

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. Nuby asked Dick if he had quit the Canning 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>

Nuby 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 Nuby and I worked at it steadily. we washed it and jonas oiled and what time Dad. had to put it to gether 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 Stellan for his muskrat skins I think they brought him 2.23. It has been a rotten day. It snowed quite a lot this morning and has been either raining or snowing most of the day. Very muddy and raw no 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. Nuby 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, brucking harness & picking strap oiles and put to gether before six. Nuby and jonas worked steadily at and I was there most of the time but Dad did the chores so was not there so much. We had quite a concert at noon <sup>with</sup> jonas with the mouth organ & Enah with the guitar and all of them singing. Frank set the alarm to get up at half past four in the morning to <sup>to</sup> finishing with the Ryerles.