

foaming at the mouth, however after Art Ryerson went out and demanded (from poor Dr. Cook who had locked him self in the Council Chamber and was taking Art's denunciations through the wicket) proper music for square dances or their money back, they managed to skirmish up a fiddle and some fiddlers and callers-off and everybody got their fill of old fashioned dances. We quit about half past two. It is still very cold.

Wednesday January 3rd

Frank and I haven't done any thing else but chores to-day and cut enough wood for to-night. I posted some snap shots in an album to send to Dick for his birthday. To-night I went down town and met Mary who came back from Haliburton to-night. She left there at six o'clock this morning and it was nearly ten when she got in to-night. so she was just about all in. She says it has been down to 5° below zero up there since she went home. I got a pair of rubbers at Caley's to-night for Frank and me to give Aunty for her birthday. I also went over to the James and got some wallnuts to put in the box Dad & Euel are getting ready to send to Dick on his birthday. Aunty Alice sent over some dough nuts to put in it. It has been very cold all day with quite a wind from the North

Thursday January 3rd

This being Aunty's birthday Dad, Cook & the baby went down there to dinner and to spend the after noon. Frank went down in the morning and took down some pigeons to the Hendersons. He has spent the last few evenings catching them. He also got in a handle to replace the one I broke yesterday. We did chores and he worked quite awhile trying to put in the new one but didn't succeed very well. I sat around and read quite a bit of the time. We started rather late to cut off a big block from the butt of the old oak but chose time over took us before we finished so will have to finish it to-morrow. It is still down around zero but not so windy.

Friday January 4th

I have done nothing else but chores to-day except sit around and write to Douglas and send him a check for to pay off my note. Frank went down to the Lewis to thrash this after noon and didn't get back till about nine o'clock to-night. His delay was caused more from visiting than working though. Dad did his chores up and it didn't seem to hurt his finger so it must be a lot better. He went down town for awhile to-night, to see Aunty & Aunty Alice. It has been very much milder to-day and it looked like snow. There was no wind and we had to pump for the cattle.