

came over to help Erub and said they must get back to
a letter. I persuaded them to take the buggy. I cleaned up the
barn floor till it was time to do chores and I got them done
up in good time. Frank got home in time to do his. Mostly fine

Friday September 12th

Frank and I went back first thing and fixed the fence
up where the cattle escaped. We thought we would not have
chances trying to plow with Pommers and as the ground
so hard we didn't like to put Duven or Joe on and we were
sure Belle would balk so we didn't try it at all. Old Ross
came and got his horse yesterday or we would have tried
him. He has led a miserable existence out here as Duven
was very mean to him and wouldn't let him near the
gully consequently he spent the whole time up in this first
field where there wasn't a thing to eat and occasionally
Duven would break in there and piss him around. Frank
and I spent the day trimming up the sheep. We got the eight
yearling rams losing a little better but didn't give them a
through carding. We were greatly excited at noon by
the appearance of six airplanes flying over the place to
west. One of them looked to fly directly over our heads and

stood between the shop and the wood shed. They were in
a sort of cross formation. One ahead, one behind and two
in each wing. Just as they got nicely past we saw one
circle and light. It looked as if it came down about at
Stam Thompson's and in a few minutes we saw Colin Piper
going up the road on horse back, that put Frank in the notice so
he jumped on his wheel and went up. He was gone for a couple
of hours but he found the machine. It had run short
of gasoline and had come down about three miles up the
Gravel in one of By. Williams' field. Frank said the flock
had started from Buffalo for Detroit and were Americans
on their way to Texas for the winter. The one that came down
was the one that was first in the race between Toronto &
New York during the Exhibition. Mrs. Selby drove one of the
aviators to Dover for gasoline and the other stayed by
the machine and gave the crowd that gathered all their
information. Frank said all the farmers for miles around
had left their teams to come and see it. He stayed till it
went up and said it was very funny as they got going
Lloyd Wooley to hold the tail down when they started the
engine and he was pretty nervous and let go before he
should have as he was under the ropes some way and