

unexpected visit at such a time of day, but they couldn't have been nicer or more hospitable and wouldn't hear of us going elsewhere to spend the night. Before going to bed to-night we found Joe had put her foot through a board in the stable floor and had to be moved. It has seemed to us like a lovely day, it has not been too hot and a little breeze the roads were fine and as we met very few vehicles of any kind were not littered at all with the dust; the country is very dry though.

Friday August 8th

I don't know what time I got up this morning but I wandered around out side for a good while before I found anybody. but when I went out to give Joe a cleaning off I found her all cleaned, fed & watered. Mr. Hammer had tended to her, he thinks a lot of horses and admired Joe very much, he has a nice team of hackneys now and his daughter, has taken a good many prizes & ribbons for driving. We didn't have breakfast till rather late and as he had some business to do after wards, I didn't have such a lot of time as I would have liked, however he showed

me a good many of ^{them} and one ram especially which I may buy, he wants fifty dollars for him so I thought I had better speak to Dad first. We also saw a few impaled sheep which were going through Barford, but Mr. Hammer thought he had lots that could be at home. As Auntie had said we would be at Uncle Rabuck's for dinner we thought we had better go although they pressed us to stay there. We left at twenty minutes to twelve and got to Uncle Rabuck's at about twenty five minutes after. We stayed there to dinner and left about three. Harry was off thrashing but came home just before we left. We went home by way of Waterford and Auntie went to see Mr. York & Mrs. Bouffner there for a while. We got home before seven and although we enjoyed our drive & visit immensely were very glad to be home again. we had to ask the way a few times but didn't get off the road much, they are fixing a bridge at the bottom of Decon's hill so we had to drive a little way down the fourth concession and get to the third through Sol. Smith's lane. It has been another very nice day, roads fine and quite a breeze in our face. It looked rainy to this morning but seemed to clear off again but to-night it is then dering and shows signs of a big storm. I don't know all that.