dropped in on us" for awhile and the purport of his mission was to ascertain whether it would be convenient to smoke his meat in our smoke house. As Dad. has our meat just about ready to smoke, he told Charlie to bring his over any time so he came over with five pieces after dinner. This afternoon we put the fence up against the posts in the barn yard. We braced one anchored post well by putting wire around it and around the corner post in the barn but we couldn't stretch the wire tight although we had

all of old Mr. Walker's outfit but the other anchor post was in very soft earth and the brace post was fairly floating. We far got to get any staples so couldn't fasten it to the posts but we got so that we think it will keep the cattle <sup>in</sup> till we can stretch it better.

It has been cloudy and rather raw all day and drizzled & rained all the afternoon. Miss M<sup>r</sup> Bida was here washing quail eggs. Stubby brought over the grape vine that was down at the boat house and planted it along the front fence it has a big root ~~to~~

Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup>

Stubby brought over another grape vine this morning and set it <sup>down</sup> under the old willows. After breakfast he and I set fire to the pile of brush in the place as Chas. ~~it~~ didn't burn very fast but it nearly all burned up. Dad. was very busy attending to a new bull calf which arrived this morning and for whose arrival Bobbie is responsible. We hung the meat in the smoke house and he and Stubby started to build a stake and rider fence four panels long from the north west corner of the old barn to within a gate's width of the north anchor post of the new fence. We got it up by noon and it is a dandy about seven feet high. I went over to pack Martin's with some eggs and to ask him about getting an incubator as I think I will have to have one or no chickens. None of the hens show any symptoms of wanting to

I found out he has one he wants to sell it being too small or something for him. It is a "Peebler" and he said he would let me have it and the brooder for half price or seventeen dollars. He told me he was paying me 36¢ a dozen for my eggs so I have sold him more than enough eggs to pay for the outfit. This afternoon we built five more panels of stake & rider fence from the north east corner of the big barn to the north west corner of the horse stable and we fixed up an old gate to put at the gate way between the old barn and new fence at the end of the rail fence we built this morning. We didn't get it quite fixed but set it up so now have the harnyard pretty well fixed. John Wess was in to night to see if it would be all right to work his mare to morrow. Dad. said he thought it would be all right for although her leg is swollen she seems all right every other way. Cloudy and raw all day.

Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Stubby didn't get over till late this morning he had gone over to Stickney's to get his rubber boots fixed and then up to Mal. Leane's to see Bill Rankin about fixing an old saw he has...and he saw so many people that he couldn't get away but when he did get here we hooked old Harry to the stone boat and started to clean the brush out of the orchard. We hauled it up to the far end of the orchard and piled it.

where we burned it before. This morning we just had the little stone boat but it took such a small load that Dad skiled a couple of hoars to it and we found we could put more than twice as much on but when we started up the brush caught on the ground and the stone boat pulled out from under it. but Dad got another board and put down the middle so there was no space for the brush to stick in the ground and it went all right. Stubby and I went up with every load one on each side with a bar jimmied into the brush for a lever to hold it on. We put on big loads and packed them well by taking the long iron bar and putting it across <sup>top of the</sup> the load every now and then and one got on each end of the bar and bear down with all our weight and every now and then Stubby would walk up the load and tramp on it. By to night we had nearly all the brush which was separated from the big limbs cleaned up. Spare moments that I painted the places on the trees where he cut big limbs off and has got over most of the trees. Alfred paid us a visit this afternoon he had come up the gully with a fish spear on a "wild goose chase" so he said and just stopped in on his way home. By to day's paper we see that the Mexican war with the U. S. has started. The Americans have taken the Vera Cruz ~~coast~~ with only four of their men killed and about 200 Mexicans

Canon Hicks died yesterday with pneumonia so Dick told us. It has been a lovely sunny day with a drying breeze.

Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

We finished the orchard up to-day, it looks very nice and neat. We got the brush all hauled up by noon but are going to leave it till Saturday if it is a nice day so Lida can see it. We hauled the big limbs up and piled them between the old house and the woodshed. We also hauled the old stumps of the dead trees that we cut down last winter up to the house and to night before we took old Skurry of the stone boat Stubby and I hauled the old shoes which have been in the garret over the old house since the days of Titus up to the brush pile and dumped them. There was an awful pile of them. Stubby brought over some suckers with him this morning that Jim had caught and Hank went fishing after school to night and caught seven perch down at the pit. They are about the first he has got since he has been here. Cuck got a letter from Louise to-day inviting her down to see us here to night to hear the new organ in St. Pauls Cathedral. It is supposed to be the best organ in America and they are having the best paid organist in the world to play it as it ought to be good. Of course she said she couldn't go but there is no reason what ever why she can't as so I guess she will

It has been a nice sunny day but a cold raw wind this morning. I got twenty three eggs from the white chickens alone today.

Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>

After we did up the chores this morning Hubby and I went back with some old rags and a bottle of crude oil to make torches to burn off the blue grass field. It was just the day for the job with a little east wind and when we set fire at the east end of the field it swept over the whole area in no time. It burned quite a few of the fence posts and the first thing we knew it was in the woods. It was not burning fast in there but was spreading steadily. Hubby said we would have a very hard job putting it out and we might better let it go as it would be a good thing to clean the ground up and was not hot enough to hurt the little trees. He didn't think it would burn for any way so we took a walk over to M<sup>rs</sup> Queens in quest of the lost turkey hen, we found Charlie - at the black Smith trade shoeing a team for Phil Shaver and the old man out side. As John Henry Butler is about dead and Ralph Wadley is sick Charlie Pickens puts a lot of business. Coming home Hubby separated and looked both sides of M<sup>rs</sup> Queens gully and through Pection woods. We had Blush and he put up a rabbit but we saw no signs of the turkey - but just as we were about home coming

along the top of I weep gully Blush saved her up, we didn't find her nest but left her back there. It was nearly noon when we got to our gully and we thought of coming up to dinner but on second thought we decided to see how the fire in the woods was progressing. The blue grass field was black all over but the woods was full of smoke and after we got in a little way we found Dad who had seen the fire in the woods and come back and had been fighting to keep it away from Evan's fence. It had got pretty well all through the woods but hadn't got to the fence yet we all there fought for an hour or so and at last got it ~~put out~~ <sup>put out</sup> out of course there were stumps on fire. I was by myself most of the time and Hubby and Dad had an awful time trying to keep it away from a few panels of rail fence between us and John W's but about one or after we thought it was safe to leave till after dinner, then Hubby and I went back again. We found it all out through the woods except a few stumps but it had started up at the fence again and completely destroyed it for a piece as the rails in two panels were nearly burned up and we had to tear them down and straw them on to the burnt territory. It had also started in the grass the other side again and if we had been a few minutes later it would have run into Evan's woods and we would have had our morning's fun repeated. We were back there all the after noon trimming

the trees along the edge of the woods whose branches hang over the field. We looked at the fence again before we came up to night but it seemed to be out so we left. It looks like rain to night and if it does, that will fix it. Nice day but cloudy. Dad started digging on the corn stubble this morning but found it too wet, in spots, some places were harrowing there are the only ones I know of around here who have tried it all

Saturday April 25

It was raining when we got up this morning but cleared of during the forenoon. Hubby came over and worked at the old house and sawed wood most of the day. I spent most of the morning making a hopper for my little chickens so the turkeys can't steal their food. This afternoon I drove Enah down to do some shopping and she walked back. Lila came over this afternoon. Win was coming over but she thought it would be too wet to burn the bon fire in the orchard so didn't come when I got home, we went out to try it, it was a little too wet but Hubby got a fire started in one place and it would probably have gone but a big thunder storm came up about six and not only quenched the fire but drove them all in from looking after it. Hubby and Lila stayed to tea but as it stopped raining they went down after water. Dad Frank & I had a bath to night (for a change). There was another editorial in the "Maple Leaf" everlastingly raking Wye down. Every body seemed to think Wye will try to enter a libel suit against L. G. but I guess it's all true about him

Sunday April 26th

I was up fairly early this morning so was able to get the chores all done, get ready and drive Enah down to church on time there was a very short service and no sermon as Mr. Johnson felt sick. This afternoon I went down town for a little while. I went around by Hubby's and found him pruning his apple trees he is getting them in pretty nice shape. Dick went through his Sabbath routine. Frank went back to the gully and the rest of the family stayed home for company's sake. Cloudy and breezy all day, not a bad day.

