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Tuesday January 1st 1918

About the first thing I did to celebrate the New Year was to go to bed, all the rest of the family had retired at different times during the last evening of the old year but Enah & I had printed three dozen pictures most of which we intend to send to Dick for his birthday and I was till nearly midnight getting the last of them washed. To-day Frank and I have just done chores and sat around the house. Tupper was in for an hour or more this morning and I gave him my note for the heifer we bought from him. Aunty Alice came over to dinner but went down again soon after. Aunty came over to tea and stayed all night. Enah, Frank and I all went down to the dance in the hall to-night given by the I.O.D.E. I took Win & Frank got Dess to go with him. We found an enormous crowd at the hall gathered from the four corners of the county waiting impatiently for the music to start for an old time dance as was advertised. At last about an hour late a young duck from Simcoe came in and sat down at the piano. When it was discovered that he represented the entire orchestra and that there were no fiddlers there were marked signs of anger in the crowd, and by the time one or two

one-steps had been danced by about half a dozen couples, the sons of the soil were just about foaming at the mouth, however after Art Ryerse went out and demanded (from poor Dr. Cook who had locked himself 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 2nd

Frank and I haven't done any thing else but chores to-day and cut enough wood for to-night. I pasted some snapshots in an album to send to Dick for his birthday. To-night I went down town and met Marj. 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 25?° 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 walnuts to put in the box Dad and Enah are getting ready to send to Dick on his birthday. Aunty Alice sent over some doughnuts to put in it. It has been very cold all day with quite a wind from the north.

Thursday January 3^d

This being Aunty's birthday Dad. Enah & 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 Hec. Henderson He has spent the last few evenings catching them. He also got an axe handle to replace the one I broke yesterday. We did chores and he worked quite awhile trying to put in the new axe handle 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 chore time overtook 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 cheque to pay off my note. Frank went down to the Law's to thrash this afternoon 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

Saturday January 5th

The principal event of to-day was the arrival of a calf (red bull) of which Frank's heifer is the mother. Dad found it when he first went out this morning and it was covered with white frost and very cold but he got it rubbed dry and covered it up so that by noon it was quite frisky. Dad went over to John Wess's just before dinner and was there most of the afternoon. Frank went down to the mill for some feed and I spent most of the day when I wasn't doing other chores, pumping water and sleigh riding with the baby. Enah took a couple of snap shots of us at this job. Frank went down town to-night. It has been a beautiful sunny day with no wind. It was quite hot around noon being 22° above zero.

Sunday January 6th

Enah and I walked down to church this morning and just about froze. Enah had to leave she was so cold. The temperature of the church was not much above freezing and we had communion and the King's proclamation regarding prayer for peace read. I went down again this afternoon and stayed to tea at Miss Kerney's. Dad said it wouldn't hurt the cows to go without milking to-night. Much milder with an ice storm.

Monday January 7th

It snowed quite a little bit during the night and as it came on top of the ice of yesterday's storm it made good sleighing. It has been very soft all day and has been flurrying snow most of the day. Frank and I went over to Jack Martin's and borrowed his hog crate and this afternoon loaded one of the young sows and took her down to Coleman & Kindee's boar but she was not ready for him so we had to bring her back. I spent about an hour this afternoon taking some pictures of the ice coated trees which are very pretty to-day. It was a very dull day and I took short time exposures so don't know how they will turn out. Dad. Enah and I sat up till nearly twelve to-night singing, playing & reading. I received a couple of sample copy's of "The Breeder's Gazette" to-day. It looks like a great magazine.

Tuesday January 8th

We got up at six o'clock this morning and got most of the morning chores done up early so that we were able to get down to the first meeting of the Short Course in Agriculture in

good time. Dad's finger is so much better that he can do the noon chores so that we stayed down at Aunty's to dinner. We had a good turnout at the Course there being about 18 in, and all showed a good interest in the lectures Neff gave us on Soils & Fertilizers and Insect Pests. We got home in plenty of time to do up the night chores. Enah was rather upset by news she got from Courtright to-day saying that Jean James was married having done the trick on the sly. Colder.

Wednesday January 9th

Frank and I went down to the Course this morning and we had a young fellow from Cayuga up to give us a talk on Cultivation but he wasn't much account. Neff also took up Fruit Growing. The fellow from Cayuga said they were to have started a Short Course down there yesterday but all the boys were afraid to leave the farms for fear of being drafted so he said. The tribunals exempted them on condition that they would not go off the farm for more than three days. This after noon the class went up to Ham Thompson's to judge poultry but as I found out from Hubby that Jack Ivey had a car of coal in and that we could get a ton if we came after it right away I came home and Dad and I went down and got a ton. We were very lucky to get it as the car was nearly empty and there is no telling when there will be any more in and we were just out. To-night Frank and I went down to Aunty's for tea where Win, Lila, Dess and Marj. were also assembled so we had a very pleasant evening. Not so cold but rather blustery to-day.

Thursday January 10th

Frank and I were down at the Short Course all day. This after noon we tested whole milk for butter fat. I took down a Sample of Elgitha's milk and it tested 3.3% which Neff said wasn't bad. I only took the milk from her front quarters and didn't get the strippings which would make it go higher. I got my film from Billy Gordon to-day and to-night Enah and I printed pictures. The ones I took of the ice covered trees were pretty good. Not cold rather windy. Dad separated the new calf from his mother to-day.

Friday January 11th

Frank and I went down to school this morning and had Feeds & Feeding and Bacteriology and this after noon most of the class came over here to judge our sheep. Tupper's & Stace Lowrie's law suit came off this after noon and Frank heard when he was down to-night that Tupper lost his suit and Stace got \$6.00. Frank went down to the Red Cross dance to-night

Saturday January 12th

When Frank came home from the dance about four o'clock this morning he said that it had been raining but was then snowing a nice steady storm. Big flakes coming right straight down and barely freezing. So when we got up about seven I was very surprised to see a terrific blizzard raging and on going out to find the thermometer registering zero. It has kept it up all day and has kept getting colder. To-night it was 10° below zero. We have done nothing whatever outside today except hike from the house to the barn & back again two or three times and all we did in the barn was to feed the stock and milk. We were out of hay in the old barn so all we could give the cows was straw and they got no water all day. It was out of the question to try to get hay over to them. Dad went down town this morning to see if they were alive down home and he could hardly manage to get through Jack's field. The gas was very poor down at Aunty's and Mr. & Mrs. Millman had come the night before. Mr. Millman wanted to go to Simcoe on business but the radial car only got about two miles up the track and had to work its way back and stay back and the Grand Trunk trains except the the Woodstock, it got as far as Norich this morning didn't attempt to go out at all. Frank and I just sat around the stove and read most of the day and this after noon I made a list of all our bulletins and reports issued by the two departments of Agriculture Dominion & Provincial. We had a dandy coal fire all day, the stove was red hot part of the time but we could see our breath right over it and it was freezing all day in our room. There are little snow drifts all over the house as the snow is so fine it blows in the smallest cracks and there are lots of cracks in this house that aren't microscopic in size. The snow blew in between the base board & the floor in the kitchen even after Dad. had plugged it up as well as he could with rags and it didn't melt all day although it wasn't six feet away from the stove. Nice day but windy.

Sunday January 13th

We didn't get up till eight o'clock this morning and found the storm had not abated in the least although the thermometer was up to zero. I went out to the barn and found the door had blown open between the calves pen & the barn floor and the calves especially Daisy May's were covered with snow which the heat of their bodies had melted and then it had frozen again so I was about half an hour scrubbing them off dry. After breakfast which we had about ten o'clock I got ready and went down to Aunty's getting there about noon. The gas down there was poor but the house was fairly comfortable. Mr. Millman was still in bed but Mrs. Millman had just got up and had dinner with us. They nearly froze in the night and Mr. Millman got up and wrapped Aunty Alice's sweater around his head. After dinner I went

up to see Marj. but came back to Aunty's to tea. Huby was there and decided he'd stay to tea as he didn't think he would get any thing to eat at home on account of the poor fires. I didn't see any body that was at church this morning but I went up to-night but found there was no church so went over and spent the evening at the Moore's. I stayed all night at Aunty's so I would be able to shovel their snow in the morning. It moderated considerably by night.

Monday January 14th

I got up fairly early this morning and shovelled Aunty's snow and then had my breakfast down there so got home about half past eight, but Dad. was finished milking. We spent most of the morning shovelling through various snow drifts and Dad. shovelled it out of the wood shed. We had quite a job shovelling the lane out but got it done by noon. This after noon Frank went down to the mill with some grist and Tom was in for awhile on his way after cream. I cleaned out the calf pen and Dad. split up some wood. To-night Frank and I went down to see "Frecles" {should be spelled "Freckles"} at the picture show but the films are stormbound some place so they put on the Saturday night show which was very poor. Mr. Millman went to Simcoe to-day as the radial got running by one o'clock but there hasn't been a G.T.R. train moving in or out of here all day so he came back to Dover to-night and he & Mrs. Millman will go by electric car to Brantford to-morrow and get through to Toronto from there. We were sure there would be no classes to-day so didn't go down. Neff couldn't get down till this after noon from Simcoe and none of the boys could get in from far out in the country. They said Lloyd Ryerse was up here to dinner yesterday so he was visiting the neighbors to see how they survived the storm and he told them that Harry Dyer and old Mr. Mead nearly perished in the storm Saturday night. They had been out working at the inside of Farr's new house and he was driving them in at night but after his horse had gone down a couple of times they decided that they couldnt get through our cut on the side road with the rig so Farr let them out to walk in and he went back. They got up the hill some way but before they got to the corner old Mead said he would have quit as he couldn't stand the storm any longer, however Harry encouraged to renewed efforts by telling him they were not far from Pickford's and they eventually got there where the spent the night but Harry's face was frozen and Mr. Mead all in.

Tuesday January 15th

Frank and I went down to the class this morning and found our instructors there but very few students none from very far out as most of the roads & cuts were just shovelled out by

to-day. Mr. Will from Toronto was here all day lecturing us on bees and he made things very interesting even for one who was not particularly interested in apiculture. Mr. & Mrs. Millman left at eleven for Brantford but there are no G.T.R. trains running yet, here. The radial is running pretty well and brings in the Toronto papers but no mail. They say this is the worst storm in fifty years but I think the cold counts in on that. It is still cold & blustery.

Wednesday January 16th

We had Dr. Reid from Georgetown down at the class to-day giving us talks on veterinary work and horse breeding, he was very good. Neff gave us a little talk on field crops and young Martin on poultry but he is no good for a talker although he does his best and is always apologizing and wishing he could make things clearer. I guess we don't make things any easier for him. Young Will, Sidway and I sit next to each other and invariably get laughing at some things though not intending to upset poor Mr. Martin. I am afraid it has that effect. Two engines with two cabooses and a snow plow came in on the Hamilton track about noon and Dave Turner went out at 4:30 with the mail train but the Woodstock track is still blocked. Still blustery and pretty cold: Karl Colman & Val. Leany are getting ahead of Cliff Lees who wants to soak them \$600.⁰⁰ for cutting ice off the pond, by taking it off the creek, just below Colman's point.

Thursday January 17th

Frank and I went down to the class this morning and Mr. Gardhouse of Weston was there and gave us the morning on Beef Cattle and Sheep but he had to leave at noon, and as the Woodhouse Council met this after noon we had to give up the council chamber to them and had no class. Frank came home to dinner to tell Dad how matters stood as he had all the chores done up ready to come down this after noon and hear Gardhouse. I stayed at Aunty's to dinner and went up this after noon to have Dr. Lemons fix my tooth but as he couldn't tend to it till four o'clock I went with Aunty over to see Miss Battersby and up to see Cousin Loll, then up to Bill's. He just put a temporary filling in. When I went down to Aunty's I found Dad. there and we came home to-gether. To-night Frank went down to see Tom Mark's show and I went over to Mrs. Battersby's to take her the picture of her house and trees with the ice on them. We got our mail for the first time to-day since last Friday, but the Woodstock road is not open yet and every one down town is predicting a storm to strike here about to-morrow which will put this last one in the shade. They say the station agents have received wires warning them to be ready for it. It was yesterday supposed to be sweeping Chicago.

Friday January 18th

Frank and I have been down at the class all day as Mr. Duke was supposed to be here to day to address us on Hogs but he didn't show up. We had insect pests and bee's this morning and this after noon tested cream and chose up sides for a debate next Friday. Corby, young Butler and I have to take the affirmative of the resolution that the Present war will prove a benefit to humanity and Clarence Finch, Ham Thompson & young Challand are to take the negative. I don't know beans about the subject but suppose I can think up something by that time. To-night Marj, Miss Kerney & I went to see "Freckles" at the picture show, he got through at last and was only on for to-night. We went to the first show but the place was packed to the doors so we went back and waited till the second show then I went in after the show and had some tea & cake so it was rather late when I got home. It has been a beautiful day but colder to-night.

Saturday January 19th

We didn't do much this morning but got the lane cleared out enough for Frank to get through with the bob-sleighs and go down to the mill and get the chop he left down there the other day. I went down to Aunty's to dinner and this after noon went to Simcoe on the car to hear what Mr. Hart from Toronto had to say about forming a Norfolk Cooperative Association for buying farm supplies and marketing farm produce. It looks as if it would be organized alright. I came home at five o'clock on what was really the 3 o'clock car... There was a bad storm on at noon and it was cold, so that the cars were all late but it had quieted down a lot by this afternoon. We had a concert tonight piano & horn.

Sunday January 20th

I walked down to church this morning and Aunty walked back with me to dinner, this after noon I went back down town soon after dinner, spent the after noon over at Mrs. McQueen's with Marj. and had tea at Aunty's. Huby was there to tea also. Aunty and I went to church after tea, church being held in the Sunday school both services, and Marj. and I walked home with Aunty and spent the evening laughing at Huby's stories. Huby had his dog down there and she made as if she would eat Marj. up when she first came in that tickled Huby to see her show some spirit. Mr. James, Eloas & Brant Bloodsworth and Lila were all over here this after noon and Dad drove them all home before tea in the bob sleigh. It has been a lovely day & fine night. Clear & frosty but sunny & not much wind.

Monday January 21th

Frank and I went down to the Short Course to-day and had a good day but no special speakers. Dad. Enah and the baby drove down this after noon to post a couple of letters for Tom but didn't stay. Huby came over to tea to-night and brought over a couple of pairs of army boots one pair that Quint had left & one pair that Jackson from Turkey Point who has been discharged, had given him. The principal object of this visit was to tell Dad. that Stringer the gas-man was down to-day and wants to make arrangements to lease his farm and to drill for gas right away. Sunny & cold.

Tuesday January 22nd

Frank and I have been at school all day. Mr. Kydd, formerly of Simcoe and now in the Government employ was here all day lecturing us on fruit growing and was interesting and entertaining. The Domestic Science Course started to-day and Neff said there were about fifty women up there this after noon. To-night I went down to see Marj. and see if I could arrange to go to Simcoe for a skate but she thought we had better put it off till next week. It has not been quite so cold to-day.

Wednesday January 23rd

Frank and I went down to school this morning and we had Mr. Stevenson of Ancaster lecturing us on Dairy Cattle this morning and this after noon the whole bunch of us went up to Simcoe on the car to see Mr. Alex Wallace's (the would be M.P.) herd of holsteins and have Mr. Stevenson demonstrate the points of dairy cattle to us and we had a judging class in which I picked out the winner but didn't hit the second prize right. We had a very good time. To-night I am going down to stay all night at Aunty's as she expects to leave for Toronto in the morning and Aunt Ida is going to Port Rowan for a visit. Cold & Cloudy but milder to-night.

Thursday January 24th

We got up fairly early this morning and I went down to the station and saw Aunty safely on her train for Toronto. I then went up and reminded Al. Faulkner to call for Aunt Ida in time for her to catch the nine o'clock car which he did. Aunty Alice went up to Simcoe with Aunt Ida and put her in the hands of Mrs. {Os.??} Bowlby who saw her safely on the Pt. Rowan train. Aunty Alice came back on the eleven. Dad. and Frank brought old Sheild's down to Colman's this morning and sold him for 8 cts a lb which was dirt cheap but the best we could do. He weighed 214 lbs. I spent all the morning down in the library writing up my debate. This after

noon we had skim milk testing and drainage. Aunty Alice spent the night up at Cousin Loll's. It has been very mild all day but snowing.

Friday January 25th

We both went to school this morning and had Mr. Rush from Toronto lecturing us on market gardening. He was interesting solely on account of his being well posted by experience on his subject as there was vast room for improvement in his language & other oratorical attributes. He spent the morning and for an hour after dinner with us and then went upstairs to talk to the girls. When he left our debate came off. Corby, Butler and I were against Challand, Tige M^cBride and Clarence Finch, we had to uphold the affirmative of the resolution "That the present war will prove a benefit to civilization." and according to the judges who were Lorne Myers, Sheppard and Cruickshanks, we had the best of the argument. We were limited to ten minutes to speak and consequently after I had tried to refute all my opponents statements, I only got away with about half of what I had prepared which was very annoying. Neff was chairman and Martin was critic. I went up to Bill's to-night to have my tooth fixed but he said it wasn't ready yet. Aunty Alice came over here with me to stay all night. To-night Frank went down to another dance in the hall. Mild all day but colder to night.

Saturday January 26th

Aunty Alice went back home right after breakfast this morning and wouldn't hear to any of us driving her down. I spent the morning cleaning out the chicken house and putting fresh straw in and went down and had dinner with Aunty Alice and then went to Simcoe again on the one o'clock car to take in another meeting of the "Norfolk County Co-operative Association" which I joined by signing a note for \$100.⁰⁰ payable on demand but which will not have to be paid unless the Company breaks as it is just for the purpose of establishing credit at the bank. I left the meeting before it was over to catch the five car so wasn't able to vote on the directors. Before I went to the meeting I went up to the rink where I ran into a half a dozen kids who begged me to play hockey with them for an hour so as they supplied the skates and stick I did for a little while and had quite a lot of fun. Stringer the gas man was in town to-day and Dad went down to Hubby's office to meet him and made arrangements with him to lease the farm for them to drill for gas next summer. Frank went down town to-night and will likely stay with Aunty Alice to-night. It has been pretty cold all day.

Sunday January 27th

Frank didn't come home last night but stayed down with Aunty Alice and went to Sunday school and church and as I didn't get up till half past seven we didn't get through chores in time for me to get to church. Dess. came over with Frank to dinner and Aunty Alice came over soon after them. I went down town right after dinner and spent the afternoon up at the Moore's. Aunty Alice came back down town before tea so I went down there for tea and then went to church which was held in the Sunday school and where I nearly froze. After church Marj. and I went over to post a couple of letters and ran into the J. Gordon Patterson's and Mrs. Pary so we went down with them to Pat's and spent the evening. I went down to Aunty Alice's to change my boots before I went home ~~but~~ and she had gone up to Cousin Loll's to spend the night but left the house so that I could get in. Cold east wind to day.

Monday January 28th

Frank has been at school all day but I didn't go down. I stayed home this morning to help Dad. take one of our young sows down to Kindree's and then at noon I decided I wouldn't bother going down. I went down to-night and Marj. and I went to the picture show to see "The Whip" and it was very good. It was a very rough morning with an east wind and sleet but got milder this after noon and almost rained although it didn't go above ten above zero. Trains are all late again.

Tuesday January 29th

Frank and I stayed home this morning intending to haul ice but when we went down, we found that they weren't cutting as the water had backed up on the creek so we came home and told Dad. and he thought we had better go down and get a load of coke, as they have a car of it in and don't know when they will have any coal in. We got a load but could only put on 1300 lbs as it is light stuff. It burns quicker than coal and makes a hot fire. Dad. went down with us to see Jim Bannister's old mare and Jim brought him back. Jim was going around with yesterday's mail as he didn't get any farther than Evan's yesterday and there was no mail in on the Hamilton road to-day. This after noon Frank and I went down to the class but they all came over to Martin's to pick and judge chickens, so I shovelled Aunty Alice's snow and came right back. Milder this after noon & cloudy.

Wednesday January 30th

Frank and I went down to haul ice this morning and we got one load but they told us not to come after any more till to-morrow as Val. was filling cars and was afraid he wouldn't have enough, so this after noon we went down to the class. We had a little work on fruit growing and then formed a club to be known as the Junior Farmer's Improvement Association which is quite a large organization throughout the province. They put me in as president and Frank secretary-treasurer. I stayed down to tea at Aunt Alice's and to-night Marj. and I went up to Simcoe for a skate. There was a big crowd at the rink as it was a special event put on by the Presbyterians. We had a good time as there were several up there we knew Belle Symington and Bill Baron went up from here and we saw Clara Hoag, Neff, Martin, and others up there I have a brute of a cold. 10° below zero this morning. Nice day.

Thursday January 31st

Aunt Alice got up about half past five this morning and got my breakfast. I stayed down there all night as I felt so tough with my cold. I got home about half past six before any of the family were up. Frank and I hauled ice all day and got five loads and as Alan hauled one for us last night ~~one more that would have been for~~ we only need one more to make our eight loads but when we went down after it to-night the men had quite working and the tools were all locked up. They don't work after five. We got four of our loads out of the creek back of the vinegar works where Val. was cutting yesterday and where he had all the ice that was cut out of the hole. He thought there would be enough there for us and so there would but Monty Burke's men got two loads from there so Frank and I had to go down to the harbour where they are cutting to fill Harry Ansley's ice house for our last load. The ice down there is the first cutting and twenty six inches thick so we could only haul six cakes to the load but we can cut it in two and make nice sized cakes of it. It is all fine ice. Dad. had to pump all the water for the stock to-day as the bolt broke in the windmill. Cold all day but nice & sunny.

Friday February 1st

Frank stayed at Aunt Alice's last night and went to Simcoe on the seven car to see Russ Lampkins about getting a new bolt for the windmill. He found Russ had moved to Lynn Valley but he ordered the bolt from his successor in business. Frank came back on the nine car but went right up to school. I went down this morning and hauled our last load of ice, and brought it home & just left it in the sleigh box. We have three loads out side now which we will have to put in the ice house. This after noon I went down to the school and found the boys & the girls of the Domestic Class in a great commotion getting ready for the

wind-up banquet and dance to-night. Tige McBride sent me over to borrow the I.O.D.E boiler to make coffee in and when I got back Corby and I went down to the picture show where we found Neff and most of the boys practising yells and songs for to-night. When we went back to the hall we moved the piano upstairs to the Red Cross room which was to be the banquet hall, and the rest of the after noon was spent in preparing. I went up to Dr. Lemon's about four o'clock and then home but didn't do any chores, just changed my collar and shirt and hiked back again. Neff had informed me that as I was president of the J.F.I.A. I would be expected to make a reply to the toast to Agriculture; this news rather took my breath away as I had no idea what to say and had to put in the remainder of the after noon thinking up something polish to say. Enah came down to the banquet with Frank and it went off in fine shape. Mr. Johnson was Chairman and Messers. Barwell, Bond, Jack Martin proposed toasts to Our Country, The Ladies and Agriculture respectively and I got my speech off without fainting and different ones said it was alright. The dance started about five o'clock and kept up all night. It was well sprinkled with square dances and the orchestra consisted of Harry Moon, Tom Schram & Mrs. Frank Slocomb. Enah and I stayed till about two o'clock and then came home and wished we had come before. Very cold but sunny.

Saturday February 2nd

I didn't get up very early this morning and have done nothing but chores all morning, Frank got home about noon, he had stayed at the hall all night and helped clear things up after the dance, so he didn't go to bed at all. Dad. and I split up the big cakes of ice by sawing them half way through with the cross cut saw and splitting them with the wedge. This after noon Frank and I drove down town with Belle & Queen. We went around by the mill and got some flour & hog feed and got Jack Martin's hog rack on our way back to ship the hogs in on Monday. We all went to bed early to-night. It has been sunny all day but is still down around zero.

Sunday February 3rd

We didn't get up in time to get to church this morning, but I took Elva's cream down this morning and told Aunty Alice to wait for Dad. to drive her over. As it was quite stormy Dad. drove over to Tupper's this morning in the bob sleigh to borrow his scales and hog crate as he was afraid the road would be too drifted by to-morrow. When he got home he drove down and got Aunty Alice and Marj. whom I brought down from church and who came over here to dinner with us. Frank drove us all back down town about four o'clock. Enah went

down with us as she wanted to practice a duet with Elva to play at the church concert on Tuesday night. While Frank was waiting for Enah he took Marj. and me for a sleigh ride. We started up the Radical road and were just passing Symington's when Woodyer & Bill Gutscher came out, & piled in the sleigh. Belle saw them get in so yelled at us to wait and she & Bill Barron joined the party so we went up as far as George Eagle's in the teeth of a raging snow storm but we kept warm by laughing at Woodyer's crazy actions, His hat blew off twice and when he was getting back into the sleigh after rescuing it he turned a somersault into the box. The second time he lost it Frank kept right on driving when Woodyer got out and made him run about 10 rods to catch us. When we got back to town Frank went around and got Enah and I went down to Aunt Alice's to tea, she and I went to church to-night and after church Marj. and I went up to see Miss Martin but she wasn't home so we came back to Uncle Hughie's. I stayed all night with Aunt Alice. Very stormy but much milder 20° above.

Monday February 4th

Aunt Alice got me up about half past six this morning and got my breakfast. I went up to Hec's on my way home to see if Neil was going to ship hogs as we were afraid yesterday's storm might have blocked the trains, but as both trains went out this morning, Hec. said they would ship. So I came home and we weighed our two hogs and put one in each crate, one weighed 217 and the other 232 lbs according to our weight but all Clare Deal could make it was 435, they gave us 17¼ cts which brought the check up to \$75.04 which wasn't so bad for two pigs. Niel wasn't around himself and we had to leave the poor pigs in the open yard where it was perishingly cold and I don't know how long they would have to stay there as Huby told us Dave Turner's train didn't get any further out than the cheese factory this morning and there has been no mail in to-day. The drifts are so high now in places along the track as there has been no thaw for over a month that the least little blizzard blocks things up. When we got home we weighed the four ram lambs and the old ram, he only weighed about 140 lbs and the biggest of the lambs weighed 117 lbs. Dad. went down town this afternoon and had tea with Aunt Alice and to-night went up town to meet Stringer and got the gas lease fixed up. It has been very cold this afternoon.

Tuesday February 5th

It was 26° below zero by our thermometer when we went out this morning and has been below zero all day with a cold wind. I have scarcely done anything all day. Dad. and Frank did most of the chores, this afternoon Frank and I took Tupper's scales and hog crate

home, he wasn't home but we put the things away where Dad said he got them I nearly perished coming home and only kept from freezing by getting behind Frank who had Dad's fur coat on. I just sat around the house when I got home. Frank went down to the mill and took Enah down town, she stayed down to tea as she had to play at the show to-night for Kelly who the church has got here. I was to have gone down and go to the concert with Aunt Alice but I hated the idea of going out after tea so gave my ticket to Frank. He went down but Aunt Alice didn't go as Harry Ansley was worse again, he had five attacks yesterday. Dad. & Frank did all the chores to-night and I got tea ready. I read & slept all evening.

Wednesday February 6th

Dad. Frank and I put the ice in the ice house this morning, which took us all the fore noon. This after noon we did up the chores and then hooked old Dave up, we put him on the bob sleigh with Harry and took him around the block. He went fine and was very good while we were hooking him up and unhooking him. Sam Law was in for quite awhile this after noon and settled up with Dad. for thrashing. To-night Frank and I went down to a meeting of our club but didn't do much. Mr. Groff was down from Simcoe to explain the advantages of the Co-operative society but there weren't many there, however a few more gave their notes. We drove down and it was pretty dark but we got along alright till just as we turned in the lane, when when runner got up on the snow bank and the side of the track and upset the cutter dumped both of us out and then Joe ran up the lane with the cutter on its side past the drive house and wound up in a drift by the windmill, she couldn't go any farther for the barnyard fence. I expected to find the cutter and harness all smashed to pieces but except for the back-hand being broken every thing was sound. It has been thawing all day. First for a month

Thursday February 7th

We hooked Dave and Harry up again this morning and drove down town. Dave behaved very well. We saw Aunt Alice who said she couldn't get over till Cousin Willie was better as Cousin Loll wanted her to stay with them. This after noon Frank and I put the sawdust back in the ice house. We left Pommers for an hour in the box stall this morning with the surcingle and bridle on him. To-night I went down town and spent the evening with Marj. She was packing candy cigarettels and socks to send to {Stiffy Warren?}. Lovely day, thawing in the sun but about 20° above in shade

Friday February 8th

After we got the chores done up this morning we hooked Dave and Harry up again and Frank & I drove them around the block past John Wesses. After dinner Dad. put the surcingle on Pommers and Dad. put a hobble on him with a rope to pull up his front foot if he made any lunges. I took the lines and Dad. took the hobble rope and Frank opened the drive house door. Pommers just made about two jumps across the lane and got his front foot over the little wire fence then wheeled around and plunged through the snow drifts up to the windmill, we couldn't hold him any more than we could a steam engine and Dad's. rope didn't seem to stop him so we had to let him go. He tore around for a few minutes but we caught him at last up in the corner of the pig pen & orchard fence. Dad. then put a halter on him and he took it while Frank and I each took a line – and in the course of about fifteen minutes we managed to get him back to the stable without him getting away. When we put him in Frank and I hooked up Harry & Belle and started to clean out the box stall which hasn't been cleaned out all winter, we hauled out three good loads to the old garden and left about one load still to be cleaned out. Jack Lawrie & Ralf Waddle came over to have Dad. look at Jack's old mare and when they left Dad. Enah and the baby drove down town. Frank went down to a dance to-night which Merrit & Charlie Long are running. I felt pretty rotten with a cold & cough. We all feel pretty tough.

Saturday February 9th

I felt rather tough to-day with my cold so didn't do much all day, this morning I wrote to Neff and to Aunty. Frank didn't get home from the dance till about eight o'clock as it rained in the night and they didn't break it up till day light on account of the roads being so bad, so he didn't feel very lively all day and seized every opportunity for snoozing. This after noon we hooked Pommers up again or at least put the harness on him and took him out without his getting away. Dad. put a rope on him with a string under his chin fastend to his halter bit rings, and Dad & Frank took the rope and I took the lines. Lila came over this after noon and Dad. went back with her and they had tea at Aunty Alice's. Lila stayed there all night. I went to bed early as my cold felt pretty bad and Enah made me soak my feet in hot water & mustard and drink hot black currant water. It has been thawing all day and a nice day.

Sunday February 10th

I got a note from Marj. yesterday asking me to come down to Nanticoke for her to-day if I could as her cousin had come up for her Friday and invited me down to dinner to-day, so as two of Joe's shoes are off I took Queen and left here about half past ten. I made very good time as the folks were just going into church when I went through Nanticoke, but I found out afterwards they were fifteen or twenty minutes late. When I got to the Banfields I found they had all gone to church but Mrs. Banfield and Cal. Howden the hired man (?). He is one of Oscar's kids and is about as big as a skinned minute.). The rest got home about an hour after I arrived. Besides Mr. & Mrs. Warrie Banfield, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Doughty and Marj. came. Marj. had been staying over there till to-day. We had a very enjoyable time. all interest being centred on the Banfield baby which Cal. informed me would soon be a year old and is a comical little thing. Marj. and I left for home about half past three and came straight here as Dad. told me that he was going to take Aunt Alice & Lila down in the bob-sleighs and would take Marj. and me too which would save me having to bring Queen back from town and then probably walking back again. We got here about five and they were just leaving but Enah invited Marj. to stay to tea which she did, so we didn't go down with them. I had the milking done when Dad. got back. Marj. and I walked down about nine o'clock. Quite mild but cold wind.

Monday February 11th

This morning Frank and I finished cleaning out the box stall in one big load. When we got back Dad. put the harness on Pommers and we took him down to the corner, he behaved very well but would have got away once or twice if Dad. hadn't had the rope in his halter. Aunt Alice walked over to dinner and this after noon she and Enah went calling down to the Ryerse's and Pickford's. Frank took them down in the bob sleighs and left them there an hour and then went after them. Aunt Alice was very anxious to get back as Cousin Loll had sent over a note in the mail saying Harry Ansley was very weak. Frank drove them right down town so that Enah could find out how he was and she said he was about the same. Alfred came up and got Dad. to go down with him to look at one of his pigs which is in bad shape owing to the cold weather. I spent the after noon cutting the tops off some of the high apple-trees according to the instructions given us at the Short Course by Mr. Kydd. Sunny with a fresh thawing breeze. It has thawed a lot to-day and water is standing over everything. It is still soft to-night. We intend to butcher our hog to-morrow

Tuesday February 12th

It rained hard last night and has been very soft all day. It was cloudy all morning rained quite hard at noon and early this afternoon then came out sunny and a fresh breeze but mild. On account of the weather we had to postpone our butchering operations and have just done odd jobs. I cleaned off the dropping board in the henhouse this morning as it has been frozen too hard all winter and then went out to see if I could let some water off the wheat as it was backed up by the snow. Then I started to scrape some of the apple trees. Dad. & Frank changed the stroke of the windmill again and put in the longest one. This afternoon we cleaned out the box in the barn so that we could put my heifer in when she calves. I went up to Ham Thompson's to ask him what time our meeting on Saturday was to be and was up there quite awhile looking at the stock. Charlie Quanbury went out to the farm this morning with a load of manure but got stuck on the hill and left his load in the road. The snow is all undermined & honeycombed with water and the team went right down to their bellies Charlie had a hard time getting them loose.

Wednesday February 13th

We spent most of the morning getting things ready for and butchering our pig, and got it all done by noon. Dad. got a very nice stick and scald on her and she dressed a dandy. Charlie Munroe came in just as we started to scald so he helped us during the dressing operations. He walked over to get Dad. to look at one of his horses which has a bad cold so Dad. went back with him to dinner. This afternoon I got ready and went down town to have my tooth fixed but as it was after four when I got there Bill said I had better come early to-morrow afternoon. I stayed at Aunty Alices to tea and went to church to-night this being Ash Wednesday. Marj. had proposed going up to Miss Martin's to-night but as she. Marj.. had a sore throat we didn't go. I called for Aunty Alice at Cousin Loll's and stayed down at Aunty's all night. We had a letter to-day from a man in Omemeë inquiring about the prices of ram lambs, he having seen in the report of the Co-operative wool sales that we had the highest percentage of our wool in the highest grade of any one in Ontario. It has not been thawing all day but has been quite mild and cloudy. There came nearly being bad flood.

