

got it all harrowed. This afternoon Dad. took the drill out and got four rounds drilled when it commenced to rain a thunder storm had come up very suddenly and there were two or three very close flashes of lightning. It seems to be all around us, it rained very hard for a few minutes and Sam went home. Dad. brought the seed in and after it was over went out to bring in the drill. When he got out there he found it had soaked right in and he scarcely wet the ground so he went right on & harrowed and then came & got the seed and finished drilling, he worked till after dark and then didn't have enough seed to sow the head lands. He started with the drill set at two bushels of oats to the acre but he found it was going too fast all to gether, as when it is set for two bushels of oats it is three of barley so he tightened it up a little but it was still going too fast so he finally got it sowing two bushels of barley (which is the same as one of oats) he sowed what seed there was left at this rate. I just did chores this afternoon and went over to get my eggs from Jack Martin to night I set them under five hens. Mrs. M. Bide was here all day.

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Dad. went out first thing and sowed the head lands of the

corn stubble broadcast with oats out of the granary & harrowed them in, he then started harrowing on the barley ground & did up the chores and came out about half past nine to relieve him, as he wanted to leave for Simcoe at half past eleven to be at the court house at one. I harrowed all morning and got nearly all over it. It works up beautifully. Frank came home at noon and after he did up the noon chore he came out and disked while I just did chores around. Dad. took Cuck & Lid with him and they didn't get back till about eight o'clock so Frank and I had to look after our selves. We were rather disappointed to hear that after all they settled the stubble without any law suit, but Dad. had to wait up there all the after noon to find it out. He saw every body he knew up there though and got the Larnes first. Bob. Davis went past to day with an enormous black Percheron Stallion with a white stripe in his face he would weigh about twenty one hundred and two thirds size of Bickles. In to day's and yesterday's papers there are long lists of Canadian casualties. They had their first serious engagement on Friday & Saturday at Langemark where they recaptured some lost guns & ground and prevented a wedge of Germans from surrounding and taking anybody of French troops. The paper said their losses were heavy but they saved the day. Nice day