

Grand master Biddle installed the officers for next year. There were over ninety masons present and we had a big feed. but ran out of plates & knives & forks. After the speeches were all over it was found to be getting on for two o'clock. I brought Duke, Frank & the Hon. John home. I wasn't the least bit sleepy when I arrived home so I sat around and read till about four o'clock. Fine day and barely freezing to night.

Wednesday December 28th

I was very late getting up this morning and as soon as I had breakfast drove down town and deposited my Christmas cheque. On my return I went to the school meeting, which was attended only by the three trustees secretary, Bill Donald & Alex England. I was late but in time to move that Ray Bahamond's term of office as trustee be renewed for another 3 years before he could get a seconder for his motion that I should take his place. Alex England seconded my motion & it carried much to Ray's discomfiture & my satisfaction. We all went to town late this afternoon. Mary did some shopping and I got Bill Loring's account straightened up and paid him \$1.50. I also went down to pay Harry Wilson but he wasn't around.

Thursday December 29th

We all went down to Auntie's for dinner to day and spent the afternoon just sitting around and reading. at least I did. Mary had a bath and was kept busy chasing after the kids. Auntie Alice asked us to come and spend a day when we didn't have to go up town for anything so we did it to day. To night I went down and the new officers of the lodge had a practice also a little musical practice. Very mild and Spring like all day. Looks like rain.

Friday December 30th

I spent most of the forenoon finishing the upholstering of the band chair and putting a plant shelf up for Mary on the front room window sill. It rained during the night & was very sloppy out. All the snow is gone & the frost is nearly all out of the ground. The sheep have been going over on Willie's wheat every day and while it was frozen I didn't think they would do it much harm but now they make a mess of it so I drove them off this morning and got Tom to stretch the end of the roll of wire that we had left from fixing the little orchard field as far as it would go down east from that field. They haven't been in since. Frank & Jim were in for a few