Thursday February 14th

I came home about nine o'clock this morning but as I had to go right back after dinner I didn't change my clothes. I wrote to Mr. Bent the man who inquired about the rams and I also measured the lawn and flower beds as I had a letter from Mr. Tomlinson saying he had mislaid my first sketch and if I would send another he would be sure to send me a blueprint. I went down to Aunty Alices for dinner and went up to Bills right after. He filled my tooth

and found a hole in another one He couldn't finish the job right away so I went back at four o'clock when he finished the job for which I paid him \$1.50. While I was there the last time Karl Lemons came in and said the Penman's dam had gone out and the bridge had dropped at one end. I went down to Aunty Alice's and got my rubber boots on and she and Lila went down with me to see the wreck. It was a bad mess. The road at the north end of the bridge had caved in as the water has been leaking through the buttment of the dam all winter and washed a big hole out under the road. Then the big head of water coming from the last few day's thaw took the top of the north end of the dam out which was loosened by the bridge dropping down on the buttment and buckeing it. It would have been a very dangerous proceeding for me to try to go across the bridge but several had gone across on the ice on the pond making quite a detour away from the bridge so I followed their tracks and as I had my rubber boots on didn't get wet. Dad. cut up the pig this morning and I took some of it down to Aunty Alice, Huby and Mr. James. Frank fixed up a feed box for the calf and this afternoon, they moved the ram lambs over to the colony house with old M^cPherson. It has been sunny and thawing a lot all day. Thunderstorm to-night.

Friday February 15th

It was much colder to-day with a strong north west wind so we didn't do much out side. I started in to clean up the Tommy Jackson harness but didn't get any more than the bridle done but I made the nickel on it shine. This after noon Dad and I took Pommers out and he went like an old horse, we just had him on the line, and Dad. had the rope in his halter but didn't have to tighten on it once. Frank made a rack for the ram's hay this morning and put it in the colony house and this afternoon he went down to a meeting of the Black Creek Creamery patrons and announced our meeting to-morrow thinking he could get it more farmer's easier that way than any other. He said that they raised Lea Marshall's salary 1/4 cent per pound. and one old fellow kicked very much at it. He didn't think Lea needed it because he kept a hired girl and ran a Ford car. Jim Bannister told Dad. at noon that to add to Penman's troubles they had a bad fire down in the mill this morning which did a great deal of damage to the stock; it was caused they say, by a nail getting into the pickers, heating and being blown into the inflamable cotton.

Saturday February 16th

We didn't do much but chores this morning except take Pommers down to the corner again, he is certainly good never made a misstep. Frank and I went down to dinner at Aunty Alice's and this after noon we went up to a fairly successful meeting of farmers. Neff & Jas

E. Johnson manager of the Norfolk Co-operative Assn. were down and explained the working of the Association very clearly and about ten more signed notes. We

were there till nearly five and then I went up and got my hair cut, so it was after six when I got home. I came home by the dam and came across the ice. Frank went around by the mill (the same way we went down) and got home the same time I did but he was delayed by having to go back to the hall after his books and then winding the town clock for George Steele. Johnny Payne was buried to-day and Bob. Law died very suddenly this after noon. They said he was well when he fed his team this morning but lay down on the sofa when he came in and didn't feel like going out again at noon and soon after noon he was dead. News has also just come to town of the death of young Billy Thompson. He had just been moved to New York, they say on a \$2000 salary when he took pneumonia and died in a few days. Bright and sunny but freezing hard all morning but snowing hard and milder this after noon.

Sunday February 17th

I walked down to church this morning and as Aunty Alice said she felt as if she was catching cold and didn't feel like walking over to the farm I decided to stay and have dinner with her but just as we were about ready to sit down Dad came down with the team and sleigh to take Aunty Alice over for dinner, so we both went. We came back down town about four o'clock and I stopped on the way down to see Mrs. Sinclair and after Mrs. Bell about having a social gathering next week the boys of the J.F.I.A. and the girls of the W.I. meeting together. Mrs. Bell advised me to see Olga Ryerse and offered her house for the occasion. I had tea with Aunty Alice and neither of us went to church but went up right after and she went up to Cousin Loll's for awhile and I went over to see Marj. who had been up with Glad Law all the after noon. I stayed all night at Aunty Alices. It has been cold but sunny all day. Freezing to-night.

Monday February 18th

I came home about nine o'clock this morning and came around by town and got fifty post cards to notify the members of the J.F.I.A. of the meeting here on Thursday night. Frank, Enah and I. spent quite awhile this morning writing them we sent out twenty five. Jack Walker was over for a little while to see if Enah

{single page list that was probably used to make longer diary entries later}

Jan 9 – F, I went down to the course – talk on Cultivation. Neff – fruit growing class at H Thompson's judging poultry

Jan 10 – testing milk for % of the fat

Jan 11 Feeds & feeding Bacteriology afternoon – judging sheep, at Farris Blizzard Jan 11 & 12 & 14 Roads & R R all blocked

Jan 15 – course resumed apiculture

Jan 16 – Dr Reed – Test for {?} on vet work & horse breeding, Only radial TB & young Will Sidway get laughing

Jan 17 – beef cattle & sheep – no rural mail from Jan 11 – Jan 17 Mr. Meade & Harry Dyer lost in storm & spent night at Pickfords – frozen faces

Jan 19 – Mr. Hart on forming a Norfolk Co oper for buying & marketing in Simcoe.

Jan 22 – Mr. Kydd formerly Simcoe on fruit growing

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Jan 22 – womens course started about 50 entered

Jan 23 – Dairy cattle – Mr Stevenson of Ancaster. Afternoon at Alex Wallace's – Holsteins very good time

Jan 24 – preparing for debate This war will be a benefit

jan 25 – Mr Rush on market Gardening

Jan 26 – 2nd meeting re Co op joined & signed note for \$100

Jan 29 – picking & judging chix at Martins

Jan 30 – formed a club TB Pres

Feb 1 – very busy preparing for wind up of course – TB responds to toast Trains still irregular very very cold

would come down and play at Billy Thompson's funeral tomorrow after noon. It will be in the church and they wanted the choir out. This after noon Dad. walked down to Bob. Law's funeral and was gone all the after noon I walked down to see Olga Ryerse as Mrs. Bell suggested and when I got back Frank and I polished harness for a little while. Lloyd Ryerse was in for awhile to-night to see what to do for an old ewe that lambed early and has a caked udder. Quanbury's cow had a pair of twin calves this morning which has caused considerable excitement in the neighborhood. When Dad. went down this after noon they had them in Jack Martin's wash-house where it was hot. The latest news is that Jack Payne has bought Wess Boughner's farm and is putting Lilly Myer's husband on it to raise Shorthorns and Wess Boughner has bought Mrs. Duncan's place. Froze very hard last night. Fine sunny day.

Tuesday February 19th

It started to rain during the night and has rained most of the day so we didn't do anything much but chores. Dad. and Frank put the pig in pickle this morning. This after noon Dad. and Enah went down to Billy Thompson's funeral as Enah had to play. It was a masonic funeral but Dad. had got no notice so wasn't with the Masons. Frank drove them down in the bob-sleigh although there were some very icy spots on the road. They got home about half past three and brought with them the geese that Enah bargained with Al. Faulkner for before Christmas. I spent most of the after noon reading "Queen Zixi of Ix" to Tid. I finised a good book to night. "The Double Four" by Phillips Oppenheim.

Wednesday February 20th

It turned very cold during the night and has been down to zero with a strong west wind all day. We haven't down anything much but chores as it has been too cold to work out side with comfort. I wrote a letter to Mr. Bent this morning promising him our best ram lamb next fall as I had a letter from him yesterday saying he would be willing to pay \$55.⁰⁰ for it. Tupper was in for a few minutes before noon on his way home from town and Charlie Munroe walked through on his way to the mill. He told Dad. his horse was better but not well yet. This after noon Dad. walked over to John Wesses and took him one of the calendars we got from the Department of Agriculture. He found John Wess just the same, feels fine as long as he doesn't try to do anything. Dad. went down to Charlie Munroe's from John Wesses and found his horse had developed distemper with its throat all swelled up, but it is getting on well. I read most of the after noon and went down to tea to Aunty Alice's. She and I went to church to-night but as the church was very cold and the lights very poor, we

only had the war-time litany which lasted only 8 or 10 minutes. I went home with Marj. and stayed all night at Aunty Alices.

Thursday February 21st

I got home about nine o'clock and found the family all huddled around the stove and I was glad to join them. It was down below zero again with a biting north west wind. It has been pretty cold all day but the wind went down towards evening and it has been sunny We didn't do much but chores. Frank and I cleared up a little in the drive house this after noon to make room for any horses that members of the J.F.I.A. might drive to our meeting to-night. Then Frank rode his wheel down town to get some coffee. Although the roads were very hard and icy there were ten came to our meeting It was a nice night and the wind had died down. We had a very good meeting and they all seemed enthusiastic about growing a patch of potatoes this summer, after we talked over our business they played cards and checkers. Enah dished up some coffee and war bread and Corby & Fred Rolson sang for us. The meeting broke up about twelve. We went out to look at my heifer after the boys left and found her very near calving, so I went to bed with my clothes on, to get up and look at her later.

Friday February 22nd

I got up at four o'clock and went out to look at the heifer but she seemed easy so I went to bed again. Dad. got up at six and went out and she had just dropped her calf then. The calf is a red roan & a bull. She has a very big bag and is alright. We did chores most of the morning and Dad. and Frank went back to the gully and brought up a dozen boards off the cross fence back there to make sheep troughs of. This after noon Frank got three troughs pretty well made. I went down town to telephone Neff to see what night he could come down next week to our social meeting but he was out of town so I went down and talked to Huby for awhile and found there was a car of coal in, then I walked down to Corbetts and told Corby to telephone Neff to-night. He & his father were getting up wood off the lake bank which has slid terribly last year. I walked through their place to the creek and went up to the Ryerse's. Olga seems to be having a hard time getting the girls to-gether. I got home about five. Dad. was getting ready to go down to Aunty Alice's for tea and to meet the train as Aunty came home to-night. He stopped in at Quanbury's on his way down and got Charlie to say he would get us a load of coal in the morning as the roads are to icy for our horses. It has been milder with west wind and snow to-day.

Saturday February 23rd

We got up about six this morning and I was over at Quanbury's by eight o'clock to go down with Charlie and get our coal. Charlie was just at his breakfast so it was half an hour before we got started and had to go in the waggon, however the coal wasn't all gone when we got there but was going fast. They were only selling half ton lots to one person so we took half a load of coal and half coke. Frank was waiting for us at the mill with a couple of bags of feed which he put on the waggon. Charlie didn't charge Dad. anything for hauling it. This afternoon Dad. Enah and the baby walked down to see the dam and went on across and saw Aunty for awhile. She has a cold a neuralgia. The wind was from the south west to-day and it was sunny and quite soft. Frank said he heard crows once. There was a faint touch of Spring in the air which made it feel nice to be alive. Frank finished making the sheep troughs and I for want of some thing to do shingled half of the "Library." I also turned over the hot-bed manure pile.

Sunday February 24th

I walked down to church this morning and Aunty and Aunty Alice walked back with me to dinner. About three o'clock I went back down town. Glad. Law went back to Toronto on the 3'o'clock car and Marj. was down to see here off but I didn't get down in time to see Glad. but spent the rest of the afternoon with Marj. About five o'clock she went up to Miss Martin's to tea and I went down to Aunty's. Aunty and I went to church and I came back there for awhile after church but didn't stay long. I didn't go home by the dam as there was a lot of water on the ice when I came down, I went home by the mill and met Marj. on her way home.

Monday February 25th

As it was mild and soft and fairly good footing for the horses we decided to move the straw stack in to-day. Dad. and I pitched the top of it off and most of the ice out of it while Frank dug away the big snow bank on the east side of the drive house and we got one load over to the horse stable before dinner but didn't pitch it off. We put it off right after dinner and got another jag over and off and left the butt of the stack to put in the old barn. We put the waggon back on the old barn floor and while we were at it the colts which were in the barnyard came through the gate we left open and took a good run over the wheat tramping & cutting it up considerably. About four o'clock Dad. and I started up to Ham Thompson's with Dad's heifer. It began to rain just as we left and before we got home was pouring down.

It developed into a terrific thunderstorm but had stopped before we went to bed, but was cloudy and windy. I got two eggs to-day, the first I have got. Frank has been getting a duck egg daily for the last few days. A strip of paper has blown off the chicken shed roof and this wind will take more off so it looks pretty badly

Tuesday February 26th

There was a very strong west wind this morning and it had turned cold again during the night being about 10° above zero so we didn't do much but chores all day. I wrote a couple of letters this morning one to the Co-Operative Association ordering some clover seed oil cake and seed potatoes and one to the Canadian Sheep Breeders' to see if some arrangement couldn't be made to have Canadian registered sheep transferred to the American Book. Art. and Lloyd Ryerse were up most of the after noon, they wanted to see if we would be willing to put a telephone in. About four Art. and I went down town and Frank & Lloyd went off with Collin, {Spray?} & young George. Art and I went in to see Patterson about the telephone but from what he said I don't think there is much chance of the Co. putting up a line out our way till the war is over and prices are normal. We went down around by the mill but came home by crossing the creek at Colman's point where the big chunks of ice are frozen in.

Wednesday February 27th

It was cloudy and blustery this morning but not cold but later it came out sunny and nice. We moved what was left of the straw stack into the barn this morning, then Dad. and I took Pommers out on the rein, he went just as well as ever. About noon a peddler came in and asked if he could have his dinner and put his horse in, so he did and turned out to be an old acquaintance of Dad's by the name of "Chinny" Klause, one-time farmer, milk dealer and carpenter on the Round Plains and at present travelling all over the country in the interests of the famous Rundel. Pain King Medicine Co. leaving bottles of None Such Liniments salve "to be paid for next year and collecting money for what was left last year. He seemed to honestly believe that it would do all that the Company claimed for it which was that it would cure any ailment that affects man or beast and can be applied either externally or internally. He and Dad. had quite a visit and he proved to be very entertaining telling of his experiences on the road, and others. He used to be a great pal of Jeff. Langs and told Dad quite a lot of news about them. This after noon Frank went down to Corbetts to get Leigh to telephone all the boys of the J.F.I.A. and tell them about the meeting the Woman's Institute

are having and invited us to. I went down town to-night and came home with Enah who had gone down to tea and church. I was too late for church. We had to walk around by the mill.

Thursday February 28th

We put on a load of hay this morning and took it over to the barn for the cows, but didn't unload it. This after noon Dad. and I drove down town and had Joe shod and Dad also negotiated with old Walker for a loan of another fifty dollars to pay for our supplies from the Norfolk Co-Operative Association. Huby was here when we got home, he had walked over to have Dad. look at his dog, he didn't stay to tea. Frank cleaned out the shop this afternoon. Art & Charlie Quanbury stopped in on their way home from Henry Misner's sale which they said went well and where Art bought Hay rope & slings, to tell us that Tupper was going to thrash in the morning & wanted a man from here. Mild but cloudy & rainy all day.

Friday ~~February~~ March 1st

Dad. went thrashing over to Tupper's this morning and was gone all day. They didn't get started till after noon so didn't finish by night. Neither Henry Misner was there with the machine nor Tupper, he had to go to Simcoe. Frank went to the mill this morning and got some chop. We also went up to the old cherry tree and got some sand to plant seeds in. Mrs. McPherson was over here to-dinner. This after noon Frank and I put off the load of hay we got over yesterday but didn't do anything else much but chores. To-night we went down to the Women's Institute meeting to which the J.F.I.A. was invited and heard Mr. Johnson & Mrs. Bond talk about growing & canning vegetables. Neff was down but didn't have the dramas with him. He suggested that we should have a box social next Thursday. The others seemed to think it would be a good idea so I suppose we will have to have it. Young Crosbie drove Frank & me home and I thought he would upset us for sure. Nice day. Blustery this morning though.

Saturday March 2nd

Dad. went back to Tupper's this morning and they finished but he didn't get home till after noon as he went over to John Wesses for dinner and took him "Happy Hawkins" to read. About half past four he, Enah & the baby drove down town for some groceries. I spent most of my time to-day when I wasn't doing chores in fixing up boxes of earth and to-night sowed some tomato seed. We have them on a little table in front of the window in our

room. Frank chased around this morning and this after noon went down to Ryerse's with his rifle. Lila was over to dinner. Nice sunny day but windy.

Sunday March 3rd

Frank and I drove down to church this morning. It was the first time Frank had been at church for a long time. We spent a nice hour and a half in the back seat and I was aroused from a nice doze about the middle of the sermon by some kids having a high time out side playing on the cellar door. Frank was taking the sermon very much to heart as Mr. Johnson was talking about the wickedness of those who didn't attend church regularly. Frank concluded he was lost. We were in to see Mrs. Bell before church to arrange for our box social next Thursday night. I drove Aunty and Aunty Alice over to dinner and Frank walked home going over the ice above the dam. I went back down town right after dinner and spent the after noon with Marj. I went up to Harry Moon's just before tea to ask if he would help us with a concert and he said he would. I had tea at Aunty's. They had walked home as Sam & Mrs. Law had come in here just before they left so Dad. couldn't drive them down. Aunty Alice was afraid to go over the ice so they came all the way around by the mill and she was too tired to go to church but Aunty and I went. Marj. and I came back with her. Lovely sunny day. Cool breeze

Monday March 4th

We spent the whole day cleaning out the sheep barn floor. We hauled out seven or eight waggon loads and spread them on the old garden but there is quite a lot in there yet. We couldn't haul big loads as the road was rough and it jiggled off and we had no side boards on. It was sunny this morning but got very cloudy and rained this after noon and to-night. Very mild.

Tuesday March 5th

We finished cleaning out the sheep barn to-day but it took us till after dinner. We hauled out I think five loads and covered all the old garden west of the currant bushes and part of the strip that is left east of them. When we got through Dad. and Frank started to put the handle in the old axe head and I went down to Ryerse's to see what Olga found out about the box social and then walked over to Corby's to get him to telephone all the members of the J.F.I.A. and summon them to attend. At present it looks as if there would be about two women to every boy. Dad. & Enah got an invitation out to a party at Lish Farr's to-morrow

night where they want them to "render a few selections". I suppose it is a house warming party as their new house is just finished. Foggy & mild.

Wednesday March 6th

Dad. and I went up to Ham. Thompson's right after breakfast with my two-year old heifer and didn't get back till nearly noon. Frank took a couple of axe heads down town and got the nicks ground out of them. He didn't get home till after we did. Alan Law was here when we got back, he had driven one of this horses up to have her clipped but as she was wet and muddy we thought we couldn't clip her so Frank went back home with him and they took the machine down and clipped the other mare this after noon. Alan drove Frank home with the clipped mare and they certainly made a slick job. They left the machine down there to clip the other mare when she is dry. Dad. spent most of the after noon trying to hang an axe handle but had a hard time with it. I read and wrote to Miss Wade Secretary of the American Sheep Registry Ass'n to find out about recording sheep over there. To-night I went down to church and spent the evening with Marj. Dad. and Enah had not decided whether to go out to Farr's when I left and they didn't decide until it was too late to go so stayed home. Huby got a cablegram from Quint sent on Sunday saying he was leaving the next day for France so I suppose he's pretty near the Front by this time. It has been cloudy & raw but not freezing all day. Snowing to-night.

Thursday March 7th

Frank and I didn't do much else all day but oil harness. We put a fire on in the shop and got Belle's heavy harness oiled, washed, mended and put to-gether. It was about three o'clock when we finished the one harness so we didn't start on another one. I had a rather bad pain under my pinny this after noon so came in the house and lay down till chore time when it had disappeared. Dad. spent most of the after noon putting an axe handle in another head. He finished the one he was at yesterday, this morning. He got the handle in the head just so far then couldn't get it either in or out so he heated the head and then drove it in which made a very tight fit. According to to-day's "Globe" all the bank clerks in On except those who were granted exemption on personal grounds are to be called up, so I guess old Dick will be a soldier yet. Colder to-day but nice day. To-night we went down to our box social at Mrs. Bell's ~~Friday March 8th~~. We had a very good time. There were not as many ladies there as we expected and so the boys & girls were about even in numbers. We played games and at the wind up I auctioned off the boxes for which we realized about \$15.⁰⁰ half of that went to the WAI & half to the J.F.I.A. Frank and I got home about one o'clock.

Friday March 8th

I went to Simcoe on the nine car this morning to see Johnson. Neff called me up last night to say they had a car of corn in and would send it down here with what stuff was ordered from around here, so I wanted to find out a little more about it and who had ordered from around here. Johnson said they hadn't many orders and wanted me to get more and send them up to him to-night. I meant to come home on the eleven car but missed it so walked home by the G.T.R. track. It was a lovely day for a walk especially down along the creek and I heard a lot of Spring birds and saw my first robin this morning. Frank was here alone when I got home about half past twelve as Dad. Enah & the baby went down to Aunty's for dinner. Right after dinner I went down town and went up to telephone Ham. Thompson from Aunty Maude's to see if knew of anyone who would buy corn, but he had gone over to our place. I visited with Aunty Maude for quite awhile and then went down to Aunty's till Dad. and Enah left. They drove and I walked, stopped in to see Harry Moon at the mill and Charlie Quanbury's new horse that he got at Porter's sale so it was six o'clock when I got home

Saturday March 9th

Frank and I took Elgitha up to Ham Thompson's this morning and Dad. did chores. They had intended going back and cutting some wood but it was snowing hard when we got back so they didn't go. This after noon Frank and I walked over to see John Wess. Cam has gone home for a little while and Albert Newcombe is doing chores over there. Dad. went down town to see Aunty for awhile. Aunty Alice was in Brantford all day visiting with "Miss" Watts and Vernon is up there too. Aunty Alice came back at five o'clock. Frank went down to a party to-night at Bill Barwell's to celebrate Bill's birthday. Frank stayed down all night. It has been a miserable day with a regular blizzard all the after noon and a thunderstorm to-night.

Sunday March 10th

We woke up this morning to find that our Spring has left us and Winter is here again. There is a lot of snow and it has been not above 15° above zero all day with a cold north wind but sunny. To-night when I came home it was down to zero. Dad. Enah Tid and I drove down to church in the cutter and the sleighing is better than it has been all winter although there is a crust over it which formed I suppose after last night's thunderstorm which brought sleet with it. After church Frank and I drove home and the rest went over to the James for dinner. I drove down after dinner and left Joe in the Presbyterian shed for them to drive home and I spent the after noon and evening with Marj. having tea and going to church with Aunty &

Aunty Alice. Enah counted 25 robins this morning in the lilac bush outside the clothes room window. The poor little fellows evidently made a misguess and came north too soon.

Monday March 11th

We hauled down two loads of manure to Aunty's to-day, one this morning and another this after-noon. The sleighing was good and we took Belle and Queen. Frank went down this after noon to unload the car that should have come from the Norfolk Co-Operative Ass'n but Murray told him it wasn't in but called up Jack Martin after he got home and told him it was. Dad. Enah and I went down to a concert to-night given by Miss Prest & Miss Symonds for the prisoners of war. It was great. Much milder.

Tuesday March 12th

Frank went down first thing this morning to unload the Association car. Dad. and I put on another load of manure and took it down to Aunty's but had quite a time getting down as the sleighing was gone in places. We went down to the car and got our bag of oil cake but our clover seed didn't come. Smith from down on the town line had been up and got four bags of oil cake and left his sacks to be filled with corn so Frank wanted me to stay and help bag it up. We had dinner at Aunty's and were down at the car all the after noon. I called up Johnson right after dinner and he said the oil cake should have been weighed and Frank let Smith have his without, thinking there was just 300 lbs in a bag. We got Smith's bags all filled and he came after them about four o'clock. Lorne Myers was down and bagged up some for himself and Ham & Bert Thompson took two bags of oil cake which cleaned us out of it. It has been very windy and soft all day.

Wednesday March 13th

Whan Frank first went out this morning he found one of the four year old ewes No 8 with a fine ewe lamb. Frank went down to the car right after breakfast and didn't get home till about seven o'clock to-night, but said he got it all unloaded except a load or two for Charlie Ivey which Murray said he wouldn't charge demurrage for. As soon as they could get ready Dad. took Tid down to Aunty's and then came back got Enah and went out to the Shand's for dinner and spent the after noon not getting home till after half past six. They had dinner & the Harvey Shand's and spent part of the afternoon at Willie's. I spent the day doing chores and scraping a few of the apple trees. I had my dinner at one and sat around quite awhile reading the paper afterwards. I went out to look at the sheep about three o'clock and found old Lop ear (117) just at the lambing performance. In about half an hour she had

two nice ones a buck & a ewe up and running around. I had most of the chores done up when Dad. got home but he fed the sheep and I came in and dressed and went down town. I was too late for church but took Aunty some cream and went up to see Marj. It was a fine day but turned out a bad night. Colder & raining hard. They say that yesterday's thaw broke the ice up in the pond and that last night about eleven the water was running over the road again and they thought the bridge would go out but it didn't.

Thursday March 14th

This has been a very disagreeable day. It rained hard most of the morning and drizzled all the after noon and was cloudy, muddy, and cold. Dad. and Frank went out to the sheep barn about six o'clock this morning and found three more lambs, Dad's ewe had one and No 10 had two. the ram lamb of No 10's was just about dead when they found him, for although he had not been born long there was a scum over his nostrils and he couldn't breathe. Dad. brought him in the house and revived him a little but he soon died. None of them seem to get enough milk for some reason or other so Frank got a nipple for the feed bottle this morning and Dad. has been feeding them cow's milk all day. To-night he brought Lop ears ewe lamb in the house for all night. It is in bad shape and doesn't seem to know enough to suck except the bottle. It seems queer as they were all strong when they were born. Frank has been down town most of the day again, helping Charlie Ivey part of the time. We haven't done much but chores and watch the sheep. I got a letter from Miss Wade to-day saying that the records of sires & dams of any sheep recorded in the American Shropshire Registry must also appear on the book. I wrote to R. W. Wade asking for more definite information.

Friday March 15th

I haven't done much all day except stand around the sheep barn and shiver or sit around the house and sleep. It was a sunny day but the raw north wind made it very disagreeable. Matters were made worse by the bad luck we are having with the lambs. Lop ear's little ewe lamb died this morning and Dad opened it and said there was nothing in its stomach. One of the two year old ewes lambed to-day No 22. and the second lamb died just after it was born by being smothered with scum. The mother seemed to have no milk at all so we took the live lamb in the house and Dad. has been feeding it all day, as well as the lamb of Dad's ewe. By to-night. No 68 had a big pair of twins which seemed to get enough and which we put in the box stall in the horse stable. The situation looks a little brighter to-night but we have the two in a box in the house and Dad. has to feed them every hour or so from a

bottle. Frank has increased their the ewe's grain ration and is giving a few mangels so we are hoping that they will soon "come to their milk".

Saturday March 16th

Charlie Quanbury came over this morning to get one of us to go over and help Billy Mills put straw over Jack's strawberries, so I went. Billy wasn't through with his chores when I got there as he has a lot of pigs to feed. We gathered up the straw from around the stack and as it was frozen it was slow pitching and we only got two loads out before dinner, by that time the ground was getting to soft to work on so I didn't go back this afternoon. Frank and Dad. took the oil cake down to the mill and weighed it and this after noon Frank went up to Simcoe to report to Johnson, his stewardship was evidently satisfactory as Johnson gave him 30 cents an hour for unloading the car. He drew about \$7.00 and gave me \$1.20 for my after noons work. Dad. and I didn't do much but chores this after noon and I cleaned and rubbed up my Tommy Jackson harness. To-night I went down town and got my hair cut and took my drawings down to Aunty and she picked out some to send to the Correspondence School. No more lambs have come and the ones we have are doing well. Two are still in the house. West wind but not cold.

Sunday March 17th

Frank and I went down to Sunday school this morning as we were up in plenty of time. I didn't take my clothes off all night but got up at two and fid the lambs in the house and looked at the ones in the barn I could hardly hold my head up in Sunday school and did sleep most of the time in church. Dad. drove Enah down to church but didn't stay himself and she walked home. I went back down town right after dinner and Marj. and I went up to Miss M^cDonald's and took her a school Art manual which she is studying. We then went up to Miss Martin's but she wasn't home so we walked down to the dam with Mr. & Mrs. Bagley whom we overtook. Ont our way back from there we went into Miss M^cQueen's for a few minutes where we found Miss Martin. I stayed down at Aunty's for tea, Win. was there too and went to church with them to-night. After church Marj. and I started out for a walk but met Mrs. Moon who had some church money to give Marj. and so we went in there for awhile. Then on our way home we met Said. Davis, who had spent the day in Simcoe and was rather excited at having some fellow, whom she didn't know offer to carry her club bag for her, so we walked up to Mrs. Richardson's with her where she is staying. It has been a beautiful sunny mild Spring day with a soft west wind. The spring birds are thick

Monday March 18th

I went over to Jack's first thing this morning and found him just milking his Jerseys. He said that instead of covering strawberries this morning he would have me help Billy load some hogs to ship. I helped Billy do his chores and we had a lot of little things to do to get ready for the hogs which were in Charlie Martin's barn. We had to catch the two smallest ones and one of the biggest ones and weigh them. There were five and the smallest weighed 158 lbs & the big one went just over 200 but we took them all down as the price is way up 19 cts here I think. I came home as soon as we got them loaded and have spent most of the day getting manure out of the hog stall for the hot bed Frank murdered old Nellie this morning and worked with her most of the day and this after noon took her over to Jack. Dad has had a busy day with the lambs. He let the two biggest ones out to-day with the big sheep and left the two that were in the house out in the barn. He goes out every now and then and holds his ewe so that the two can suck as she won't own them. Two of the two-year olds lambled to-day one had a single and one twins. The one with twins seems to have no milk but they are fine strong lambs. Frank went to a dance to-night. Lovely day.

Tuesday March 19th

Frank got home from the dance about four o'clock this morning and I got up soon after he went to bed. Dad. lay on the sofa all night with his clothes on so that he could go out and feed the lambs in the night. I spent nearly all the morning making a frame for the hot bed and got it just about finished I got the boards from the old fence along the road. On one of my trips out after boards Frank went with me and we measured the corner field to see how much wire it would take to fence it and figured it at 120 rds. to go around three sides of it and we have enough wire for the front. This after noon Frank and I drove down town and took poor old Nellie's hide down which Frank shipped to Hallam. While I was waiting for Frank at the station an engine came along and before I had time to turn around old Belle got frightened and broke the old tonge on the waggon. Then Harry fell down or she knocked him down and Belle jumped with her front feet over him. It was quite a tangle but I don't think either of them were hurt and nothing but the tongue and Harry's bit was broken. Frank got a new bit and we borrowed a sleigh tongue from Joe Howell which Waters roped to the old one so that the draw bolt went partly through both of them and it made it solid enough for us to go up to Jack McBride's where we put on four rolls of wire for the corner field fence and we got home with them all right. A new lamb had arrived when we got home. Dad. let all the lambs but the very youngest and the two that the mother doesn't own out with their mothers to-day as it was a beautifully warm sunny day with no wind. Tupper came in to-

night and left a load of corn here which he had hauled from Simcoe. His team was tired and he didn't want to tackle the hill with his load.

Wednesday March 20th

I spent quite awhile this morning working at the hot bed and then helped Dad. & Frank put on a jag of hay to haul to the horse stable. Aunty & Aunty Alice came over to dinner and just as we sat down Tupper came after his corn so came in and had dinner with us. He hung around and visited till about three o'clock. Aunty and Aunty Alice went home about four and Enah went down to tea with them. After they left Dad. & I hauled the hay over and put it off over the horse stable. Frank went up to Mrs. Duncan's sale right after dinner and got back just as we got our load off. He bought a hog rack for \$3.25. We were late getting through tea as another lamb arrived just after dark. I went down town but was too late for church. I spent the evening over at the Moore's and came home with Enah. Lidney & Wilma McQueen were over at Uncle Hughie's when I was there and Lidney was having a picnic chasing the kids away from his sap as he has the maples in front of the house tapped. He came in on two different occasions each time announcing that he had caught a couple of them. The last time he came in he said he left Garf on sentry and chuckled in great style over it because he said the kids would outrun him. The Sunday school was lit up and I think he expected a bunch of kids to get out of it but it was the weekly meeting of the I.O.D.E. It has been a beautiful day. No wind and quite hot. 84° in the sun. Ed. Moon got home from England to-night.

Thursday March 21st

We put on another load of hay this morning and hauled it over to the cow stable. While we were at it Lloyd Ryerse rushed in greatly excited to get Dad. to go down and poke a corn cob out of their purebred cow's throat as she was choking. Dad went down with him but when they got there the cow was alright. Dad. says Art. was standing in front of her with a broomstick and Colin behind her with a corn stalk and it was hard to say which was the wildest Art or the cow. This after noon Dad. and Frank cleared up a lot of the old fence bottom around the corner field and burnt over nearly the whole field. To-night Dad. went down to put Aunty's parlor carpet down and didn't get back till after twelve as they had a visit from Edgar Cantelon the artist and Hubby was there to talk to him. Another great big lamb came to-night, the property of No. 6. It looks as if it was a week old. Pickford was over this morning to borrow our cyclone seeder to so his Spring wheat and he did this afternoon,

but those who saw him disking and harrowing say it was a very muddy operation It has been even warmer to-day than yesterday & no wind.

Friday March 22nd

Lloyd Ryerse came in again this morning while we were at breakfast to get Dad. to go down to see their purebred cow as she had another spell the same as yesterday. Dad decided it was from drinking too much cold water. I went out this morning to catch Dad's ewe and hold her for the two lambs to suck and was very surprised to see her licking a new lamb. In about an hour another one arrived. Both of them were fine big strong lambs a ram & and ewe, and it was a week ago yesterday that she dropped the first one. At eleven o'clock I went up to Simcoe to take in Yeager's sale. I thought maybe I could get a cheap saddle but they didn't start the sale till half past one and I left at four so I didn't see anything but horses sold. The bidding was very slow on them and there were no big prices paid. They brought in a big bunch of Clydes which averaged about \$350 a team and the highest price paid for hackneys at the sale was \$700. for a team. I came down on the five o'clock car with Louise who has come up for over Easter. Another fine day but cool north wind.

