

with the engine, which had something wrong with the injector & they worked at it till long after dark. They said they would thresh in the morning if we weren't ready but we had them come. Sam was about half drunk & the other half frozen when he came in and borrowed our wagon to go home & took wood but we noticed he hit the trail for town at a pretty good bet. So night I went down to hands practice and got home about eleven. It has been cold with a very high wind.

Friday February 7th

The men did not get here till after breakfast, they got them up and moved the machine into the barn and then began to talk of not threshing. Bert was the only one of the three that wanted to. Allan & Gueas thought it would be too cold out on the days it certainly wouldn't be very warm. They only excuse was 'the belt wouldn't stay on in the wind. Mr. Odd. was here day for Mr. Fleming. Allan & Bert went down town and at their horses' sleds and Sam went home. About noon he came back again and said he guessed they could thresh this afternoon. We did the chares all up there was a little more work for Dad. As this morning when he went out to the ^{cow} stable he found a red & white bull calf of *Spartan* on the floor. We got it & her in as warm quarters as we could but the

poor little fellow has been pretty cold all day. The thrashers did come back this afternoon and we threshed out the four loads of clover seed and got three bags ^{of get 16 bags} about 1/4 bushel. Young Billy Lewis came over for Stapper but we didn't need him so he went back. They got the machine moved over to the other barn but didn't try to thresh any they said if it was very windy to-morrow they would it come over. This aft. So night. Dick & I went up to the hockey match in Simcoe. - Simcoe vs Hamilton I was going to drive up with Bert Monroe but it turned out such a rotten night that both Bert & I decided to take the train. There was quite a big crowd went up from Dover on the Post Rowan train, we came back on the Hamilton special that brought the team up. We got there a little after eight and had to sit and freeze by inches for about four hours. They could not have begun to play before half past twelve and it got pretty tedious waiting, but it was a good game when they did start, we rooted for Simcoe and they trimmed Hamilton 5 to 3. The Hamilton boys seemed rather tired the last half. We didn't get to bed till after three to-morrow morning. Dad got a blank form to night which he had to fill & talk about Seddisms. They named him Hubert James Harold. (poor kid) more name than boy. It was very cold and windy this morning and has been growing worse all day. So night when we came home it was a holy fright.