

Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>

We had hoped to get a good early start this morning and get the barley all in by noon but Dad had to be down town at eight o'clock so we didn't manage it. Frank drove him down and brought Aunty Alice back. He was supposed to be back by noon but he didn't get back till about six. Al. Faulkner took them down. Willie and Harry Ansley went with him. They went to Waterford and Delphi to interview the fellows who are responsible for the Customs appointment, and Dad thinks they had a pretty satisfactory time, he says Harry Ansley is certain of Hilly's success but Dad isn't so sure. They are supposed to decide tomorrow. Frank and I didn't get out till about nine o'clock and just got in two loads before dinner, we didn't know how we were going to manage to get the stuff mowed away at the back of the mow by the cow shed but Cash volunteered her services and thanks to her timely assistance we got on fine. She helped us put off two loads by passing the sheaves from Frank to me. I got in another big load after dinner and so cleared the field but left it on the barn floor. At four o'clock when we got in. We thought we would have time to go and have a try at cutting the wheat, so we hooked on the wagon and I went out and loaded about half of my O.A.C. 72 Oats on it while Frank was oiling up and then we tackled the wheat. Frank drove and we got one round out but about half way around the time got

tangled in the twine box and it took us quite awhile to get it threaded and at the far end, the wheat was so heavy and a little down that it wouldn't elevate at all and Frank had to stop every few feet for me to rake it off the table so by the time we got back to where we started we thought we had better quit. I took the team and was hooking on the wagon while Frank was putting the canvas on the hinder when old Wallace Brock who has been helping Nye all day came over and said Nye was stuck and wanted us to pull him out so I didn't put any more of my oats on but we went over. He had thrown most of his load off so Frank had no trouble in getting our team to lift it and when we got it out we helped him load it again and hauled it out on the road for him. Dad just got home at the same time we did. It has been fair but hot & sultry all day & looks rainy.

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It was raining when we got up this morning and has been at it pretty much ever since although the sun was out for a little while this morning. Dad & I drove Dick down this morning and Dad went down to see Hilly for quite awhile. We didn't do much the rest of the day but sit around and I cleaned out the chicken houses. Dad & Frank drove down about five o'clock and got the mail but Hilly hadn't heard any thing yet. He and Sam Gick have been working for the last few days building a retaining wall of plank in