Saturday March 23rd

I went over to Jack's again this morning and helped Billy get out two more loads of straw on the strawberries. It got pretty soft when the sun got up well and we got stuck with the second load and had to put part of it off. This after noon I put soil in the hot bed. The manure is heating well now and I am a little afraid of it burning out too fast. Dad. and Frank burned the grass along the road west of the lane where it will make nice pasture for the sheep. They said Ham Thompson was over again this morning he has a sick ewe up there. Another lamb arrived this after noon. Arthur M^cPherson has been over playing with Tid all the after noon so Tid has had a fine time except when they found a little mouse under Frank's bee hive and it bit him and later in the day when Arthur shoved him in the ditch and he had to come in the house and run around pantless the remainder of the after noon. They had a "net" set in the ditch and he had to content himself watching Arthur out of the window who went down periodically to lift it. Frank went down town to-night. Sunny but a cold north wind.

Sunday March 24th

Frank and I didn't get down to Sunday school this morning but went to church and so did Enah. I stayed down at Aunt's to both dinner and tea but spent the after noon and evening

with Marj. and went to church to-night with Aunty, Aunty Alice & Louise I got home about twelve and went out to feed lambs, but as there was another lamb arriving I didn't go to bed till it came – about two o'clock and then just changed my clothes and lay down. Nice day. Cool breeze.

Monday March 25th

I went over to Jack's this morning and helped Billy cover strawberries till noon. We got out three jags. Aunty and Louise were here to dinner and after dinner Louise went out and inspected all the stock and took some pictures of the lambs.. After that I slept nearly all the after noon. Frank went down town and got his hair cut and Dad wrote a letter to Dick. To-night Dad. went down to go with Aunty and hear Mr. Crosley the evangelist at the Methodist Church. They heard him here thirty years ago but Dad. said he had changed greatly. The morning war news was gloomy. The Germans claimed the capture of 30,000 British, 600 guns and advanced in some places 15 miles but Dad. heard to-night that Haig's men had taken 400,000 Germans and the Crown Prince. It seems incredible but Mr. Brand announced it in church as being authentic

Tuesday March 26th

I went over and helped Billy cover strawberries this morning and Jack told me he wanted me to help do chores around the chicken pens this after noon so I put in the after noon, watering chickens and cleaning off dropping boards and about four o'clock went down with old Jack and the democrat and got a couple of boxes of eel-parts. I saw May Perry down town, she was home for a day. The big war news yesterday proved to be all a fake. The British are still retreating but their lines are not broken and they are inflicting heavy losses on the Germans who still persist in attacking in massed formations. Nice day. Raw

Wednesday March 27th

I have been over at Jack's all day fiddling around watering, feeding and cleaning out chicken houses and doing anything anybody told me to. Snowdrop presented us with a big black bull calf this morning and ewe no 15 had a pair of lambs. To-night I went down town and went down to the station with Marj. who went to get her tickets for Haliburton. She is going home for Easter to-morrow. It has been a fine day but freezing to-night.

Thursday March 28th

I have put in another day over at Jack's, valet for the chickens all morning but this after noon I helped Billy haul a load of straw over from his place to the red barn and then Jack and I gathered the sap or at least he gathered it and I drove. We got a big milk can full, some of the buckets were running over. To-night Frank and I went down to a Horticultural meeting. Neilson was down from the College lecturing on vegetable growing and Neff was down with his moving picture machine which is a dandy. Ray and Rebecca came to-night. Enah went down to-night to choir practice and came back with us. It has been a fine day. Freezing to-night.

Friday March 29th Good Friday.

Same round of chicken chores to-day and this after noon gathered the sap twice. Some of the buckets were running over after dinner so I gathered a milk can full and then again at six I got about half a can again. Coakwell and I went down to Chris's this morning and helped him move his pig pent back further. Enah went down to church this morning and stayed to dinner. One of No 15's lambs died to-day. Dad opened it and found it was inflammation of the bladder. Another beautiful day.

Saturday March 30th

I put in most of the day just watering chickens and scraping off dropping boards. I watered every chicken pen & coop on the place and cleaned off every dropping board. I started to dig a hole to bury some dead hens this after noon but had to stop to help Jack gather sap. We didn't get so much to-day. It didn't freeze as hard last night and has been cloudy quite a lot to-day. I saw Pud. Slocomb to-day. He is up for over Easter and came over to Jack's at noon to get Frances. He says he doesn't have to go into the army till the 14th of May and that will give him time to finish his year at the University. The war news is looking better. The Germans are still advancing toward Amiens but are losing a pile of men and seem to be putting themselves in a rather dangerous salient position where there is a possibility of catching them between the French & British armies. They had to call out the militia down in Quebec yesterday to quell a riot which started over the rouning up of some fellow under the Military Service Act. Cloudy & mild. One of Jack's men who was to come to work Monday has disappointed him so he wants me back next week. I had to tell him I wouldn't see him stuck, but hate to go back.

Sunday March 31st Easter.

We all went down to church this morning, it being Easter. Ray and Louise sang in the choir which Ray has practiced a couple of times. Alf from Aunty's came over here to dinner but had to go back early as Ray had to show Rebecca to ~~Aunty Alice~~ Cousin Bessie this afternoon. Tid. and Rebecca had a great time. Enah went down with Louise a little later than the others and stayed down to tea and evening church. Her father has been pretty sick. I didn't go to church but drove down afterwards and brought Enah home. It has been very mild all day and feels like rain. One of Split ears lambs died to-day. It was alright last night.

Monday April 1st

I was up at half past three this morning and didn't go to bed again. My big calf was loose out in the barn so I tied him up and then did some writing. I spent the day over at Jack's. He, Chris and I were the only ones there to do chicken chores as his new man that he expected didn't show up. Frank and Dad. cleaned up oats this afternoon. Frank was going to try to plow on the corn ground to-day but it rained a little so he didn't go out. They docked eleven of the biggest lambs this morning. To-night Dad. and Enah went down to the Masonic dance. Very mild, cloudy and rainy.

Tuesday April 2nd

I have been over at Jack's all day and Frank started to plow this morning but didn't get much done. Enah had such cramps this morning that she had to go back to bed before breakfast and was very sick when I left. I came home again in about an hour or two and she was no better and Dad. was beginning to feel sick, soon after that I saw Frank going down town after Aunty as Dad. was laid up and when I got home at noon Dr. Cook was here. He says there are about forty of the ones who went to the dance last night laid up in the same way. They blame it to some chicken sandwiches they had, the chicken having been pressed or cooked in tin dishes. Neither Dad nor Enah have been able to sit up all day. Aunty is staying all night. Everyone is roasting Dr. Cook in a good-natured way as he was one of the two who looked after the banquet, Woodyer was the other and he is very sick and all of Dr. Cook's family is sick but he is alright.

Wednesday April 3rd

Dad. doesn't seem to be much better to-day but Enah was up at noon and felt much better. Aunty Alice came over this morning but went back again before tea. Aunty stayed till after tea and then I walked down with her. I spent the day over at Jack's. He has two new men on over there to-day but wanted me to stay the rest of the week till he gets them

"broken in". To-night I went up to Ham Thompson's from town and borrowed a setting hen. I have one of my own and I think I will get a setting of Ham's bred-to-lay Rocks and a setting of good ones from Jack which he said he would let me have at half price and see which do the best. I intended to trap nest any pullets I raise as I think if I just have a few I can look after them better. Sunny but cold east wind. Freezing to-night.

Thursday April 4th

I have put in another day at Jack's cleaning out chicken houses most of the time. Enah seems to be alright again but Dad. is still pretty miserable he lay around all day but was able to eat a little. Aunty and Lila were over here to dinner. I had a letter from The Shaw Correspondence School yester day saying that my drawings showed I had ability to make a success as an Illustrator. I suppose they say the same to everyone but I think if possible I will take the course in the Fall. Fine and Cold. Freezing to-night.

Friday April 5th

I have been over at Jacks all day. Dad. felt well enough to help me milk this morning and he went down town for dinner, when I got home to-night he had the milking all done and separated. He feels a little weak yet and has a bad cold. Frank went down town on his wheel and got Alan Law to bring home our new waggon tongue which Joe Howell made and ironed off for only two dollars. To-night Frank and I went with Aunty to hear Mr. Crossley and see him give his physical culture exercises. She had invited the Oddfellows and Masons to come and hear him so the Presbyterian Church was well filled.

Saturday April 6th

I put in my last day at Jack's to-day. He may want me to help feed next Tuesday but I don't have to go at it steadily again. Frank went down town this after noon and got some coal oil and ~~this after~~ when he came back he started to plow the plum orchard which worked well he said. To-night Frank and I walked down town and spent the evening bumming around town. Sunny & mild all day. Cloudy to-night.

Sunday April 7th

Frank and I went down to Sunday school and church this morning and after church I went up to the M^cBain property to meet Ham Thompson and look over a plot which we think will do for the J.F.I.A. Aunty was over here to dinner. Dad. Enah and the baby drove down to

church but Dad. & Tim. went over to see Dave. Waddle while Enah went to church. This afternoon I went down town I went around to the Moore's to see if Marj. had come yet but she hadn't. I was there for an hour or two. I went down to meet the five o'clock car and went up to Hubby's for tea and part of the evening. I went down and met the nine o'clock car on which Marj. arrived and I spent the rest of the evening up at Mr. Moore's. It has been cloudy with a cool wind and looks stormy.

Monday April 8th

Frank and Dad. went to the back field this morning and Frank has been disking back there all day, and says it works fine. Dad. went over to see John Wess for awhile but he had gone down to meet Cam. I went up to Ham Thompson's and got a setting of Rock eggs and got him to telephone Neff. to come down here Wednesday night and he said he would tell the rest of the boys to meet and arrange for growing our potatoes. When I got home I went over to Jack's to get a setting from him but they didn't have a setting from the pen I wanted them from so I had to leave my basket. This after noon Dad. and I cleaned up oats Dad. went down to-night and went to hear Mr. Crossley with Aunty on the wickedness of card-playing and dancing but he didn't care for him so much. It has been cold this after noon with north wind but was nice this morning.

Tuesday. April 9th

It froze hard last night so Frank didn't go to the back field but plowed all morning in the plum orchard. Dad. and I went to the back field and opened up a ditch along by the woods which was plowed in last fall. This after noon Dad. & Frank went back with two teams to work on the back field. Frank took Belle & Queen and harrowed. I went back with him and helped him get hooked up and then came up and helped Dad. put Harry and Dave together and he went back and disked. Enah went down to a meeting of Mr. Crossley's addressed solely to the ladies but she didn't like it much. I stayed here with Tim and spent most of the after noon grinding up oil-cake in the cider mill. To-night I went down to see Marj. for awhile. It has been cold with a strong north east wind.

Wednesday April 10th

Frank and I went down town this morning and got our seed potatoes and clover seed. Dad. went back with Harry & Dave and disked and Frank harrowed with Belle & Queen when we got back from town. Frank disked this after noon with Belle & Harry and Dad and I treated enough oats with formaldehyde for smut to sow the back field. To-night Frank and I went

over to Ham Thompson's to a J.F.I.A. meeting but there were not many out. Neff. was down and wanted us to get a plot for our potatoes with both clay & sand in it so that we could run the two experiments, so we decided to go over and have a look at a piece of Lorne Myer's which he thinks will answer the requirements so a committee of Arnold M^cBride, Ham & I were empowered to go over and look at the plot and decide this week whether we would take it or Taylor's piece. After After we chewed the rag over our potatoes for an hour or so we had a game of cards and some music everybody contributing. It has been cloudy & very cold all day with a strong north east wind and is snowing tonight.

Thursday April 11th

We didn't do much this morning but ear tag the lambs but that took quite awhile not only to put the labels in but to get them in the right lambs & mark it down. I did the same as last year and put all the lambs down first in a book then started with the oldest and put the smallest number in his ear and so on to the youngest. By putting them all down first it is easier to check off the ones we have done and don't have to catch them in regular order. Art Quanbury yelled at me this morning to tell me that Jack wanted me over there to-day but I couldn't go till noon but was over there all the afternoon. Dad. and Frank ear marked the yearling ewes and rams and got some hay ready to load and bring over to the horse-stable. It has been cloudy and windy to-day but not cold. The ground was covered with snow this morning and it is not all melted off by to-night. They moved eight loads of the gas drilling outfit on to Jack Martin's place to-day on the top of the gully hill near the road.

Friday April 12th

I went over to Lorne Myer's after breakfast this morning and met Ham Thompson and we picked out two half acre plots one clay loam and the other lighter soil which we think will do for our potatoes. Lorne wasn't home but left word for us to pick out what we wanted. I went over Jack's when we got through and worked till noon and then put in the after noon over there. Dad. and Frank moved some hay over to the horse stable this morning and this after noon Frank went down and got the money from Mr. Walker and sent a check to Johnson for his potatoes and clover seed. They plowed some more of the plum orchard. To-night I went down and saw Marj. for awhile. It has been cold and raw all day.

Saturday April 13th

I went over to Jack's this morning and fed up and then came back and helped Dad. put on a jag of hay for the cow stable. I was over at Jack's all the after noon. Frank finished plowing

the plum orchard this morning and this after noon he and Dad. worked on the back field and got on fairly well. Frank and I went down town to-night and I had my hair cut and hung around town till midnight. The Daylight saving plan came into operation to-night and all the clocks were put on one hour. It is funny to hear the comments of those who uphold and oppose the bill. I am rather in favor of it as I think it will benefit the country as a whole although it may make it a little awkward for us farmers during haying and harvest when there are heavy dews but otherwise I can't see how it will affect us in the least, but some people, Dad. and Aunty among them can't understand how it is that they aren't going to lose an hour's sleep in the morning, but I think they will find they depend more on the clock than they suppose. It has been a lovely sunny day.

Sunday April 14th

I didn't get up till seven o'clock (new time) this morning and was too late for Sunday school but Frank went down on his wheel and Enah and I drove down to church, our church ran on new time but the others didn't as they thought the people in the country didn't all know about it. Miss Morgan and Miss Newell came in just as church was over. Elva invited Marj. and me through Enah to go for a motor ride this after noon as Brant Bloodsworth had his father's car down here so we did and had a nice after noon but we got rather tired. I didn't think they were going far but we went to Brantford and a long way out on the Hamilton road from Brantford and didn't get home till nine o'clock. We had a nice time but a little too much of it. Frank and Lila rode their wheels down to the Ward's this after noon and Frank didn't get home till nine o'clock either. Aunty and Aunty Alice were over to dinner and Huby was over here to tea. The Pickford's and Gilbert Lynchs were also over this after noon. Lovely sunny day.

Monday April 15th

Dad. and Frank have worked both teams on the back field to-day and got it about half drilled in by to-night. I went over to Jack's for a couple of hours this morning and this after noon I did the chores over here at noon so was late getting to Jack's and then spen about half an hour helping to dig a big car out of the mud hole at the corner. The new time makes things later in the morning but its nice at night. Clementine Tupper had a red bull calf this morning and the white ewe had a pair of twins which don't seem very strong, that brings the lamb crop up to twenty four, eleven ewes & thirteen ram lambs.

Tuesday April 16th

Dad. finished drilling in the back field this morning and sowed a little piece near the woods broadcast as it was the other side of the ditch which he didn't want to cross. This afternoon he harrowed it over and Frank worked all the after noon on the piece back of the orchard. I put in a little over four hours over at Jack's and spent the rest of the time ~~over at J~~ doing chores. Very cloudy & mild.

Wednesday April 17th

Dad. and Frank furrowed out the oat field this morning and went down to the mill and got three bushels of barley to mix with oats and sow on the three acres of wheat along the side road as they are sure it is killed completely. On their way home from the mill they came in to Jack's and got three oak blocks which Frank Awde was going to burn on the bonfire as he said they were too tough to split. I was over there most of the morning and part of the after noon, but after dinner I helped Dad. treat the rest of the oats that were cleaned up. Frank went out to plow and got in an hour or two but rain drove him in at five o'clock. To-night I spent the evening with Marj. It has been cloudy all day. Sultry this morning and rainy all the after noon It rained heavily for a couple of hours but when I came home to-night It had stopped.

Thursday April 18th

I have been over at Jack's most of the day to-day. It has been cloudy and windy but too wet to work on the land but Frank plowed this after noon. He was on the sod east of the lane and says it is pretty wet. This morning Dad. and Frank docked the rest of the lambs. The white ewes lambs are doing better but she is inclined not to own the youngest one however he gets enough milk some way to keep him satisfied. The Germans are making an awful drive now towards Ypres and have gained some high ground. There is talk now of calling out all the physically fit men in Canada between 20 & 23 and granting no exemptions at all but the bill has not been put through yet. Enah had a letter from Quint to-day. He has been up to the front line with a machine gun battery but evidently not in any action yet. It snowed again to-night.

Friday April 19th

Dad. plowed this morning in the sod field back of the orchard and Frank took a shear down to Halloway to be sharpened. This after noon Frank plowed and Art Ryerse came up to get Dad. to go down and see their purebred heifer as she had another fit but when they got down there she was dead. Aunty was over here to dinner to-day. To-night Frank went

down to a dance in the town hall. Tiny & Joe Dyer came home this after noon. It has been cold and cloudy all day. I have been over at Jack's most of the day but a new man came to-day.

Saturday April 20th

I went over to Jack's about nine o'clock this morning and found the new man, Frank Reid had most of the chores done on this side of the road so I did up most of Chris's for him. This after noon I didn't go back till five o'clock and then went back to show Ried how to feed up and get the eggs in the right pens of the egg baskets. He is just a schoolboy from down near Kingston but doesn't seem like a bad sort. I spent most of the after noon washing the buggy. Frank worked up the plum orchard and Dad. sowed oats on it and I sowed rape seed and then Frank harrowed it. He went out and plowed when he got through. Dad. Enah and the baby drove down town after I got the buggy washed. I worked till dark to-night raking up the lawn and then went over to Jack's and got an egg tester and tested out my two settings and just took out three eggs

Sunday April 21st

Enah and I walked down to church this morning as it rained hard during the night and this morning and we didn't want to get the buggy dirty. I stayed down and had dinner with Aunt Alice and Aunt Ida but Auntie came over here to dinner with Enah. I spent the after noon and evening with Marj. and had tea at Miss Kerney's. Marj. and I went to church and then walked up to ask after old Mr. Martin who is very sick with pneumonia. Cloudy but mild.

Monday April 22nd

It rained a little again early this morning and has been cloudy and windy most of the day but looks clearer to-night. It was too wet to do anything on the land so this morning we moved a couple of jags of hay over to the horse stable we didn't put on a full load as we thought the ground was too soft. This after noon Frank and I took a very small jag over to the cow stable and Dad. went over with Cam. McBride to operate on a pig. I got some more raking done on the lawn to-night. Geordie Boughner was in to-night to look at my red steer but only offered me 8½ cts for him so I decided to feed him for another month. Dad. had a letter from Dick to-day saying that intends to resign soon as he is now certain that he will be drafted although he has not had any notice from the Military Authorities yet. He hopes to go and see Granddaddy and spend a week on some ranch out there learning to ride.

Tuesday April 23rd

I sowed clover seed on the wheat back of the barn this morning. There doesn't seem to be much chance of any wheat coming but it is clean and so we thought we would take a chance on something coming to shade the clover seed. Dad. and Frank started to plow the old garden one plowed and the other raked the long manure into the furrow. I went over and took Dad's place when I got through sowing and Dad. went over and rolled up some of the barbed wire around the corner field along the front road. This afternoon Dad. and Frank plowed all they could of the old garden which was just on top of the knoll as the west and south sides were too wet. When they finished there Dad. went out and rolled up the rest of the wire along the south side of the field and Frank went on plowing along the east side of the field north of the orchard as it was fairly dry. I did up the chores at noon and then raked up the yard where the raspberries are. Enah and Tid. went down town to tea and Dad. Frank and I went down afterwards to go to a show "The Village Doctor" put on by the Jarvis Methodist Bible Class. It was a pretty punk show but they didn't do so badly considering what they had to work on. Tid. seemed to enjoy it. It has been a fine day but raining again to-night.

Wednesday April 24th

Frank plowed all morning and Dad. took down barbed wire from around the corner field and this afternoon Dad. finished up Frank's lands and Frank finished rolling up the wire. I raked up on the lawn all morning and this afternoon I did up the chores and then went over to Lorne Myer's to see if our choice of land for potato plots was satisfactory to him, he is very willing to do all he can to help. To-night Dad drove Enah down to choir practice but it was just about over when she got there. Dad. spent the evening quarrelling with Hubby about farmers' position. Hubby upholding his favorite contention that the farmer's were making more money than anyone else, which being untrue and Hubby's arguments so foolish made Dad. mad. Cloudy and cold raw wind. Freezing hard to-night.

Thursday April 25th

I spent the morning finishing raking the lawn and working at my rose bushes. Dad. plowed the headlands of the field north of the orchard as the west side of the field is too wet yet to plow. This afternoon Frank harrowed with Queen & Belle on the fall plowing and Dad. disked up the old garden with Harry & Dave. Then I took his team and disked on the field and he helped Enah put in some onion sets. Aunt Alice and Dess were over here to tea and I went

down with them this evening to go to a sidesmans meeting at the Rectory but was the only one there so just sat there and visited with Mr. & Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Top. Dunkin who had come down from Vittoria with Mr. Johnson he has 6 acres up there which he and Top. are raising vegetables on. Frank and I went to the mill this morning and got some chop to finish off my big steer with. Sunny but raw.

Friday April 26th

Dad. and Frank disked and harrowed back of the orchard and this after noon Dad. drilled in all the oats we had cleaned up which sowed all of the fall plowing but not quite all of the oat stubble. Frank harrowed after the drill. I spent the morning doing a few chores and cleaning out the rest of my rose bushes and mulching them. This after noon I planted some Irish Cobbler potatoes out in the old garden. I went down town to-night. Cloudy but mild.

Saturday April 27th

This morning Dad. and Frank ran out the ditches in the piece Dad. drilled yesterday and then Frank started to disk up the three acres along the side road where we put wheat last fall but on which there is not a sign of anything alive except the grass on a few sods here and there. Frank didn't get all over it by noon but says it works up like a garden. Dad. cleaned out some ditches while I planted a few more potatoes and then we cleaned up what few seed oats we had left about four or five bushels. After dinner Dad. took Joe & Queen and the drill and Frank took Belle & Harry. Dad. harrowed till Frank got through disking and then drilled the piece in with oats & barley mixed half & half. Frank harrowed after the drill and Dad. went out after he brought his team & the drill up and they ran out the furrows finishing about seven. I spent most of the after noon chasing after the sheep which wouldn't stay in the gully but wandered all over the farm and putting and planing potatoes. I now have about five rows planted the length of the old garden and the sixth one started. Very warm and rather sultry to-day.

Sunday April 28th

Frank and I went down to church this morning and Aunty and Marj. came over to dinner. This after noon Aunty, Marj. & Tid. And I went to the woods and got a great lot of mayflowers and Spring beauties and a few adder tongues, the trilliums are not out yet. The flowers are very thick back there and are big and a great variety of colours. Jim and Mrs. Waddle were here when we got back and Dad. said Ham and Bert Thompson had been here. Frank was down at the Ryerse's on his wheel. Enah, Aunty, Marj. and I went down to

Aunty's for tea. Aunty Alice had been down seeing Lila off as she went up to Lynn Valley on the five car and is going to start working for Chris Quanbury to-morrow. We all went to church to-night except Aunty and Aunt Ida and Perce Kindree & I assumed our duties as sidesmen. After church Marj. and I went down with Aunty Alice as Marj. had left some flowers down there. I got home before Frank as he had gone to Simcoe on the car with young Lampkins and Crosby. It has been very warm all day with a south breeze but it rained a little shower to-night.

Monday April 29th

Frank has been plowing all day on the five acre north of the orchard and thinks he can finish it to-morrow. Dad. went over first thing to see if he could get some barley from Jack. And saw Billy Mills who said they had a little but didn't know whether they would have six bushels more than enough for themselves but I went over and helped him clean it up and he decided that he could let us have our six bushels. Dad. Tid and I went after it right after dinner and then Dad. went down to Sam's and borrowed his disk drill and drilled till about seven o'clock on the wheat back of the barn. It was in beautiful shape and the disk drill hardly cut out any wheat but as he didn't have it set in very deep it didn't all cover. He didn't get all the field in as it began to rain before dark, so there is the little piece west of the ditch unsowed. Young Leo Mitchell was in this afternoon to have Dad. lance a big lump on his mare's breast. Fine day, a little shower to-night.

Tuesday April 30th

Frank plowed all morning and got the field done except for finishing up the last lands and Dad. finished them up this after noon. Dad. decided not to sow barley on the knoll west of the ditch as the wheat is pretty good in spots on it and we thought we would leave it for the sake of comparison; so we took the barley out of the drill and Dad. took it home. When he got back he disked with Joe & Queen till noon and this after noon Frank took them and disked. A Mr. Broadley from Charlotteville came in just before dinner with a big grey Percheron stallion and he stayed here to dinner. The stallion was "Jason" the one Chart Wooley bought at Yeager's sale, this Broadley has just bought him from Chart and wants to travel him down this way. He is the same one that Stinhoff had through here last year and didn't leave many colts. I did odd jobs & chores all day. Neil Elliott was in this after noon and looked at my big steer and offered me 10 cts for him now, but I didn't sell him. Sunny & cool.

Wednesday May ^{1st}

Frank and I worked on the five acre field pretty much all day and have gone over it twice with the disk lengthways and twice with the harrows the same way and Frank started over it with the disks crossways. Dad. did chores and cleaned out ditches all day and to-night just before tea went over to Quanbury's and bagged up six bags of oats to sow, where we are working now. After tea the Quanbury boys brought their flat rack and the oats over here and left them as we want the flat rack to shear sheep on. I went down town to-night. It has been sunny but very cold north wind all day.

Thursday May 2nd

Frank disked the field north of the orchard crossways this morning getting over it by a little after twelve but he didn't lop the disks half. Dad. and I sawed up one of the old oak limbs and then cleaned up the oats that the Quanbury boy's brought over. This after noon I harrowed with Queen & Dave and Dad. started to drill with Harry and Belle. We hoped to have been through seeding to-night but Dad. ran out of seed so we had to stop. Frank went down town and got a board at the Widespread and spent the afternoon making a wool-pressing box. Pickford came over to-night to borrow the clover seeder and was here all the evening. Not cold but very strong south west wind.

Friday May 3rd

Dad and I cleaned up what few oats we had in the bin this morning and Dad. finished drilling the field before dinner but it took him till night to get it all harrowed and furrowed out. We are now through seeding. I spent the morning fixing up a coop to put my little chickens in and cleaning up the back yard. Frank went out and pulled all the posts out around the cornerfield cleaned out his bee hives and put them away (as the bees are all dead) and worked some more on the wool box, when Dad. was ready he went out and helped him run the ditches. Neff was in the after noon with some of the potatoes for the J.F.I.A. plot and I went with him over to Lorne Myer's Lorne wasn't home but we left the potatoes there and had a look at the land. Neff said it was alright. To-night I rode Queen up to Ham Thompson's to see about spraying. Dess was over after tea to-night. She and Dad. each got a letter from Dick who expects to be home in a couple of weeks. He wants to get in the Navy but Head Office ordered him to report for accountant at Imperial. Sask. but the manager told him it wasn't worth his while. Fine day.

Saturday May 4th

We expected to start in first thing this morning and shear the sheep, but when we went to take the horse clipping attachment off to put the sheep shearers on we couldn't do it. The directions with the machine said to put a screwdriver between the cogs and jerk the handle backward and we tried that several times but were afraid of breaking the little cogs in fact we did chip a couple of them. Art Quanbury came in and tried it but couldn't do any better so at last Frank took it down to Mr. James. He worked at it for an hour than advised Frank to take it up to the garage. The fellow up there and old Hamaker couldn't take it off but when George Gamble came in and did according to directions aparently the same as all the rest had tried it came off in a minute. He seems to be a regular wizzard with machinery. Frank didn't get home till after noon so it was late when we got started and Rus Lampkins was in for quite awhile so we only got the white ewe and the old ram sheared. This morning Dad. and I cleaned out the worst ditch in the oat field across the gully and I moved the little chickens down into their outside coops. I have just twelve out of each setting. Frank went down town to-night. Rus. Lampkins took the inch pipe he left here two or three years ago for the sink. Cloudy morning but fine day.

Sunday May 5th

We all went to church this morning. Frank Enah and I walked down and Dad. & Tim drove down. Frank and I drove Joe home and the rest stayed down at Aunty's for dinner. I helped Frank do chores and then hooked Queen up and took Marj. for a drive. We drove down the lake shore and took Mr. Moore some provisions. He seemed very glad to see us and took us in and showed their house and the farm. They have 19 acres in. I picked Winnie up on the way home and she was over here to tea and I walked down with her after tea but was too late for church. I met Marj. after church and spent the evening with her. It has been warm and sunny all day and feels as if it would rain. We would be glad to see a rain now as things are getting pretty dry.

Monday May 6th

We have been shearing all day but only got eight done, we didn't get started very early and made better time with last few. Jack Walker was over this after noon to get some elms for Gus to set out in front of his house. I went back with him to the woods and we got four. To-night I got the lawn mower out of winter quarters but didn't have time to cut much lawn before dark. Very warm.

Tuesday May 7th

We have been at the shearing all day again to-day and only got eight sheep done. Mr. Broadley and Jason were in again for dinner and he sheared a couple for us one with the machine and one with the shears. He likes the shears best and made better time with them. Ham Thompson was in too while he was here. He came to tell me that the spraying was all off as it was too late now. Dad. had a letter from Dick from Regina enclosing the check for his trunk which is at the station now. He said the whole town of Cadillac was at the station to see him off. They had a surprise party for him at which they intended presenting him with a wrist watch but as it didn't come for the occasion, they will ship it to Dover for him. A letter addressed to him also came here from the Registrar of Saskatchewan saying that he had transferred Dick's name to the Toronto Registrar and for Dick to see him as soon as possible. Enah sent the letter to Ray as Dick intends to stay in Toronto a day or two before he comes home. I cut more of the lawn to-night. It was raining when we got up this morning has been very warm all day and although sunny at times rained several times quite heavily.

Wednesday May 8th

We sheared sheep all day and got 9 done to-day which was a slight improvement. We only have three left now to shear. To-night I went down town and Marj. and I went to the Presbyterian Church to hear Mr. Fulton Presbyterian Minister in Simcoe give a talk on Ireland which wasn't bad. Frank and Enah drove down and Enah went to Choir practice but there weren't enough there to have any. Fair & cooler. No ink in the house.

Thursday May 9th

We finished shearing the sheep this morning but it took us till noon. This after-noon Frank and I took down the piece of wire fence which we had along the potato patch back of the barn last year and put it between the orchard and the plum orchard so that we could let the sheep in the orchard. Tom came in just as we got that done and wanted us to clip Maude so Dad. Tom and I clipped her and Frank went down town and got some oil and when he got back he disked up last year's potato patch back of the barn and when we got Maud clipped he and Dad. went out to plow the old garden. Winnie & Dess came over this after noon and were here to tea. Alex Jameson was in too for a short visit. Tom brought Dick's trunk over for us so saved us a trip down with the waggon. Brant Bloodsworth & Elva came over after tea in the car and took the girls home and Enah & Tid for a ride. Brant. left the bank to-day and has to report in Brantford on Monday, he has got into the Flying Corps. Neff came over in his car this after noon and brought us the twine for our wool which he promised to send us. Dad. had a letter from Dick to-day from Toronto saying he would be

home in a day or two, he couldn't get into the Navy, but is going to try the Aviation or Artillery. To-night Frank and I drove Queen over to Lorne Myers for a drive around the block. Fine growing day.

Friday May 10th

I spent most of the morning tying up the wool. Frank and Dad. went out to finish plowing the old garden but it began to rain so they had to come in and Frank helped me with the wool. Art. Quanbury came over at noon to borrow the clippers as he wanted to shear his sheep and Frank went over with him and sheared the first one. It was very windy and rather cold this after noon so we didn't haul any hay as we intended but when Frank came home we put the wool in the big sack they sent us from the Association. I had to get in and tramp it and we had a hard job putting the thirty fleeces in but we did but couldn't get the bundle of tags in so will have to send them separately. To-night Dad. went down town with Aunt Alice's milk and Frank and I spent the evening over at the gas well. Dad. wasn't home when we went to bed, and we were very surprised to be wakened soon after we were asleep by no less a personage than old Dick, he had come in on the seven o'clock car and had come home with Dad. He. Dad. and Enah sat up till after midnight, Dick telling them of his life since he left. He evidently had some good times in the West and is very much in love with the Prairies. He hasn't enlisted yet nor been drafted. He hoped to see Joe Dyer here as he is to be in command of three batteries of artillery in Toronto, but he has just left for Chicago for a week.

Saturday May 11th

We moved a pretty good load of hay over the horse stable this morning and took a small jag to the cow stable. We were delayed while putting it on by the cattle breaking down a post of the barnyard fence and getting into the wheat. There was one piece about 2 yards square of fairly good wheat and they trimmed it right to the ground. Aunt came over to dinner and this afternoon Dad. Dick. Aunt & Tim all went down town and Dad. fixed up the walks and the bay-window bed down home. Dick didn't come back to tea and stayed down town all night. Frank and I went back to the gully this after noon and started to take down the crossfence as it has become so delapidated that it is past fixing. We got the wire off and rolled on this side of the creek but didn't get much done at the other side. We went back to the woods to see our ginseng and golden-seal. The Ginseng is not up yet but the Golden seal looks fine. Frank caught a snapping turtle back there and took it over to Henry at the gas well as he eats them. We saw a big flock a hundred or more of American

Goldfinches back in the gully. It seemed as if they had just come. To-night Frank and I went down town and I got my hair cut. Sunny morning but rainy after noon.

Sunday May 12th

It was raining when we got up this morning and rained pretty much all morning but cleared off for the after noon but was showery again all the evening. Enah and I drove down to church and I drove Enah home after church and then drove back to the top of Marshall's hill and picked Dick and Dess up who had started to walk over to dinner. After dinner Dick took our picture and then I went down town I had tea at Aunt's and went to church with her and spent the evening learning Latin from Marj. Dad. drove Dick and Dess part way down town soon after I left and they went to Brantford on the five car to see Musa and came back on the eleven. I waited till the car came in but not till Dick {illegible} come.

