

Wednesday November 15

Dad and I worked all morning putting up the wire around the new chicken pen. We also put up more tar paper in the pen and put boards around the top and bottom of the wire. While I was in the barn this morning I saw the old grey cat that Williams left catch a great big rat and eat it. This afternoon we hung the door to the chicken pen and finished it up. About three o'clock Dad, looked up Joe and Linger and went down to get Aunt and Lila came back with them. I cleaned out the stable while they were gone and then sawed wood. Dad did the chores and I helped milk tonight. Dad, Lila and Dick are out to catch the chickens and put them in their new pen. Lila is holding the light for them and is enjoying herself immensely. Aunt said Bill and Quint started off this morning after the fox. They got as far as Walley's and saw the fox with a chicken, so Bill went on after him and Quint came on home. It snowed a good deal last night and there were hob sleighs out this morning. The sun was very bright and it thawed a lot all day, but is colder to night.

Poor Mucky saw that by leg nearly cut off to day while he was working down at the fish plant. We don't know exactly how it happened but the freight car ran over him and they don't expect him to live.

Thursday November 16th

Bill came in this morning before any of us were up. He said he shot the fox yesterday and sold the skin to a fellow from Simcoe as soon as he shot it. There were three Simcoe fellows with a hound after it. We put the rack on the wagon and Dad and Bill went after a load of rails to fix the barn yard fence while I sawed some wood. Phil Shaver came after Dad while they were out there. I helped them unload. Bill started to work at the fence and Dad and I got a load of poor rails to saw up for fire wood. Bill hung some gates this afternoon and Dad helped him and I just looked around and took about a half an hour to get my feet warm and dry. When they got through with the gates, Dad went down to the mill with Joe and Linger to get a bag of flour and Bill cut a good pile of wood. I did a few chores. Aunt and Cuth went down town this afternoon. Lila spent most of her time feeding the chickens and sleigh riding. She went all the way down town after her sleigh and every body around was looking for her. It was a lot warmer to day but in cold now.