

and tore around that field and then north back
as far as the gully and east as far as the big ditch
until finally Dad. got up to finger with the dish of
rats and he followed up to the lane & Kelpie followed him
from there we had no trouble getting them into the shed.
I came back here for dinner and this after noon didn't
do much but snooze. Worked till after mid night at
the doll's bed. Cloudy & mild. N.W. wind but thawing all day.

Wednes day December 21st

Dad. came out this morning and Lon came
over and killed the little heifer as she was nearly
dead. Dad. opened her but couldn't find anything
wrong except her teeth. Dad. stayed to dinner and this
after noon we drove him home as far as the car
and went on down town and picked up Aunt Hattie
then went to Simcoe where May. and Aunt Hattie
spent the after noon shopping with very poor luck while
I kept guard over Gay & the Wampus who were asleep in the
car. Harry B. was with May. I went around to Church's
to get the dog harness that he was going to make but found he
was sick and couldn't do it before Christmas and Herb Wood
said he couldn't make one at all. Cloudy and mild.

Thurs day December 22nd

We all went to town this forenoon as it was a
beautiful day and May. had a lot of unfinished
Christmas shopping to attend to. We were down there
till after one o'clock and then got home only to find that
we had forgotten to gather up the groceries that May.
left at Jackson's, so this after noon we struck out
again but May. & the kids only rode as far as the
end of the lane and then went over to the school
concert where they had a very enjoyable time and
came home with a scrap book & picture book which they
had harvested from the Christmas tree. I went on to town
and got the groceries and also a few things that needed
to be smuggled into the house on the quiet. according to
orders from Santa Claus. I picked Frank up down town &
brought him part way home. Dad. gave me the cheque that
came from the Department for the ram we sold. and I gave
Frank his share of it. Fine and very mild all day.

Friday December 23rd

Didn't do much but chore around to day. May. was
busy baking & tied out to night. Finished the doll's bed & May.
painted it. Harry Shandin said that colt died. Snowed a little.