Monday May 13th

We have spent the whole day working at the fence around the corner field. We took the team and waggon out this morning and gathered up all the wire, short posts and rubbish along the fence bottom and measured off where our anchor post at the north west corner has to go. Frank borrowed Jack's chain this morning when he went over to get the seven ducks that Jack hatched for him. Dick came over right after dinner and as he was going to Toronto to-night to see if he could get into the Artillery we sat around for awhile after dinner talking to him, and about three or half past Dad. drove him down town to catch the train. There was notice of a registered parcel for him in the mail and it proved to be a dandy wrist watch which his friends in Cadillac had sent him. Frank and I went on surveying the fence while Dad. was down town and when he came back he brought the team out and started to plow a ridge along the front road for a fence bottom. They had to stop working at the gas well to-night as they have run out of rope. It has been cool and rather cloudy.

Tuesday May 14th

We have been all day at the fence again to-day and Dad. got the ridge for the fence bottom plowed all the way around the field. It kept Frank and me pretty busy setting stakes and making sure of the measurements. We grafted a couple of small wild apple trees on the road, just to see what we could do Walt Demming and Geordie Boughner were in this afternoon to look at the red steer but only offered me \$75 for him Niel was in yesterday and offered me \$80. I asked \$85 for him and if I don't get it I wont sell him. To-night I caught the

cat which we have caught twice stealing my little chickens and took her down to the pond or at least the creek and drowned her. Fine day.

Wednesday May 15th

This morning Dad. and I went back to fix the gully fence while Frank took the two plow shears down to be sharpened and to have something done to his teeth. After dinner Frank and I took a load of manure over to our potato patch at Lorne Myers. We were over there quite awhile and got some more stuff at the mill for the calves and Frank's ducks so it was about half past four when we got home. We put on a load of manure and took it back to the sand knoll across the gully where we had the turnips last year and where we hope to have some potatoes this year Dad and Enah were working in the garden till we came home and then Dad. came back and he and Frank fixed a little more of the gully fence while I threw the last of the load off and brought the team up. To-night I went down town and learned Latin. Lorne Myers said to-day he thought he could have our plots ready to plant by Saturday so we are going to try it. Fine day but cold breeze.

Thursday May 16th

Frank and I hauled four loads more back over the gully this morning and one this after noon which covered the patch. Dad. finished fixing the gully fence and went back to John Wesses and borrowed his spud and spoon to dig anchor post holes. This after noon Dad. let the cattle back. When Frank and I got through hauling manure back over the gully, ~~they~~ we hauled a load out to the old garden to put on east of the currant bushes. It was a big load and Frank got stuck going through a wet place so we had to throw part of it off. He and Dad. started to plow the rest of the old garden and I started to dig an anchor post hole, but we quit early so that Frank and I could get started out to notify the J.F.I.A. members of our intention of planting potatoes on Saturday and to invite them all to help. I took Joe and the saddle and went north as far as Butlers and Frank went east on his wheel and the ones we didn't get the others will telephone. All I saw said they would come in the after noon anyway except Willard Butter and he said he couldn't. He and his brother have 160 they are trying to farm as old Nate is not able to work so the doctor told him and the oldest brother has just been drafted. Karl and Fred Coleman were over this morning and offered me \$85 if I kept him for two weeks so I let him go. Mary presented us with another clear red heifer calf to-night. This was Dad's & Enah's 12th wedding {Toby made a squiggle and an arrow pointing to this comment in the margin : "Wavy lines denote intense drowsiness"} anniversary so Aunty and Aunty Alice were over to tea. Fine day, not much breeze. Very hot.

Friday May 17th

I went up to Ham Thompson's first thing this morning as Frank said he intended to spray his orchard for second spray but when I got up there and told him that we wouldn't have time to spray our orchard, he decided that he didn't either so I came home. I sowed clover seed on the three acres by the side road when I got home and then went over to Lorne Myer's to help him get the formalin solution ready and start treating the seed potatoes so as to have some ready to cut to-morrow. Dad. and Frank plowed the rest of the old garden to-day. This after noon we plowed in some potatoes in the sod east of the current bushes. Frank went down town soon after dinner to have his gum lanced where a wisdom tooth is coming and which has been very sore all day. Neff came in about five o'clock and got me to go over to Myer's to help him measure out the plots. He decided we wouldn't have enough seed for an acre so made the plots quite a lot smaller. Frank went down to Glen Ryerse's to-day to see if he could get some strawberry plants but couldn't. They seem to be very scarce. Fine day and hot.

Saturday May 18th

Frank and I went over to Lorne Myer's first thing after breakfast and have been over all day as we took our lunch. We got all our potatoes planted and were through by six o'clock. Frank and I were the first ones there and Neff .Tige M^cBride & Tick Nunn ~~and~~ Lloyd Crysler came soon after. We cut potatoes and measured off the plots all morning and Lorne cultivated and ran the furrows for us. Neff and Tick didn't come back after dinner but the others did and a big force besides consisting of Rolson, Charlie Blake, Ham Thompson, Leo Challand, Willie Nixon, Charlie Shand, Charlie Stitt and Eldon Crosbie also Arnold Myers and Alex England. It didn't take us long to plant and cover them but we had far more seed than enough to sow the plots that Neff marked out so we had to take about half as much land again and get Lorne to run us some more furrows. Dad. Enah, Tid & Frank went down town to-night.

Sunday May 19th

Enah and I drove down to church this morning and left Frank and Dad pasturing the sheep on the lawn. Enah stayed down at her mother's to dinner so Frank, Dad. and I had dinner alone. Right after dinner I hooked Queen up and Marj. and I went for a drive up above Fisher's Glen. Dad. was very disgusted at me when I got home as he had spent two hours this morning trimming the long hair off Queen's legs and ears and I never noticed it. Ed.

Moon was over here to tea and had been reading Dad. his diary which he kept all the time he was in the Army. I hurried around, had tea before the rest and went down to church. I was late but went in and heard a Mr. Trivet who has been a missionary in Honan, China. He was very interesting. A Mr. Anderson from. Waterford was here this morning and he had been in India for quite awhile. I spent the evening with Marj. Sunny and hot but nice breeze.

Monday May 20th

We spent a couple of hours this morning with Billy and Pommers as Dad. trimmed their feet and pulled out some milk teeth out of each of them. Then I went out and finished digging the anchor post hole which I began the other day. This after noon I dug another one and got to within about a foot of the bottom of the third and last one. I would just about finished it but I put another crack in the handle of John Wesses spoon so had to take a half an hour off to wind it, however the last foot always takes longer to dig than all the rest. I am using John Wesses spud and spoon so that I won't have to dig a great big hole. Before dinner Dad. and Frank got the manure spreader all oiled up and did a little more disking and fixing up this end of the lane. Dad. got it all plowed on Saturday. This after noon they hauled out eleven loads of manure on the corn ground getting about half the pile at the cow stable out there. Aunty was over for awhile this after noon and told Enah our dipping tank was at the station. John Shand was also over for a visit. Fine day and hot.

Tuesday May 21st

Dad. and Frank hauled out manure all morning and got the shed at the cow stable all cleaned out. I went out to finish the anchor post hole but the colts had got into the back field so I had to go and put them out and cut a pole in the woods to put across the gap for a top bar. As the span is about fifteen feet I had to cut one with a good sized butt. The first one I got was too short and the second one was so heavy, it was all I could do to drag it out of the woods and up the hill. I had a chance, though, to look at my ginseng which is coming up. I then went back and finished the post hole before dinner. This after noon Frank, Tid. and I went down town in the waggon with Joe & Queen & got our dipping tank and five cement tiles one of which broke all to pieces coming home as it was only a month old. Dad. wanted them to put across the lane gate in the barnyard. We had to go back down to the mill after we unloaded our tank & tile to get some feed oats and one of our barrells to treat potatoes in which Lorne Myers brought down to the mill for us. When we got them home we took two of the locust anchor posts and a couple of brace posts out to the field. To-night Frank and I hooked up Queen and drove up to Saville's this side of Lynn Valley as old

Broadley who was here at noon said he had some strawberry plants but he hadn't, however we called in at Trinder's on our way home and he said he could let us have three hundred if we came after them in the morning. We got home soon after ten and I was just going to bed when Dick came in, he had come up on the nine car. We sat around and talked for an hour or more. He told us that Joe Syer was going to get him into the Artillery but had given him till Saturday morning to come home, they then expect to go to Petewawa and he doesn't think he will be able to get home till they go overseas. He brought us up a package of Cooper's dipping powder with about a bushel of booklets pertaining to sheep He says he had a whale of a time in Toronto. Fine day.

Wednesday May 22nd

Frank went up after the strawberry plants as soon as he could this morning and got back before dinner with three hundred. We didn't get started very early as a very heavy thunderstorm came up about breakfast time and lasted for about half an hour or more. Marie & George Ryerse were on their way to school and came in here till it was over and Alan Law also brought his team in. He had been hauling water for the gas well and he empties it into the ditch just above the culvert as they have it dammed. This morning he was in the shack letting the water run out of his tank when a flash of lightening scared his team and they started up the road so he brought them in here till it was over. It didn't rain hard enough to keep Dad. from plowing so he plowed the rest of the morning and I went back to the woods and cut about 100 stakes for tomato plants. I just cut bass wood as they are no particular good in the woods. This after noon we all went out to the old garden to set out the strawberry plants. Dad. disked the piece and rolled it. I made the holes and Frank and Enah planted. Dad. went back to the corn ground and plowed as soon as we started planting and when we finished about four we went over to plant potatoes on the sandy ridge that runs through the cornfield from the lane to Ben's fence. Enah helped us out and Frank and I planted in every third furrow as Dad. plowed. We got four rows the full length of the field planted by six o'clock but have a lot of seed left yet. To-night I went down town. It has been hot all day and to-night a very heavy thunderstorm came up but only lasted about half an hour. Dick was over to dinner and I went into Aunty's on my way home to see if he was coming over to-night but he was going to have a bath and stay down all night. I sat there and talked for about an hour so was pretty late getting home. I got Dad. some tobacco to-night although he says he has decided to quit smoking till the war is over as he only gets two very small plugs of Briar for a quarter now that they have begun taxing luxuries but I thought he had better have it handy.

Thursday May 23rd

Frank and I planted three more rows of potatoes this morning in the cornfield and Dad. plowed them in. When we finished we went back to the gully and pulled out the posts that were in the old crossfence and got the wire coild from the south gully fence to about the middle. This after noon Frank and Dad. started to haul out manure but when they went to oil up they found some springs all bent in one of the drive wheels so Frank drove up to Simcoe to get new ones. He also got some Hydrated Lime and Bluestone to make Bordeaux mixture to spray potatoes. Dad. plowed and Tid and I went back to the gully. Tid to catch frogs & pollywogs and I to fill up the old post holes and take down more wire but I didn't get very much done as I had a pain all the after noon which made me feel sick and sort of weak. I felt all right after tea but thought I wouldn't go to the Hard Time dance which the Women's Institute put on. Frank and Dick both went and I drove Frank down and as it was a beautiful moonlight night went around and took Marj. for a very short drive as it was late when I got down. It has been a fine day sunny with cool breeze.

Friday May 24th

We didn't get started at anything very early this morning and were delayed by Charlie Quanbury's team getting away from him while he was hooking them up. They came up this road and we went out to stop them. While out there Art Ryerse came along with Glen with some asparagus for us and came in to see Knockfierna which he thought was a dandy. Just as he was leaving Ed. Nunn came in after him, I don't know what for unless it was to go fishing. Frank and Dad. got five loads of manure out before dinner and two after dinner and finished cleaning out the box stalls. I went out and hoed the strawberrys and some of the potatoes which are just coming up. Dick and Dess were over to dinner and about three o'clock we hooked up to the waggon and all went down to see Dick off on the 4.30 train for Toronto as he has to report to-morrow to Joe Dyer. Dess, Win Frances & two McBride girls went down to Jarvis with him. Dad. Frank & Enah & Tid came right home after the train went out and Dad. and Frank went out to work in the old garden till tea and Enah went to call on Mrs. Zealand. I went up to see L.G. Morgan and find out what I could about the Dicky Stephen's "Sheep Pasture", but he referred me to Slaght in Simcoe as he is administrator. Frank sent in his name, age & address to the Military Registrar in Toronto to-day according to the regulations in the proclamation just issued ordering all men over 19 to register. I saw several cars going down the side road bristling with fish poles to-day and there were quite a lot of people in town celebrating. The "City of Dover" was also running excursions this after noon. It has been a beautiful day.

Saturday May 25

Dad. and Frank started to haul out manure this morning and I went over to hoe what potatoes I could find up but about ten o'clock it began to rain so we all had to quit. Enah was out in the old garden too setting out cabbage plants. It didn't rain very hard and Dad. put on an old waterproof and went out and set out the rest of the cabbage plants till noon. I wrote in this and fooled around figuring on the size of a board to paint a sign on for the J.F.I.A. potato patch. Frank made staples for cement posts. This afternoon we decided to dip the sheep and it took the best part of the after noon to get ready. We put Art's flat rack on the barn floor and put the tank in the shed so that we could walk the sheep from the platform into the tank at the other end of the tank we put the waggon with the tail gate and front end taken out so that the drip would run down into a tub at the far end. We used $\frac{3}{4}$ of the package of Coopers dipping powder with 75 gallons of water but should have had 100 gallons to cover the old sheep. We didn't get started till about four o'clock so were late getting through. We dipped the lambs first and gave them all a good soaking It made them beautifully white with a yellowish tinge and soon after they were dipped the ticks began to come out to the end of the wool. They were all badly infested and should have been dipped before. The dip only came about halfway up on the old sheep but they stood well and we poured it over their backs and as their wool is so short they got well soaked and there were scarcely any ticks on them anyway. It was heavy work handling the old ones and I was very tired to-night. Cruikshank the Massey-Harris agent from Simcoe was in this after noon for a long time to look at the binder as something was wrong with it. Frank showed him around. He is also agent for the Confederation Life Insurance Co. and Frank took out a policy. By the time we got the chores all done to-night it was nearly ten o'clock so I had a bath and went right to bed. Fine all the after noon but rained again towards evening.

Sunday May 26th

It began to rain quite early this morning and it developed into about the heaviest thunderstorm we have had and kept it up till nearly noon. I got all ready for church but it was raining so hard at the time to start that I didn't go but stayed home and read all morning. I went down right after dinner and spent the afternoon with Marj. About five o'clock she and I went down to Auntys for tea as they had asked me to bring her down to see the white cactus which has to beautiful blossoms. When we got there Dad. was there just ready to take Aunty and Aunty Alice up to the cemetry and it was late when we got through tea but Aunty. Marj. and I went to church. We came back down to Aunty's after church and spent the evening down there. Dad. Enah and Tid stayed up at Huby's for tea.

Monday May 27th

We hauled out manure all day to-day but didn't get started very early Frank went down town to get some oil this morning and I helped Dad. haul out all morning and cut lawn while he was out in the field. Frank hoed the potatoes till noon after he got home from town. Dad. and I got out ~~five~~ six loads. This after noon Frank and Dad. hauled out and got out 12 loads. I finished cutting the lawn after dinner and then Enah and I set out some tomato plants. I quit at six o'clock and went up to Simcoe on the 7 car to see Slaght about the Dicky Stephen's place. He says he has full power to dispose of it and may be able to make an agreement with me, but he has to come down first to estimate the value of it. Cloudy and hot all day.

Tuesday May 28th

Dad. and Frank hauled out manure all morning and finished covering the field. This after noon Dad. Plowed. I set out more tomato plants this morning and finished two rows making about 175 plants and leaving a few in the cold frame for Hubby and Aunty Alice. When I got through I went back to the woods and got a few of the stakes I cut but as they were too limber to drive in I got John Wesses spud and made a hole beside each plant with it. I finished that after dinner and about four o'clock Frank and I went back to John Wesses with Joe & Queen and took his spud & spoon home. Frank had been disking while I was making the holes. We bred Belle to-day. Cloudy & warm.

Wednesday May 29th

Dad. plowed all morning and most of the after noon but it began to rain about four o'clock so he had to quit. It rained from then till about dark but not very hard. Frank and I put on a load of straw this morning and Dad. hauled it over to the drive house at noon and we put it off right after dinner. We spent most of the morning back in the gully taking the wire off the crossfence and rolling itt we got it all done by noon. We went back to the woods at noon and got a few of the tomato stake and carried them to the top of the gully hill but they got too heavy to lug any farther. We had them on a hickory pole and each had one end of the pole. Cruikshanks, the machine and insurance agent was down to see Frank this morning and left his cane here so he and the District agent for the Confederation Life Co. were in again while Frank and I were putting off the straw and induced me to take out a 20 year endowment policy for \$1000. I didn't pay anything down on it but told them I would in a week or so. If I can ever raise the money for the premiums I guess its a good thing. When they left, Frank and I went out to the side road to dig post holes but Pickford came over to

visit us and it began to rain so we had to hike for his barn and only got two posts set. I went down town to-night and stayed all night at Aunt Alice's, she and Aunt Ida were over here to-dinner to-day. Aunty is in London.

Thursday May 30th

Dad. has plowed all day to-day. Frank and I intended going on with the fence but Ham Thompson came after me to help him put on the third spray so I have been up there all day not getting home till nearly eight o'clock. I was up this morning at five and Aunt Alice insisted on getting up and giving me my breakfast before I came home. Frank pulled all the steeples and let the fence down to the ground around the pasture in front of the house and threw sod in the low places so that the sheep couldn't crawl underneath. No wind to-day warm and rainy looking.

Friday May 31st

Frank and I went up to Ham's first thing this morning with Joe & Queen and got the spray outfit. We stopped in on the way home at the mill and got some feed for the calves and chickens and I paid \$65.⁰⁰ on my account as Karl came yesterday and got my steer and gave Frank the money for him. When we got home we sewed up the wool sack as I got a letter from Neff saying they were going to start a car loading here on Monday to go to Guelph. He wants one of us to be at the car till it goes out. Dad. plowed till noon and then helped us spray. We got over all the trees but couldn't do the north east side very well on account of the wind. We only put on tank of spray on It didn't seem to have the force to it that it should. We got through about half past four and Dad. went on out to plow and Frank and I took the sprayer back. After tea to-night Dad. & Enah went out to work in the garden and Frank and I let the sheep out in the lane and put up barricades so that they couldn't go on the lawn, I washed off the buggy. A good many people are very anxious these days over the war news as the Germans have started another desperate drive towards Paris on a front between Soissons & Rheims The French are holding the outskirts of both cities but the Germans have got nearly to the Marne in the centre but Allied reserves are coming in fast. They finished drilling to-night and struck a dry hole.

Saturday June 1st

I spent most of the day to-day hoeing in the garden. The potatoes are all up nicely now so I got them and the strawberries and tomatoes all hoed. Dad. plowed all morning and after dinner went over to the garden to get the harrows so while he was there he hooked Belle to

the little straight toothed cultivator of Ben's and I helped him cultivate the garden. He harrowed the parts where nothing is planted and where the last potatoes are not up yet. He then went and plowed till six. Frank has had Joe. & Queen on the disks and roller all day on the corn ground. To-night Frank and I went down town and I met Marj. and Clara Garrie a friend of hers from Toronto who came in on the eleven car and is going to stay over the King's birthday. Very hot and very windy all day.

Sunday June 2nd

Enah and I drove down to church this morning and Frank walked down. This after noon I hooked Queen up and took Marj. and Miss Garrie for a drive down the Lake Shore. We came back past here and I put Queen in and we walked over to see Jack's chickens and then on down town around by the mill. I stayed at the Moore's to tea. We didn't go to church to-night but went down to the beach for awhile. Dad. and the baby went down to Aunty's this after noon. Stace Lowrie was in to see if he could get pasture for his old mare. Cloudy and cooler.

Monday June 3rd

Frank went down town right after breakfast to find out about the wool car and found that there was one for the wool at the L.E.&N. siding on Main St. so we went down with our wool and Quanbury's. We found England, Paw & Sidway had all been there with their wool. Frank took the team home and I stayed at the car as Neff asked me to be there to see that all the tickets were on all right. I stayed there till after dinner and didn't have anything to do as there were only about a dozen brought wool so I slept and studied Latin all fore noon and went without dinner. I went down to the station to get Ham Thompson's & Art Quanbury's freight bills about half past one and when I got back I found Billy M^cNeilly there and he said the freight had been in and gone out again without taking our car. I don't understand it as Neff said it was to go out at 2.30. Dad. has plowed on the corn ground all day and Frank had worked the little team on the disks till I came home then I took them and he sprayed the potatoes with the Bordeaux mixture which he prepared this morning. To-night John James & family motored in having come in this after noon from Courtright, they went back down town for the night.

Tuesday June 4th

Dad. plowed corn ground all day but didn't quite finish. I disked with the little team all day. Frank went down town this morning and got Dad. a plow shear and got his hair cut. John.

James and his family were all here to dinner and so was Mr. Broadley. After dinner they all went down to the greenhouse and Enah and Frank went with them. Very cool to-day & to-night.

Wednesday June 5th

I spent the morning planting five rows of mangel seed out in the old garden. I tried a scheme of Uncle Wards of planting five one or two seeds in a place about a foot apart, but it is too slow to do much of a patch. This after noon Frank and I took the little team and hauled out a load and a half of manure and put a good lot in between the tomatoes, a shovelfull to a plant. We also mixed up a lot of it with the soil in ten hills where we intend to plant some watermelons. We have never grown any before and it may be too late for them but we had lots of room so thought we would try them. Dad. finished plowing the corn ground. I went down town to-night.

Thursday June 6th

It has been a rainy day with very short intervals of sun shine. It rained quite heavily early this morning and has been drizzly the rest of the time. We put on a load of hay this morning and took it over to the horse stable. Alfred Ryerse was up to ask Dad. about a sick cow. Dad got his culvert fixed in the barnyard across the lane gate where there has always been a bad mud-hole. This after noon Frank and I put the shop all in the barn to pick out some yearlings to sell in case anyone comes of them but we only found two that we thought it wise to let go now one very small one and the one that didn't have milk enough to raise a lamb, she is a decendant of the white ewe and few of her stock are up to much the best of the ewes all being descended from old Lop-Ear. When we got through with them we went over and got our bundle of tomato stakes and put them in Dad. hoed over in the garden most of the after noon. To-night Frank and I went down town to see Jack Pickford at the show in "The Varmint." Win & Marj. went with us. It was pretty good.

~~Thursday~~ Friday June 7th

Frank and I went up to Ham Thompson's with a heifer this morning. Ham said he would come down to morrow after noon and plant our corn for us as Dad. thinks we can have it ready by then. I shelled corn all day after I got back from Ham's. The three bushels in the crates on the cob made about a bushel and a half of shelled corn. Dad. and Frank cut down a dead apple tree in the orchard this ~~after~~ morning and this after noon worked both teams on the corn ground. To-night Frank and I went over to Lorne Myer's to hoe the J.F.I.A.

potatoes. Nixon Blake. Roleson and Charlie Stitt were the only others there but we got one patch the sandy one all hoed, if there had been more out we would have got them all hoed. Sunny but very cold west wind all day.

Saturday June 8th

Dad. and Frank worked both teams on the corn ground all day and have it very nice shape. I went over to Quanbury's this morning and borrowed their seed drill and sowed ten rows of mangels in the cornfield just north of the potatoes. I sowed one pound of seed which we had and then got another half pound from Quanbury's and sowed it. Ham Thompson came at noon and planted corn with the machine all the after noon but didn't finish but says he will come back, Monday. The machine is certainly a rig. It is the first one we ever saw work and it is hard to believe that the rows will be in line crossways but Ham says they will. I cut most of the lawn this after noon . To-night Frank and I went down town for a little while. Cold wind all day and a white frost last night.

Sunday June 9th

Frank and I went to Sunday School this morning as Jack asked me ~~last~~ yesterday if I couldn't get down, just as we got there we saw Jack leaving in a car with two fellows, however Aunty Maude took the class. Tid went down to Sunday School with me he said he liked it fine. Dad. and Enah drove down to church and brought Miss Phipps with them. Dad. was going to go home again to put the sheep in as some of them were out when he left, but I came home and put them in and then brought Joe back for them to drive home. Frank stayed down at Aunty's to dinner and went for a walk with Lila this after noon. I went down town about three o'clock. Stayed at Aunty's to tea and went to church with them to-night. They have started having church at 7.30 for the summer instead of 7 o'clock. I spent Most of the evening up at Cousin Loll's. Marj. was at Essie's Birthday party. It was pouring rain when I started home so I stayed all night at Aunty's. It has been cloudy all day and it looks like an all night rain.

Monday June 10th

I didn't get up very early this morning and had breakfast down at Aunty's so Dad. was about through milking when I got home. Frank and I stretched a barbed wire along the west side of the lane as part way up the lane as the colts have been bending the fence badly reaching over to eat the wheat. Dad. plowed and disked the garden back of the shop to-day. This after noon Art Quanbury came over to help me put in fence posts so we worked at it all the

after noon. I borrowed Pickford's auger and we got it all the posts along the side road but the two brace posts and got four in along the north side of the field. Ham came down and he and Frank finished planting the corn. To-night Frank and I went over to the J.F.I.A. potato patch to hoe, there was a good bunch there to-night and we got them all hoed and Bill Sidway and Charlie Stitt brought horses and cultivated so the plots look much better. We got through about dark and then Lloyd Ryerse, Tige & Albert M^cBride and Frank and I went down to the creek and had a swim but it was a little to cold for comfort the air especially. Dad. and Enah & Tid drove down town to-night to take Aunt Alice's milk down to her. Cool all day.

Tuesday June 11th

Frank and I took our dipping tank and powder up to Ham's this morning and dipped all his sheep in return for the corn planting. We got home before noon. Dad. spent most of the day working down the garden back of the shop and planting fodder corn on it and harrowing the potatoes. This after noon Frank and I put in some more fence posts but didn't get out till late as Mr. Broadley was here. Frank had a stiff knee too. We quit early and he and I drove Queen to Simcoe to-night to answer our medical questions for insurance It got pretty black and very hot when we were going up to Simcoe and was beginning to thunder and lightening just as we were ready to start home but we thought we would take a chance on being caught so got all ready to start back, however just as we were ready to get into the buggy it began to pour down and for the next two hours we had a storm that would equal in its fury any of the worst of the 1915 models. It sounded terrible on the tin roof of Burts barn where we were and Queen was a little scared although she didn't make any fuss but I could tell by the way she put her nose in my face and hands that she wondered what it all meant. After the first spasm was over we looked out and the sky in the north was all a deep red so we knew that somebody's barn a long way out of town was struck, but when the next burst of rain came the red light disappeared. We waited there till the storm was over and got home before two o'clock, the roads weren't muddy but were washed bare and packed hard.

Wednesday June 12th

I didn't get up very early this morning and Dad. went back after the cows. He was in a great state of despondency over the storm, he thought everything would be ruined and he says there are lakes all over the cornfield so that it will be all drowned out. Edmond England was over last night to invite us to a bee at the School house to level the grounds so I went over

about ten o'clock, that wasn't as late as I thought for they all work on the old time out there. I found a big bunch there with scrapers and plows and there was really more men than there was work, but I hung around all day filling scrapers and shovelling a little but principally visiting. I intended to come home at noon and tell Dad. what more they needed so that he could come this after noon but as Dave Lampkin invited me to dinner and I didn't think there was any use of any more coming I didn't go home. Neff was down on Monday and staked all the levels out for them and by to-night they had it in very nice shape. Dad. and Frank just did odd jobs and chores as it was too wet to do much. Aunty was over here to dinner I went down town to-night. Cloudy with strong & cold wind.

Thursday June 13th

I went over to John Wesses this morning and borrowed his spoon again to dig the earth out of the anchor post holes which has caved in since I dug them. When I got back we took out some sand, cement and the dipping tank which we filled with water bailed out of the holes, (they were nearly full) and put in the locust posts for anchor posts. We set one before dinner and the other two this after noon. I too John Wesses spoon back before tea when I got through with it. Enah went down town this after noon. I cut a little more lawn to-night. Sunny but still a cool breeze.

Friday June 14th

We took out some brace posts and all the good fence posts we could find around the place this morning and gathered up the few that were left along the road. Frank and I put them in before dinner and finished the row from the road to the north west anchor posts. Dad. spent the day harrowing over the corn-ground but didn't finish. This after noon Frank and I pulled out the rest of the fence posts in the gully cross-fence and stretched a little more barbed wire on the top of the lane fence. We all quit early and after tea Frank and I went over to the potato patch. I rode Belle over and cultivated the clay patch and Tig M^cBride cultivated the others, we also went through Lorne's. There were seven or eight hoeing but they only got the sandy patch hoed and we intend to hoe the clay on Monday. Frank took his football over and we had quite a game when we got through work. Dad. Enah & Tid drove down town. Enah went to hear a missionary from the North-West and Dad. & Tid went fishing. Cool.

Saturday June 15th

Dad. took the team and waggon back to the top of the gully hill this morning and we hauled up a load of posts and fence boards out of the gully with the team and chain making several trips. We got all the stuff from the fence on the north side of the gully pretty well cleaned up. We got enough posts out of the load to go along the west side of the corner field and after we had unloaded the other stuff we took them out and Frank and I worked till noon putting them in and Dad. went on harrowing the corn field. This after noon Dad. finished harrowing the cornfield and the garden north of the shop and then cultivated all through everything he could in the old garden. Frank spent the afternoon in the old garden hoeing and spraying the potatoes. I drove Enah and Tim down town for Enah to get some provision and we got home about half past four and then I went back to the mill got some oat chop and washed the buggy. Huby was over this after noon and got a bag of straw for the pen his puppies are in. Miss Phipps was over to-night and brought us some lovely peonies. I got a fine blueprint from the Horticultural Department at Guelph showing how to plant the lawn with a complete planting list. It has been sunny & warmer to-day but a cold breeze yet.

Sunday June 16th

Tip Varey brought Barwell and his little Boston bulldog over in his car this morning. The poor little thing is having a hard time having puppies. Dad. got one from her and they left her here. Tim and I rode down with them to Sunday school. I went to church and Dad. drove Enah down but didn't stay. Aunty came over here with me for dinner. Just before dinner Dick Cook and Mr. Barwell came over to take the dog down to see Dr. Coleman at Jarvis and they waited till Dad. has his dinner and took with them, but the doctor said nothing could be done but just leave her quiet, so they brought her back and left her here. I hooked up Queen and took Marj. for a drive this after noon. I came home to tea and helped Dad. milk and then went down again. Marj. and I went over to Miss M^cQueen to show her my blueprint I got from Guelph. Lila was over here to tea. She has been cultivating corn she says most of this week and is having a good time up there as a farmerette. Cloudy & hot all day.

Monday June 17th

I had to go up to Ham Thompson's with Kate right after breakfast this morning and it was late when Frank and I got out to put posts in but we got in all but three on the east side of the field. Dad. did odd jobs & chores all morning and got another pup away from Barwell's bitch, he was very pleased at that. This after noon he took the plow and the harrows back over the gully and plowed and harrowed the turnip patch. It took him till about seven

o'clock. Frank and I went back with Dad. and carried the tomato stakes out of the woods and put them in the waggon so that Dad. could bring them up. Then we finished putting in the posts on the east side of the field and the three brace posts on the west side so now we just have the cement posts to put in along the front. Charles and Art Quanbury came by on a load of hay and delayed us a little as I pulled Charlie off the load by the leg and he started in to lick me but I think I convinced him of the foolishness of that enterprize. We didn't get through though till late. We had our tea and I had part of the milking done when Dad. came up. Frank and Lloyd Ryerse went over to the potato patch as soon as they could but I didn't get over till nearly dark on account of the chores but was there in time to get a few kicks at the football. There was a good crowd there to-night. Mitchell, Butler Challand, & Nixon all came in from Renton in a car. On the way home Lloyd & Colin Ryerse, Tige M^cBride and Frank and I all stopped in at the mill to see Stan Dollar and got making so much noise singing and kicking the football around the mill, that old Herb Cook came across in a very peeved state and accused us of keeping one man from his sleep and another from his work. He was so crusty that we thought it best to break up the party so we came home and except setting fire to the gas well which wouldn't burn for more than a few seconds, committed no depredations on the way. Clear & much warmer to-day.

Tuesday June 18th

Frank and I didn't get to work very early this morning and worked till noon lining up and digging holes for the cement posts along the front of the field. We just bored the holes and will put the posts in when we first bring them out so as to save handling twice. Dad. went over and rolled down the turnip ground. This after noon I went over to sow the turnips. I had to go over to Art. Quanbury's to get his seed drill and I got about half over the field and then had to quit as I ran out of seed, so came up and helped Dad. and Frank who were stapling the wire on the posts along the side road. We don't intend to stretch it just now. To-night all of us but Dad. went down to see Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm". Enah and Tid went down to the first show and Frank and I went to the second. Sam Law was here when we left and Barwell came over with young Howey to see his dog which is about the same. Fine day.

Wednesday June 19th

This morning I put in All the stakes I had left for the tomatoes and tied them up. We are going to let the rest go unstaked and seef if they are any worse. It was nearly noon when I got that done but I went over and sowed the rest of the turnip patch before dinner. Dad.

cultivated in the garden all morning. Frank was down town most of the morning as the tire came off his wheel last night while he was down town and he went down to get it. He also got some 12 guage shotgun shells to shoot at the crows in the cornfield. Art. Quanbury lent him his shotgun. Aunty Alice was over to dinner. This after noon we tacked up the rest of the wire along the north end west side of the field so now just have the front to put the posts and wire along. We got a cheque for ninety dollars to-day as part payment for our wool. Sunny but cool breeze.

Thursday June 20th

Frank took down the piece of wire that ran along the north end of the plum orchard and we took it out and finished the west side of the field with it. Frank and I finished boring the holes along the front while Dad hoed in the garden. This after noon we started putting the cement posts in and got 12 of them out there and about 8 or 9 set. It was a big job getting them lined up as some of the holes had to be enlarged as they were a little out of line. They show much plainer if they are not just straight than the others do but they certainly look neat and substantial when they are in right. Enah went down town this after noon and when we came up there was a whole pile of calling tickets on the table which had been left by Winnie, Dess & some of the Zealand's while Enah was away. To-night I went down to the school house where Marj. and the other teachers were registering folks in accordance with the new regulation making it compulsory for every man & woman over 16 years of age to register and answer a question card ~~before~~ by June 22nd. It was nearly dark when I got down so they had to quit work. I went home with Marj. and she registered me down there. I was the 97th one she had done. The War news just now looks pretty good. The big Austrian drive in Italy has been stopped without them gaining enough to make up for their losses and the African French troops broke up a German rush for Rheims. Sunny but cold wind.

