

up the chores. I got them done up early and walked down to Auntie for tea, had a nice visit with them all there and then went to the Hockey Match with the boys. The match was between the Simcoe & Dover Juniors and would have been a good game if the ice had been hard but as it has been thawing all day the boys had to skate the puck through slush and couldn't make long shots or move it fast. Dover I think played a little the best game but they were well matched and kept the score even each team getting 3 goals so they played half an hour over time and Dover got me making the score 4-3 in favour of Dover. I got a ride home with Frankie & Carl Hemmon. Very mild and spring like all day.

Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup>

We had breakfast very late as usual. Mahel was here and stayed till about noon but not to dinner. I battered the cracks on the north side of the calf pen which took me till after noon. Harry B and the baby were out and by this time I finished we were all cold so I came in the house and read to Harry B. till he went to sleep. Before I got out again, Dad. drove over. He didn't stay long as he said he had to get back to do chores. Gary over home.

Having gone to Brantford with Ada who is having an X-ray examination of a pain in her side. I started to do chores after Dad. left and had to go down to Daves gate after the cattle as they got out on the road. The two calves were in his gully and I had a very exasperating time driving them out. To-night I walked over to Daves to try to come to terms with him for his place as Dad. told me he could let me have the money any time. Dave asked me 450 for the place and stock. The other day but I told him it was too much for old even he wants to quit and he wants enough out of the place to buy a house & lot in town and this place isn't worth it. I offered to buy it at a reasonable figure which I didn't state and let them keep the house if they would board a man for me but they couldn't decide on the spur of the moment. Cold north west wind all day. Freezing hard <sup>(to night)</sup>

Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

We did nothing out of the ordinary to-day. Got up late and spent the day doing chores reading and napping the two latter occupations seriously hampered by the on slaught of the kids, none of whom had their daily nap. We had intended going over home but it was cloudy and snowed most of afternoon. Not cold.