

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 afternoon 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 Auntie'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

Woke up fairly early this morning and I went down to the station and saw Auntie 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. Auntie Alice went up to Simcoe with Aunt Ida and put her in the hands of Mrs. As. Bowlby who saw her safely on the Pt. Rowan train. Auntie Alice came back on the eleven. Dad. and Frank brought old Shields down to Colman's

this morning and sold him for 50th 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 afternoon we had skim milk testing and drainage. Auntie Alice spent the night up at Cousin John'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 up stairs to talk to the girls. When he left our debate came off. Corby, Butler and I were against Challand, Gigo M^r. Brides 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 Cruick shanks, 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