Friday June 21st

We took out the rest of the cement posts this morning and the roll of wire for the front but didn't get any more set as it began to rain and rained pretty much all day. Dad. wrote to Dick this morning and Frank and I got things ready to make a cement post. After dinner I sat down to read the paper and went to sleep and slept for an hour or two, but there was nothing else much to do. Frank fixed the binder. They said that for awhile when I was asleep it got almost as dark as night. About four o'clock Frank and I went out and made another post. I had to go up to Ham Thompson's with Elgitha to-night. Frank took milk to Aunty Alice.

Saturday June 22nd

I had to go up to Ham's this morning with Marj. and when I got back Dad. and Frank had gone out to the school house to register. Enah went over to Jack Martin's and registered. Dad. and Frank didn't get home till noon as they stopped in on the way and borrowed Tupper's post auger to enlarge the holes. It is a sort of plunger. I made some more reinforcement wires and got some sand over to make another post, but we didn't get it made. This after noon we got the rest of the posts in but didn't get the wire up. Frank and I went down town to-night. It has been cloudy with a very cold north west wind all day. We were afraid of frost to-night but I guess it won't freeze.

Sunday June 23rd

I had to go up to Ham Thompson's with Snowdrop this morning so was too late to go to Sunday school but I drove Enah down to church. Aunty came home with us to dinner. I didn't go down town this after noon as Marj. told me she was going up to the Davis' for dinner. We all went out to look at the new fence and take the sheep out after dinner and then Uncle Ward came over. Aunty went home early but Uncle Ward stayed all the after noon I read and slept. Went down to-night and spent the evening with Marj. Sunny & cold.

Monday June 24th

I drove over to Tupper's this morning and took his post auger back and when I got back we finished putting up the front fence, we put in three wooden posts at this end and wired the fence to the cement posts. Dad. went down to Aunty's just before dinner and was down there all the after noon trimming the paths and cutting the long grass in front of the house. As soon as we could get started after dinner Enah Tid. and I drove to Simcoe with Queen. I got some rape seed and a grease cup for the brass boxing on the mower and went around to see Slaght. He said he had been down to see the "Sheep Pasture" but had not come to any decision in his own mind as to its value but again assured me that he would make no disposition of it without letting me know, but it might not be till fall. Enah and the baby went on a few errands and I picked them up at Charlie Martin's store. We got home by six o'clock. Warmer to-day. Cloudy to-night Frank spent the afternoon planting in corn where the crows took it.

Tuesday June 25th

Dad. has been cultivating corn all day with Belle Frank and I started to put some roofing paper on the chicken house roof to cover a patch that blew off during the winter but didn't quite finish before dinner. Just before noon Harvey Ross and a Mr. Thornton one of the sheep men belonging to the Anaka Farms of Wisconsin came over to see if we had any sheep for sale so I sold him the four yearling rams for \$35.⁰⁰ apiece which was all I asked him and which I thought was a pretty good price for them He would have bought the old ram for sixty but we didn't decide whether to sell him or not. I forgot to mention Ham's yearling ram to him so right after dinner I drove up and told Ham to call him up. This after noon I set up some aster plants which Mrs Quanbury sent over and finished putting the paper on the chicken house roof. Frank spent the after noon planting in missed corn hills. Dad. is very distressed at the way the crows and blackbirds are working in the cornfield. To-night we went over to hoe potatoes and play football and had 14 out. We got the loam patch hoed and had a good game. Warmer.

Wednesday June 26th

Dad. cultivated corn nearly all day and is so so stiff to-night he can hardly walk. He quit about half-past four and he and Enah drove down town after some groceries. Frank planted corn this morning and I hoed the mangels in the old garden and this after noon we both hoed in the old garden. Fine and pretty hot to-day.

Thursday June 27th

I took Belle out to cultivate corn this morning and worked till Dad. came out and took her I couldn't keep her from walking to one side of the rows. Dad. finished the field by noon. Frank and I finished hoeing the old garden this morning. Arthur Preston was over most of the morning visiting. This after noon Dad. started to plow the orchard. Frank and I cleared up the brush and Frank burned it. I spent most of the after noon painting lables to distinguish our different plots of J.F.I.A. potatoes. Winnie, Des & Frasa Dyer were over here to tea to-night. I promised Tige M^cBride that I would go over and help him cultivate the potatoes at Lorne Myer's to-night but it was so late before we got through with chores that I sent Frank over. He got all the ~~elay patch~~ loam patch gone through but Tige didn't show up so the clay didn't get done. I went over when I got through to see Henry Misner to see if he would spray them for us. He wasn't home but Mrs. Misner & Hazel entertained me till he got back, he said he would spray them for us if Edmond England would agree to have a new wheel put on the waggon but as he owns a half interest in the outfit he would have to be consulted. Fine and warm all day.

Friday June 28th

There was a thunderstorm during the night and it rained a little this morning so we didn't do much except make a cement post. This after noon Dad and Frank cut the thistles in the plum orchard and then Dad. started in again on the orchard and got a little more plowed while Frank drove Enah and the baby down town. I spent the after noon raking up the lawn as last night's wind storm had it badly littered with leaves and branches off the old willow I got the cows up early and we milked before tea and to-night I went down and took Marj. & Dorrie to the show. It has been hot again to-day & to-night.

Saturday June 29th

Dad. has been plowing in the orchard all day and finished it to-night. Frank and I went out this morning and hoed the potatoes in the field. We got through about half past eleven and then took Martha up to Ham Thompson's. Ham was back drilling in his cornfield over again with ensilage corn and didn't come up till nearly one o'clock so we were late getting through dinner. This afternoon Frank sprayed all the potatoes in the field and I cut the lawn. Very hot.

Sunday June 30th

I drove Enah down to Bill Lemon's this morning as she had a bad toothache all night and then Tid. and I went to Sunday school. Dad. walked down to church and drove Enah & Tid home. I walked over as far as Mrs. Woodson's with Roy as he and Rebecca came up last night and stayed there for dinner to-day. I slept for part of the after noon and then wrote old Billy Beattie to see what I could get a good yearling ram for. Dad. and Tid. were all ready to go down town to see Joe Dyer and ask him what chance there was of getting Dick off on harvest leave but it got so dark they didn't go It rained hard for about an hour but cleared up about five and I drove down and got Marj. & Dorrie and brought them over here for tea and drove them back about half past ten.

Monday July 1st

I disked in the orchard all morning and Frank sprayed potatoes in the old garden. Dad. went down town to see Col. Dyer about getting Dick off and he told Dad. to get a certificate from Neff to say Dick was needed at home and it would strengthen his application. Aunty and Rebecca walked over before noon and Roy came over at noon with Dad. This after noon we all fooled around for an hour or two putting in mower sections and fishing for the bucket

and chain which dropped down the well Saturday night. We got the bucket but couldn't get the weight so Roy wired an old axe head to the end of the chain. About four o'clock Aunty and Roy walked back down town and Dad. drove Enah and the two kids down. Frank and I went back over the gully with mower and I went a round with Frank on the twelve acre meadow and then brought the cows up and Frank went another round. To-night I went down to say goodbye to Marj. She is going to Port Hope in the morning to go to a Summer school for a week. Very cold & cloudy all day.

Tuesday July 2nd

Dad. and I drove down town this morning and I got Joe shod while Dad. went up to Simcoe on the 9 car to see Neff who made application for Dick's leave of absence for him. Dad. came back on the eleven car and drove home with me. I went down to Aunty's for awhile this morning and cut their lawn. Frank mowed in the back field all day but didn't finish it. He took Joe & Harry this after noon and Dad. cultivated corn with Belle. I drove down to Jarvis this after noon to see old Russ about shipping our rams and he said he would let me know when the veterinary inspection was coming and we could bring our sheep down there. I drove Queen and took Tid with me. We were home by half past six, we then went back to the gully and got another purebred calf which Maple Hill Nellie presented us with this morning It is a dandy Roan heifer marked very much like Knockfierna. We had a little trouble getting it up as Nellie is very wild over it but after we got it up Daisy May adopted it and wouldn't let the mother near it and she Daisy May bawled around all night for the calf. This was the night we should have gone over to hoe potatoes but it was so late when we got through and I had to take my two year old heifer up to Ham Thompson's that we didn't get over. Tige M^cBride & Lloyd Crysler came over in the latter's car and got the football and the Ryerse boys brought it back. They said they got the patch pretty well hoed. Warmer.

Wednesday July 3rd

Dad. cultivated corn all morning and Frank mowed. I went down to the mill with Queen & the buggy and got a couple of bags of oat chop and then went back and shook up some of the heavy spots in the hay till noon. After dinner we all went back and Dad. and I finished shaking out the heavy spots that were cut yesterday and Frank finished mowing the field. Frank then started to rake what was fit and Dad. and I and Tid. cocked up till after six getting about half of what was raked put up in cock. To-night Dad. took some milk down to Aunty Alice. Frank went over to Ben's pea field and picked a basket of peas and I went out

to prune and tie up the tomatoes again but I didn't get out till nearly dark so didn't get many done. Warmer and fair.

Thursday July 4th

Frank and I went down town this morning and got the lime, bluestone and arsenate of lead which Neff sent down to spray the potato plots with and took it up and left it at Henry Misner's. He said he could spray them for us on Saturday after noon if some of us would go over and help him put the tank on the waggon. We got home about eleven and went back and shook out the heaviest of the hay that was fit and didn't get up till nearly one. Dad. cultivated all morning. This after noon Frank raked up all the hay west of the little gully (about 10 acres) and Dad. and I cocked up till seven o'clock. Frank sprayed our early potatoes to-night. Fine hay day. Not hot nor windy.

Friday July 5th

We all three cocked up hay all day to-day and finished cocking all that was raked before six. There are still about two acres on the east side of the field to rake up yet. To-night Frank and I went over and got Lorne Myers and got him to help us go and put Henry Misner's tank on the waggon. We had an awful job as just as we were getting the thing on the hind holster of the waggon the weight of the engine rolled it over and we worked till eleven o'clock before we got it fixed. He is going to spray our potatoes for us tomorrow after noon. I felt tough all day and to-night it was all I wanted to do to walk home and roll into bed.

Saturday July 6th

Dad. cultivated corn this morning and Frank went down and got the piece of the ladder at the Widespread. I went back and turned out the heaviest of the hay that was in swath but didn't feel much like working and spent a good deal of the morning under a tree. Frank came back and raked it up before noon. This after noon Dad and Frank went back and cocked it up and then brought a load up and pitched it off in the horse stable. Neff came after me soon after dinner to go and get the sprayer attachment and help him put it on the sprayer. We were all the after noon at the job and didn't get any spraying done. Neff said he would be down Wednesday night to spray. Cloudy with very cool breeze to-day.

Sunday July 7th

Enah and I drove down to church this morning and Dad. and Tid. walked down to Aunty's for dinner where Enah went from church, this being Dad's birthday they were down there all the after noon. Huby brought them home in the boat as far as Black Creek bridge and he and Aunty walked up here to tea with them. Frank and I had dinner alone and this after noon Frank went for a ride on his wheel with Lila and I went up to Ham Thompson's as Harvey Ross was over here this morning to say that we were to take our rams down to his father's in the morning as the inspector was to be there. I asked Ham to bring his ram down to our place and let us hook to his waggon as the tires are so loose on our own. I came back home and read and slept all the after noon. Huby brought Tid one of the spaniel puppies to-day. Frank and I got Dad three books, Shorthorn Cattle, Feeds & Feeding & Breeding Farm Animals. Jackie Pickford was over for a visit to-night. Quite cold to-day & windy

Monday July 8th

Frank and I were all ready when Ham came with his ram soon after eight this morning but by the time we got ours loaded and our team hooked up it was about nine when we left for Jarvis. We didn't drive very furiously on account of Ham's tires being loose and it was about eleven when we got there. There was not a sign of anyone around the place but after waiting for about half an hour Mrs. Ross drove in with the inspector who proved to be the Mr. Henderson that Aunty and I met up at Penmer's five or six years ago. We put our sheep in the orchard and as it was so near noon we thought we might as well accept Mrs. Ross's invitation and stay to dinner so put the team in. We had to wait about an hour for dinner however as they seem to work on the old time down there. We were entertained through dinner by Mr. Ross's denunciations of the Union Government and especially the members of it who had been followers of Sir Wilfred. According to him they have wrought their own destruction by "oppressing the farmers" the way they have and that the time is coming when the farmers will rule the land and have a newspaper of their own which will tell them the truth. I could hardly help smiling to hear about this better farmer's paper idea and think it will be a ratty old country that is dominated by a bunch of hot-headed rubes such as are at the head of the United Farmer's of Ontario, but there is no danger of it ever coming to pass. We left for home soon after dinner and got home about four. I took Ham's waggon home and got our own which he drove up there this morning. Just as I came down Exelby's hill the tire came of one of the front wheels and I couldn't get it on again. Ben Ivey came along and gave me a had and we got it partly on and wired it. Then coming in the lane the tire came off the opposite wheel. Dad. cultivated corn all day. Frank sprayed the potatoes in the field after he got home and when I got home he and I cut the old dead willow log that

fell over on the cornfield a couple of times and hauled it over to the fence Mr. & Mrs. Ham Thompson were here to-night. Sunny but cool breeze.

Tuesday July 9th

It rained enough during the night to keep us from haying and has been cloudy cold and drizzly all day although not enough water has fallen to make anything very wet. I cultivated corn for an hour or two this morning while Dad. and Frank sawed up the old willow that blew over in the cornfield. F and did some other chores. Then Dad. came out and cultivated till noon and I came up and filled out the application blank for registering the lambs. This afternoon it was still rainy so Dad. cleaned out the cellar. Frank made a patent trough for feeding salt to the sheep. It has a false bottom with holes in it which his sheep stick their noses in to eat salt and the edges of the holes are pine tarred so that they get the tar all over their noses which keep the flies of the grub in the head from laying eggs in their nostrils. Enah and I drove down town and I sent off the application for the registration of the lambs and for the transfer of the yearlings. Enah got some provision and went to get her teeth out but Bill was busy. When we got home, Frank had things all ready and we made another cement post. To-night Frank and I went over to Henry Misner's and put the bluestone in a barrel to dissolve to be ready to spray to-morrow night.

Wednesday July 10th

It was still drizzling this morning and Dad. and I went out to cultivate the mangels. They are so small that I had to lead Belle. Frank went down town with Aunty Alice's milk and when he came back he harrowed over the orchard. Old Evans was over to have as he said a little chat with Dad. about his cow that has the broken leg. He feels very badly about it because he broke it unintentionally by throwing bit of iron at her from his forge when she was eating through the fence. This afternoon Dad. went on cultivating corn and Frank rolled down the orchard and I sowed the rape seed on it but we didn't get it harrowed in as it began to rain hard and we had quite a heavy rain for the rest of the afternoon. I spent the time painting the J.F.I.A. sign. Frank and I also tidied up the shop and after tea it cleared off but too wet we thought to go over to spray potatoes so I went out and pruned the tomatoes and tied a few of them up Frank pulled weeds in the strawberries and helped me

Thursday July 11th

I finished painting my sign this morning. Frank and Dad. put the sheep in and trimmed them up then Dad. went over to the garden and weeded onions and Frank and I took a jag of

straw over to the horse stable. After dinner Dad. went out to cultivate corn and Frank and I went back and turned out the hay that Dad. & Frank bunched up Saturday. When we got up we found Rus Lampkin here fixing the windmill and soon after Dr. Grant Enahs Chinese missionary uncle came over. He and Frank went over to the old garden to hoe the strawberries and I sowed the rape-seed on the garden back of the shop and just went in to get the team out to harrow it and the orchard over when it began to rain and a very heavy thunderstorm came up and flooded things for half an hour or so and then cleared off, but we couldn't do anything on the land. Enah and Tid were down at the Zealand's at the Sunday school picnic but said they didn't get wet as they went in the house. Dr. Grant. stayed to tea and Frank drove him down to the side walk after tea.

Friday July 12th

Dad. and Frank have worked over in the garden hoeing and weeding all day. I spent most of the morning raking and cutting the lawn. This after noon I finished tying up the tomatoes and then came up and dug holes for the beds of spring bulbs where they are marked on the blue-print. They are up near the road fencing the very stiff red clay so I just dug them about a foot deep and wheeled the clay up and dumped it in the mudhole under the gate at the north end of the horse stable and intend to fill them up with good earth to plant the bulbs in. Enah went down town this after noon and didn't come back for tea. To-night Frank and I drove over to Lorne Myer's and put up the sign and the label on the plots. Lorne called Neff up but he wasn't home so Lorne left word for him to call him up in the morning if he could come down and spray to-morrow after noon. It has been very muggy and rather cloudy to-day It sprinkled a little here but Lorne Myers said it poured over there.

Saturday July 13th

Frank and I spent most of the morning hoeing over in the old garden Dad. went back and turned out some of the hay but said it would be too wet to haul this after noon. This after noon Frank and I went back and got part of the turnip patch hoed. Dad. brought the {illegible} back but couldn't do much with it. He was going over to pick berries in the woods but saw Mrs. John Wess and a couple of other women heading for the patch and they scared him out. Young Myers came after me about five o'clock to go and help spray the potatoes so I went over and was over there till dark. We had to fill the tank at the flume and it took a long time to strain the lime in so it was late when we got started and then the thing got plugged up so we had to quit. I am sick of the job.

Sunday July 14th

Tid. and I drove down to Sunday School this morning and both of us went to church I drove Aunty Alice over here after church and Jack Martin brought Aunty and Tid over in the car. Aunty Alice has gone up to the Bawlbys for a week. Mr. & Mrs. James Douglas were here when we got home and we spent the after noon showing "Jimmy" the stock. He didn't like the old ram on account of his high shoulders and the black {skat?} but thought the calves were fine. He thought the purebred calf was better than Knockfierna as she has dairy hocks. Orm Millman was over in his car this after noon and brought Nita, Kathleen, Towser, and a Mr. Tait. They all came up from Toronto last night and are going back to-night except Kathleen & Tow who are going to stay in Dover for a couple of weeks. Orm took Mrs. Douglas and the rest of the ladies down to Aunty's and ~~we went~~ Dad. Frank and I went in Douglass car up to Ham Thompson's and had a look at his stock then went down to Aunty's. The Douglasses left before tea and we all stayed at Aunty's for tea and Enah stayed down to church but the rest of us came home to do chores and Dad. drove down for Enah when we got through. Fine.

Monday July 15th

First thing this morning we gave all the lambs a dose for tape-worm using Cooper's worm tablets. Then Frank harrowed the orchard and Dad. and I went back and turned out two or three rows of hay cocks. It is all pretty damp and blackened but not musty. When we were going back we saw Pommers pull his foot out of the barbed wire fence along this end of the woods near Charlie Munroe's line and when we went over we found his foot badly cut at the back and above the hoof, but we didn't bring him up as Dad. thought he would be better back there if the joint isn't cut into. We couldn't get close enough to him to see. This after noon we got in a couple of loads of hay. To-night Frank and I went over to the potato patch it was too late when we got over to spray and we found them all playing football. Tige McBride said he would help spray to-morrow night. Fine day, breezy

Tuesday July 16th

Dad. went back this morning and turned out some more hay and Frank and I put some bolts through the reach of the rack as it was cracked and went back for a load about ten o'clock. We just got one load up before dinner but got three up this after noon by working on the old time. It looked very cloudy all day so we didn't turn out any more. Frank went up to Ham's to-night and found out that Ross had made application to the Canada Food Board

for export licences for our rams so that we won't need to. He also went over to the potato patch and found Alex England helping Henry. They got the loam patch sprayed but didn't have enough spray for the other patch as some of it leaked out. Sultry to-day.

Wednesday July 17th

It sprinkled a little during the night so that we couldn't do anything with the hay this morning. It cleared off but looked so threatening that we didn't like to turn out any more but about five o'clock went back and got the load that was turned out. Dad. cultivated corn all the rest of the day. This morning Frank and I mowed away the hay we had in and changed the pulley so that we can put the hay in the west end of the barn. I went down to the mill and got some chop and flour. I had to take 25% substitute with the flour as the new regulations of the Canada Food Board are that 25% substitute must be mixed with all the flour that is used so I got Rye flour. Frank hoed mangels before dinner and this after noon borrowed Quanbury's sprayer and sprayed all the potatoes. Before we went after the hay I pruned the tomatoes and went back to the gully to see if I could coax Pommers up but I couldn't. His foot looks pretty bad. Kathleen & Tow came over after tea to-night and Frank drove them home about ten o'clock.

Thursday July 18th

Frank cut about a dozen rounds around the field east of the orchard this morning and Dad and I went back and shook out about three more loads across the gully. This after noon we hauled in two more loads from across the gully. Aunty and Aunty Alice and Elva and Enah's aunt from Hamilton were all over here to tea. It has been a good hay day but a little windy. The war news looks better. The Germans were almost completely repulsed in their last drive on the Marne by French & Americans.

Friday July 19th

When the dew went off enough this morning we all went out and shook out the heaviest parts of what Frank cut yesterday and then went back and got a load from the back field before dinner getting up here with it about one o'clock, but we have gone back to the old time pretty much through haying anyway. This after noon Dad. cultivated corn and got nearly all of what was untouched since the last rain gone over. Frank raked up the hay he cut and we both cocked up all the after noon but didn't get any more than half of it up. It has been a fine hay day & not too hot.

Saturday July 20th

We all went out and finished cocking up this morning all that was raked and then put off the hay that we hauled yesterday before dinner. We got a good early start after dinner and got in three more loads from the back field but there is more back there yet. Frank and I went down town to-night. I got my hair cut and had a swim in the spate under the dam. We got to bed about 2 a.m. Fine day.

Sunday July 21st

Tid and I drove down to Sunday school and church this morning. Mr. Ward Butcher was there to take the service as Mr. Johnson has gone to Petawawa Camp to be chaplain for Col. Syer. This after noon I went down to see Aunty and Aunty Alice and took a shamrock up to Miss Kerney. Frank went down to the beach and went for a swim, he said there was an awful crowd down there and the noise they were making could be heard all over town. He went down town again after tea. Dad. Enah and Tid. all went for a drive this after noon back north some place. It has been scorching hot all the afternoon.

Monday July 22nd

We hauled hay from the back field all day but didn't quite finish as there is about half a load back there, we only got in four loads. The rope that held the pulley in the peak of the barn broke twice this after noon. Lloyd Crysler and Lorne Myers were over in Lloyd's car this after noon to see if we would go to Burlington with them to-morrow. Neff wants us to go down to some farmer's gathering so I suppose we will go although we shouldn't.

Tuesday July 23rd

We were all up fairly early this morning so that we would be ready for Lloyd when he called but it began to rain about seven o'clock and rained quite hard for an hour or more so we thought Lloyd wouldn't go but about half past eight young Myers came over and told us that Neff had telephoned down to tell us to go around by Simcoe & Brantford and meet him and the rest of the bunch in Hamilton so we got ready and went down to the mill where he said Lloyd would call for us. We waited there for an hour and then went up to Henry Misner's where we found Lorne all toggged up waiting and we hung around there till noon but Lloyd never showed up so we went home. Charlie Stitt came past and said he saw tracks out of Crysler's lane as if a car had come out, skidded all over the road and gone back again. Frank went up to Simcoe this after noon and got our check cashed which we got from

Anoka Farms for our rams and settled up his insurance with Cruikshanks. Dad. cultivated corn all the after noon and I hoed mangels. Frank and I went up to Ham Thompson's to-night with Daisy May. Ham said he waited all the morning for Lloyd Crysler too. Rainy all morning Sunny & hot this after noon

Wednesday July 24th

Dad. and I went back this morning and got the three lifts that were left in the back field and we were glad to see the field cleaned. Frank went on cutting at the field east of the orchard with Joe & Queen but didn't finish, he broke one of the guards this after noon and that delayed him awhile. Dad. and I put off the load we got over the gully and as it was nearly noon we went out and just put on a small load and pitched it off in the horse stable. We got in two more good sized loads this after noon but had to change the pulley block as we put it in the east end of the barn. It is very nice sheep hay and we want it on top. This afternoon Dess & Win came over to tea and Aunty came over after tea to celebrate my birthday. I got two shirts from Enah, a tie from Dad. a film from Tid a knife from Frank and a year's subscription to the "Literary Digest" from Aunty Alice & Aunty and also a letter from Aunt Leena and we had ice cream for tea. Frank and I walked down to the bridge with Aunty & the girls and went for a swim. Very hot to-day Looks rainy.

Thursday July 25th

We put off the load that was in the barn and got another load and left it on the barn floor. Then Frank took the team and raked what was fit and then finished cutting about one o'clock while Dad and I cocked up what he raked. This after noon we put off the load and put another on and Frank raked a little more and Dad. and I cocked up till after six. After we got through the chores I went out and hoed a few mangels and Frank hoed the strawberries. Sunny & hot but a nice breeze.

Friday July 26th

We put the load off this morning that was on the barn floor and Dad. and I put on another big load and left it at the field gate till noon. Frank mowed away and changed to the hay fork instead of the slings and then came and shook out a little and when we got the load on he took the team and raked. We all cocked up till about four o'clock then Frank brought the team out and we hauled in two loads and put one of them off. We used the fork in the top of the mow as the sling ropes get caught in the hay. Dad. and Frank put the hay on ~~these~~ two loads in a hurry but I don't think there was nearly so much on a load. Frank

went over to hoe potatoes to-night and I took a book over to Art. Preston as he was over this morning and wanted Dad. to come over to-night and look at his cow which has developed a sudden case of {gargel?} Dad. was too tired to go over so sent the book over. I was too late to go over to the patch. Hot, nice breeze.

Saturday July 27th

We hauled in hay all day and in spite of several delays managed to clear our field in seven loads. We had to change our car from the barn to the horse stable and the first loads we put on were so big we couldn't get the lifts in the door of the mow without a terrible ammount of straining. The second load we tried to build a little smaller but the third lift stuck in the doorway and we broke one strand of the big rope pulling on it, that was just at noon and it looked as if we were held up for the after noon but Dad. thought of Lew. Brock so Frank went out and got him and he spliced the rope for us. This after noon we built very small loads and had no more trouble getting them in except once when we had to trip the lift and let it fall on the ground. The last load we brought in we knew would be a big one so we didn't use the slings but just put on all we could pile on intending to haul it on the barn floor and put it in the horse stable with the fork when we got time. I had so much on though, that going into the barn the hay rolled back on the top of the door and broke the back ladder off the rack. We did chores after tea and it was half past ten when we got through. Frank went down town and I hung around till about midnight and then went down to the dam for a swim as I knew there would be a bunch down there about that time and there was. I got a very nice illustrated volume of Whitcomb Riley's Farm Poems from Marj. to-day for a birthday present. Frank says that Paw. Nila and Paddy came up in the car to-night and brought Roy & Rebecca with them. They are going to take the girls home to-morrow. Hot to-day, but nice breeze A big thunderstorm went north of us but we didn't get hit.

Sunday July 28th

We didn't get up in time to go to Sunday school this morning but Enah, Frank, Tid. and I all went to church. Dad. walked down to Aunty's intending to drive Enah home but she stayed at her mother's to dinner so Dad. put Joe in Aunty's barn and stayed there to dinner and Frank and I came home. I just sat around and read all the afternoon. Dad. Enah and Tim got home about four o'clock. The Millman's didn't come over but left this after noon for Toronto. Roy is going back in the morning and Rebecca is going to stay for awhile. It has been very hot all day. We got the first ripe tomato off our own vines to-day.

Monday July 29th

Dad went down to Lew Brock's this morning to see if he could make a dicker with him for his woodpile and he got what he thinks is a great bargain. He got the woodpile which consists of about three cords of fairly good stove wood and everything else around the place in the shape of boards including the stable and smokehouse for ten dollars. When he got back we put the load of hay off and went down and got one load of the stuff and there is another load of loose stuff down there. This afternoon Frank started to cut the bluegrass out north and east of the old garden Dad. cultivated corn and I hoed mangels. To-night Frank and I drove Queen out to Marbury to pay Sid M^cBride for our fence. It came to \$83.50. A thunderstorm came up before we got home but we didn't get very wet, the road was very dark though.

Tuesday July 30th

As soon as it dried off this morning and Frank went out and cut some more of the bluegrass. Dad. cultivated the garden and I hoed a few more mangels. Neff came over for awhile, he said an inspector was over at our potato patch looking for diseases on them so he came over here to wait for him. Aunty Alice and Rebecca and Lila were over here to dinner. This after noon Frank went down to Joe Howell's and got the collar for the binder and then hoed a few strawberries Dad. parisgreened the potatoes in the old garden and I did a little hoeing for awhile then I started to rake and Dad. cocked up hay. I didn't get it all done. I went over to the potato patch to-night but it was too dark to do anything by the time I got there. I found Tige M^cBride, Alex England and Bill Sidway there. Much cooler to-day & breezy.

Wednesday July 31st

Dad. and I cocked up hay most of the day and Frank finished raking what was cut and then hoed the strawberries and set the runners. He helped us cock up a little this afternoon. We didn't quite finish as we quit early to get the chores done so that Frank and I could go up to Simcoe to the last evening of the Chautauqua which they have had up there for the past week. The music was fine especially a violinist and the lecture which was entitled "Acres of Diamonds" by Dr. Russel Conley, principal of Temple University. Philadelphia was pretty good but rather peculiar I thought. We just got out in time to catch the last car. We were with Tige M^cBride and Lela ran to catch the car and hurt her ankle, when we got to Dover she said it hurt so badly that she couldn't walk home on it so Frank and I waited with her at

the Main St. crossing while Tige went home and got the car and came after her, so Frank and I were pretty late getting home. We found Dad. up though as he, Enah and the baby had been down town at the {Mabelore?}. Fair & not too hot.

Thursday August 1st

I went out this morning and finished cocking up the hay. We got the binder out and cut one round around the wheat and barley before dinner. Frank cut all the after noon but didn't finish the field, he had Harry and Belle on and couldn't make them walk up. Dad. and I shocked up but it didn't keep us very busy. Enah was down town nearly all day helping at the Sunday school bazaar at which they cleaned up over \$100.⁰⁰ to pay for the piano. Tid was down all day at a picnic with Aunty. Lila, Rebecca and Helen Tibbits down at the Lake. We quit early to-night and went over to hoe potatoes but there were only a few of the boys there Edmond England was to have sprayed there for us to-night but he couldn't get the engine to work. Cool breeze.

Friday August 2nd

We finished cutting the wheat and barley this morning and Frank and Dad. went back with Harry and Joe to cut the wheat on the back side hill. They had the three horses on this morning. I finished shocking up the field and about five o'clock took Belle back to put on with the other two but Dad. thought as it was so late it wasn't worth while so we just went a couple of more rounds and quit. The first few rounds are the worst on that field. Still cool.

Saturday August 3rd

I hoed turnips for awhile this morning till Dad. and Frank got a few more rounds cut and then started shocking up. They got nearly off the hill before dinner. Just before noon I heard a shrill whistle which I knew to be Dick's and looked and saw him and Tid coming down the gully. He came home last night and stayed at Aunty's all night. We were all very surprised to see him as he just got his pass before he left. He is as black as an Indian but looks very well and soldierly in his artillery uniform. Aunty came over with him to dinner. After dinner Dad. Frank and I went down to Lew Brook's and got the rest of our wood, we have everything now but the stable and smokehouse When we got our wood unloaded we went back and finished cutting the wheat and shocked it up, it was certainly a thin crop on top of the hill only about a dozen shocks. We got up soon after seven. Frank went down town to-night and Dick was down all the after noon and most of the night. It has been fair and cool all day.

Sunday August 4th

Tid and I drove down to Sunday school and Enah and Frank came down to church and I drove Enah home. Dad. stayed home and made ice cream and Dick didn't get up till noon After dinner we took some pictures of Dick and then he, Frank and I walked down town. I spent the after noon down at Aunties and Frank went up town for awhile, we didn't see Dick again as he didn't get home till about two o'clock. We spent the evening home reading. Very hot but breezy.

Monday August 5th

We have hauled wheat and barley all day to-day and got our field cleaned by to-night We had six loads of wheat and barley mixed and one load of pure wheat. Dick stayed here to dinner and went down town right after and did not come back to-night as he has to leave on the seven o'clock car in the morning. Enah went down town to tea and took in the grand I O.D.E. cabaret in the pavillion. The rest of us all went down to say good-bye to Dick after we got the chores done which was about ten o'clock but when we got to Aunty's Enah was there and said Dick had gone to Simcoe with some of the crowd he thought we weren't coming down. Enah drove home with Dad. and I walked I took a dip in the pond on my way. Frank rode his wheel down. Hot.

Tuesday August 6th

We put off the load of wheat that we hauled in last night and put it in the swing mow up over the driveway so as to have it separate, it is the only pure Plymouth we have. Frank and Dad. hauled in the rest wheat off the back field to-day in three small loads. It took them a long time to get it off the side hill but there is some very good wheat there. I helped them put off the loads, we put it in a pile by itself at one end of the mow and in between times I tried to cut my plots back of the barn with the sickle but it was very hot and tedious. I got about a dozen sheaves cut and tied up but come to the conclusion that it was too primitive a method of harvesting for this enlightened age so about five o'clock I went down and borrowed Alfred's cradle and will let Dad. finish the job with it. Lila was over here to tea. Very hot, breezy.

Wednesday August 7th

We started oat harvest to-day and it has been very hot although there was quite a strong breeze. I don't know when I have felt the heat so much. Frank cut all day on the back field

by the woods and got it all done but a little piece by the woods. Its a great crop. Dad. and I shocked up but didn't quite finish. Frank and I went for a swim to-night in the upper pond off the mill dam. Its a great hole I never was in there before.

Thursday August 8th

We finished cutting and shocking up the back field of oats by noon and this after noon Frank cut the three acres of barley and oats along the side road I shocked up while Dad. cradled and bound my plots of wheat and about six o'clock Dad. & Frank came out and finished shocking up while I took the cows up. It has been hot to-day but a very strong breeze so that it wasn't so hard to work. Just about dark a thunderstorm came up and it rained hard for quite awhile. If it clears off soon it will do no harm and a lot of good as things were getting dry.

