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Friday March 17th

It froze hard last night and has been very cold and
ran all day then ~~it~~ sunny. They say it was down to
zero last night. We didn't do much this morning. I
killed a chicken and Dad plucked it for Auntie Alice
to take to Ray if she goes to morning. I took four dozen
eggs over to Jack Martin's. This afternoon Dad and I
sacked up six bags of barley and oats and took them
down to the mill and then went on down town and got a
load of coal. We got back about four and I helped Dad
unload it and then got ready and went down to the St
Patrick's tea they had in the Methodist Church. It was a
dandy tea but the Church was very cold so when we had
tea I went home with Mary and waited for about an hour
till the entertainment commenced and then we went
back to the Church. Mary and Essie both took their
knitting, but Essie had to accompany most of the performers.
The Church was cold as they can't get any gas the last few
days but it didn't last long. I stayed down at Auntie
Alice's to night to help her get off in the morning. I
wasn't very late going down but she and Aunt Ida
had gotten to bed. but Auntie was sitting up.

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Saturday March 18th

I went to the station this morning with Auntie Alice
and she got off safely. we got nearly to the station when
she remembered a box of eggs she was going to take to
Ray so I had to hike back ~~after~~ them but I got them in
time. I went right home and saw a poor little robin
on the hill. It is the first one I have heard of this year and
it looked about frozen as it went down to ten below
zero last night. Ever since that night on my way
home I had been hatching a plot to go to Simcoe to
skate to night. as the girls told me Bill Marchington
was up and I thought it would be a good chance to
get even on him for his trip, so I told Dad and he
suggested that I drive Dick down and then make arrangements
for my load. I went to the Boyley's first and a Essie
and Mary seemed to favor the idea. I was naturally
very disappointed when I went over to the Smiths and Nellie
told me that Bill had to go home to night, and she wouldn't
go if he didn't, he wasn't up yet. As I had got so far I thought
I had better keep on with the load so Mary suggested I ask May &
Johnnie and then more boys. May & Johnnie jumped at the chance
to go but I had an awful time finding any boys who were gone