

by noon, we made two trips of it but could have taken it in one load if we had succeeded to. It just comes up to the first beam in the bin opposite the granary in the old barn and is the smallest suber crop we ever want to have. We spent all the afternoon getting in the rest of the hay on this side of the gully, there <sup>were</sup> just two small loads. It has been pretty hot to day.

Friday August 1<sup>st</sup>

We started to haul alkali to-day but although we did our best we only got one load in and un-loaded this morning, we got it off about eleven so instead of going back we did up all the chores before dinner and Frank and I planted some turnip seed in the garden. This afternoon we did letters, we worked till nearly eight and got in three loads, there is a lot of it but we think we can get it all in to-morrow if we can get out good and early. Mint went away this morning so Aunty came over here. Jean & Adeline with the M<sup>r</sup>: Phipps kids this afternoon Dick came home early to go for a swim but as I couldn't go with him, he went back, had a swim at the lake and came back to tea. Nice and cool to day.

Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>

We got up before sunrise this morning and for the first time this summer got out at seven. It took us a long time to get the first load this morning as it was miserable stuff to pitch, we just got in two loads this morning and two this afternoon, and have all the heat of the alkali, there is another load over there but it is very grassy and we did not think it would be worth thrashing especially as we are getting a little cramped for mow room, so we shall likely put this over the cow stable. I pitched on both yesterday & to-day. This alkali where it is good is very light and easy to pitch and as it has been hunched up so long it lifts nicely. When we came up with the last load the old pig was out in the barn yard evidently looking for a nest as during the night some time a family of fifteen piglets arrived. Frank is going to raise three of them on the battle owing to lack of lunch counter accommodation on the part of the old sow. Dick was late to night-dance. Much hotter to-day and very windy.

Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>

I got up about half past six this morning and