Friday August 9th

It was too wet for us to do much to-day but putter around. I took Alfred's cradle down to Newton Silverthorne's as he wanted it to cut his Spring wheat on his garden and on the way down I had quite a visit with Uncle Ward to whom the sight of the cradle recalled memories of early days and he told me about George Adams the best man he ever saw swing a cradle and who cut a six acre field of wheat for Uncle Ward's brother one time between half past seven in the morning and six at night. On my way home I met Aunty and Rebecca who were on their way over to the farm for dinner so I came over with Rebecca, Aunty stopped in for a few minutes to see Mr. Johnson. Dad. and Frank had been setting up the wheat sheaves off my plots along the barn and this after noon Dad. and I put them in the barn. We put on a jag of straw before dinner out of the mow over the granary just about cleaning it out and hauled it over to the box stall in the horse stable for Frank to use for bed. Frank drove Rebecca and Tid down town this after noon and Aunty and Enah walked down and Enah drove back with Frank. Dad. and I spent most of the after noon putting a door in the north side of the old barn so that we could let the calves out on the wheat stubble. To-night we went over to Lorne Myer's as Tige M^cBride was over here this morning and said he would call a meeting of the J.F.I.A. to decide on who would enter the Judging Competitions at the Toronto Fair and what classes they would enter. There was a pretty good turnout and six or seven of us are going to Toronto. Frank and I have entered on sheep & beef cattle Most of us went for a swim at the mill on our way home

Saturday August 10th

Frank and I had to go up to Ham Thompson's this morning and when we got back we all three went back to straighten up some of the oat sheaves in the back field Some of them were pretty wet but not sprouted. Dad. finished fixing up the calf pen and let the whole six of them out. This after noon Frank cut around the oat field just east of the lane and cut a road through it. Dad. and I shocked up. I got a couple of heads of oats with 100 grains on them. Frank found them and we are going to keep them for seed. To-night Dad. Enah and Frank all went down town. It has been pretty hot to-day and doesn't feel clear yet.

Sunday August 11th

Frank Tid. and I walked down to Sunday school this morning but as there was no teacher for the Bible Class Frank and I went down to the beach and got back in time for church. Mr. Farney took the sermon as Mr. Butcher has been called up for service that is military service. Dad. and Enah drove down to church. Tid and I stayed down at Aunt's for dinner and all the after noon. Huby was over here for tea. It has been very hot all day winding up with a small thunderstorm.

Monday August 12th

Last night's rain made it too wet to cut oats first thing this morning so I finished making a trough to feed the calves in and Dad. and Frank put a fence around the cucumbers back of the barn so that the calves wouldn't get at them, and also the sheep as we intend letting them out on the wheat stubble. Frank cut for about an hour before dinner and all the after noon and got all the east half of the field cut ~~when~~ but about one round when the double-tree broke so he quit. Enah was down town nearly all day as Elva and Brant got married. Frank went up to tell Tige M^cBride to-night that I made a mistake in telling the boys that they could enter the livestock class and the fruit & grain classes for fifty cents as I had a letter from Neff to-day telling me they were fifty cents entry fee for each class. The War News has been great lately. The Germans are on the defensive along the whole Western front and are steadily being pushed farther back. The American & French drive between Soissons & Reims where they drove them to the Vesle river had just slowed up when Sir Douglas Haig started another one farther north with British, French Canadian and Australian troops and so far has captured over 40,000 prisoners and 500 guns. In some places the German retreat seems to be almost a rout but in others they are putting up a stiff fight. Fairly hot to-day but feels clearer and fresher. Nice breeze.

Tuesday August 13th

We finished cutting the oats by one o'clock new time and put the binder back in its winter quarters in the woodshed after dinner. We then hauled the barley & oats from the strip along the side-road in three loads, they seem to be very heavy and dry. Very hot, but strong wind.

Wednesday August 14th

It was a very hot night but before morning the wind went around to the north and it has been nice and cool all day. It looked very rainy this morning in fact it did rain a little but soon cleared off. Dad. and I went back this morning to the back field and put on a load of oats and as it was nearly 12 o'clock when we got it off we didn't go back again before dinner, but Dad went back and turned out a couple of loads while Frank and I started to put a brace on the old cracked arm of the rack. We had an awful time trying to bore the holes through it, we blamed it to the bit being dull but after Frank had gone over to Quanbury's and borrowed another, he discovered we were trying to bore through nails. After dinner I went over and borrowed a waggon from Jack Martin while Dad. and Frank finished fixing the rack and we hauled in with two waggons and got four loads up by working till eight o'clock but didn't unload the last two. We turned out all the shocks before we hauled them as some of them were pretty damp. Alan Law was in to-night to see if he could get one of us to help thrash in the morning but said as we were so busy he would try to get someone else; and I guess he did.

Thursday August 15th

We didn't get on as fast to-day as we had hoped to as we only got up four more loads from the back field and left at least three back there. We had to pitch off the two that we brought up last night and every load now gets harder to pitch as the mow gets fuller. There should by rights be another man in the mow as it is too far to pitch across the two {beats?}. Dad. and I turned out all the shocks in the field this morning so that delayed us. Cool.

Friday August 16th

We got the back field cleared by to-night instead of last night as we had hoped. Our delay to-day was caused by me upsetting a load on the gully hill just coming out of the gate, my off wheel got in the rut and before I knew what was coming off I was on the ground and the waggon on its side. We took Frank's load up and unloaded it then came back with Jack's rack (it was our rack that upset) and put part of my load on it and Frank got a reach from

Tupper as ours was broken. We had a hard job getting it put in but managed to at last and then put the rest of the load in our rack but had to load carefully as one arm of the rack was broken. After we got the loads off we had to put an old hinge iron on the broken arm and Frank had to go to town after some bolts. It all took time and by the time we got two more loads up (the last two) it was after seven, we put the load off of Jack's rack and Frank took it home. Enah's sister Mrs. Johnson was over here to tea and Uncle Ward came over to get Dad. to offer a special prize at the Horticultural Show so he did for honey. Frank drove them home, or at least Dad. drove Uncle Ward home after Frank got back from taking Mrs. Johnson. Cool.

Saturday, August 17th

Frank had to go thrashing over at Quanbury's this morning so Dad. spoke to Pickford last night about getting one of the boys to help us to-day and Arthur came over this morning. He turned sheaves on the stack for us all day and was a good little worker. Dad. kept telling him that if the stack was a good one he would claim to be the builder of it, but if it was a poor one, he would tell that Arthur built it. We put five loads on the stack and left one standing on the barn floor. Dad. took a lot of pains building it as he laid every sheaf by hand and kneeled them all in, but one corner of it slid out a little much to his disappointment. Frank didn't get home till nearly dark and then went over to Quanbury's to tea but they finished over there and got about 1300 bushels from the 30 acres. Frank went down town to-night and said there were a bunch of Dominion Police down there rounding up fellows who didn't have their military and registration papers. Frank said they had quite a bunch of them in the lock-up but let them out on bail. He also said that Aunt Alice went to Toronto with Rebecca this morning and that, Ade, Orm, Kathleen & Lars all came up last night. Cool and strong north east wind.

Sunday August 18th

Frank and I and Tid. walked down to church this morning and Dad. and Enah were just ready to drive down when. Ade & Orm and the two girls came over in the car, as that delayed them, Orm drove Enah down to church and Ade drove down with Dad, who put Joe in Aunt's barn and didn't come to church. After church Enah went with the choir for a picnic and didn't get home till after church to-night, when Jack Walker brought her home in the car. Aunt and Aunt Ida came with them in the car just for the ride. Dad. & Tid stayed down at Aunt's for dinner and Frank and I had dinner alone and stayed home all the after noon and evening. Cool north east wind all day. Quite cold to-night.

Monday August 19th

We have hauled oats all day and got in five loads but there are still a couple more in the field. We put part of one load on the stack and one in the barn and then started to build another stack on the west side of the barn doors. The sheaves are shorter now and much harder to stack. Frank helped us unload and spent the rest of the time weeding in the garden. Still cool with east wind.

Tuesday August 20th

We finished oat harvest to-day at noon. There was only about a load and a half left in the field and we put part of it on the stack and the rest in the barn. This after noon we started haying again, but just got in two loads. It seems awful to be starting at it again this late in the season. We quit early as Dad. and Enah went down to the church concert which they said was very poor and Frank went down to the Ryerse's to a corn roast. I took Maple Hill Nellie up to Hams's. Enah was over at the Martin's this afternoon and heard that Jimmy Caley has gone so badly out of his mind that they had to take him to the hospital in connection with the asylum. Warm but not hot.

Wednesday August 21st

We finished hauling the hay that was cut to-day We got three loads in this morning and the third one we hauled around to the oat stacks and put the top of it off on them and Dad. topped them out with hay. This took quite awhile after dinner and then we had to do some mowing in the horse stable before we could get the load in so that it was late when we went out after the last little jag of 20 cocks, and by the time we got it off was about six o'clock. Warmer & cloudy, looked rainy.

Thursday August 22nd

Frank has been cutting hay in the old bluegrass meadow all day and got it more than half cut. He took Joe and Queen this morning and the old team after dinner. Dad. and I went over to Tupper's this morning and harrowed 11 bags of oats and took part of them down to the mill to be chopped. I went down after dinner and got the chop and then took the waggon out to the field. I raked up most of what Frank cut and then Dad put on a small load out of the windrow which I hauled up to-night. Dad. cocked up while I was raking. Enah and Tid have been down town all day. To-night Frank and I went down to the mill and had a good bath under the dam. It has been much warmer.

Friday August 23rd

Frank finished cutting the bluegrass to-day noon. Dad. and I changed the rack from the horse stable to the big barn and then went out and cocked up what was in windrow. This after noon I raked the whole thing up and Dad. cocked up what he could. Frank picked the ripe tomatoes and took a bushel over to Mrs. Pickford as Jackie spoke about getting them yesterday and a basket down to Mrs. Jim Low. To-night Zeitha Elva and Mrs. Johnson came over for the evening and Aunt Ida came over with Frank this after noon for tea She walked home to-night with the rest. Pretty warm.

Saturday August 24th

Frank had to go down town with some cream for Aunty Alice and was gone quite awhile but we got all the hay up in cock by noon. This after noon we put off the load that was on the barn floor and got one more in and then quit as Dad. wanted to go down and meet Dick. He got a letter from him at noon saying that he would be home on the five o'clock car having got six weeks farm leave. It seems queer that he should get farm leave now after everything is in when they wouldn't allow it before, but it seems it is on account of the Western Battalions getting it. Dick is tickled to death and won't have to go back to Petawawa but will likely put in the winter in Toronto. Dick, Frank and I went down town to-night. Dick went to the dance and stayed down town all night. I bummed around town awhile and then went and got my hair cut. Mr. & Mrs. Millman & Nita came up in the car this after noon and are going to take Percy and Kathleen back to-morrow. Pretty hot and rainy looking.

Sunday August 25th

Tid. and I went ~~down~~ to Sunday school this morning but as no Bible Class teacher showed up, I went over to see Hazen Waddle who is home on a weekend leave. I hadn't seen him since he got into uniform till this morning. I found him at breakfast in company with three damsels two of whom were strangers to me and the third one Miss Shiltz. Hazen seems to be standing the army racket pretty well although he says he is just getting over a little attack of Ptomain poisoning. He told me he was talking to a returned man the other day who in the course of conversation asked him where he was from and when Hazen told him his home-town was Port Dover, the fellow said "That's funny, I could show you a place in France where there is a stick in the ground with a board on it on one side of which is written "Here lies a Fritz" and on the other side is printed 'The Port Dover Canning Company.'" I went to church from there and sat in the front seat with Aunty, Aunt Ida and

Dick, but Dick and I slept most of the time Morton Brown was again the preacher. Dad. drove Enah down with Queen as Joe is lame from some unknown cause, and so Dad. didn't stay to church but drove Tid. home. Enah and I went down to Aunty's after church where we ran across the Millmans and Mr. Millman drove us home in the car. Huby and Dick came over with us but went back to Aunty's with Mr. Millman for dinner. I read and slept all the after noon. Frank went down town and for a swim in the lake with Lloyd Ryerse and Dad. and Tid went down to the mill for a swim but I guess just paddled around in the creek. John Quanbury came over after Dad. to-night and he went over with him to see his sick cow but Dad. said it was all right. Wilbur Ryerse came in to-night to tell me that if I went over there to Tupper's in the morning I could go down to Douglas's with them. Frank said that the Millman's went to turn the car around down in front of Aunty's this after noon and backed the thing right down the hill on to the railway track and they had to get Water's with his team to pull it up the hill again. Dick had to go down to the station and get them to telephone to the switch to have the car stop, but they said it came down as far as where the automobile was and then stopped and unloaded a whole car load of people who helped get the thing off. The brakes were out of order. It has been pretty hot again to-day.

Monday August 26th

We got four loads of our hay in to-day and put off the one that we hauled in Saturday night. It took a long time to put the loads off as the last load filled the west end of the barn right up and every load had to be mowed. Dick didn't get over till noon but this after noon he and Frank mowed away while we were putting the loads off and then Frank stayed in the mow and mowed it well away while Dick Dad. and I were out after loads. Wilbur Ryerse was in again to-night to tell me that they weren't going to start for Douglas's till noon as Tupper didn't want to go in the morning and he is going to take us down in his car. Rather cloudy and strong west & north west wind.

Tuesday August 27th

We went out this morning and got a fairly good load and put it off on the east side of the barn which had just about room enough for a couple of loads. Frank and Dick mowed it away. It was about eleven o'clock when we got it off so I came in and got ready to go to Caledonia with Tupper & Frank & Wilbur Ryerse, but Dad. and the boys got the rest of the hay in and hauled two slingfuls up and put them in the barn and then hauled the last load and Dad pitched it off by hand. I was over at Tupper's in lots of time as he hadn't come in yet from the field but we got started fairly early had a very nice drive and lots of time to

see all of Douglas' cattle and got home before dark. Douglas himself was home and took us all over the farm to show us his cattle and Frank and Wilbur bought a \$210.⁰⁰ bull from him a yearling. We went up to the house where they pressed us to stay to tea but we didn't but the girls played their victrola for us. When I got back I just had my tea and went up to M^cBrides as Tige was down this morning to tell us that Neff was coming down to give us some pointers on judging fruit and vegetables. Frank wasn't through with his chores so didn't come up. I didn't get home till about twelve o'clock but got quite a few pointers on judging fruit which I knew very little about. Neff also announced that he was going to award prizes for general proficiency and best kept notes at last ~~years~~ winters short course and I was very agreeably surprised to learn that I had won First Prize for General proficiency and Tige M^cBride second. Leo Challand won first prize for best kept notes and Frank second. The prizes were all books mine was "Principles of Breeding" by Davenport and Frank's was "The Breeds of Farm Animals" by Gay. This after noon Frank and Dick burned some of the old swail grass that was in windrow out by the side road and Dad, Enah and Tid went down town and got some salt. Fine, cool & breezy.

Wednesday August 28th

It rained hard early this morning and all the after noon. We didn't do much but sit around and read. Dad. did a little ditching this morning and I took Ham Thompson's old red hen home about noon. Just at dinnertime an automobile party ran in here out of the rain to put chains on their wheels. The three women of the crowd came into the house and told us they were from Tilsonburg and on their way to Bridgeburg. About the middle of the afternoon Harvey Skey came over well protected from the weather by rubber coat and boots. He was after cream.

Thursday August 29th

First thing this morning Dad. Dick and I went down and started to tear down Lew Brock's old stable. Frank came down later with the team. We got more than half of it down and the nails out of the boards by noon and took one load home. This after noon Dad. and Dick got most of the rest of it down and Frank and I went down town and got a load of soft coal and took the wheels of the old waggon down to Hallam to have the tires set. We came back to Lews and got another load of boards after we had put the coal off. Mr. James and Mr. Johnson were over here this after noon and Dess and Win came over to tea. Dick went down with them to the dance this evening. I felt rather tough to-day, think I had a touch of the colic. Fine day cool and breezy.

Friday August 30th

We wanted to start hauling manure to-day but before we could haul the spreader out of the lane gate we had to put some more earth over the cement tile that Dad. put in there, so we went back to the end of the lane with the waggon to get some clay but as there was a big water hole back there we had to drain the water out of it before we could haul a load through it. Dad. ran a furrow from the hole to the top of the hill and threw the sods out of the furrow into the hole. We hauled two loads of clay from the gully and put them over the tile at the barnyard end of the lane. It was noon when we got through. Aunty and Aunty Alice were here to dinner and after dinner Bruce Smith and Frank Marr came over after Dad. as Frank's cow was choking on an apple so Dad. went down and managed to get the apple. We boys got the manure spreader out and Frank and Dick pitched manure while I went back and pulled weeds out of the mangels. Frank hauled out till Dad. came home and then went and weeded strawberries. To-night Dick and I went to a corn roast put up by Mrs. Hobbes and Frank went to another one that the M^cBrides were having. Both corn roast were up the beach about 100 yards apart below Globe Park. After we had burned up all the corn we had and then eaten it, we went up to the Hobbes and sat around till after midnight. Fine day.

Saturday August 31st

It rained quite hard during the night and quite a bit this morning so that I didn't do much but lie around read and sleep during the fore noon Frank made a plant stand for Enah out of an old desk we got down at Lew Brock's. This after noon Dad. and I went back and patched up the gully fence a little along the cornfield as there were two or three posts broken and we were afraid the delapidated condition of the fence might tempt the cattle to try to explore the cornfield. Frank spent the after noon cleaning and fixing up the granary bins. Sam's outfit is now at old Evan's and he will be at Pickford on Monday. Dick took a holiday this after noon and went down town. We did the chores up early and I went down town to-night, went down to the station and met Marj. who came back to-night. Sunny & cool wind this after noon.

Sunday September 1st

We were late getting around this morning so I wasn't able to take Tid. down to Sunday school so Dad. drove him down. He seems to like Sunday school and the stories Aunty tells them. He told Enah that last Sunday Aunty told them about a man who saw a burning bush

and a voice came out of the bush which said "Take off your boots, for the ground where you stand is full of holes and you'll get your feet muddy." Obviously the story was about Moses and he took the Biblical phrase "holy ground" to mean full of holes and so he generally takes his boots off when he goes back to the gully to keep them from getting muddy, he thought Moses did it for the same reason. I stayed down at Aunty's for dinner and they invited Professor Andrew's down there to dinner. He came down to preach this morning and there was no one to meet him and no choir or ~~or~~ organist so he played the organ himself. This after noon I went up to see Marj and went home to tea. Dad. came down to church to-night and Enah stayed down to tea at Aunty's and played to-night. I went to Patterson's with Marj. to-night.

Monday September 2nd

Dick and Dad. hauled out manure this morning and Frank and I dug potatoes and got some vegetables to take down to Vernon to-morrow. This after noon he and I went over to Pickford's to thrash. Dick took a holiday this after noon it being Labor day and Dad. hauled out manure alone. We got home from Pickford's about eight and thrashed {illegible} all out nearly 600 bushels all together. Enah had our valises packed when we got home so I got dressed up and went down town I went up to see Marj. for awhile and then came back to Aunty's to stay all night so as to be ready to catch the car in the morning. Frank was there and had just had a bath so I had one too. Fine day but looks rainy.

Saturday September 7th

As Frank and I have been in Toronto since last Tuesday till last night, I will have to put our doings in condensed form as I have not been able to write them day by day. We left Tuesday morning on the seven o'clock car and went to Brantford where after bumming around for an hour or so we took the radial for Hamilton getting there about eleven where we had our dinner and fooled in two or three more hours and then took the 2.15 boat for Toronto. We arrived there about five so we were nearly all day "en route." We didn't mind though as there were five of us Charlie Blake, Tige M^cBride and Lloyd Ryerse being with us and we had an ideal trip over on the boat. Frank and I went to stay with Roy and Vernon of course and the other three stayed down on Bloor St. about three blocks away. That night we all went down to the Princess theatre and saw "The Garden of Allah" which Tige and I liked but which the other fellows didn't care for. Wednesday we put in the whole day out at the Fairgrounds. Frank went out early to the Sharples seperator company with a piece of the seperator to have it fixed and then went to his sheep judging competition at which he

got 10th place. I went down later and just poked around till I ran into the other three fellows, we had our lunch on the grounds and met in the Breeders' Ring at 2.30. I for the Beef Cattle judging and the others for the poultry. We had a class of aged Aberdeen Angus cows and one of Shorthorn heifers. I had a hard time coming to a decision on them as they were all pretty even but I tried to make out a good case for my placings when giving my reasons orally and I discovered I won 9th place among about 20. I didn't get the placings on the Shorthorn's right either, That night we got a free ticket to Mumby's dining hall and I had tea with Prof. Graham & Marcellus. After tea most of us went over to the Grand Stand performance but some of them thought it was going to be too wet for it as it drizzled all evening. We got a free ticket to it and had seats reserved for us. It was pretty good but nothing extra. It rained hard that night and Frank and I didn't get out very early to the Exhibition and Frank's class of grain and roots was partly over, however he entered and won 6th place amongst about thirty five. Our Fruit and Vegetable judging contest came off next and I got 6th prize in it. Leo Challand got 4th. After it was over we found all the Norfolk bunch which consisted of Challand, Butler, two Stitts and Corby besides us five. Rolson was also down judging hogs but he disappeared the first day and none of us saw him again. We all had lunch together and happend into the same tent that Neff was dining in. We prowled around the grounds all the after noon and had a lot of fun with Corby who stopped and interviewed anyone who would talk to him. One was a fellow demonstrating wooden arms and hands and another was showing off saftey razors. I went over to the Model Comp and saw Hazen for a few minutes and also saw a couple of boxing bouts between Canadian & Yankee soldiers. There was a whole battalion of Yankees down there. We went back to Vernon's for tea – or at least dinner and at night. Frank went to a Charlie Chaplin show and I went down town and drifted into Britnells book store where I spent the whole evening. Friday morning we went down town and did some shopping and then went over to the Millman's office and Orm took us up to the top of the Royal Bank building to see the city and then over to the Dominion bank to see the 40 ton door of the vaults and Jessie Kirtland and Paddy O'Flynn. We had lunch at Roy's but had to leave right after it to catch our 2.15 boat for Hamilton. The other three were waiting for us and we all came home to-gether getting in last night on the nine o'clock car. Dick and Dad. hauled manure and thrashed most of the time we were away. They thrashed Jack Martin out and a little for Mr Flemming. They had a very bad wind and rain storm here and everything is pretty wet. Dick took a holiday to-day. Dad. and I spent most of the morning digging potatoes and this after noon we cleaned up the old barn to be ready for the thrashers. Frank did odd jobs. Fine day.

Sunday September 8th

I left my razor down at Auntys in the suitcase the other night so had to go down there to shave this morning. I took Tid down with me intending to send him to Sunday school with Aunty but they had gone so we just went to church. Dad. and Enah drove down to church. I stayed down at Aunty's for lunch but went home right after, got Queen and took Marj. for a drive up around by Vittoria. I didn't get down to church to-night but Dad. and I walked down after. He went down to Aunty's and Marj. and I spent the evening up at Miss Martin's Dick was going to Simcoe yesterday to spend Sunday with Dess at Grandpa Mead's and no one has seen him all day. It has been a very nice day.

Monday September 9th

Dad. and I hauled out manure all day and got out 13 loads. Frank rode up to Mat. Wilson's this morning to see when Sam could come here to thrash and he said not before Thursday. He told Dad. he would be here about Tuesday but took on some new job up there. Frank picked tomatoes and weeded strawberries the rest of the day. Dick spent most of the morning in bed and went to Simcoe this afternoon to have his picture taken. Cecil McPherson was over after school to-night picking plums for Enah. Cool.

Tuesday September 10th

Dick and Dad. finished covering the field with manure by to-night. Frank and I spent most of the day gathering up the windfalls in the orchard as we want to turn the sheep in there. It was quite a job but we got them all. Tupper was over this morning to get me to do his chores for him while he goes to the London Fair, so I went over to-night to see what to do. Aunty, Aunty Alice and Cousin Clair were over to tea to-night. Miss Kerney & Mrs. Hallam came over to-day and bought some plums from Enah. Cold wind.

Wednesday September 11th

We seperated the rams from the ewes this morning and put the rams in the orchard and the ewes back in their old pasture in front of the barn. Dad. got started to plow this morning on the oat stubble just north of the orchard. I think the five acres of spring plowing is all we will try to put in. Frank fixed up the fence around the orchard and I barricaded the two little plum trees I set out this spring so that the rams couldn't eat them off again, they have been nibbled down a couple of times but are still alive. Dick picked some plums to take down to Mrs. Dyer. This after noon Dick, Enah and I drove down town in the waggon and got some provisions for the thrashers whom we expect to-morrow. We took some plums down to the Canning Factory and I got the plow which we left at Hallam's to have the shear sharpened.

We picked Melissa Tupper and Hazel Ward up and gave them a ride home. Melissa didn't go to the fair with the rest on account of some school work so she got Hazel Ward to go home with her and Mrs. Art Walker stayed with them all right. I hooked Joe to the buggy and drove them on over to Tupper's place and I did up the chores. To-night Marj. & I went to the picture show and saw Jack Pickford in "Huck & Tom". It has been cloudy all day and rained hard this after noon & evening.

Thursday September 12th

I drove over to Tupper's as soon as I got up this morning but it was a little late then, but as the walking was so bad I drove the girls down to school. They were late waiting for me to get through with the chores. I didn't get through with my breakfast till after ten o'clock and then went down to Flemmings & Jack Martin's to tell them we expected the thrashers. When I got back I spent the rest of the morning cleaning up my harness as it got pretty muddy. Dick and Frank spent most of the morning fixing up the granary. They put a partition in the middle bin and boarded up the tops so that the bins can be filled up to the ceiling. Dad. also battened up the cracks in the little boxstall in the horse stable so that we can use in for a granary too. It rained nearly all day so we couldn't do much outside. Aunt Alice came over to help Enah if the thrashers came and Dess came over too, she and Dick went down to the show to-night. I went over to Tupper's soon after five and did up the chores in the rain. No one had been there all day and Melissa didn't come home so the milk utensils didn't get a very good washing. When I got home I found they had got the machine here and Alan, Sam & Ray were just leaving, they had a hard time moving.

Friday September 13th

I got over to Tupper's this morning before daylight and got the chores all done and home before they started to thrash. It rained a little and I suppose delayed them a little but it hasn't been raining at all to-day but has been cloudy, windy and cold. We thrashed pretty steadily all day and got everything thrashed but one stack. The oats turned out well about fifty bushels to the acre, and the mixed grain did well too. We just had 117 bushels of clear wheat. The stack really thrashed better than the stuff in the barn as it was a little tough but the stack was perfectly dry so all Dad's worrying over the rain was no use. We have to-night 65 bushels over the 1000 mark and the other stack to thrash yet so this will be away the best turn out we have ever had. Tupper didn't get home to-day so I had to go over again to-night to do chores. I was late getting over but Melissa was home and had the cows up and partly milked. She went over to Donald's to get Ina to stay with her to-night.

Saturday September 14th

I was over at Tupper's again this morning before daylight and found the lantern still burning on the table where I had left it last night thinking that Melissa and Ina would be right back but Melissa stayed over at Donald's all night. Tupper didn't get home to-day so I went over to-night and was surprised and a little worried to find that Melissa had not emptied the cream nor washed the seperator and aparantly had not been near the house all day so when I got the chores done I went over to Bill Donald's to see if she got there alright last night. They were all just coming out of the lane heading for town and Melissa was with them so I had my mind made easy and got a ride home. We finished thrashing the other stack this morning and it turned out just as well as the rest and made the total number of bushels up to 1240. The granary bins are all full as well as the little boxstall in the horse stable. When they got through here they moved down to Alfred's and Dick Frank and I went down with them. We thrashed there till about four o'clock and got finished at Alfred's. He had 408 bushels of oats and 14 of wheat and is as tickled as he can be. The wheat was nearly pure bluegrass. I was in the straw all the time as no-one else would go into it so felt pretty dirty to-night. When we got home Dad. had gone down town to see the dam and hear what Hon. Mr. Cavell had to say about the harbor. He says they will start work next week repairing the pier. I went down to-night and got my hair cut but there wasn't much going on. Charlie Quanbury treated me to ice cream. Fair.

Sunday September 15th

None of us went down to church this morning as we were late having breakfast. I didn't get back from Tupper's till about ten o'clock. This after noon Dick and I went down town and I went to Miss M^cQueen's with Marj. I came home thinking I would have to go over to Tupper's again to-night but was rejoiced to find him here to tell me he had got home. He said everything was in good shape and gave me two dollars for my trouble. I had my tea and went back down town thinking I would be in time for church. I went but just got in before the sermon and I discovered that they had changed the time back from half past seven to seven. I went over and spent the evening with Marj. She has changed her boarding house over to the Monteith's. It has been cloudy, and cold rained to-night.

Monday September 16th

Dick and Frank went over to Quanbury's (Art's) to thrash this morning and were over there till nearly noon but didn't get their dinner out of it. Dad. and I bagged up 12 bags of oats for

Tupper and tied up all the bags that were in the barn. This after noon Dick and I took Tupper's oats back to him but the 12 bags fell a bushel short of what we borrowed by weight. We got 12 or 13 bassword poles over there to put over the mow in the old barn. When we got back we took all the filled bags that were in the barn over and dumped them in the little boxstall in the horse stable and took Art Quanbury's oats back which we borrowed at seeding time and took Ivey's bags back to them so most of the after noon was spent in returning borrowed goods. Frank and Dad. did odd jobs as it was raining and cloudy all day rain to-night.

Tuesday September 17th

Frank and I took Frank's ducks down to the station this morning and he shipped them to Silverwood's in London. Dad. did some odd jobs around and I helped him clean out the calf pen when I got back. This afternoon Dad. plowed on the wheat ground and Dick Frank and I went back to pull plantain in the clover seed but as there wasn't very much we went on over to John Wes's M^cBride's and visited with Cam. most of the after noon. To-night Dad. and Enah drove out to the Shand's to see the Virginia Nixon's Frank and I stenciled Dad's name on some bags. Dick went down town and just after Frank and I went to bed he came in and spanked us awake with his whip and informed us that a telegram had come for him from Col. Syer telling him he had a chance to go either to Siberia or Overseas with a tank battalion, he is tickled at the chance to go to Siberia. Sunny and fair but not hot to-day.

Wednesday September 18th

I went over to Lorne Myer's this morning to see what our potatoes looked like. The early ones are ready to dig but in the clay patch are too wet. I went on over to M^cBride's to see Tige but he wasn't home so I went in to see Ham. Thompson. He was going to try to get some wheat in and so was too busy to help with the potatoes so I thought we had better leave it for awhile. Dad. plowed this morning and Frank dug potatoes in our own garden. Dick went down town right after breakfast to wire Col. Syer that he would go to Siberia but didn't get any word back to-day He was down town all day and is staying down to-night. It rained a little at noon but soon cleared up and Dad. Enah and the baby drove down to see the Horticultural Show. Frank plowed all the after noon and I cut the lawn or at least part of it. It poured rain to-night but I went down town. I went up to the Flower Show but there was very little there so I went around and spent the evening with Marj. It cleared off but was cold and very windy when I came home.

Thursday September 19th

We were very late having breakfast this morning and it was nearly eleven o'clock before we got a grist bagged up and Frank and I got started for Lynn Valley to have it chopped. We had to take it up there as the flume down here at Charlie Ivey's just about collapsed the other day and is now in course of repair. Frank and I didn't get home till nearly three o'clock and found Dad. and Enah hadn't had dinner yet as they were waiting for us. After dinner we were sitting around the little coal oil stove reading as it was raining hard when Dick and Dess came over. Dick hadn't been home since yesterday morning. He had a telegram in his pocket from Col. Syer telling him to return to camp immediately as he was wanted for Siberia, so he set to work to pack his kit and intends to leave in the morning. We did up the chores early and Dad. drove him and Dess and his kit down town before dark and stayed down all night to take him to the station in the morning. It was sunny early this morning but was cold and wet all day.

Friday September 20th

Frank and I did chores this morning and Dad. didn't get home till after the nine o'clock car went out as after he saw Dick off safely he and Huby ran across Jock Paine who was telling them that he has just sold out his business for a quarter of a million and is now the richest man in Port Dover. He bought the first prize car at the Toronto Exhibition so he told them and said he was coming over here to get some mushrooms but he never came. We spent most of the day cleaning out the chicken houses and Dad. carried over the weed seeds and chaff off the barn floor and put in the sheds for them to scratch in. William Ryerse was in after dinner to invite us three boys out to a dance at his place to-night. He didn't know Dick had gone. Frank and I went out and had a pretty fair time although there was a little too big a crowd. The barn was full of horses and the house fuller still of folks. Wilbur spent the whole evening going around in his old clothes with a lantern like a night-watchman putting horses away and getting them out and occasionally taking a walk though the house to see how things were progressing. Dave and Mr. McNeilly furnished the music but as we had to dance in two small rooms each side of a hall full of people, the one room didn't get a very full share. It has been sunny and quite warm to-day

Saturday September 21st

Dad. and Frank cleaned up the wheat to-day and got somewhere around twenty-five bushels of clean seed, part of which we will sow, if it ever clears up. There was quite a lot of

shrunk stuff in it. This morning I went over to Ben's and dug up a few peony roots to send to Dorrie Clarke and took them down to Marj. She packed them and I took them down and expressed them but had to wait for about an hour at the station to get them looked after so I was late getting home for dinner. Alfred Ryerse came up after dinner to pay us for helping him thrash but we wouldn't take it of course. We finished cleaning up wheat this afternoon and I carried over some straw to the chicken houses. To-night I shut them all up but the young ones are so wild I couldn't do much with them. Frank went down town to-night and says that Ray & Vernon & the kids came up to Aunty's last night. Fine day but cold wind.

Sunday September 22nd

None of us went down to Sunday school this morning but all hands went to church. Enah drove Ray, Rebecca and Tim home and Dad. walked. Frank rode his wheel and I stayed down at Aunty's for dinner. This afternoon Marj. and I went over to see Glad. Law who came home last night. I went to church to-night with Aunty Alice and then Marj. Glad. and I went up to Miss Martin's. I didn't go home to tea and Frank and I stayed down all night as we want to go to Brantford in the morning to see Archie McEwen about another ram Enah was down at Aunty's to tea and played the organ to-night and Dad. drove down after her to-night. It has been fair but quite cool.

Monday September 23rd

Frank and I got off on the seven o'clock car this morning and went to Simcoe. We went to see Johnson about the apples and he said he would be down about the end of the week to have a look at them. I also gave Cruikshank \$20.⁰⁰ more for my insurance and then we got the nine o'clock car for Archie's place. Roy was on it so we went up with him. We had dinner at McEwen's and made a deal with him for another ram, one we like the looks of much better than the old McPherson ram and which has a far better fleece and skin. He is going to take the old ram back and let us have this one for ten dollars more. We came home on the three o'clock car but didn't do anything but chores after we got home. They lifted the bridge down at the dam this afternoon. Dad. didn't do any plowing to-day. Fine day and warmer.

