

Tuesday December 14th

We left Gay & the baby with Ina this morning and Mary, Harry B and I drove down town. Mary went up town for some Christmas buying and I walked over to Charlie's bank and paid my interest on the mort gage. We had dinner at Auntie's at her urgent request and came home soon after. Ina said Tom Stone had been here to help me with the lane and said he would come again tomorrow but I don't think he can do any thing so it is frozen up solid again. I took the wire off the posts this afternoon.

Wednesday December 15th

Tom came down with his team this morning and we took the old lane fence down and much to my surprise were able to plough three furrows down the south side of the old fence ridge. It was pretty rocky and hard to hold the plough in in spots we couldn't plough any more as the horses couldn't walk on the ridge but we broke quite a length of the ridge down partly with the plough going crosswise at it and partly with the axe. We quit at noon as Tom had to go and haul corn stalks for Mrs. John Lindsey. Old John having left his new happy home a couple of weeks ago and

I went down to view the birch boxes at the bank. We couldn't have go as we had no one to leave the kids with so Mary is going when they open boxes again which will likely be when Nov 20 after some other business. I was of course a little late getting to the bank and the party was all assembled and one or two of the chests had been examined and put away. but what I did see was an eye full. Mr. Cope and Loty Smith were there and they were greatly impressed and delighted especially with the hand carved pieces. It seems to have been collected from different sources as there were a variety of coats of arms and crests on the different lots and one or two pieces had the Royal coat of arms on them. There was quite an assembly of guests. Mr. Sherrill Miss Burdwell. Mrs. Freeman, Ada, Mr. Cornish, Dr. Cook, Mr. Burwells, the Jim Waddell, the Charlie Sweeps the Dick Lihlitts and all our family (except Mary & Harry & the five kids) and the bank staff. It was dark when I got home and by the time Mary & I had our tea and got our various chores done we were pretty tired & went right to bed. Cold.

Thursday December 16th

Tom and I spent the day chopping mud in the lane and got quite a length of it done although we didn't