

will grow as I think they are two or three years old. I also raked some more up under the old willow outside the fence. I finished inside yesterday. To-night I went down to a party of the Every-ready Club girls at Bessie Paterson's. We played Five Hundred which I had never played before and which I didn't know any thing about so consequently didn't win one game. Clin Reese and I cut for hobby prize and I got in a little tin water and chairs which proved a great source of amusement for the lady. Bill Davis & Phanie I think got first prizes. We also had a hat trimming contest. Each boy had to trim a hat I did one for Hazel Silverthorne by just tying a couple of ribbons around it. I was quite tickled with the job I made. Sam Schram got first prize at that and George Henderson the hobby. Mary was there and said her sore throat was "all better." We all had a nice time and got away about half past one. It was pouring rain again to night so I went down to Auntie's and stayed. They had half expected me as the bed was all ready to crawl into. It has been quite hot to day and the fields are beginning to look quite green.

Friday April 14th

Auntie came over with me this morning and has stayed all day at least she went back about half past four. It has been cloudy, cold, windy and wet all day and we have just done a few chores, husk a little corn. Keep our eyes on the incubator and sit around all day. Tom Thompson was in for a little while this morning to see the sheep. He has just invested in five Shropshire. He bought them at the Street Fair in Simcoe. They are supposed to be registered but he hasn't got the pedigrees and he says they have notags in their ears. The chicks have been hatching all day but I am not hoping for much of a hatch maybe twenty five or thirty.

Saturday April 15th

This morning Dad helped me take the chicks out of the incubator we took out twenty five but had to kill three which were crippled. I knocked their heads on a post and threw them over in the orchard, it was rather sickening but had to be done and I was sure I killed them but this afternoon Dad heard some chirping and went out and found two of them had come to. I suppose I had only stunned