Tuesday September 24th

I spent most of the morning clearing up rubbish and putting away chicken coops and crates and Frank cleaned up the pen in the big barn to put our ram in as he has been used to being in. Dad. plowed all morning. This afternoon we loaded up old McPherson and took

him down to meet the after noon Express. Archie had sent the new ram down on it so we just took him out of the crate and put M^cPherson in and sent him back on the same car. Dad. thinks the new ram is a great improvement on the other. We stopped in for awhile at Aunty's on our way home and Dad. wanted to stay there and play with Roy's baby. It was time to do chores when we got home as Enah wanted us to get through early for Miss Phipps had been over to invite Dad. Enah and me over there for the evening. Mr. Barker, Mrs. D. Cook and Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Battersby were there. Dad. had a letter from Dick to-day saying he would leave Petewawa this week for the coast and Joe Syer told him that they were to leave Vancouver for Siberia not later than the 10th of October so that there will be no chance of his getting home again. He has been attached to the Veterinary Corps. There hasn't been much war news from the Western Front the last few days, as the doings in Palestine seem to be the centre of interest. General Allenby has just about freed that country from the Turks so they say and has entirely wiped out two Turkish armies. Cool & fine.

Wednesday September 25th

It rained again this morning but soon cleared off and was a very nice day. Dad. plowed most of the day but was late getting out because we let the ewes out in the corner field and put the ram lambs in the pasture in front of the barn. Frank and I spent most of the day building a hurdle fence across from the end of the horse stable to the big barn to make a paddock for the ram. Winnie was over to tea to-night and after tea Frank, Enah, Win and I went down town. Winnie & Enah went to choir practice but we met them all coming away from the church. I spent the evening over at the Monteiths. Frank went to the picture show and we all met at Aunty's and came home.

Thursday September 26th

Dad. has plowed all day to-day and is nearly finished. He didn't get out very early this morning as he helped us catch a couple of the best ewes to turn in with the new ram to try him out. Frank and I dug potatoes in the garden till dinnertime. This after noon I disked with Queen and Joe till about half past four and then gathered up the potatoes and onions that were dug as we fully expected a frost to-night. It has been very cold all day due to a wind from the north. I had my overcoat and gloves on this after noon and then nearly perished. Frank went down to Walk. Well's sale this afternoon. Tom told us this morning that some of our humorists had put on the sale bills that Sat. Robinson was to be Clerk. Where the joke of that come in is that Walk had Sat up in court a couple of weeks ago and had him fined

ten dollars for endeavoring to aleinate the affections of his hired girl, or something of that nature.

Friday September 27th

Dad. finished plowing this morning and I have been disking most of the day. This morning I drove down town and got Vernon and the two kids and brought them over for dinner. Aunty and Aunty Alice walked over. This after noon about five o'clock I drove them home again. Frank and Aunty Alice picked beans over in the garden and Dad. dug potatoes. Our checks for prize money at the Toronto Exhibition came to-day. I got \$22.⁰⁰ and Frank \$11.⁰⁰. It has been nice to-day and much milder.

Saturday September 28th

I disked and Frank harrowed with the little team on the wheat ground. I didn't finish disking till about three o'clock and then Dad. started to drill and Frank harrowed after him. They worked till dark but got the field finished. I came up and cut part of the lawn it had got very long so after I cut it first I raked it and cut it again but that was just a small patch in the center. Enah went down town this afternoon to practice with Zeitha who is going to sing in church to-morrow. She told Dad. she thought she would be home to tea but didn't get home till about ten. Dad. got a little anxious about her so I went down to Aunty's to look for her, but they said she got a ride home with Jack Martin. I just missed them. Cloudy but milder.

Sunday September 29th

We all walked down to church this morning and I stayed down at Aunty's to dinner. The rest came in to Aunty's after church and there was great excitement when the car came in as several of us happened to look out and saw Dick's face in the window. We hadn't the faintest idea that he would be home as he was supposed to leave Petawawa for Vancouver to-morrow, but we all rushed out the back gate and met him at Reeve's corner and he informed us that they weren't to leave for the coast till Wednesday and that they had given him a three day pass so he hadn't asked any more questions but beat it. He stayed down at Aunty's for dinner and then he and Dess went over to the farm and stayed to tea. I spent the afternoon with Marj. and Glad Law and then Marj. and I came over here to tea. Tid stayed down at Aunty's to dinner and went with them up to Huby's for tea and to-night Dad. went after him. We didn't leave till he got back, and Dick spent most of the evening sleeping. He said he hadn't had a decent sleep since he left home.

Monday September 30th

Dad. drove down right after breakfast this morning to be with Dick who stayed down town all night and also to get Joe shod. Frank got the mower in shape to start cutting clover seed and I raked up some more of the lawn and cleaned out the calf pen. We had an early dinner and then Frank Enah Tid and I walked down to see Dick off on the one o'clock car. After he left Frank and I went up town and got our checks for prize money and then came home. We let the sheep out and Frank went back about four o'clock to start on the clover seed. I did a few chores, read the paper and raked up some more lawn. Dad. Enah and Tid didn't get home till six. Huby came over this after noon with his dog and shotgun to look for some ducks and snipe. There were four ducks out in the waterhole north of the old garden. He stayed to tea. The war news is about the best yet to-day. The whole Western Front is on the move and the Germans seem to be going back all the way from the Belgian Coast to the Swiss border. Positions along the Hindenburg line that were thought to be impregnable have been smashed and the Canadians are in the outskirts of Cambrai and the Belgians under King Albert's personal leadership, French and Americans are all just hooking it up. Cloudy & cold raw wind.

Tuesday October 1st

Frank cut clover seed all day to-day with the little team but didn't finish the field. I dug potatoes this morning and this after noon went back with Frank to carry a mower knife back and then threw the sods out of some of the ditches in the wheat. Dad. and I also let the ram out with the flock this after noon. Dad. ran out the furrows and ditches in the wheat field to-day. I had a letter to-day from Douglas to tell me he had found a couple of rams that would suit us so I wrote him to-night to tell him we had one. To-day's news says that Bulgaria has completely surrendered to the Allies.

Wednesday October 2nd

It rained a little during the night so it was too wet to cut clover seed and Frank and I both went over to Lorne Myer's to dig potatoes. Neff was down and Corby, Tige, Tick Nunn, Charlie Stitt and Willie Nixon and Ham Thompson were over there. We got all the Cobblers on the sand patch dug and put them in Henry Misener's barn. We got about two bags off the plot that was grown from Old Ontario seed and over four bags off each of the other two plots that were

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Saturday October 5th

Frank went back to Art's to thrash this morning and they finished early, before noon. Dad. and I cleaned out ditches in the wheat field and I dug a few potatoes in the cornfield this morning. There are some good potatoes out there as far as size and cleanness but the wire worms are bad in them. This after noon we went back to get a load of clover seed but there was such a wind I couldn't load it and when we got a little more than the rack full it began to rain so that we had to quit. It didn't rain much but drizzled. When we came up Dad. went to clean some more ditches and Frank dug some more potatoes. I picked what few Duchess apples there were left and then washed the buggy. Huby was over with his dog and gun this after noon and he and the baby trailed all over the farm. Huby wanted to give Gyp a lesson in retrieving so shot a blackbird out in the cornfield and let her find it but she nabbed it and hiked for the barn with it and he supposes ate it but he couldn't get near her. He stayed to tea. Huby stayed to tea and rode down town with Neff who came to see if we had got any more potatoes dug.

Sunday October 6th

Enah and I drove down to church alone this morning. Cousin Willie took the service and Zeitha sang a solo which was very pretty. This afternoon. Marj. Glad Law and I went for a drive up towards Vittoria and got some chestnuts, they seem to be thick but not quite ripe. It began to rain before we got home and has been drizzling and raining all evening. After tea Dad. & I went down town. Dad. went down to see Roy at Aunty's and Marj. and I went over to see Glad Law who is going away in the morning. We got very muddy and wet coming home and found Frank sitting up waiting for us to tell us that Enah was sick. She had a bad attack of cramps and had gone to bed, Frank having packed her in hot irons.

Monday October 7th

Enah was sick most of the night and has been in bed all day but felt a little better to-night. This morning Frank and I took Clementine and Marj. out to Renton as Demming ships from there. I led them both and Frank drove. We didn't have much trouble, we were late getting started as Edmond England was in before breakfast and bought a ram lamb from us for \$40.⁰⁰. This afternoon, we went over to the patch to dig potatoes. Lloyd Crysler, Charlie

Stitt. Charlie Shand, Tige and Bill Sidway were there and we got the Green Mountains on the sand patch dug. Lorne Myer's was up getting cider at Walker Waddle's and as we all had what we could drink we forgave him for not helping us. He did come out anyway with his team and waggon and took the ~~down~~ potatoes down to the mill where we weighed them. For some unknown reason the ones grown from Old Ontario seed yeilded better than the other two plots which was opposite result to what we expected and to what it has been in other experiments. We were very surprised to-night to see Enah's brother and his family they came down in their car from Courtright to-day, they didn't stay here long but are coming to morrow. Nice afternoon.

Tuesday October 8th

Frank and I went to the Simcoe Fair to-day but we didn't get ready in time to catch the nine o'clock car so went up on the eleven. I went up town first and deposited my two checks from Edmond England and Demming so now have quite a bank account but it won't last long. As soon as I got to Simcoe I paid out about \$20.00 to Cruikshank for insurance but have it all paid up. Frank and I had dinner at Walt. McCall's and then went out to the Fair Grounds. We tried to find Neff to give him a sample of our potatoes but couldn't find him for some time. I did locate him though later. He couldn't figure out how the Ontario plot beat the rest unless we could have by any chance got the labels mixed or the ground a little better. I lost Frank soon after we got there and didn't find him again. I spent most of the after noon watching the races with Bill Sidway and stayed there too long to catch the five car so Bill said I could ride home with him and Clark Horn as they were alone and had Clark's car. I did and had tea at the Sidway's and then came on down town with Clark and his wife. I went down to Aunty's to tell them that I was home and then went up and got my hair cut. I stayed there all night so that I could catch the car for Hamilton to-morrow. Fine day.

Wednesday October 9th

I left for Hamilton this morning on the 7.30 train and got there about 10.30 there were four other fellows on on the train bent on the same errand as I was so we started off to-gether from the station but just stepped out the door when a plain clothes man held us up for our military papers and registration certificates, but we all had them so he told us how to get to the Armouries. That was the first time I was ever asked to show my papers. We all had to answer a list of questions before we went before the examining board and then we all went upstairs where the doctors were. There were several misfits around the room but most of

the boys looked to be in pretty fair shape. They had me take my shoes and socks off and they looked at my knee for awhile and then told me to go and wait for awhile so I went back to the stove which had a railing around it just the right temperature to be comfortable for my feet and one of the other boys (Abbott from Courtland) and sat there with our bare feet up on the stove watching the other fellows getting put through their paces. There was one old fat fellow who was lame and they took a long time to pass on him. They had him stripped to the waist and made him lie out flat on the table which seemed to give him considerable trouble then they made him prance up and down the room and alternated these exercises all the time I was there. The last I saw of him he was reclining on the table with his abdomen heaved high in the air and the doctors had apparently forgotten him. Another one they had a lot of fun with was one of the Norfolk boys who came down with me. He had a shrunken muscle in his leg or some thing which appeared to me to become very much worse when we reached the Armouries than it had been before. However I might be mistaken about that. They had him hop down the room on his well leg and then try to hop back on his bad one. He didn't hop very gracefully on his well leg but the faces he made when he tried to hop on the other were pitiful to behold. He vowed he couldn't do it but the doctors urged him to make a stab at it so he did manage to get to the other end of the room. I don't know what happened to him eventually. They called me back in a few minutes and felt and pined my knee till they hurt it and it has been lame all day. They at last decided that I wasn't bad enough for an E man, which is the same opinion I have always had, so put me up to B2 and gave me a certificate saying that my papers were taken from me and that I would hear from them in about two weeks. That finished my examination so I left feeling a much better man than I did last year. I went up to the Herrings where I intended to hit them up for a day's keep and a night's lodging as I was very ~~much to~~ anxious to go to the theatre to-night to see John E. Kellard in "Julius Ceaser." I considered myself very lucky to get the chance to see the play as I have always wanted to see it more than any other Shakesperian play and have never had a chance before. When I got to the Herring's I found Cousin Clair had gone to Brantford for the day but Mr. Herring was home and he treated me right royally. I told him I wanted to go to the play to-night so he asked me if a matinee would be too much and treated me to it which was "The Bells" by the same company. He then took me all around the city and to the Library and Armouries where he showed me through the Officer's quarters. To-night he and I went to see Julius Caesar at which I stood treat and I certainly enjoyed it immensely. When we got home we found Cousin Clair had not yet returned so we waited up for her. She came in on the twelve o'clock car. I asked her what she thought of me landing in on them without warning. "Well" she said "Why shouldn't you, what have you got relations for," in a tone of voice that made

me feel very much at home. We didn't wait up long after she got home and I went to bed feeling very much beholden to the Military Authorities for giving me the opportunity of having such a good time and more than paying my expenses.

Thursday October 10th

Cousin Clair gave me my breakfast this morning and I got off in plenty of time to catch the Dover train which left at 9.20. This being Caledonia Fair day there was a big crowd on and we didn't get into Dover till nearly twelve. I had dinner at Aunty's and then went up to get their mail for them. Everyone I saw seemed very interested to know how I made out in Hamilton. Aunty and Rebecca came over to the farm with me. I didn't get home very early but Dad Frank and I went back and got a load of clover seed. Dess came over to tea and to-night we managed to persuade Dad. to go down and stay at Aunty's so that he could go to the Caledonia Fair to-morrow. I also went down to see Marj. Lovely day.

Friday October 11th

Frank and I got the chores done up nearly as early as usual this morning but as we thought it was too wet to haul clover seed this morning on account of the dew we started in to cut corn and got about fifteen shocks cut before dinner. We went back right after dinner and put on a pretty good load of clover seed and then Frank raked up the rest of one side and I bunched up till he got through and then we came up with our load. To-night Frank went down to get Dad. but as his train was late they didn't get home till quite late. Dad. had a pretty good time at the Fair I guess as it was a lovely day. Roy came up to-night too.

Saturday October 12th

It rained a little during the night so was too wet to do anything at the clover seed this morning. I started to make a crate to ship Mr. Bent's ram lamb in but didn't finish it. Dad. and Frank cut up some wood and brought in the cabbages from the garden with the team and waggon. This after noon as it was a nice day and Marj. is going to be in Nanticoke over Thanksgiving day (Monday) she and I went after chestnuts. We went up north of Vittoria and only stopped at three trees but got a lot of nuts, they were thick on all the trees. We got requested to leave one tree by an angry farmer so we did, after we got all the nuts we could. It was a lovely afternoon and we got home before dark. Dad. and Frank hauled in the clover seed that was bunched up but the rest was a little too wet.

Sunday October 13th

Dad. Enah and Tid. drove down to church this morning and I walked down. Frank didn't go down as he wanted to go after chestnuts this after noon early. This after noon I drove Marj. down to the Doughty's at Nanticoke and left her there to spend Thanksgiving day. They invited me to stay to tea but I didn't and got home here in time to have tea and do chores. Roy and Vernon were here but they didn't stay long as they wanted to go to church to-night. Dad. and Enah were down there this afternoon. Frank went after chestnuts but didn't get any. I don't know why. He went up to Bowlby on the car and cut across south where there are lots of trees, and anywhere we were yesterday there were lots of nuts. I didn't go down town to-night. This morning there was a south wind and the air full of smoke which made everything look very queer. A north wind got up about noon and the air cleared but got colder.

Monday October 14th (Thanksgiving Day)

We finished hauling in the clover seed to-day. We went back this morning and Frank finished raking and Dad. and I bunched up and brought one load up before dinner and this after noon put it off and got the rest in one load and put it off. Enah and the baby went down to see Roy and Vernon off this after noon. Windy & cool.

Tuesday October 15th

Dad. started fall plowing to-day on the oat stubble in the back field. He also got a load of wood back there in the woods just old broken treetops and rubbish. Frank and I went up to Ham Thompson's and when we got back we started to pick the apples that were dropping the most and Frank picked up the windfalls and put them in the ice house for cider. I picked the King's and one tree of Canada Reds or whatever they are. Lila was over most of the day as the school has been closed on account of Spanish Influenza. I went down to-night intending to go to the picture show but Marj. thought it wouldn't be wise as the Flu. is spreading rapidly. There are all the way from 70 to 80 cases reported in town and to-day poor old Bob. Miller died of it and all the rest of his family are sick with it. They got word to-day that Geordie Spain has been killed in action. It has been a beautiful day. Froze.

Wednesday October 16th

Dad. has been plowing all day and got on fairly well. Frank and I finished building the crate to ship our ram to Omemee in this morning and I wrote to Mr. Bent and made out the applications for transfer while Frank went over to Quanbury's to set some saws. We also put the rams in the paddock and trimmed Mr. Bent's up a little and when Dad. came up at

noon put the label in his ear. We picked apples this after noon and got the russets all picked. Huby was over shooting this after noon and stayed to tea. I drove him home to-night and then went for a little drive alone as it was a beautiful moonlight night and Queen enjoyed it too. Frank went for a ride somewhere on Joe. Frank and I were wokedd up this morning about three o'clock by the factory whistle and after we got up we heard the fire bells so hiked down town to find a small crowd around the planing mill where there had been a fire in the shavings. We were down there about an hour but they had it under control. The old Felix engine worked fine. We came home and went to bed again. Dad. got up after we left thinking he heard the six o'clock whistle and when he discovered his mistake he stayed up. Beautiful day.

Thursday October 17th

Frank and I dug potatoes all morning and I dug all the after noon out in the cornfield. We got two full rows and what was left of the one that Frank started on the other day. We would have got more done but Frank had to kill and pluck a couple of ducks. Dad. plowed all day and got on well. Cousins Clare and Phoebe were over for awhile this after noon. Frank went for a ride again to-night with Alex England and Colin Ryerse.

Friday October 18th

We were up soon after five this morning and Frank and I got down to the station with Mr. Bent's ram about ten minutes before the train went out. I went in and asked Stace Lampkins if I had better wait till the train pulled up or load him right away and he said to wait till it pulled up. We did but it pulled up and right out before we could get him on the car. They said they were late and couldn't wait a minute. It was very provoking but there was nothing to be done but leave him there till to-night so this after noon I went down early and saw that he got on the car, although the old pile of junk didn't pull out till a quarter of an hour later than it should. It is such occassions as this that make a fellow wish for a strong arm and a blasphemous tongue to curse the G.T.R. into a heap and lick all of its wooden headed and unaccomodating employee's. Dad. plowed again all day and Frank and I dug potatoes all morning. Frank finished digging them in the cornfield this afternoon. Aunty and Aunty Alice were over to dinner to celebrate Frank's birthday. To-night I went down town and Marj. informed me that we were invited over to the Hobbes so we spent the evening over there. North east wind to-day and much colder.

Saturday October 19th

Dad. plowed all day and has about half the field plowed. Frank and I dug potatoes all day in the old garden but didn't get them all dug. They are much harder to dig out there than they were in the cornfield as they were weedier and "soddier". We only got two bags. Charlie Quanbury went through at noon to thrash at Art Walker's and told Dad. that the "Flu" is still spreading. Frank Awde is very sick with it and Toots Law is dead, only being sick 36 hours. One of the Alair boys is dead but he had pneumonia. They now say that Bob. Miller didn't have it but died of his old trouble. It has been clear and windy to-day but not so cold.

Sunday October 20th

It began to rain some time during the night and kept it up pretty well till about noon. I didn't get up till nearly nine o'clock and none of us went down to church. Frank stayed down all night so he went with Aunty but said there were hardly any there. There was no Sunday school and ~~will~~ no service to-night. The flu is still spreading and to day Charlie Alair died of it, just as they were taking out the body of his boy. I went down soon after dinner and spent the after noon with Marj. She went to the Bagley's for tea so I didn't see her to-night but I stayed to tea at Aunty's and all evening. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ross came to town last night and are staying at Andrew Innes's for a week before they go to Toronto where Jim has been moved.

Monday October 21st

I went over to Tupper's right after breakfast this morning and paid him his note. I was over there most of the morning watching him break his big Clyde colt. He got on his back first but didn't stay there long. Dad. and Frank went down to Lew Brock's and got some more wood. This after noon Dad. Enah and Tid drove down in the buggy to see Jim Ross and Frank took the cider barrell down to have some hoops put on it. He also got a new suit. I sorted potatoes. Fresh day.

Tuesday October 22nd

Dad. plowed all day to-day. Frank and I picked apples this morning and got two trees of sweet ones picked. It froze hard last night so we didn't get out very early at it. This after noon we cut corn. It was a slow job too as up at the far end it was very short and full of ragweed. Mr. Smythe from Vittoria was in at noon yesterday to buy a ram but he thought \$40.⁰⁰ was pretty high and he wanted him recorded in the American book so we didn't make a deal yet. I got a card from Mr. Bent to-day saying that the ram arrived Saturday night so was slack but he seemed satisfied with him. Dad. had a letter from Dick from New

Westminster and he says they are out of quarantine now but there are still a few cases of "Flu". Everyone here now seems to be on the mend. I went down town to-night. It has been a lovely day but cloudy to-night.

Wednesday October 23rd

Dad. plowed all day and Frank and I cut corn all day we got about 55 shocks cut. Dad. heard from Dick from the hospital saying he had the Flu but was doing well. His fever had been up to nearly 104° but was down to 101. Johnson's man was in at noon to look at the orchard. He thought there might be 20 bbls {barrels} of orchard. Enah went down town this after noon and told us to-night that Mrs. Frank Awde was dead and Frank himself very low with Influenza.

Thursday October 24th

Dad. has plowed all day. Frank and I picked apples this morning as we expected Pud. Smythe down to borrow some barley & oats as Mrs. Smythe asked Enah if they could get them yesterday. He came and got about ten bags and as he was going to have them chopped We got him to take a grist for us down to the mill too. I went down with him and didn't get back till about noon. This after noon Frank and I hooked up Joe and Queen to go after our chop but it wasn't done when we got there so we drove around the block instead of waiting. We met Ham Thompson when we were coming home. He had been over here to see if he could get us to help him fill silo to-morrow morning so we said we could. Tige M^cBride was in last night to see if we could did the rest of the potatoes to-morrow after noon as Neff could come down, so we said we would. Cloudy.

Friday October 25th

Dad. has plowed all day but Frank and I have been away from home all day. We went up to help Ham. fill his silo and were there all morning. We didn't finish at noon as the blower plugged up several times but after dinner Tige who was also helping and I went over to the plot to dig potatoes as Tige had sent out the summons again to the boys. Frank stayed to help Ham and Tige and I were the only ones at the plot till about five o'clock when Neff came then Frank a little later. Young Wilfred Myers helped us pick up all the afternoon and when Neff came he plowed out all the rest of the Cobbler's on the clay patch. Tige and I had plowed out a row or two. I didn't get home till dark and Jack Martin had been here to get a couple of us to help fill his silo to-morrow. I had promised to go back to dig potatoes

so Dad. said he would go although he could finish plowing to morrow. I went down town to-night. It has been cloudy and warm to-day.

Saturday October 26th

Dad. and Frank went over to Jack Martin's to help fill silo this morning and I took the team over to Lorne Myer's. Tige M^cBride and his father came over and Charlie Blake and Fred Rolson were there and a little later Neff came down with Leo Challand. Lorne Myers also helped us but no more of the boys came. Neff took our team and he and Rolson plowed all the potatoes out and we got the ones off the clay patch all picked up before dinner. This after noon I went back and Tige and Corby came and Lorne Myer's pretty late. Rolson came with a lot of crates and picked up 20 bushels by measure for himself. Neff came down and helped us till after five. Tige Corby and I worked till dark and finished the job and Lorne Myer's hauled them up to his barn. When I got home Frank informed me that the silo filler had broken down so they had come home about four o'clock and Dad. Enah and the baby had gone down to Aunty's for tea as Jim & Mrs. Ross were there. I did the milking and Frank and I had tea then Frank went down town and I went down to stay at Frank Awdes as he is still pretty sick and his sister in law told me at noon that she would be very glad if someone would come so that she could get a little sleep as no-one but herself and Earl have been there since before Mrs. Awde died. Frank told Dad. I was there so he came in on his way home and stayed the rest of the night. It has been cloudy and mild all day.

Sunday October 27th

As there has been no church to-day none of us got around very early this morning. Dad. got home about half past five but went to bed for a little while. Aunty Alice came over after breakfast for a little while just to see how we were. Aunty had gone up to the Marr's to nurse Woodyer and his sister and Miss Gutcher who are all down with the Flu and she has been there all day. They changed the time back to the old system again to-day so everyone of the kickers ought to be happy. I went down town this after noon and went for a walk. I had tea with Aunty Alice alone as Aunty didn't get home till after we were through tea. I spent the evening with Marj. Dess was over here yesterday with a letter from Dick saying he was much better but in the hospital at Coquiltam. Beautiful warm day, rained a little.

Monday October 28th

Frank and I went down to Mr. Flemming's to thrash this morning but it began to rain before we got started and rained all morning. We hung around down there for an hour or so and then Tupper brought us home in his car, we went down town with him first to get some gasoline. Frank spent most of the morning cleaning up root seed and I cleaned harness. This afternoon I went down town to get my tooth fixed as the filling came out of it yesterday. I got my hair cut and went down to Tip's to get a suit and a hat. I brought them back on approval. Young Earl Awde came over this afternoon to ask someone to go down and stay all night to-night so Dad. went down. There is great consternation in town over the news which arrived this morning of Billy Faulkner's death. He died in England but no one knows what of but suppose it was the Flu. He just enlisted a little while ago.

Tuesday October 29th

Dad. finished plowing his field to-day but did not get a full day in as he was pretty tired after sitting up all night with Frank Awde. He didn't get home till daylight. Frank went down to Flemmings and they finished thrashing about four o'clock. I didn't go as Mr. Flemming said yesterday he didn't expect us both but Frank said they could have used me early in the day. I did chores and picked apples all day but didn't get in a very long day at the job. Fine day.

Wednesday October 30th

Frank and I picked apples all day and got all the Spy's picked and a lot of the Seek-no-Further's or Vandevere's as Johnson's man called them the other day. Dad. started to plow the side hill across the gully to-day. We want if we possibly can to get it seeded down with Alfalfa next year. It began to rain about four o'clock and drizzled all evening. I went down town to-night and intended to stay all night but when I got to Aunt's they told me that Neff had been down and wanted me to go to Guelph with him to-morrow. He had telephoned Tige before and wanted me to go but I told him I couldn't, but when he came down and went over to the farm Dad. said I could go so he came all the way down to Aunt's to tell me. As it had cleared off a little I went home for the night. Cloudy and rain.

Thursday October 31st

Tige McBride was down before breakfast this morning to tell me I couldn't go to Guelph as Neff had said last night that Tige was going to take Lloyd Ryerse and me in his car, but Tige said he was all alone as his father was off canvassing for Victory Loan subscriptions and Albert was picking apples for George Duncan but Lloyd said he thought the real cause was

that his mother was afraid of him getting the Flu. He went on down to tell Lloyd and by the time they got back I was about ready to go so we drove up to M^cBride's and telephoned Neff. At first he said he could take us up with him but as Butler, Nixon & Mitchell were going too we thought it would be quite a load so we said we would go to Galt by Radial and he could pick us up there so we did. He got us all right at Galt and we got to Guelph in time for dinner. This afternoon we went up to the College for the sale of surplus stock. I thought things went fairly cheaply although the stock was nothing extra. Mostly sows but a few sheep and cattle. There was one very nice young Shorthorn bull which went up around five hundred, and Carpenter & Ross bought a white heifer for over a thousand. We went back to the Royal Hotel for supper as soon as the sale was over, but Neff went out somewhere to tea I think to Neilson's. I went down to the Bard's to see how they all were but I found the old man and lady had gone out to the country and their married daughter that was there told me that Edna was drowned last summer while in bathing down by the old Victoria bridge. That was very sad news indeed and accounted for the old folks being away as they could bear to stay alone. To-night we didn't know what to do with ourselves as everything in the shape of entertainment was closed up. Butler and Mitchell were very anxious to pick up some "chickens" and I guess did chase up a couple but I went over to the Y.M.C.A. for awhile and then Nixon and I went back and I went to bed. Lloyd wandered around town for awhile and I was asleep when he came in. He and I had the same room. It has been cloudy raw & inclined to rain all day.

Friday November 1st

Neff left a call for us fellows last night and the old fellow came banging at our door this morning about seven o'clock, however, Lloyd and I were up, Lloyd having got up at intervals I think all night every time he heard a train go past. Neff doesn't eat any breakfast and was all ready for us when we got through ours and we were on the road soon after eight. Elliott, the District Rep recently from Lincoln County and Hampden from Welland were each there with a class of boys to fit for the Intie-County judging competition at the Guelph Winter Fair, for which Neff is going to pick a team of three from amongst us. Elliott was ahead of us with his car and he took Nixon with him as he didn't have as big a load, so that just left five in our car. We drove out ten or twelve miles north of Guelph and stopped first at John Lowe's an Aberdeen Angus breeder and had two or three classes to judge. Elliott gave us a little instruction and when Hampden came a little later he had a Mr. Franklin from "The Farmer's Advocate" staff and he gave us some pointers. From there we travelled north again through the little villages of Elora and Salem to J.A. Watt's place and saw his famous

Shorthorns or at least a few of them including a couple of yearling heifers which he is fitting for the Chicago International and the old Gainford Marquis the herd Leader. The boys from Lincoln county had never seen much purebred stock as they haven't any down there and when we left Lowe's place they were all Angus enthusiasts but when they saw the Shorthorns and got their hands on them, their breath was fairly taken away and judging from their muttered exclamations they were all Shorthorn men when we left Watt's. We went from there back to Elora for dinner and had to wait for awhile as they hadn't had much notice at the little hotel and didn't have dinner ready for sixteen. We were all hungry as bears it being a cold morning and the driving in the wind seemed to whet our appetites. After dinner we started back towards Guelph but turned east at the little country store and hotel labeled Marden and went out to J. J. Elliotts place, where we saw some more beautiful Shorthorns. Elliot himself wasn't home but his Scotch herdsman Alex showed us some of the fancy stock. He too was fitting for the International and had two two-year old heifers in excellent shape. Franklin from "The Farmer's Advocate" seemed well acquainted with all these fellows. He accosted "Alex" who was curling the two year old heifers by asking him what kind of cattle they were and telling him that the boys wanted to get a little practice in judging and so came out here although they knew they weren't very good samples of Shorthorns. One of the poor fellows from Lincoln Co. got himself into hot water by putting Herefords down on his judging card instead of Shorthorns. They threatened to put salt in his tea or sugar on his meat. We went back to Guelph from Elliotts and paid our hotel bills and then went out to the College for awhile and had a look around. Prof. Wade Tovey gave us a little class on judging sheep but it was too late to get much there. We left the College about twenty minutes to six and started right for home having picked up Nixon there. We sailed right through, six of us in Neff's Ford, so we didn't bounce around much although we often came down pretty hard on the hind axle. We stopped for half an hour in Brantford and had our supper a good one at a Chink restaurant and came on down to Simcoe. We stopped for a few minutes in Waterford for Nixon to telephone his father to meet him in Simcoe and we got in Simcoe at twenty minutes to ten. Lloyd and I went down and waited at the station for the eleven o'clock car but Mitchell, Butler and Nixon started to walk for home as Nixon was afraid his father would miss him so thought he would meet him on the road. I got home about half past eleven.

Saturday November 2nd

Dad. has plowed all day and is getting on well with the side hill field. Frank and I cut corn to-day but didn't quite finish the north end of the field. Frank had cut a little while I was away.

Winnie and Dess were over here to tea to-night and Frank and I went down town with them. I went up to Tip's and got my new suit and then came home. Fine but raw.

Sunday November 3rd

Several new cases of flu. broke out during the week so there was no church again to-day. We put the ram in with the sheep this morning and Huby came over with Chum. to have Dad take a lot of big warts out of his mouth. I went down town this after noon and Marj. and I walked around the hill with Mr. Smith and Bill and stopped at the dam for awhile to watch the crane work. We then went up to Miss M^cQueen's for a little while and went down to Aunty's for tea. Mrs. Skey was there but didn't stay very late. Very mild all day but rainy to-night.

Monday November 4th

Dad. plowed all day and Frank and I picked apples this morning. This after noon Jack Martin came over to tell us he wanted one of us to help him fill silo so Frank went over. I cleaned out the calf pen and got the cow stable ready to have the cows in to-night. I picked a few more apples but not many. The news to-day says that Austria has surrendered completely to the terms of the Allied armistice and Austrian troops on all fronts will lay down their arms to-day. Cloudy and cold wind all day.

Tuesday November 5th

Frank and I cut corn this morning and finished cutting all the corn north of the mangels and cut one row from the lane to Ivey's fence. Dad. plowed all day and he said at noon he thought we had better get the cider apples loaded ready to take up to Walker Waddle's so Frank filled the waggon box up this after noon from the pile we had picked up off the ground and put in the ice-house, some of them had gone bad so we had to get a few more out of the orchard. I fixed up the cow stable and picked a few more apples. Bruce Smith and Gov. Hammond were in this after noon canvassing for the Victory Loan but we couldn't help them out nay. Bruce said Norfolk's objective was one million dollars but that so far they had only raised three hundred thousand. Tom & Mrs. Chapman were in and bought three of my cockrels for \$1.50 apiece, including the one that came here in the summer. Zeitha was over also to get her riding habit which she left her a week or so ago hoping to have a ride but she is going away on Saturday. Enah was down town as this was Aunty Alice's birthday. I went down to-night. It has been a fine day.

Wednesday November 6th

Frank and I got started right after breakfast this morning for Walker Waddle's but there were two loads of apples in ahead of us, however it didn't take long and we got 65 gallons of cider made. We took Huby one 10 gallon jug and Aunty 15 gallons and we brought the 40 gallon barrell home. We got home a little after one. Dad. didn't plow this morning as we had the team and this after noon it was such a lovely day he thought we had better get up the mangels so we went out and got part of the ones out of the old garden but didn't get them all, we had about a waggon load. Aunty and Aunty Alice came over to tea. It froze very hard last night but lovely day.