Monday April 27th

I finished making the little chicken feed hopper this morning all but putting the hinges on the lid. I didn't do anything else much. Hubby didn't get over till late this morning as he waited for Stoker to see if he had the post auger, he hadn't but said Stoker would make it and some of them would bring it down in a day or two. Tom came over after Dad to go down and see his pig. Hubby brought over some stone nest eggs and put them in the various turkey nests. This afternoon Dad spent the afternoon getting his hair cut and Hubby and I sorted the apples and cleaned out the cellar tonight. I went down to hand practice. Harry Moon wasn't there but we had a good practice. Murray was there with his piano and a new man who is learning the clarinet. Cloudy mostly cool

Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>

We didn't get much done this morning. Hubby and I cleaned out the wood shed and chared around. This afternoon I took some eggs (three dozen) over to Jack Martin's. I am going to save all the eggs from both pens now for my self till I get enough to fill the incubator. I have ninety three now. I got twenty five altogether to day, the most I have got yet. Tom Law came after Dad again to go and see a cow. When we get back we made some alterations in the side of the building in the back yard and to night the view from the dining room window is considerably improved. Supper was in to night to say that he wants Dad to put a team on the road scraper to morrow but it is raining to night so we will probably be relieved from the job. Cousin Clara came over this morning to stay till Enah gets back from Toronto. It has been very hot and muggy all day. feels very much like rain.

Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>

I got up about four this morning and the rest of the family soon after. Dad drove Enah down to the station, and as Belle was a little nervous of the train shunting around he let her out a little way up the street just as Mr. Barwell came along he was bound for Toronto too so she was alright. Hubby came back with Dad. I didn't do much to day.

except plant out some little daisy plants in the front border and fix it up a little. Cousin Clara brought the plants over. I had to stay with Liddums a little while after dinner. He has been very good all day especially as he hasn't been able to be out although he is lonesome of course. Hubby worked around out side and cleaned out the old house nicely. Jim Waddell came after Dad just before dinner to go and see a sick colt and he didn't get back till about three o'clock. It has been a miserable day. Cloudy and chilly. Rained a lot during the night and drizzled all day.

Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>

Frank M<sup>r</sup> Birds came over before breakfast this morning with some maple syrup which M<sup>r</sup> Carpenter sent to Frank. He told us just where we Alota had found the turkey's nest in Sveys' gully over near Prestons fence, so after breakfast Hubby and I went back to look for it, we found the place but didn't see any nest so went over to ask Alota. On our way over we saw the old turkey on the other side of Prestons woods. Alota told us the nest was just where ~~we~~<sup>she</sup> had been looking but as she had taken the eggs out of it, we thought she might have moved so went down to the mill to ask Clarence Ferris as he had found it before and taken two eggs out. He said it was in,

the same place, we got the two eggs from him and the first  
 Alita had taken and went back and found what we sup-  
 posed to be the empty nest but although we searched for  
 quite awhile we could find no sign of the old turkey we  
 brought home and got Baby's gloves which I see have  
 been back at the woods ever since the first. This afternoon  
 lined out his ditch at the end of the garden and got it started  
 the whole length. I did chores and fooled around and Dad  
 put in most of the day minding Liddum who is terribly homesick.  
 Winnie came over after school while he was alone with  
 Clara and she supposed he thought it was Erub for what he  
 was terribly disappointed when he recognized Win. To night  
 I went down to a surprise party of Hazel Silvertown's. The  
 sewing club was meeting at her place and she invited eight  
 or nine boys over, we all rounded up at the bank and went  
 over in a body. We played pedo which I don't know any more  
 about than I do about making toads, but still I would have  
 had a great time only my head ached and I felt rather sick for  
 some unknown reason. We also played a lot of other games to add  
 to the card playing scene. We talked blue-bubbles, another cut  
 all paper dolls, another speared peanuts in a bowl with hot pins, next played  
 croconos, next snipped buttons and the other made some sort  
 of Hynes, we had dough refreshments but I couldn't take much

and felt so rotten before I left that I forgot to say good-night.  
 Dad went down and met Erub. He said she had a great  
 time "to the city" and enjoyed the organ very much. Liddum  
 was glad to see her but didn't pick up much fuss over it.  
 Art. Guanhury came over to night with my incubator and  
 showed nice day but rather raw.

Friday May 1st

Shuly and I put on a small load of hay this morning and  
 this afternoon Dad hauled it over to the barn for the cows  
 we then put on a pretty good sized load and Dad & Shuly un-  
 loaded it in the horse stable, while I took little Joe and  
 brown Cousin Clara home. Supper came over this morning  
 to get Dad to put a team on the road scraper, but Dad rode  
 down with him to Sam Jew's and got him to go on instead. Whit  
 Dixon came in while he was gone after a pig for Bob Miller, he  
 brought two of the most horrible looking sheep I ever saw  
 He said Bob had hot them down in the barn in a crate and  
 nobody fed them much except Mrs. Galt. He said Erub wanted him  
 to bring them over here and if Dad didn't want to keep them till they  
 got in shape to sell to have them for a few days anyway, Whit  
 said he supposed Erub thought if he was got them unloaded here  
 they would stay. The poor things could hardly stand up when

they took them out of the way you and they have been growing  
grass ever since they got loose. Whit. was telling Skuby and  
me all about his western experiences, he is sick of it. We  
sent down the big fat pig with Whit. Skuby worked. Mrs.  
M. Bride was here all day hauled cleaning. Sunny with cold breeze.

Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

After I did chores this morning I went over to Martin's and  
borrowed Art Guanbury's spirit level and leveled up my  
incubator and started the lamp going, I won't put the eggs in till  
I see how it is going to go. George Holden and his brother brought  
the fifty Carolina poplars and the two English walnuts I had  
them in in the garden and this afternoon Skuby and I planted  
them out. We planted the two walnuts out in front. They  
were very healthy looking trees and a good size. It was  
pretty late when we got them planted so we just took ten  
poplars back to the gully, we put them out in the east end  
of the gully mostly on the flat, but a couple on the hill, we  
stuck slips in all over mostly on ant hills. We didn't  
get back till about seven o'clock. Skuby stayed to tea and he  
and Frank set fire to the bon fire in the orchard but it didn't  
burn well and they had to leave it after being out there an hour  
or two. Sunny and nice to day but cool.

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dad and I intended going to church today but. First of all  
we didn't get up very early, then Fred's calf got into the pig  
yard and the old sow got out so Dad had to fix it. Then  
I noticed old Split ear walking lame over in the pasture  
and we found the wall of her foot was turned over. While we  
were trimming her feet up. Mr. Birely came along and  
stopped. Tell about noon telling us all about chickens and  
things. He said he would come over in a night or two  
to see if the incubator is going all night. I think I will fill  
it up to-morrow. I have the temperature up to about 103° now.  
This afternoon to ad. Cook and Liddums drove out to find  
maddles. I just sat around the house while they were gone and  
read a little, sang a little, practiced a little on my harmon  
and a little on the guitar. Frank went back to the gully but I  
don't think it had changed much since last night, he got  
some wild flowers. Dick spent the afternoon in town, which  
I have no doubt he also will find in much the same con-  
dition as when he last saw it. He will likely go to church to-  
night. It has been a lovely day quite hot. Dad is  
afraid it will rain before long if it doesn't we are  
going to start work on the land to-morrow if all is well.

Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>

We got a fairly good early start this morning and I had both teams cleaned and ready to slap the harness on and start farming but just about seven it began to rain. It didn't last long but plenty long enough to put an end to early operation to-day. It came out sunny and a nice breeze after the shower but this afternoon it was more cloudy and threatening. It is very hot and lightening to night. Dad and Stubby fixed the wind mill rod which Dad broke yesterday and I took out Quonburg's spirit level back and got a few final instructions about the incubator. I filled it up about noon and by 7<sup>th</sup> night she was up to 97° and blowing off. I didn't know whether to regulate it or not but I happened to overtake Mr. Beireley coming home to night and he told me I should. This afternoon Dad and Stubby went back to the gully and fixed the fence as well as they could, as there will soon be picking enough to let the young stock out. I started to grub out the trees between along the fence between the plain orchard. I got a couple of little plum trees and but didn't get any of the cherries out. We want to set out a cedar hedge along there if we ever get time. I went down to hand practice to night and we had pretty fair practice. Harry Moon wasn't there but Mid is back home now and he was there.

Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>

It was pouring rain when we got up this morning and kept it up till the middle of the afternoon and it had been raining most of the night. Dad was pretty well disgusted but that didn't seem to do much good. I got a loaf of bread last night and left it up in the hand room so this morning I drove Dick down town and went up and got it. Dick had a bad toothache last night. Stubby hadn't come over so I went around and got him. He thought there wouldn't be any thing to do if it rained but he came over so to be there in case it should stop. We didn't do any thing much all day. He worked at the old house tacking up old window blinds for wall covering. He brought a lot of burlap over the other day and is going to use it to shut the wind blows through it more than it does the blinds. He scraped some of the apple trees when it quit raining. Enah broke a tooth to day so I had to go down and get it fixed while Dad minded Sid's dums.

Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>

I didn't get up till late this morning, and haven't done any thing much but chores all day. I had to turn my eggs in the incubator twice to-day. Stubby and Dad appeared up the old block they got from the dead apple

tree in the orchard. It makes a beauty and is good and solid. Shady dug quite a bit at his ditch and Dad took the storm windows off. What Dixon came in this afternoon and got another pig. Two other fellows were in they wanted Dad to go down to Henderson's to night and have a look at their big black Percheron stallion. They want to travel him down this way. Dad got notice of a school board meeting to night so he went down I got chores done up early hoping to take Clepsy out for a run before dark but it began to rain just before dark. It has been very hot all day and felt like rain. I don't think it rained very hard nor long. Winnie & Johnny Miller were over for a while before tea.

Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>

We put the halter on Pompey for the first time this morning and tied him in his stall for a while. He was pretty crazy at first but soon quieted down when he found there was no use fighting. We put the harness on Clepsy and I took him down to the corner and back. He felt pretty good and looked fine. Dad and Shady cleaned up a lot more of the old barn floor. This afternoon we hooked up Clepsy and Harry to the way gon and the whole three of us went down to Billy Cunningham's to get Dave's cart. We found

them and a Billy Loan building a house. He said he had brought the cart up to Beldie M: Mullins two or three weeks ago so Shady is going to bring it over in the morning. We got a couple of nice little silver birch trees in Hammond's bush on our way home and Shady set one out on the lawn he wants to put the other in the gully. We saw Tom Abbott and he gave us our cream check. It wasn't very high this month as butter has gone down. We only got a little over 19 dollars. Tom told us that Wilbur and Alpha Reynolds are the proud parents of a daughter. We met another man with a iron grey Percheron stallion to day. Shady said he liked the black one the best, but Dad liked this one the best in some ways although he had poor legs. G. A. Dwyer was in this morning to have his old mare's teeth fixed and also to get Dad to attend a friendly meeting to the farmer's who will be affected by some ditch on the other road that he wants the council to put in. It won't really affect any body much but him. Clepsy went fine we had a stay chain on old Harry's double tree. None of the farmers down that way have any oats and we didn't see any wheat that could beat ours east of the orchard. It has been very nice to day and clear to night. I don't see very well to night.

Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Shelby went around by Bobbie Mc Mullin's this morning to see if he had our cart done but it wasn't quite finished. He took the other birch trees back to the gully and planted it out and set two little ones which were in the earth at the roots of the other one. Dad and I started to measure the distance from the road to the gully along the lane and orchard fence so as to get the fence we are going to put along the top of the gully the same distance from the road (concession) at the east end as at the west where it joins the lane fence at right angles. We got as far as <sup>roughly</sup> the orchard fence ~~at night~~ when it was raining so hard we had to stop. Shelby put some more luster and paper on the walls of the shop and late this afternoon dug some more at his ditch. This afternoon Dad went down to Sam Laws after the butter and took a couple of dozen eggs over to Quanhury's as John was over and said Art wanted to get them. I had quite a visit with Charlie who was planting potatoes. She has his garden nearly all in and it looks fine. Leah went down to the Methodist church for choir practice as they want her to sing with the Mother's day band on Sunday. Frank went down with her intending I think to take in the movie. Eddeus doesn't feel very well yet. I started to cut the lawn today but it was not long enough for the lawn mower. I couldn't see where I had to go.

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>

Started after breakfast towards town to hand Shelby off with the cart he was going to haul over because as we were going down in the wagon we thought it was too bad for him to draw it all the way over here. But when I got to Martin's I saw Art Quanhury and he was showing me how to test eggs and when I got back to the side walk Shelby had come and as he had got so far he persisted in taking it all the way. It was a good cart but will need a little patching. We then hauled up Harry and Belle to the wagon and went down town. We got four big anchor posts and four small posts, some siding for the shop, lime for the chicken house and plaster for the patches. We saw Harry Ansley and he gave us three nice white fish. This afternoon I took some eggs over to Martin's. Art Quanhury wanted another half-dozen - he wanted two settings instead of two dozen. Shelby planted out a lot more of the poplars along the road fence. I went out with him when I got back and we got a lot put out on both sides of the corner field. Mr. Fawcett was here when we came up. He and Shelby and I stayed to tea. He came over this afternoon and rode Frank's bicycle and she and Frank went back to the woods. Frank put a lot of the siding on the shop.

Dad. has felt very miserable all day and his muscles ache all over his body. Wff till he says it has just been in his arms. He is afraid it is rheumatism. It has been a lovely day. Quite hot this morning but nice fresh breeze this afternoon.

Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>

We got up rather late this morning and I have had my old clothes on all day. Frank went down to Sunday school but didn't go to church this morning. I drove Enah down and on my way home fell in with Jimmy and Billie Rankin who loaned me for a ride so I brought them over to see Bluch who was overjoyed to see them. They went back to the gully with Frank and got some flowers and went home with Dick when he drove down after Enah. It rained a little now and then during the day so I think Frank was prevented from making his periodical call on the gully this afternoon. but Dick went down town. He was pretty tired last night and had some excuse for sleeping all morning. Wiggins offered him a quarter yesterday if he would cut the lawn around the house so he started in at two o'clock, when he got it done Mr. Bluch offered him double the price of cutting the two lawns if he would

cut his lawn two so Dick kept right at it till eight o'clock and then without any supper started to wash at his balance sheets or whatever it was. This morning his hands were blistered all over and as he didn't get up to breakfast he went twenty four hours without a meal but made \$1.30 out of it. He has been ledger keeper for the last week and balanced up very easily the other night. Tonight I drove Enah and Frank down to church Enah turned Methodist for the night as she is going to sing with the mother this being their day. I met Shagen on his way over to take his girl to church so I gave him a ride over. When I let him out at Flemings, I found Bluch who in spite of all our commands to go home had followed us down was not following me back so I went back and as I expected found him at Rankin's. After quite a lot of coaxing I induced him to get into the buggy and bring him home. It would have been a nice day but for a shower now and then. Tiddeum feels very rotten to day cutting teeth.

Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>

It rained a good deal to-day so we didn't do very much, but remarks on the inclemency of the weather. We saw Rev. Dyer go past with his disks just before it began to rain but after giving a few rounds it chased him in. We could see old

It it for quite awhile but at last he had to give up no doubt in disgust. Dad and I put in a load of hay this morning and Shuby piled up the little dining room stove and pipes and put it away. This afternoon I made a boot jack, I have tugged and pulled and nearly broken the rungs out of the kitchen chairs since I have got my rubber boots trying to pull them off at night and now when it is about solid enough to do without them I have made a neat little boot jack; however it will be ready for next season and I have hung it handy in the wood shed for any time we get made. Shuby covered more of the walls <sup>of the report</sup> with some stiff wrapping paper he got from Pop. Vary and I tinkered around. Dad minded Giddams who is in farm from Secorum to day. Gordie Allan was over for a little while, he is just up to Dorset for a visit. To night Chris Quanhery came over and test my eggs for me. he found 32 infertile out of the 133 which he said was a better test than most of theirs were doing. It is just about 23% bad. Raining hard with thunder and lightning & high.

Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>

It poured rain nearly all day. It let up for awhile at noon and hasn't rained much since five to eight but there was a steady pour the rest of the time. Every thing is covered

with water, and it looks as if we'd have to postpone some of the features in the game of farming for another season. I was pretty busy all day. This morning I cleaned all the staves out of the hen houses and this afternoon started to white wash them. I couldn't find the white wash brush so I had to use a broom so I don't know whether it will make much improvement in appearance but will sweeten the place up. I got the pen this way white washed and part of the one we brought over from Shuby's and used a pail of white wash, then I had to quit to do chores. Shuby came over this afternoon and washed at the old house. Dad thinks of taking Joe down to Bobby McWilliam to be shod but when he was ready thought better of it. Tom. Alhat came after the cream this morning and request Dad want to mention the weather, he hears enough about it.

Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>

I finished white washing the other hen houses this morning. I did white wash the pen where the colored hens are as I had no place to let them out and they make such a fuss if I try to work with them in there. Shuby scraped some of the trees in the orchard this morning but it started to rain so he came in and worked at the

shop it didn't rain long but he worked in there most of the day. He put some of the white wash I had left over on the truck scraped. Dad took Joe down to the hood this morning but Bulby McMillian's shop was full so he came home. He doesn't want to take her to Joe Hawel for fear she will make him mad and he says Ralph Waddell knows too much. Bob Davis was in this afternoon with Beyler's big black horse. He is certainly a nice looking one. I put another broody hen up over the hay pen to night. I don't know whether she will sit or not as I didn't notice her setting till to day. It has been cloudy all day with a little rain before dinner and to night the sun was out.

Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>

We spent quite awhile giving Pommers a lesson on the belt. We took both the colts out and I held them while Dad and Shaky worked awhile with Pommers. We then let them run in the front field the rest of the day. We put Joe in the horse stall for the day and Dave in Joe's stall. but put them all back in to night and Dave out he was pretty lonesome as we let all the young stock back the lane to day and left the hawks. We let the cows back too but didn't let them out after they were milked to night. This afternoon Dad put the harness

on Dave and took him down the road a little way. It was the first time he has had a bit in his mouth so didn't do so badly. When we got him broken Shaky is going to take him for his driver. We are very glad we didn't shoot him last fall as we intended. This morning we three ~~men~~ went back and found a good set of bars from the gully into the blue grass field on the west side near John Wessie's (the field with the bars). Dad cut new bars in the woods. We took the chain back and measured our share of John Wessie line fence. It was just 10 chains and one foot. We want to put up a new fence there if we can. This afternoon Dad and I put off the load of hay we loaded up for the horses stable the other day and Shaky put out the rest of the young poplars. Stace Lewis was in this morning & had Dad look at his horse's mouth. He says some of them down there around Nanticoke have sores in but they are afraid after this rain they will rot in the ground. The rain caused a lot of damage up in Western Ontario, the whole country was flooded in places and they say even barns floated off their foundations. Poor Siddens is pretty sick to night. Cutting teeth, whooping cough and fever. Lovely day sunny & mild.

Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>

I got up about four o'clock this morning to check off the

Alarm clock. I wanted to get out any way before the foxes did as I discovered yesterday that the old duck was laying in the chicken yard and so I wanted to leave the yard open for her to get in during the night but as I don't let the same pen out two days in succession I had to get up before the hens to shut it up. I didn't think to shut them in the house but I will hereafter hope. Dick brought home word last night that Mr. Skolles wanted two settings of eggs so I was over to ask Jack Martin if he wanted them especially but he wasn't home and Chris was down town so I set them down. Myse was over for awhile, after breakfast Shuby got the brush heap on the orchard hurned at last. I threw the brush out of the pig yard and helped him carry it over to the fire. After we hurned it, we started to clean up the wheat. We got it all cleaned by about half past four this afternoon. There was only about forty bushels of it cleaned. we put a coarse sieve in the bottom so got a lot of stuff in the chip box nearly enough to fill up the chicken feed bin. When we got it done Shuby and I tore down and piled up handy to where we could get them with the wagon what few rails were left from the old barn yard fence sunny but raw wind all day. Sam Law was on his field to day but Tom Abbot says it is very muddy. Poor Liddums is very miserable, the whooping cough is back again.

Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>

Lila came over with Shuby first thing this morning and has been overall day. Jim Bannister sent over word with them for Dad to come over as his mare was just foaling. Dad has been over two or three times during the day and is there now with Frank. Bust is there from Simcoe, and he ad. says he is afraid Jim will lose the mare, the colt I think is dead. Dad and I hauled up a load of rails this morning from the old barn yard fence and then took the wheat to the mill. We made two trips of it and took down three acres of oats for chaff, we had 44 bushels and 14 lbs of wheat and it is just a dollar a bushel so we did gain a little by waiting after all. After dinner Shuby and I went back to the woods and were gone nearly all the afternoon but we got a beautiful little elm and set it out out here near the drive house and just behind the anchor post for this lane fence, we got it out in the open and it is a perfect shape and as we didn't cut much of the top off it will be pretty from the first. Frank and Lila went back with us but went the other way when we got to the gully and got a lot of flowers and some merels which Shuby found the other day and told them about. Our little tree was all out in leaf but Shuby took great pains in planting it and he thinks

with the attention we will be able to give it being so near the house that it will grow. Dad was going down town this afternoon but as we didn't get back he didn't go so I helped him milk and then hooked up Joe and took Studly & Lila down, we took Win in at Uncle Wards and she went up & got the stuff for me, I gave Joe Thompson a lift over the hill and old Mrs. Martin home from about Chris Luankump's. Lovely day sunny and dry. Messrs. Flemming's Evans escaped the road again.

Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>

Frank went down alone to church and Sunday school this morning. After breakfast Dad and I went over to Jim Bannister's for a little while, the mare was dead and buried. Up was there and Jack Spain soon came. When we got home, we hooked Joe and Chesley up to the buggy and took them around the block. Joe was the worst colt of the two but they went fine. Dick got up for dinner and he and I played catch for a while before he went down town. Then Frank and I went back to the gully and went in for a swim in Robert John's big pool. The water was pretty cold at first but after we got out and let the wind blow on us it felt warm to get in. I came home about four and unintentionally went to sleep. Dad, Enah and Liddums were

all out for a drive and while things were in this condition Mr. & Mrs. John Shand came, they never woke me up and so thought no one was home, pinned a note on the door and left but Dad and Enah just came along as they were going out the lane so they came back. I got the chores done as quickly as possible and got ready and went down to church. I overtook Lint. After church I went up with him to see Big George about a fishing excursion to-morrow but he wasn't home so Lint came over as far as Masters with me. Dick came along while we were talking. He said he felt pretty sick so we came home and he went to bed. It has been a lovely day, sunny, and a little breeze.

Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>

I woke up about three o'clock and heard Dad prowling around, he said he had just come back from town. Al Faulkner had come over after him to go and see his colt which had got tangled up in the halter-shank and was in awful shape. I got up at four o'clock and would have been ready to get a good early start on the land but for visitors. First Mr. Porter drove in then a little while after words old Mr. Duncan - he had what he thought to be a sick cow and wanted Dick

to go up so Dad didn't get out at all this morning and I didn't till about nine. When Dick got up he felt very miserable and was bound to go to work but they persuaded him not to so he lay down and slept most of the day and Dad on his way to Duncan's stopped in and told Wiggins. Hubby and Dad started for Duncan's but met old Bel who told them the ~~harrow~~ <sup>crop</sup> was all right. I got over the field once lengthwise with the disks and started to go again and Dad gave it a good harrowing this afternoon. Hubby took my team for a while after dinner while I got a nest ready to set a hen Sam. Law came over and harrowed the drill at noon, he has his pigs about in shape. Mrs. M. Bride was here washing all day. To night I went down to hand practice and didn't get to bed till eleven. Lovely day sunny and not too hot.

Tuesday May 17th

I was up at four again this morning, the way I managed I wind the alarm clock up so as it will ring for quite awhile and set it over on the bureau where I can't reach it from the bed. Then in the morning it makes such a clatter that I can't stand the noise so have to get up to smother it and once I'm up I step up although I felt pretty tough for

awhile this morning. Try as we did we weren't able to get in the field before eight, but we got both teams started about the same time and got a pretty good day in I finished the field lengthwise and got more than half over it crosswise. Dad harrowed it both ways and is now following me down crosswise with the harrows. He thinks when we get done that way, it will be in good shape to drill. It was a hard day on the poor little team, they are too tired to eat to-night. I had to make several trips to the ditch to wash my eyes off with cold water and keep them from going to sleep. Old Bluck plodded up and down after the disks all day long. Once I took the little team and harrowed to keep awake when I wasn't near the ditch and poor Bluck was badly puzzled. He didn't know which one of us to follow. Sam Law brought the drill back and left it in the field. Dyer drilled his pigs in to-day. I set two hens to night on thirty eggs. Hubby worked around here and helped mind Fiddens all day. Dick felt better to-day but didn't go to work. He went down town this afternoon to get his teeth fixed and didn't feel quite so well to-night. Cars - Rankin went by here to-day with an automobile they just bought. They have started to take down the dam bridge. They are going to put up a new ~~stone~~ one. It has been a nice day but pretty hot.

Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>

Went 5 o'clock for mine again this morning and I don't feel so sleepy during the day as I got to bed at ten last night. I did have one little short-circuit in the dikes when the horses were resting. Water is getting pretty hard to find now, but I located some in the woods to swab my eyes with. I got out soon after eight, and finished cross disking the hooked on the harrows and cross harrowed from where Dad left off till noon. Dad didn't get out till ten o'clock owing to divers hindrances, so he started right in to drill. He put Jones' oats in on the north head-land they went two drill widths the width of the field and quite a few left over. He took out four big two bushel and a half bags and had the drill set for sowing 2 bushels and a peck and used all the seed and didn't quite finish to night. So there is some thing wrong as we didn't think there was more than four acres in the field. I finished cross harrowing soon after dinner and then took the disks back to the field across the gully, and got over quite a chunk of it. Stubby sowed clover seed to day on the piece of wheat north of the orchard he also cleaned up around the shop a lot. Dick went to work to day although he is far from well. It has been fine and pretty hot to day.

Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>

I didn't get over the gully to work till nearly nine o'clock so didn't get through disking till after dinner. I then started over it again length ways with the disks a notch deeper. Dad finished drilling in the other field, harrowed it all over and brought the harrows back and got a good chunk gone in the back field. Stubby didn't come over this morning till noon as he had some insurance to attend to. Dick has been home all day and has a pretty sore throat this and sultry.

Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dad had to take my team this morning to run the ditches in the field we have in so I looked up Joe and took my eggs over to Jack Martin and took Dick down to see Dr. Cook. He gave Dick some pills and I think told him he would be all right soon. When we got home I got a little ice out and put it in the refrigerator which was placed in the kitchen this morning. Dad had gone back over the gully and was disking but about the time we got home it began to rain. It rained hard enough to persuade Dad to come in and then stopped for the day although it has been cloudy. Dad helped me take the old bits of sacking from the Chicken Stove windows and

put in poultry fencing. Dad. and I went back aft<sup>r</sup> dinner and he harrowed and I disked but didn't get quite over the pink. I had to stop for a while to drive a herd of cattle into east of Sam Law's wheat. I took Buck and he chared them into the woods, so I suppose they were Art Reeves. Shaly had more wisen'ance to look after we didn't get over till after dinner. I got up at four o'clock this morning but went to sleep saying my prayers and slumbered peacefully till nearly five. Tom Abhat told us this morning that Edna Sidway isn't expected to live.

Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Dad. and I got a fairly good day's work in on the land to-day. he harrowed and I disked. I am part way over it cross way and have the disks set in the last hole but one except on the sand knoll. It makes them lug. John Weas was over for a long time this morning talking to Dad. he is working on his buck wheat stubble. Shaly and Lila came over this morning early and during the fore noon Jimmie and Charlie Ferris brought a ferret over. They were going to put him after the rats under the corn erick but he was so big he couldn't get into their hole. They burned the three corn shocks in the field but didn't get any there either. Shaly cleaned

ditches most of the after noon in the sowed field. He got a toad and put on the front lawn to eat ants. Dick was better to-day and was down town this afternoon, but Frank is all in to-day. He took the lawn mower down to be sharpened but feels tough. Quite cold to-day but mostly sunny.

Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>

I haven't been off the place all day. I intended to go to church to-night but went to sleep before tea so couldn't get ready in time. Dad. and Enah & Liddum drove down with Fred Linger this morning. They left Liddum with Shaly while they went to church and Shaly took him up to the dam in the scow. There was no organist at church till Enah got there so she had to go down to-night again alone. Cloa has quit for sure. I sat around and read nearly all day. This morning when I took the eggs out of the incubator to cand them I could hear the chickens peeping and one or two eggs chipped. To-night one chick is out. Dick got up and went to church this morning stayed at Shaly's to dinner down town all the afternoon and came home to tea to-night. Frank went down to church and Sunday school this morning and back to the gully this afternoon. Truly day.

Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>

Dad. and I both got a pretty fair early start this morning and I nearly finished cross disking by noon. He drilled all morning, but after dinner harrowed with the little team till after ~~dark~~ I finished disking then took my team and hooked on the drill I finished harrowing with his team only went length ways in stead of crossway which made a much better job. When I finished I brought the little team and the disks up but Dad. stayed back till about seven o'clock and finished drilling. Jack Hodge and family just drove in as I came up and startled poor Shuby who was running around in his bare feet. Frank and I went over to Jack Martin's with some eggs, and I wanted to ask Chis about the brooder. There is an awful quiet of chicks out. We sprinkled the eggs that we set hatched again to night, and I put a fire in the brooder. The boys had holidays to day but Dick was down town all day working part of the time. Frank worked around home and he and Tony Barnister went back to the gully for a come over in high-noon this morning he says he has the prettiest little colt he ever saw, he told Dad. that he and the woman had to dance for the joy of it. It has been very sultry all day and looked very like rain this morning, fresh breeze to night.

Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>

I didn't get up till half past four this morning, but it rained a little so we couldn't go back first thing any way. Dad. took 38 little chicks out of the incubator and put them in the brooder this morning. I went over and got a little grit and charcoal to feed them from Chis. He says not to give them anything for forty eight hours. Dad. thinks they will all starve to death before that. After dinner we took 23 more out and there are still five or six just hatched. A lot of them have died in the shell after they got it all picked ready to come out. Just before dinner Dad. took the big team and roller back and started roll the back field as we thought that would just break all the lumps nicely. After dinner I went back and hooked on the roller and he came back about an hour later and started to harrow after me. He harrowed till I finished rolling about five o'clock, then he came up with his little team and the roller and I finished harrowing it took me till about seven. Shuby didn't come over this morning but was here this afternoon. He worked at the ditch, sawed wood and minded Biddens. Frank brought home the news that poor Edna Sidway is dead. It has been very hot and sultry all day but quite a strong breeze.

Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Dad. helped me carry my incubator out this morn.  
 we took the seven little chickens that were in it and put them  
 in a basket over the stove. I took the un hatched eggs out  
 and buried them, there were <sup>thirty</sup> ~~forty~~ eight and twenty four of  
 them had chickens in them. There are 68 chicks altogether and  
 they all seem healthy and sound but one of these seven which  
 has stoked legs. Dad. took the big team back to run the  
 ditches in the back field and I went over to Martin's to get  
 some chick feed and scratch feed, we fed the little fellows in  
 the brooder to day. They thought over there that I had a damn  
 hatch especially as it was the first attempt. It began to rain  
 while I was over there and rained quite hard for a while  
 so I didn't get back very soon. I didn't do any thing much  
 after that except fool around. Hubby came over at noon  
 he had in surance to look after, and dug some more at his ditch  
 Dad. disked the garden all up. It had got so hard he thought he  
 had better disk it before he ploughed it. Bob. Lewis was in  
 for about an hour. Jim also came over for a little while, he expects  
 to go to work to-morrow. They are drilling at Black-heath where ever  
 that is, some where down towards Confield Junction. Alita M. Ross  
 was here house cleaning all day. About half past four we took  
 up to the wagon and Dad and I went down and got a load of

for Hubby's ditch. We got three inch as they didn't have any fear.  
 We took Cash down to Miss Buckwells tea party and she  
 walked home. Hubby looked after Tiddeus. It came out  
 pretty hot after the rain but is cooler to-night. The rain fresh  
 things up a lot and we noticed that the English walnuts  
 which we thought were dead are budding.

Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>

Old Jonas came over long before breakfast this morning  
 and pestered around for Dad to go and look at his colt.  
 and while Dad. was at breakfast Jimmy Corbett  
 came in to ask about his colt. Dad. gave him some  
 stuff, he went over with Jonas ~~with~~ for a few minutes.  
 I made a yard for the little chickens in the brooder and  
 let them out. I also fixed it so as the old hens couldn't  
 get in the yard when they are at all. One little fellow died  
 last night but the rest look fine. Hubby came over  
 about nine thinking Dad was going down town before  
 dinner. Neph came over to fix his hammer handle for  
 a while. About ten o'clock I took the disks out  
 and started in the Timothy sod. I worked all the after-  
 noon but didn't get over half of it. It is very grassy  
 but I think will work up fine and make a fine

piece for corn. This afternoon Dad & Skuby went down town. They got Joe shod at Joe Howells and put in a big load of shavings to put in the ditch over the till so Dad didn't get home till about six. It has been very hot all day but breezy, cool to night.

Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>

I disked all day on the corn ground and got all over it by night and started to straddle the furrows. Dad brought the harrows out and worked for a couple of hours before dinner. This afternoon he went back and harrowed a set of three horse ewenness for John Wess. M<sup>r</sup>. Bide. John Wess was just ready to shear sheep so Dad stayed and watched him for awhile. Skuby laid the tile in the ditch as far as the chicken house which is far as it is leveled and covered them with shavings and got most of the earth shoveled in. Cars. Rankins brought a couple of girls over in his automobile to see Bluch this afternoon. I didn't get up till five this morning I put the clock under the bed where I could grab it and consequently went to sleep again. Dick tells us that Norm. Brock is the latest purchaser of a car and Mr. Johnson's father gave him one. Very hot to-day but nice breeze.

Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>

I went out this morning and straddled the furrows with the disks as far as we will put corn and then started to harrow. I didn't lap the harrows at all so got over quite a piece. Frank and Dad went down town this morning with the way gon and got some stuff chopped at the mill and the wind chank for the shop which have been at the wide spread all spring. Skuby worked around. This afternoon we had to move the stove into the wood shed. We got it out all right but they broke another side of the base or rather the end so we had to set it up on bricks. We then went rat hunting. Skuby had flooded all the holes with water this morning and ripped some boards off the floor of the barn crib but we found we couldn't get them without taking up nearly the whole floor so we did. We were all armed with clubs and had the three dogs. Dad stayed in side and scared them out and the dogs would catch them. Sila killed one big one with a lath but Bluch killed most of the others. Skuby says he is the best rat dog he ever saw as he doesn't waste any time about nabbing them and never let one get away. Big got one or two. I think we got five great big ones and two half grown ones besides a nest of eleven little fellows. When we got through with them it was too

late for Dad to plow the garden as he had hoped to do but Shuby and Frank surveyed all the land east of the lane and this side of the gully and got stakes up to set the fence posts by. They figure there is about fifty acres. Lela has been over all day and Win. came over about five. They and Shuby ~~stayed~~ to tea. Frank and I went down with them after tea and found they had just laid fresh cement on the bridge and none could go over. So we went through Uncle Woods and took Ada's load down from the barn and launched it for her. She went over with us in the boat and as it leaked like a sieve Shuby had to make two trips of it. I went up to get my hair cut and Frank went to the moving picture show. Ada was going to wait for us at Shuby's so we could go back with her but when I got down there she and Shuby had just gone. Frank came soon after I did and when we got down to the bridge Shuby was just coming back with the boat so we took it back with us and left it below Woodson's. Dick came home after work when the watchmen didn't happen to be around and walked over the line but didn't leave any tracks. The papers are full of the awful wreck of the Empress of Ireland which went down off Father Point yesterday with nearly 1000 people. It was always fog and ~~the~~ coal boat ran into her. That but nice breeze

Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>

Dad and Enah went to church this morning and left Liddums with Shuby. Dick and I went down and had a swim at the stump the water was fine we then came home and got dinner started Frank went to Sunday school and church. This afternoon I had a dandy ride on Joe. We went up to Smythes but Red was at Vittoria. Frank started for Marlburg on his wheel but got held up at Ryersies and fooled around with them all the afternoon. Dick went down town and to church to night. Enah and I went to church to night. Mr. Johnson came over with his automobile to take Enah down, so I didn't wait for her after church thinking he would bring her home but walked down as far as the bridge with Guin and then home. I found Dad looking after Liddums who was too tired to go to sleep and Dad. having been so beset with visitors that the chores were all done. Enah got home about ten I don't what did happen to her except that she went down to Shuby. Cousin's Lull, Benie Sherry, & Willie drove over for a little while this afternoon. Tonight young Billy Louis came in to get his horses shod, hauled and hung around till dark so people wouldn't see the blood then Sam. Lou came over to see if he could harrow the roller in the morning. Jones then came for a short visit. It has been but to day but a very nice strong breeze.

Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>

I put in the whole morning writing in this and to Aunty Alice & Aunty, while Dad ploughed the garden. This afternoon I worked down the garden I disked it lengthwise & crosswise a couple of times each once right around & around. I rolled it and harrowed it so it looks in pretty fair shape. Sam. Law harrowed the roller this morning as he rolled it before he took it away and then again when he brought it back at noon. Dad. spent nearly all the afternoon shearing a ewe. He did pretty well and says he thinks if he had a good pair of shears he could do all right. Shuby didn't get over this morning as he had to see about Kolbe's insurance. Kolbe was over at Eric so he has to see him about eleven to night. He goes over to Eric every morning about five o'clock and doesn't get back at night till eleven. Dad. went down to a school board meeting and I went down to band practice. We didn't have any though as there weren't enough there. Walt says we will have to quit for awhile any way if the council don't come over with the extra money he wants. The town hall was full of meetings. Council meeting, school meeting, band practice and a whole bunch out on the stairs I don't know whether they were all fellows tendering for the heating of the school or the bridge builders waiting on the council for money. Dad. and I met at Shuby's and didn't get home till after twelve. Shuby went down to the lake about

eleven and found Kolbe & Harry Ansley down there. He got Kolbe's insurance raised and as it has run out will have to make out a new application so won't be over to morrow forenoon. Quite cool today.

Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

We didn't get very much done to day. Jim's calf was sick this morning. all bloated so Dad. & I gave it a dose of salts. It is much better to night. I went out about eleven and rolled the corn ground till one. I couldn't hear the whistles. This afternoon Dad. and I surveyed the field and fence along the top of the gully and decided to put a notch in the fence where the dividing fence between the two fields go. We then measured off six acres of what is ploughed for corn and the remaining four for buck wheat. I came out about half past four and finished rolling the corn ground. Shuby didn't come over to day. I don't know whether he went up to the nomination in Part. Rowan or not. They wanted him to but he said he wasn't going. There are two bunches of delegates going up from here one bunch consists of Dyer, Cliff Jees and R. B. Matthews and I don't know who go from the other faction. I saw Tupper to day and he said he might be able to slip over towards the end of the week to shear sheep for us. Bruce was in for a little while before tea. He wanted to get some instruments. It has been sunny but fairly cool all day.

Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

We hauled out manure all day to day. We didn't get started very early and were bothered this afternoon by Bob D. coming, so only got out nine loads. Dad is spreading it on the corn ground. Frank was home from school today as it was a sort of half in half holiday, being the King's birthday. The kids could go if they wanted to but it wouldn't be marked against them if they didn't so Frank stayed. We heard the bell ringing all through the day so there must have been some frolic there. Frank worked all day putting in the garden and we helped him between loads. Dad ploughed in potatoe furrows this morning and we got the Luck Atkinson ones planted but there was only three of them so they didn't go very far. Hubby planted two rows of Golden Bantam corn and we got in some cabbage and radishes lettuce and onion seed. Hubby's turkey eggs all came out today. The one down the road hasn't been off the nest as far as we know since she started to sit so all her eggs were rotten. but as near as they came the one in the smoke house and Mrs. Bannister's old hen had a fairly good hatch. Dad and I moved the twelve little chickens that hatched out Monday down in the yard where the brooder is, one of them died. Mrs. M. Birds was heard working all day. Hubby didn't go up to Prominence yesterday but as near as he can find out Andrew Innes and his gang didn't get a chance to say a word as Mr. Slippery Slick at the last minute got ahead of them. Cloudy cool raining

Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>

It rained steadily all night and rained a lot during the day. Hubby came over this morning loaded down with tomato plants and cabbage plants which he got from Ed. and some seed corn which he got from John Inanbury and fear of the consignment of axes in the back of his hunting coat. He set out a row of Frank's asters the whole length of the garden and we put out some of the tomato plants but it began to rain so hard we had to quit however he got them out later in the day and a long row of cabbage plants out. Dad sowed clover seed on the oats this morning till the rain drove him in when he was with in five lands of finishing. We want have enough seed to sow the piece across the gully. I cleaned the incubator all out and started it going this afternoon. I had to go over to Martins to hallow a spirit level this afternoon. Carl's ole man was in for a little while this morning to see if Topper was here, he was going up to Stockers to get his horse sled so Hubby told him to bring one post ager down if it was done. John told Hubby this morning that Mrs. Battersby has sold her place to some fellow in Los Angeles. Dick didn't get home at all last night and he expects to start for Toledo tomorrow next day.

Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>

I failed to get up till five this morning. After I got the chickens all done I cleaned out the separator. I then went out and planted another row of Golden Bantam corn and a couple of rows of Country Gentleman. I also helped Shuby eat some potatoes, which he planted. She came over this morning with about a dozen tomato plants which Uncle Ward gave him. We only wanted three and Frank brought them to dinner over at Juanburp's on his way home from. After dinner I made some drills and got some of the peaches planted. Jimmy Jackson was in here soon after dinner to ask Dall about a colt and he told us our cattle were all in the far end of the gully so Dall and I went back we found they had broken down the fence where there were some rails. None of them were on the road but not far away we got them back with out much trouble. but found they had just torn our little white birch tree all to pieces. Dall spent most of the day ploughing the pig yard, working it down and sowing the thorns and headed Kale out. She also finished sowing the clover seed in the oats. She chit the old sow up this morning and she went to wash and had sixteen young ones three of which got killed in the squabble for seats at the refreshment booth which will only accommodate

twelve. We gave the eight turkeys that Mrs. Bonister's hen hatched out to the old turkey hen which made her family number twenty two as near as we can count. She struck off into the orchard with them but didn't get very far. Shuby and I picked about half of them out of the ditch at noon, where they had fallen in the attempt to follow her across. Mr. Monteith was in to night to buy some new corn. She has gone past with two loads of tomato plants, Jimmy and

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>

Shuby didn't get over till about ten o'clock this morning as he went up town to buy a hoe. He also got some new kind of plants from Arthur Anderson called Koli Rabbi which are a cross between a cabbage and a turnip. Frank went down on his wheel to get some provisions and Mrs. Johnson gave him a few plants of stocks. She came over with Shuby and Lilo rode his wheel over. We started hauling out manure as soon as Shuby got here and all day got out 7 loads. The colts broke the wire we had stretched across the gap into the alsike and all got in so Shuby, Frank and I had to put them out and fix the fence I spent most of the day between loads putting in the rest of the peas and Shuby dug out some pots which were in the shed covered with manure. He started to paint the window frames of the shop with some paint

he found out in the brush heap. Frank fooled around with Lila most of the day and pulled some bind weed out in the oats. Art Juahury came over this morning to see if he could borrow the roller for Jack Martin's corn ground and Bill Philips came over this afternoon to get it. He told us that Jim Bannister has sold his place for \$6000. Dick left this afternoon for Toledo to visit Yerdie. His holidays last a couple of weeks. Hot & sunny all day.

Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>

I lay in bed most of the day not getting up till seven o'clock but I got some chores done and drove Cash down to church. We got home and got through a light lunch early so had a long afternoon most of which I spent in sleep although I read and wrote quite a bit too. Dad and Cash talked of going for a drive till Liddum went to sleep and then they couldn't. Frank rode his wheel over to the Mr. Petersons and made arrangements to get a skip of hus from Mr. M. Peterson when they swarm. He is to get a hive from Boyd in Simco which will cost four dollars and the hus will cost two dollars. I may put something into it if I ever have any money to invest. He and I spoke of going for a swim to night but it got so rainy looking that we decided not too. It has

been sultry and hot all day and to night is thundering and very cloudy. It sprinkled a few drops.

Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>

We didn't get a very early start this morning though we were up early and ready to begin but Mr. Monteith came for a bushel of seed corn and he visited some little time we hauled out manure till about 10-30 when I had a break down, went through the double tree. I heard some one laugh when I went off the seat and there was Bruce and Ashbaugh in a buggy on the side road they came in and stayed to dinner so we were late in getting to work in the afternoon. Frank rode his wheel down after dinner and got me some bolts and I fixed the double tree. Toby and Herbert were busy with the garden and odd jobs while I was out with a load. Tupper came along about 5 o'clock on his way to the mill. Toby took his load on for him and he stayed to shear sheep so I helped him and we worked till after 7 we then had tea and it was good and late before we had finished every thing.

It has been a terribly hot day the thunder storm Sunday night did not cool things off. The horses nearly melted this afternoon.

Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>

I finished the shearing as there was one ewe we did not get done last night. Hubert and Toby went back to fix up the fence in the gully between Lucy and us I had my sheep finished and was putting on a load of manure when the boys got back. We hoped to have finished cleaning out the old shed tonight but there are a few loads yet it has been another roasting hot day.

Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>

We finished hauling out manure at noon and after dinner I went down to Mr Fleming's and got his diamond tooth harrows, it took some time to rig up a three horse outfit when I got back. Hubert helped me hitch Esprey with Joe and Ginger and I got in an hour and a half or so in the field Toby was disk'ing, if all is well

we hope to get in a good day tomorrow. Toby and Frank went over to the McPhersons tonight with a bee hive so that accounts for my writing this.

Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>

I didn't get up till nearly five this morning and Dad & I didn't get started in the field till nine o'clock. We worked on the corn ground all day. I disked and he harrowed with the three horses and Flemming's diamond teeth. I had to make a couple of trips to the creek in the gully to keep my self awake. I did go to sleep several times but not for very long. I would see the horses in front of me when I woke up and be frightened for fear of running into them. Shelby didn't get over till after we were in the field this morning. She was up town last night and heard some rich news. Charlton has pulled out of the election campaign and Andrew Burns is going to run against Pratt. Independent. Shelby spent the day doing odd jobs and filling in his ditch. He cut a little lawn and set out a little castor oil bean plant. Very hot for awhile this morning and this afternoon but about noon it was quite cool and looked very rainy.

Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>

I was up at four o'clock this morning and wrote in this and closed

in the garden till five. I then started to do chores and by leaving the stables for Shuly to clean out and not cleaning any horses but Belle & Sharry I managed to get into the field a very few minutes after seven. I worked steadily all day although I slept a little at the same time I got it all cross disked by ~~about~~ four o'clock and about half of it rolled. Dad put out about half past eight this morning and finished crossing with the diamond tooth and harrowed it all over with the drags by six to eight. It made quite a long day for his team and Ginger seems pretty tired but looks apparently ~~is~~ all right. Shuly is going to try and get Bill Blake to come over and mark it for us in the morning and we hope to get it planted. Quite chilly all morning & windy but sunny and pretty hot after dinner. Frank has gone down to the shore to-night.

Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Shuly and Bill came over this morning at seven o'clock and Bill and I got right out and started to mark the corn ground. We took Sharry & Belle and they proved to be a great improvement on Sharry and Joe as a corn marking team. Bill made a beautiful job of it, with very little blasphemy. He got through a little before noon and stayed here to dinner.

He said no other man but Dad would have got him to-day as he was very busy, and has to be back this afternoon. He should have come away this morning but George Gamble relieved him. They are putting the canopy top on the new launch that he and George have just finished building for George Faulmsly. Frank secured the country this morning in search of corn planters, we have one of our own and we wanted two more. He got one from John Wess which proved very satisfactory, and one from Lipper which proved very unsatisfactory. It was an ancient and decrepit looking implement with one handle and a spring and fast at the bottom to open it and release the corn. Shuly took John Wesses and after he got his quit had no trouble at all. Dad took our own and it was all right, but I got Lipper's and had to quit about the fourth hill, the corn came out from all over it, so I left it and went over to Alfred's, to borrow his. I went through Sam's place but he didn't have one. He said he borrowed Charlie M<sup>r</sup> Queen's two years ago and it was a good one. Alfred gave me one which he said was a dandy. I brought it home but couldn't do any thing with it, so traded with Dad. He worked it awhile but at last decided it was no good. By this time it was about half past four and he decided to go up and do chores so Shuly and I stayed there till about eight o'clock when we

ran out of seed although Dad had sent some more out. We only had six more rows to plant, but my back was nearly broken and I was fairly lumpy. We left a sand knoll near the south west corner of the field to plant potatoes and roots on. Lila and Dorothy Anderson have been over all day near Liddums, who didn't seem to mind it much. Win came over for a little while this evening and said that Uncle Ward wants to get Stuby for all day Monday. He didn't know what for but we supposed it was to set out tomato plants, Dad told Stuby to tell him that he wouldn't see him stuck but if possible to get some one else. Cloudy most of the day and cool.

Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>

I didn't get up this morning till eight o'clock. and haven't done anything all day but loaf around and do chores. Grand went down to Sunday school this morning but there was no church. They said Mr. Johnson had gone away and a temperance man was supposed to take his place but he never showed up, so Frank came home. I was out in the shop trying to caulk up the cracks in the chicken trough so as they would hold water when we heard some crows. We took the shot gun and started out in pursuit. We saw them flying around in the vicinity of the corn field but they were not

with in a mile of the place when we got there. We hid in a thick bush for quite awhile but no crows showed up. so we took a walk up the gully to Jey's strawberry patch and made a careful examination of all the plants we could find. but there were very few ripe ones. We got all there were and nearly all the half-ripe ones, which seemed to be much more edible than they generally are. It was about half past twelve when we got up to the house and Dad was getting ready to put the harness on Lesprey. We got the cart out and it was very richety. We willed one wheel but couldn't get the other one off. We hooked Lesprey to it though and Dad got on. Lesprey didn't know just what was expected of him at first and cut up a little down at the end of the lane but once he got started he went beautifully. Dad took him down to Jones' corner and then ~~up~~ the other way and down the side road to Flemming's corner and I couldn't see but what he trotted pretty straight. Dad said he didn't like doing it on Sunday but I think he enjoyed it when he got started. He doesn't feel very well today. We had dinner about three much to Cook's disgust and after dinner. Dad, Cook and Liddums drove down with Quint's tent and some bed springs. The gas drillers are going to camp down at Black Heath and they wanted this tent to cook in. Charlie Martin came over for a visit a little while

before they left but didn't stay long after. Fran. he spent the afternoon down with the Ryerses. We just did chores to night and went to bed soon after tea. Nice day but cool breeze

Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Craig Long came over before breakfast this morning to see Dad about I weep mare. She was down and in pain and he didn't know what ailed her, so Dad. went over right after breakfast to see her. She had the colic and he told them to send for Bart if she did not show any symptoms of improvement. but she was better in a short time. Dad. went from there down to Martins and I came down with you and the cart as soon as I had breakfast and got two bushels of potatoes for seed. They are very small so we will exchange the same amount of them for the ones of Preston's that are left in the cellar. Frank went over to Preston's before school and found out that he could get a couple of bushels there so I went right down there and got them as soon as I got home from Martins. I then shelled enough seed corn to finish planting and went out and finished Dad. went out and furrowed out the potato patch. After dinner we did up the chores and hooked Harry and Belle to the wagon and sent down town to get some provisions and a pile of sand for Liddums to play in. Hubby has been agitating that move for quite awhile. He wants a pile on each side of the wood shed so Liddums can always

be in the shade. We took Enah and Liddums and the baby carriage down with us and Enah walked home. Liddums went to sleep before he got home and never woke up all evening. We saw Hubby down at Mond Wards, having a good time. He had three or four pigs which he said were the best in town and they had all their tomatoes set out and waiting for more and a lot of potatoes planted. Chris said that they found Martin's dog but he was dead down at Sovereign's. Charlie Martin had told Mr. Flemming to shoot at it if it came around this place so Mr. Flemming did just to scare it. He didn't know he had killed it till they found it. She felt very badly about but Jack felt worse. He wouldnt have taken fifty dollars for it. They say poor old Jimmy Larose has been sent down for eighteen months for forging a check book, and they

Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>

I went over to Martins first thing this morning and sold my eggs and got some scratch feed for the little fellows. I hadn't been home very long when Billy Lewis came in with Supper's team and fancy buggy and the news that Supper wanted a couple of men for a couple of hours. so as Dad. felt pretty miserable he said for Hubby and me to go. Hubby jumped at the chance of a ride in such a carriage and would have climbed over the back of the

seat he said if Billy hadn't have tipped up the front one and let him into a sort of trap nest. When we got over there Shuby didn't know how to get out. We found Old Manser was bossing the job. All they are doing is raising the peak of the roof to square pitch. so we simply had to lift on the rafters with shores and when we got them up to the desired height didn't do anything but sit around and talk. while some of those who appeared to enjoy it worked like niggers spiking pieces on the ends of the rafters to meet at the peak. We stayed to dinner and hung around a little while after dinner and helped raise a very little. Old Manser was going to leave at noon to go to Vittoria as Andrew Innes is having a Mass meeting there to-day. but I guess Supper induced him to stay. We came home soon after dinner. Shuby said he had a lovely time socially but didn't know whether he rendered much valuable assistance. The rest of the gang certainly appeared to enjoy his company. We got home about two o'clock or after and after I did up the chaise. I went out and planted beans on the two outside rows on each side of the corn field. I planted them with the planter but couldn't see the marks along the wheel land. Dad. has felt too rotten to do anything to-day. He has been almost cold all day. although sunny but cold wind.

Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>

Frank's exams started to-day at noon so he didn't have to go to school this morning. Right after breakfast he and I went out and planted mangel and turnip seed in the rows we left for them on the knoll in the corn field. We planted two rows of each and seemed to have about as much seed when we got through as when we started. and we watched to see that it was being planted plenty thick enough. We only had the four rows so I don't know what we will do with the rest of the seed. Shuby and Dad. cut potatoes while we were out there so when we got through we came and got some and got quite a few rows planted before dinner. Shuby and I went out after dinner and planted all there were cut which were Preston's. we had nearly 15 rows of them. We then brought out Jack Martin's, and planted over nine rows of them which was all there was in the field. They were much smaller so we had quite a few left and we think we will plant them in the old garden. <sup>Dad. I suppose they in</sup> Shuby and I went and spread the manure Dad. hauled out on it last winter. Win was over to dinner to-day her exams are over. Mrs. McBride was here all after noon and nearly all evening washing and ironing. What did you Rob. Miller drive over after tea to look at Fred's calf. Frank went back to the gully with them. The other with Spoth's last year's calf were through

The fence into Ivey's but they got them back. Bob told Dad he would take him and not give him a dollar on the price which was \$75.00. Mr. & Mrs. Lee Marshall were in before they left. Tom Abbot had told them we had a horse for sale so he came to look at it. Dad took Clepsy out and paraded him around and I think Lee might have taken him but his wife thought he wasn't big enough to fit the price \$152.00. She said he was worth about \$125.00. However we are to hook him up and take him down some night so they can see him in harness. Dad brought Ginger and Joe out and she was stuck on them especially Ginger but Dad wouldn't think of selling them. She thought Ginger was bigger than Clepsy but Dad told her she was mistaken. She said she wasn't as heavy but she was taller and in reality Ginger is about a head shorter but heavier than Clepsy. She guessed Joe's eye (thirteen) first time although Dad told her Joe was the biggest colt in the stable. It has been pretty cool and dry all day.

Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Dad and I hopped to the wagon this morning and took the buggy down to Joe Shaw's to have the tires set and brought back a load of fence posts. We then loaded them out along the top of the gate where we want to put them in. We were talking to Blanche Ward and he said they would be terribly hard digging it was so hard

and he said the best way to do was to dig down about a foot and fill the hole with water and leave it for a day and then it would be just in right shape. Skuby spent the morning fixing the orchard fence so we can let the calves out. This afternoon she and Dad hung the gate we brought over from his place and let the five calves in the orchard. We didn't let Sparac out as Dad has to wear him from Erie and teach him to drink first. I hoed in the garden while they were at that and Col. M. Donald came over. I had never seen him before and Skuby didn't recognize him at first but Dad knew him first thing. He said he and other officers of the insurance company were up taking a motor trip through this country visiting their agents. He didn't know when he started out that Dover was on the list. Dad was very glad to see him and appreciated his visit very much. About four o'clock Dad took the team out and we went to finish planting potatoes, just plow them right under the sod but we only got two rows planted when a big thunder shower came up and we had to seek shelter at the house. Dad and Skuby got soaked but I got there a little sooner so didn't get the worst of it. Frank was back in the gully with the shot gun so he got a pretty good soaking. He heard the gun go off he shot at a crow but both barrels went off at the same time but he missed the crow. His papers have been pretty easy so far the only one he is much afraid of is the spelling.

It didn't rain very long but freshened things up considerably. It has been very hot and sultry to-day but is cooler since the rain. Siddons feels in a very festive humor to-night. The house is all torn up from the savages of house cleaning and he thinks it's great.

Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>

I got up at four this morning and wrote in this till five I then hurried through chores and cut quite a lot of grass in the front lawn. It rained a little about breakfast and looked so cloudy after wards that Dad. didn't like to take the team out so he and I hoed in the garden and Stuby worked in the shop. About ten Dad. thought it wasn't going to rain so we went out and ploughed in the rest of the potatoes in the patch we were at in the old garden. It began to rain just as Stuby and I were through so we dryed the shop and got pretty wet but Dad. had to plough a little more so got properly soaked. We didn't do any thing till after dinner. It stopped raining soon after dinner and when we got our chores done Dad. hooked Osprey to the cart again and took him down the road away with satisfactory results. We then hooked up the big team to the wagon and Dad. Stuby and I went down town. Stuby stayed

town and Dad. & I went up and got our baggage from Joe Shaul. On our way back we got 18 hour peace posts from Gomer. Frank is through his exams, he thinks he did fairly well on most of the papers. I saw Sila to-night. she said both Stuby's goslings were dead, died from exposure. Cold & wet.

Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>

I worked all morning on the front lawn. I got all the long grass cut with the scythe and a good patch cut with the lawnmower, besides weeding out the flower beds. Dad. Stuby and Frank went back and staked out the fence along the top of the gully and Stuby dug anchor post holes and shored ordinary post holes all day. Dad. fixed fence and blasted up some holes in our bed room this morning and this afternoon hooked Osprey up to the cart and took him for a little jaunt and then rolled down <sup>most of</sup> the buck wheat ground and the potato patches. I went down to meet Dick. to-night he came on the Woodstock train so was home early. He had a great time in Idaho and I guess enjoyed his holidays immensely. Sila was over here all day. Harry Ausley was over this morning electing a jury. He told Stuby he could get him the job of Deputy returning officer but Stuby didn't want it. It has been sunny & fair all day but cool wind.

Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>

Frank rode his wheel down to Sunday school this morning and ~~Edith~~ Eva down to church. We called around by Nuby on our way home but didn't see any sign of the lang's. This afternoon it looked rather rainy so I read and played duets with Eva. Dad sat around and slept and did all the chores. About four o'clock he took Clepsy out all the way around the block. Frank went back to the gully and brought home some lovely ferns. Dick went down town after dinner with the intention of going to church to nig. Lk. Elva & Thi. Brady were over for a few minutes on the latter motor cycle which was inclined to be balky. They had a side saddle rigged on behind for Elva. Jack Martin and Mr. Cope were over for a little while before tea looking at the horses. It has been cloudy all day and sprinkled a few times but not much.

Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Nuby dug feet holes all day and I helped him set the posts and stamp them in. We had to do a little surveying after dinner to get the two anchor posts in line which go lengthwise with the field. We got all the posts except anchor and brace posts, between the road and the jig in the fence which is just half way. I helped Dad. take the anchor posts out this morning and then he went down to the mill for some feed. This afternoon he rolled down the rest of the buck wheat

ground and disked the old garden where we planted the potatoes. He started to harrow the corn ground, the corn is just coming up but quit at five and took Clepsy around the block. They were doing road work over by M<sup>r</sup>. Juen's but he never paid any attention to them, she said someone shot a gun off right beside them going down Preston's hill and he never jumped. He has never seen an automobile yet. Supper and Billy Louie came over. ~~The~~ morning tonight to invite Dad. to Supper's raising tomorrow. He has the roof off the other half of the barn now and is going to put plates up to rain right through. Frank finished putting in the garden to-day he planted carrots, beets and beans. Cloudy but not so evil.

Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dad went over to Supper's raising as soon after seven as he could this morning and was over there till after dinner. This afternoon he finished harrowing the corn ground. Nuby and I worked at the fence all morning. It took us a good part of the morning to get it lined out on account of two or three little dips where we couldn't see the stakes. We dug two more anchor post holes. I dug one and Nuby the other. I got mine started all crooked but fixed it so as the post will sit straight. We got the posts set best way across the field. The ground is getting pretty hard. When I came in to-night, the temperature in the incubator had got near