Thursday November 7th

Frank and I went up to Mat. Wilson's this morning first thing and got 10 apple barrells as we found out yesterday we could get them there. We saw Ham. and he said he would be down one day this week to help us pack. We saw one of Johnson's men yesterday on the road and he told us that their cars were odered for Dover and that they would probably be shipping next week. We took Joe and Queen and I could hardly hold them. When we got back we helped Dad. unload the mangels into the cellar and went out and got what was left in the old garden as well as the carrots and beets. We unloaded them right after dinner and Frank and Dad. went back to the cornfield to get what good ones there were out there, they were out all the after noon but didn't get them all. We have all been in quite a state of excitement this after noon and to-night. It began by an airplane flying over the town at noon. We were having dinner and heard what we thought was a car stuck some place near. Frank went out and saw the airplane and called us all out to see it. Soon after we got started to unload our mangels we heard first one then another whistle begin to blow in the direction of Simcoe. They kept it up so long that we were sure some great news had come. Then Jim. came with the mail and we saw by the paper that a German delegation had come across to the French lines under a white flag to meet Foch and hear the armistice terms. Soon after this the Dover whistles began to blow and the fire bell to ring so we knew that word must have come that the armistice had been signed. When we got the load off I went over to Jack Martin's and down to Sovereign to find out more particulars but all I could find out was that the German delegation had signed the armistice. We don't know just what the terms are but we know that if the Germans agree to them peace will inevitably follow as one of the stipulations is that Germany withdraw her troops 25 miles east of the Rhine and give the Allies control of all the Rhine forts while the peace terms are being "dictated to her" and not "discussed with her". The news made us all feel pretty much like going down town

but I came home and picked a few more apples and Frank and I went down town to-night. The whole town was out and was feeling good, it hasn't been so lively since the war started. All the kids had tin cans and horns and they certainly kicked up a merry row and. We cleaned up all the rubbish from back of the stores and built a fair bon-fire on Main St. in front of the flag pole and some of the boys got a barrell full of tarred pound nets and set fire to it. Then of course they had to have a few speeches from the bandstand. Jack Martin made one then Mr. Robertson prayed then the bunch sang then Cousin Willie got humorous, then the kids banged their tin cans then we all gave three cheers, sang God Save the King, then there were more speeches and more singing and more cheers and more noise and everybody just felt good. Every now and then some kid would start ringing the fire bell or Harry Moon would fire off his shotgun and all the time cars were tearing up and down street honking and cutting up as many didos as a car is capable of. When the nine o'clock car came in with the papers it was found that the rumour was denied and that the Germans had not yet conferred with Foch but that didn't make any difference for everyone feels that if the fighting isn't over yet it soon will be, and we can have another celebration when the real thing comes. While most of the citizens were indulging in such jollification there were some sad hearts. I didn't know it till late in the evening but the body of Ina Nunn was brought here for burial to-day, she having died of the Flu. in Hamilton and Charlie Long who has been at the point of death for the last two days cashed in about midnight he also being a victim of Flu.

Friday November 8th

Dad. and Frank finished taking up the mangels this morning and got them all in the cellar. I picked up apples all morning and got all but one tree of the Vandevere's or whatever they are picked. Before we got through dinner Ham Thompson came down to help us pack apples. He said Johnson was in at his place this morning and told him that they had three cars down there and wanted to get them loaded by tomorrow noon Dad. helped us sort and we got four barrells put up this after noon 3 of Spys and one Sweets. We couldn't get a barrell of No 1. Spys so had to put them up Domestic. Lila was over this after noon and told us that George Murphy was dead - Flu -. She stayed to tea and as it was a nasty night all night I went down town and told them up at Huby's that Lila was going to stay ~~down~~ at the farm. It has been cloudy all day and rained a little to-night.

Saturday November 9th

Ham came back this morning and helped us pack the other six barrells of apples. We got two more of sweets and four of Pheonix, that is the latest name for the red apples which we use to call Seek-no-furtherers and which Johnson's man said were Vandevereers but Johnson said to-day he thought they were Pheonix so that is what we labeled them. Frank and I got them down to the Main St siding on the radial track a little before noon but could find nobody around, except some section men playing poker in the tool house. They said that two cars were loaded but that they expected another one down this after noon. Johnson ordered three cars and they came but the fellows at the station let George Duncan have one of them so that rather made a mess of things. We unloaded our ten barrells on the side of the track right near a load of Irvin Paw's and Sid. Marsh's and then went down to find Johnson, we found him at the Dominion and he gave us a receipt for the apples. Alan Law came up at noon to-day to get Frank to go down and help him clip a horse this after noon so Frank was down there all the after noon Dad. and I got the cider barrell into the woodshed and tapped it and then I packed Roy's barrell of apples. Frank went down town to-night. Rainy and cloudy all day.

Sunday. November 10th

We all went down town to church this morning for the first time for about three weeks. I stayed down at Aunty's for dinner and then went up to see Marj. She was just starting down town to get some medicine for Sade Davis who is pretty sick with the flu. We got her medicine and went to see Miss M^cQueen for awhile and then went up to the Davis's and Mrs. Law who is looking after Sade. sent us back again to get some oranges and grapes but Sam Morell had gone to Simcoe and Jimmy Leany hasn't had any oranges for quite awhile as the price is so high, so we went back and then back to Monteith's and read "The Old Curiosity Shop". I had tea and Aunty's and she Aunty Alice and I went to church to-night. They had a meeting after church and Miss Martin & Marj. informed me that I had been put on a committee with Jack Martin to canvass the hill for subscriptions to Victory Bonds which the Sunday school wants to buy to put in an Endowment Fund for Coquimbo Missions and also to get a shield with maple leaves on it to inscribe the names of all the boys from the Sunday school who have died or been killed at the Front. Every sunday school that buys a Victory Bond gets one. H.W. Ansley gave them the price of one Bond so they want to get another. Pat. had a bulletin board out to-day with the announcement that the Kaiser has abdicated and the Crown Prince renounced his right to succession and that Germany is in control of the Socialists.

Monday November 11th

Dad. and Frank baged up a grist this morning and while they were at it I went over to Jack Martin's to tell him about the canvassing the hill and to ask him for a man to help cut corn this after noon as he promised us time in return for helping him fill silo. He told me that the Armistice was signed according to official announcement and the paper to-day says that the Kaiser, Crown Prince and the rest of the crew have all escaped to Holland. Frank and I took the grist to the mill and then went up to ~~the mill~~ Tige M^cBride's and got Mrs. Jolley's potatoes. No one was home up there but we would have taken Joe Smith's too but we found some rotten ones so thought we had better leave them to be spread out. We went on down town with Roy's barrell of apples and left it at the station to be shipped. All the town was decorated with flags and a half holiday proclaimed for this after noon to celebrate the "dawn of peace" Jack Martin gave all his men a holiday and as Frank had to go over to Pickford's to thrash and Dad. went back to plow this after noon I went down town as I didn't feel like cutting corn alone. Enah and the baby also went down and while I was waiting for them to get ready to drive down I went around my beat and they all said they would give something. Later I got a dollar each from the Quanbury's & Karl Coleman. I saw Pickford this morning but he thought he wouldn't subscribe as he is peeved at the preachers for talking politics and prohibition in church. I drove Enah and Tid down about three o'clock but by the time I got Joe put in Aunty's barn was just too late to see the big parade. Everybody in town was in it and all the cars in the country. Karl Coleman had the big band drum and Harry Moon, Mr. Bagley, Jack Walker and Art Lawson with their horns and several kids with bugles and snare drums. After their parade they settled in the Park and had a lot of speeches from the bandstand where all the preachers town fathers and returned soldiers were collected. They told me to come down again to-night and bring the Eb horn so I walked home and helped Dad milk and then polished up the old bass horn a little and went down. Dad. and Frank came down later and Dad. drove Enah home. With our horns drums and tin cans we raised a great hullabaloo to-night. We pranced around Main St. blowing "Hail, Hail. the gang's all here" (the only thing we could play.) till my lungs were sore. Harry Moon and Billy Gordon had a dummy made to represent the Kaiser so we rode him around on a rail then soaked him with coal oil and finally dumped him in the big bonfire they had in front of the town hall. Everybody was out singing, cheering and raising Cain in general just about as much racket as if there had been lots of booze instead of none.

Tuesday November 12th

Frank has been thrashing all day, they finished at Pickford's about three o'clock and moved right out to Art. Quanbury's. He expects to be there most of the day to-morrow Dad.

plowed all day and finished the side hill field. I fixed up the crossfence in the chicken yard this morning so that I think it will hold the Rock Pullets and then I sorted the potatoes in the woodshed and put them down cellar. I cut corn this after noon but it is a slow job alone and I didn't get much done. Froze hard last night, but has been fine day

Wednesday November 13th

Frank has been thrashing at Art Quanburys nearly all day. They got through about four o'clock and Art got 22 bushels of good seed. This morning Dad. and I went back and Dad. ran out some furrows in the 12 acre clover sod some of which we want to put in with summer pasture We cut both sides of the ditch with the plow and hauled the sods over and put them in the waterhole over there. This after noon I cut corn and got another row cut and Frank Dad. plowed in the 12 acre field. I went down town to-night. My four Rock pullets were all on their favorite perch to-night. I haven't got them fenced in yet.

Thursday November 14th

Frank and I cut corn all day and got nearly 4 rows cut we figured that if we could keep at it steadily we could finish by Saturday noon but Neff came down this after noon and wants us to go to Caledonia to-morrow to judge stock so that so that will prevent us finishing this week. It begins to look as if we never would get through. Dad. plowed all day on the clover sod. It has been a fine day. Cold wind.

Friday November 15th

Neff and Charlie Blake arrived here promptly at 8:30 this morning and Frank and I were all ready for them. We went with Charlie in his car with {name?} and Neff had Tige. Nixon & Butler in with him, we had a fine day and visited Douglas, where we had a class in Shorthorns and Listers then Richardson's near Caledonia where we saw his Holsteins, we had dinner in Caledonia and then went on out to Miller's who showed us his Clydesdales as well as a lot of pictures of famous Clyde in Scotland. We then went to Mr. Turner's near Hamilton where we had a class of Ayrshires. We had supper in Hamilton and Neff went to his father's for tea. He met us later and we all went to Low's. We left Hamilton at 11.20 and got home about one. Beautiful day. Mild.

Saturday November 16th

Frank and I cut corn to-day and made good time this morning getting 35 shocks cut but this after noon we were delayed by Ham Thompson bringing his sheep down and also by a visit from Tige M^cBride over Ivey's fence so we only got one row cut (15 shocks) Dad. didn't plow to-day but cleaned out ditches in the field he plowed. He got them all cleaned out. Very mild and rather cloudy.

Sunday November 17th

It was raining when we got up this morning and has been cloudy and rainy all day but looked cleared off to-night. I drove Enah down to church but she stayed down to dinner so that she could go to choir practice this after noon, they are having Thanksgiving Service next Thursday night also to-day and next Sunday for Peace. I walked down after dinner and spent the afternoon and evening at Mr. Monteiths but had tea and went to church with Aunty. Aunty Alice hurt her eye quite badly this morning with her umberella.

Monday November 18th

It rained quite a lot this morning and has been cloudy & muddy all day. We spent the morning cleaning up the woodshed. Dad. plowed this after noon and Frank and I sorted some of the apples in the barn to put down cellar. We quit early as Frank went down to tea at Aunty's

Tuesday November 19th

It has rained pretty much all day making things very muddy and disagreeable but has not been cold. Frank & I cleaned up some of the wheat & barley (mixed) this morning & Dad. cleaned out the calf pen and did odd jobs. Tupper was in with our note. This after noon I went down town and posted a letter. We couldn't do much as it poured rain. Enah and I printed some pictures to-night. Dad. got a letter from Dick. He expects to sail soon.

Wednesday November 20th

Frank and I went down town in the waggon this morning and took a sample of our wheat & barley to the mill and to Billy Langs. They offered us 2 ½ a hundred for it. We went up to M^cBride's and got the rest of the J.F.I.A. potatoes and took them down to Mrs. Jolley, Joe Smith and Mr. Norm Brock. They are all sold but the little ones now. We also went down to Aunty's and got her empty cider pig. This after noon Dad. plowed and Frank and I cleaned up wheat & barley I went down town to-night and Frank went down to Ryerse's to tell Lloyd

to come up to M^cBride's in the morning as we expect to go to Burford to-morrow. Cloudy but not raining.

Thursday November 21st

Frank and I went up to Tige's about half past eight this morning where Corby joined us and Tige took us in his car to Simcoe. Lloyd Ryerse didn't show up at all. Mitchell's car was with Neff's own car in front of his office and Butler, Mitchell, Nixon, Tick Nunn and Charlie Stitt were all waiting for us. Blake & Roleson came up on the car to Simcoe. We went straight to Brethane's? at Burford and judged a couple of classes of sheep before dinner, we had dinner at Burford where the lady of the house was very distressed at not having enough for us to eat but where we managed to load up to the "busting" point just the same. We went back to Brethane's after dinner and judged hogs. From there we went to a Mr. Barkers where we had a couple of classes of Southdowns. It was dark when we left there so we all went into Brantford for supper and took in a show which was pretty poor. We got home about one o'clock. The District Representative from Brant was with us all day with his boys. Neff has put Butler, Tige and I on the judging team. Cloudy and raw all day.

Friday November 22nd

Frank and I took down what grain we had cleaned this morning to Billy Langs. We had on nearly a ton so it paid the twine bill at \$28.⁰⁰ and there was about \$22.⁰⁰ over. This afternoon we cut another row of corn. Dad. was down at Aunty's most of the day banking up the house. Blaikie was in for awhile this after noon but Frank and I didn't see him. He has been up north all summer. They got letters from Quint to-day telling of their entrance into French towns that the Germans have held for four years. He said he was with the first troops to enter and he never spent a happier birthday seeing the joy of the inhabitants who were released. The letter was written before the armistice.

Saturday November 23rd

It froze the ground quite stiff last night and has been freezing in the shade all day with a cold wind. Frank and I actually finished cutting the corn to-day about the middle of the after noon. We also husked a bushel. Dad. cleaned up the old garden this morning and tried to plow it this after noon but couldn't with the rolling coulter so came up and started to plow the patch back of the shop with the other plow. Enah and the baby were down town this afternoon. Frank to-night.

Sunday November 24th

Enah Frank and I walked down to church this morning. Aunty Alice came over here to dinner and I stayed down with Aunty and Aunt Ida. This afternoon Marj. and I went up to Miss Martin's for awhile and then walked around the hill we met Aunty Alice going home so went down with her and stayed to tea. We went to church with Aunty. Mr. Farney preached. Fine day but cold wind.

Monday November 25th

Frank and I cleaned up barley and oats all morning and part of the after noon and we took a load of it down to the mill this after noon. We also went up to M^cPhersons and got the trap nests that Emery had made for me. It was frozen too hard for Dad. to plow the garden this morning but sod would have plowed. Dad. helped us part of the time and did chores. Frank and I picked out six ewes this morning and marked them to sell if anyone comes around that wants them. Dess was over to-night with a letter she got from Dick lately. Fair cold wind.

Tuesday November 26th

We cleaned up the rest of the barley and wheat this morning and took it down to the mill this after noon We had over 18 cwt. on and we took three bags besides to Jack Martin's to pay for the seed we got last Spring. When we got home we bagged up some barley and oats for chop and took it down but left it till morning as there was such a lot there. To-night we had a meeting of the J.F.I.A. down at Aunty Alice's. There was a good turnout and we had a good time and arranged for a winter program. Tom. didn't get back till to-night with the can and butter. They got word yesterday that Doss. was dead of the Flu and poor old Tom and Maw. are broken hearted. Cold, but fine day.

Wednesday November 27th

Frank and I went down after our grist this morning and then cleaned up some oats. I spent the after noon working at the front flower beds. Dad. and Frank fixed the dining room chimney and Frank nailed some shingles on the barn roof. I went down town to-night. Aunty Alice left this morning for Toronto. It has been a beautiful day.

Thursday November 28th

Frank and I took about fifteen bushels of apples up to Walker Waddle's this morning and got another big barrel of cider. It began to rain while we were there and poured for an hour or two. We got home about one o'clock. This after noon Frank went over to Joe Long's sale and bought a set of scales and a scoop shovel. I slept till it stopped raining and then Dad. and I unloaded the cider barrel and put it down cellar. We had quite a job getting it down and had Enah helping us. We slid it down on rails but they spread till it was all on one rail, then we had to let it go the last three or four feet and it came down and bashed a hole in the cement floor of the cellar. About dark another big storm came up this time with thunder and lightening. Teriffic south west wind. Next day – The rain last night took away more of the old East Pier. The water was so high it carried the Jim & Tom right over the East Pier.

Friday November 29th

This morning we slew the biggest of the three pigs and it took us all morning to get ready, kill and dress him. This after noon I went down town to get a hair cut and met Tige M^cBride to pick out a suitable club room for the J.F.I.A. We finally arranged to get Mrs. Bell's cement block cottage which the bunch had two years ago. Frank went over to Joe Long's with Art. Quanbury to get their purchases, and we weighed the pig on the scales so were not long in using them. He dressed just 165 lbs. To night Frank and I went to the W.I. dance and had a good time.

Saturday November 30th

Dad. spent the morning cutting up the pig Frank sent out cards to notify the J.F.I.A. of a meeting Tuesday night and I worked at the flower beds in the front. Right after dinner I went down to send some of Dick's money out to Norman Denton as Dick asked Dad to do that. He has been running shy of cash again and borrowing from Baldy. Frank and Dad. ran out the ditches in the cornfield and plowed the garden back of the shop. Enah went down town this afternoon. Windy, Cloudy and freezing a little all day.

Sunday December 1st

Enah and I walked down to church this morning. Dad. and Tid walked down a little later and went with Enah to the Jame's for dinner. Frank and I had dinner alone. I went down town soon after dinner and spent the after noon at the Monteith's except for a few minutes I spent in at Pattersons seeing May Perry. She got home for 4 days and tapped at the window as I went past I had tea at Aunty's and went to church to-night. Aunty didn't go as

she didn't like to leave Aunt Ida alone. I spent the evening with Marj. Sunny but cold to-day but snowing and milder to-night.

Monday December 2nd

We didn't get started very early this morning and Frank and I went down town but didn't get home till noon. We got some coal oil and some lumber to make a partition in the woodshed. This after noon Dad. and Frank cut down a dead apple tree in the orchard and I worked a little more at the flower beds. Much milder this morning but dark and sleet this afternoon.

Tuesday December 3rd

Dad. has been sick all day but was able to do a few chores. He thought he ate too much fresh pork. Frank and I cleaned up oats all day and got somewhere about 200 bushels cleaned up. To-night we had our first J.F.I.A. meeting in Mrs. Bell's cottage. There were only ten members out but we had a good meeting and everyone was very pleased with the room Rolson & Myers got some biscuits, cheese & sardines which the rest of us put in for. Stormy day, rainy to-night. I stayed down all night.

Wednesday December 4th

I had breakfast with Aunty this morning and caught the nine o'clock car for Simcoe. Tige got on at Main St. and we met Butler at Neff's office. We went out to Callver's and had a look at some Percheron's. We had dinner in Simcoe and then went out to old Decew's to see his Jersey's and came back to Alex Wallaces and went over his Holsteins (and met his farmerettes). We got home on the seven o'clock car and I went home, shaved & went down town

Thursday December 5th

Frank and I hauled a load of oats down to the mill this morning but had to leave them there in the bags as they were filled up, so we couldn't haul down any more as we had intended. We had 19 bags and it weighed up to 53 bushels. We borrowed some more bags and cleaned up some more this after noon. Winnie & Dess were over here to tea to-night and Frank and I walked down with them. Enah and Tid drove down town with Mexico, the buckskin pony that Mrs. Wilson wants Enah to keep for the winter. Very mild but snowed more.

Friday December 6th

I haven't done a thing all day. I felt tough this morning so just lay around the house but feel better to-night. Dad. and Frank got the bob sleighs out this morning and took Gladys down to Coleman's. I think they spent most of the after noon cutting wood. Tid had a great time riding Mexico. Nice day.

Saturday December 7th

I went down town this morning and drew out the last \$14.⁰⁰ of my bank account to finance my trip to Guelph. I vainly imagined when I deposited \$120.⁰⁰ two months ago that I would be able to keep it there for the winter at least, but alas 5-6 cents is all my account represents now. I went down to Auntys for a few minutes and saw Aunty Alice who got back from Toronto Thursday night. This after noon we hauled over a small load of hay for the cows. Tom brought some of his fruit up to put in the cellar for the winter and bought a couple of dozen eggs @ 60 c. {cents}. Enah & Tid drove Mexico down town. Nice day and very mild.

Sunday December 8th

Frank went down to Sunday school this morning but none of the rest of us went to church. I didn't think I would have time as I left on the one o'clock car for Guelph. Tige got on at Dover and Butler & Neff at Simcoe. When we got to Galt we found the other electric cars didn't run on Sunday so we had to hire a motor bus to take us across to Kitchner. We got a G.T.R. train there for Guelph and got in there about six. Neff had a boarding house arranged for us but he didn't stay with us. We all three went to church to-night. Nice day here.

Monday December 9th

We spent the whole day to-day judging and waiting to give our reasons to the judges so didn't see much of the Fair. We didn't do very well judging beef cattle but not too bad on Dairy cattle, sheep and swine. The two latter classes we had this after noon up at the College. Neff told us we stood third so Neff told us with Durham County first. Butler did the best of the three, he was awarded three prizes, third & fifth in hogs and fifth in sheep. I got fifth in hogs. Tige didn't get any. To-night we went down to the Fair and saw the Thoroughbreds judged there were some beauties. Very cold up there.

Tuesday December 10th

We judged two classes of Clydesdales this morning but did poorly on them and dropped from third place to sixth. At the wind up Durham County was first with York second. We were ahead of York last night but they came up on horses. As we hadn't seen a bit of the show we decided to stay till to-morrow morning and put in the rest of the after noon looking over the stock. We saw Douglas' white heifer calf get first prize in a class of 21 and a red calf from old Browndale that Elva Douglas sold to Watt and which took first at Chicago come second. Several fellows congratulated us this after noon on our judging so we didn't feel so badly. Neff was quite tickled he said as Norfolk had never come higher than tenth before. There were 18 teams competing. To-night we saw "Hearts of the World." Tige came home quite sick and put in a bad night. Stormy night.

Wednesday December 11th

We didn't get up early this morning and went right to the station after breakfast as our train left for Galt at 10.35. I went over to the Fair building for awhile and got Neff. as he thought the train didn't go till 11 o'clock. We all four drove home together had dinner in Galt and Tige and I got to Dover on the three oclock radial. Neff & Butler got off at Simcoe. Tige felt pretty poorly all day but was better by the time we reached familiar home territory. We found a great difference in the weather up there from here. Here there was no snow whatever but up there, there was skating and sleighing. Dad. had plowed the old garden while I was away and when I got home had ridden Joe up to Port Ryerse to pay the taxes. He didn't get home till dark and I had the milking done. To-night Dad. Enah and Tid. went down to Aunt Alice's to hear Mrs. Rigg's a friend of Elva's sing. The James were down there and also Elva & Brant who has now got his discharge. I went up to see Marj. and Frank went to bed as he young Myers & Albert M^cBride stayed all night last night in the J.F.I.A. cottage. Mild & Cloudy.

Thursday December 12th

Dad. and I cleared up some of the apples out in the barn to-day and put them down cellar but there are a lot more to get yet. Frank went down to the mill this morning and borrowed some more money from Charlie Ivey to pay the town taxes and went down to Uncle Ward's & paid them. Dad. put up the little old soft coal stove in the dining room this afternoon and we had a fine fire in there to-night. Frank took the team down to the mill this after noon to get a little chop. He didn't take a grist as their chopper down there is not working. He came back with Pud. Smythe and the grain he borrowed. Lila was over here to tea ~~last~~ to-night. & Frank went home with her. Mild cloudy and very muddy.

Friday December 13th

It has been a very nasty day. Mild but raining all day the mud is a fright. I didn't do anything in particular Dad. and Frank worked most of the after noon putting the partition up in the woodshed. Frank went down to a dance Lila was having up in Schofield's to-night. I have a bad cold.

Saturday December 14th

It has rained all day. I didn't do a thing but sit around the house. Dad. finished the partition in the woodshed and Frank did odd jobs. I have a queer dizzy feeling all the time, but don't feel at all sick in any way.

Sunday December 15th

Frank went down to Sunday school this morning but didn't stay to church. I went to church and stayed at Aunty's for dinner. This after noon Marj. and I went for a walk around the hill and came out here and stayed for tea . Enah has a bad cold. Nice day.

Monday December 16th

Enah's cold has been very bad all day and she has been in bed most of the time but was up and feeling a little better to-night. Dad. has been busy all day doing chores indoors and out. Frank and I shut old Grey Nose & the White ewe up to-day to fatten and Frank husked a couple of tubs full of corn. I didn't do much all day. To-night Frank and I went down to tea at Auntys and went to the picture show to-night. Aunty Alice went with us. Lovely day. Muddy.

Tuesday December 17th

Frank took a grist to the mill this morning and Dad. did chores. I spent most of the morning washing dishes and the seperator. Enah was up to-day but doesn't feel well at all. Aunty Alice was over this morning and stayed to dinner. I didn't do much this after noon. Dad. doesn't feel very well. Frank went down to the J.F.I.A. to-night but Aunty Alice forbade me to go. It has been a beautiful warm day.

Wednesday December 18th

Dad. has been in bed all day and has a terrible pain in his eyes. Enah is up and says she feels better but is a long way from well yet. The baby who was quite sick all day yesterday is better to-day. We didn't do anything but chores to-day. I went down to Aunty's for tea. Marj. was down there and she didn't feel at all well so we went home early.

Thursday December 19th

The family is still pretty well knocked out. Dad. was up to-day but is not much better, he got so sore lying in bed he had to get up. Enah is about the same and Frank is beginning to feel tough. We just did chores all day. I went down to-night to see how Marj. was. She has been in bed all day with an awful pain in her eyes like Dad's. She is very disappointed at not being able to go home to-morrow. Pickford was in to tell us that Charley Ivey wants us to haul oats to the car to-morrow. The weather is still very mild but freezing nights.

Friday December 20th

Dad feels a little better to-day but is very weak while Enah doesn't seem quite as well. This is the baby's birthday, so he is happy although he didn't have much celebration. Frank has felt weak all day but kept going and helped me load two loads of oats and bag one. We took them down to a car on the L.E. & N. siding which Charlie Ivey is loading. After we took the first load down we went down and got a ton of soft coal. They had in a car of stove coal but wouldn't let any farmers have it. This afternoon we unloaded the coal and took down another load of oats, it was nearly dark when I got home. Aunty was over this afternoon for a little while. I walked down to-night to see how Marj. was. She was a little better. Fine day.

Saturday December 21st

Dad. & Enah seem to be a little stronger to-night but the baby has been quite miserable all day and Frank who has been on the go all day in spite of the fact that he felt very weak is about all in to-night. We finished hauling the oats in two loads the last one only 13 bags and have taken down about 261 bushels. The weather is wonderful for this time of year. It didn't freeze last night and has been very warm all day and looks like rain Aunty was over yesterday with some celer{y} which she dug that day. The roads are very bad and by to-night I think there is no frost in them.

Sunday December 22nd

I spent the whole morning doing chores. Frank fed the horses this morning and then caved in and hasn't been able to do anything all day. I went down town this after noon for an hour or two to see Marj. who is slightly improved. When I got home Dad. had the cattle fed and Frank had fed the chickens and as I didn't bother milking I wasn't so late getting through. Aunty was over this after noon. Enah feels quite a lot better to-day and Dad. is better but still feels weak and his tobacco and coffee still taste bad. The baby hasn't been well all day. Very mild but dark & wet.

Monday December 23rd

I haven't done anything much but chores to-day although Dad. felt well enough this morning to help me put on a jag of hay to take over for the cows as the yard is in awful shape to carry hay across. This after noon Dad. went down town to take some stuff down to Aunty's. He rode part way with Tom. but walked all the way home but was pretty tired when he got back. Frank has been in the house all day. To-night I went down to see Marj. for a little while. She had to telegraph home that she couldn't get there for Christmas and was disappointed but Aunty Alice invited her down there for our dinner. I went over to the J.F.I.A. for awhile. Very mild & soft.

Tuesday December 24th

It was a little colder with an east wind this morning and we had hopes of it freezing but it snowed for awhile and then turned to rain and has been raining all day. We are all sick of the mud. Dad. has been doing odd chores all day to-day so is quite a bit better and Frank was able to do a little to-night. Enah & the baby are also better. I went down to Aunty's for dinner to cut a little wood for to-morrow's cooking and then went up town to do some Santa Claus errands but was home early to do chores. I saw Ed. Turner up town who got home from the front Friday night and also Joe Thompson in naval uniform. I think he is just home for Christmas.

Wednesday December 25th

I was the only member of this household at church this morning as the others didn't feel like going down. Dad. drove Enah and the baby down to Aunty's this after noon then brought Joe home, helped us do up the chores and he Frank and I walked down by six o'clock for dinner. All at Huby's were there as well as Marj. She had been over to the Bagley's for dinner at noon and had got Faulkner to bring her down to Aunty's for to-night. After we had all stuffed ourselves with turkey (which Huby provided for the occasion and plum

pudding we all adjourned to the parlor where a huge pile of presents was distributed. I drew a book, some handkerchiefs, socks, rubbers and a necktie, to say nothing of a dandy scarf which I got this morning from Santa Claus. The baby got heaps of toys and books as well as "useful" ones but seemed most pleased with a small cannon that Winnie gave him that would shoot a small wooden plug a few feet. After this we had games and music at which Huby provided his full quota of entertainments. He told us of the great excitement that prevailed about the time he was going to school when some body found out the world was round. He said he wasn't much interested but he remebered how Mr. Smith used to talk about it and prove it by saying that the masts of a ship coming into port could always be seen before the hull. Huby figured out from that, that if there was curve enough on the earth's surface to show only the masts of a ship at a distance of about 20 miles or Long Point which is as far away as a ship could be seen, that by the time you got to Erie it would be about under our feet, making a rather small globe. Other reminiscent stories equally amusing and his continual conversation with the baby imploring him not to sit on his, Huby's stomach or to shoot the cat with his cannon, contrary to Aunty Alice's injunctions, in place of his toes kept things lively till pretty late in the evening. Dad. Frank and I walked home but Enah and the baby stayed down all night. Marj. also stayed there, she feels a lot better but is pretty weak yet. Dad. didn't seem very well again.

Thursday December 26th

Huby told us last night that there was another car of coal in and that he thought we could get a little of it if we tried so Dad. went over to Uncle Ward's right after breakfast to ask him as he is municipal fuel controller. It was stove coal and the town people aren't very keen after it so he never hesitated in giving Dad. an order for a ton of it. While Dad. was gone Frank and I bagged up some grain for a grist. Charlie Quanbury came over to get Dad. to go and see old Dick who was sick Charlie thought he had got too much alsike thrashing. As soon as Dad. got back Frank and I went down to get the coal but it was noon by the time we got down and {Clais Deal?} gone to dinner. However Kolbe weighed our waggon and we got over a ton but by the time we got home it was two o'clock. The roads are awful and it is a wonder we didn't smash our old waggon jolting over the ruts as it froze last night enough to hold the waggon up. After we got the load off and had dinner Dad. went down with the buggy to get Enah and Frank and I hooked up to take our grist down but when we brought Belle out of the stable we found she was quite lame, we supposed having hurt her foot on the road this morning, so we put the harness on Queen and took her. We left our grist and didn't wait for the chop and it was time to start in on the chores when we got home. Dad.

Enah and Tid got home about the same time and said Marj. was going to stay at Auntys all night again to-night. To-night Frank and I went down to the J.F.I.A. Social evening. We took Winnie & Dess with us. There were not many there but enough to fill the place up. Not one of the Social committee were present, but we had a pretty good time playing games.

Friday December 27th

Frank and I went down and got our chop this morning and then took a jag of hay over to the barn for the cows and a little straw over to the horse stable and got in a few shocks of corn. Dad. went over to Quanbury's to see Charlie's horse which died this after noon and got pretty tired. After dinner I went down town to get some coal oil and drive Marj. home but she decided to stay till to-morrow. Frank skinned old Dick. I spent the evening down at Aunty's. A little colder to-day with a flurry of snow

Saturday December 28th

Frank and I took a little jag of straw out in the waggon box and covered the strawberries that Dad. didn't get covered with corn stalks and tomato vines. We then went over to Quanburys and got his horsehide. This after noon I went over to Bill Sidway's to try and inspire a little energy into him for Tuesday night as it is our Agricultural evening and he is on the committee. I met him going down town so went down with him and then came back and beat him shooting with his rifle. Dark when I got home. Fine day, still frozen but mild.

Sunday December 29th

Frank went down to church and Sunday school this morning but I didn't get up in time to get the chores done so that I could get down. I spent the after noon and evening down at Aunty's. Marj. is still down there but feels much better. I came home at six to do chores. Mr. James and Elva were over here this after noon. Not cold but raw. Still frozen.

Monday December 30th

Dad. and the baby walked down to Aunty's to dinner to-day and were there most of the after noon. Dad. has felt very miserable to-day and doesn't seem any better to-night. Frank took his horsehide down this morning and shipped it to Hallam. I spent most of the day doing chores. To-night I went down to see how Marj. Was, she went up to the Monteith's to-day and says she feels very much better. Cloudy and looked like snow but not cold nor windy.

Tuesday December 31st

I haven't done anything but chores all day except husk some of the corn which Frank and I hauled in the other day. Frank spent the morning taking some pickets off the wire which he and Mexico hauled in out of the orchard yesterday. This after noon he went out with Charlie Quanbury to help him put on a load of hay. Aunty came over to tea to-night to see how Dad. was and went back with Frank and me. Dad. feels a little better to-day. Frank and I went down to the J.F.I.A. meeting but owing to the rottenness of the weather and the diversion of a couple of dances one in the hall and one out at Oscar Ryerse's there were very few out. I read them my speech which I had prepared and then I went up to Hubby's and the rest went to the show. It was next year when I got home. Very mild and misty later turning to a foggy drizzle.

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