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Wednesday January 1st 1913.

We began to think that 13 at the end of the New Year was beginning right away to bring calamities upon us, for Dick who did not come home to tea last night did not put in an appearance all night, and it is the first time since he went into the bank that he did not come home to bed. I wake up at half past four and found Dad & Auntie up and in an awful state as neither one had slept all night - and had been thinking Dick had tried to cross the pond about mid-night when every body would be asleep and never get to the other side. Dad & I went down about five and went to Hakey's first to see if he had stayed there. We went to Quint's window and tapped and immediately saw old Quint - gliding around in the room, as soon as he lighted the light Dad saw Dick in bed. We couldn't get him more than half awake and he mumbled something about Wiggins being sick - and he & Hagen worked so late, then went down to watch the dance for awhile and he never thought we'd miss him. Later on in the morning I drove Auntie and Lila down town with two mince pies and the turkey we killed for Christmas which Auntie took down to Hakey's to cook. Dad did chore - and we had a cold lunch after which Dad & I went down to Alfred's followed by My. Liza & the white kitten

to take him the big wooden cross puzzle, which he seemed very pleased to get. We went down his lane & some dry way of the gully. When we got home we sat around awhile before doing the night chores. Aunt & Dick came over about six as Dick wanted to get on a clean shirt or something and we went down with them to tea, or rather turkey dinner. I took my skate down but it was too dark to go. Dick went up to a surprise party at Fatty Furness, and told us he would not be home to night. Aunt stayed down too. Dad, Sam & I came home about eleven. It has been very mild & sunny

Thursday, January 2nd

I got up very late this morning. Dad & I did chores and Glen & Wilbur Ryersie came along for a half morning's visit. Wilbur wanted Dad to buy a pure bred Durham bull-calf for fifty dollars, but Dad told him he would go over & look at it before investing. At eleven Dad went down to Frank's and brought Aunt home. This afternoon he went down again and saw Lyle up town who solicited his vote for his re-election but Dad told him that though he had nothing against him as a neighbor, he was out of place as reeve for he thought he had acted very unfairly in everything last year. I cleaned up some of the old rubbish heap in

the barnyard while Dad was gone. Frank put in the afternoon building a dandy job crane with his "mechanic" outfit. It has been very soft to day & looks like a storm.

Friday, January 3rd

This was Aunt's birthday and, although we did our best we could not think of anything to give her so she says that she doesn't know any thing either, but Win sent her over a couple of aprons. Aunt remembers they are just what she wants. Dad, Aunt and I drove down town in the lumber wagon this afternoon morning. Aunt went in to see Cook who was up walking around and then down to Halcy's to get Dad's old medicine cupboard and the contents there of ready for removal to the farm. Dad & I went down to the beach and got all the sand we thought we had better haul. The roads down there were great as the sand was frozen enough to hold the wheels up and get out too much to shovel. The ice banks are very high down there. We came up around by Halcy's and got Aunt and the old cupboard which we are going to use as a store house for Frank's my belongings. We are preparing in time against young Robert's development. Dad & I did chores this afternoon and then sorted Dad's medicine. It started to rain this morning which turned to an all day snow storm. Colder to night but not freezing.

Saturday January 4th

Charlie Martin was over for an hour's visit this morning and told Dad as he was leaving that he had a lame horse over there which he wanted Dad to look at. He said his mother fell off the back steps before Christ mas and nearly broke her leg. He also told us his sister Mrs. Maylaughlin had a baby girl about two days after Enah's boy came. Dad thought they ought to trade as Mrs. Maylaughlin was all prepared for a boy named and it was the other way round with Enah. This afternoon we did chores and Dad went down to see Enah. I went over as far as Martin's with him and saw the chickens which were all washed, fanned, powdered, and the dark feathers pulled out of them and ready to start on the fire train for the Boston show. We also saw Charlie's horse which has an awfully sore-looking leg on it. Went wood and practiced on my horn when I got home. Lila came over soon after I got back with her steam engine. Dad has to go down again to night to sit with Enah. She is blue because the boy exercises his lungs now & then. Froze last night. Cold raw wind all day but sunny & thawing.

Sunday January 5th

Frank, Dick & Lila went down to Sunday school and

Aunt and I went down to church and were a little late. We went into Mrs. Lawson's to see how Enah was on our way down and Aunt Maud was with her which surprised us very much but she said she didn't think it would hurt her a bit. Mrs. Roy Silvesthorne was there in a very low condition, her little baby which was born last night, died and she didn't know it yet when we were there. Dick and I went down and had a good skate this afternoon though the ice was rather rocky. Dad went down and got Faulkner to bring Enah & the boy home in the covered in bus and it didn't hurt either one in the least. Al drove at a snail's pace. He was telling Dad his opinion of Uyo. He spoke in the grieved monotone which he assumes for such occasions and said "I told Uyo, when we elected you reeve you promised to build good roads. You haven't done fifteen cents worth of road work but spent all the money in sticking up that crop by me. Now what you had better do is to put the man in you built it for ^{which is a ripoff} then you & Bill Graham look your shoes in with him take a stick of dynamite and blow you all to hell to save funeral expenses." "yes" said Al. I told him that two weeks ago and he hasn't spoken to me since." Beautiful day. Froze hard last night, but thawed all day. Cold & looks stormy to-night

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Monday January 6th

We did up all the chores this morning. Frank carried over the chaff & corn from the cows manger to the chicken house which he cleaned out. This afternoon Dad. went town & cast his vote for J. R. Davis. Frank Taylor came over after him with Faulkner's bus just as he was starting out. I broke the trace in the hick saw and fixed it. This afternoon Dick came home to night and told us that Hyac was elected reeve with John Walker, Henderson, Carl Coleman & Billy Lains as Councilmen. He and I went down to A. J. P. H. to night where we spent a pretty slow time. I went over to the band room for awhile where they were preparing to start out for a serenade of the successful candidates in the election. They were greatly provoked at Harry Graham's Art. Lanson because they wouldn't play as they were sure at the way things went. It wasn't right of them for as Harry Miron said and he was probably as dis appointed as any but was playing "the band is an organization independant of politics, all we're after is the coin and we don't care whether it is American money or not." It rained all night and drizzled all day, wasn't any colder when Dick & I got home about eleven to night.

Tuesday January 7th

We first did chores this morning. Aunty went down town to get some things for Dick's birthday which we celebrated to night. I stayed in the house and read all the afternoon. Aunt - came over to tea to night but Dick felt pretty miserable all evening. Aunt stayed all night. Stormed all day half rain turning to sleet & ice so that every thing is ice coated.

Wednesday January 8th

Dad. and Evah spent the greater part of last night I guess in the baby's company, who takes great pleasure in making them try to put him to sleep at midnight. He is just one red lump of wickedness & noise at night & sleeps all day. Frank started back to school this morning. Dick felt very miserable but said he must go to work and felt much better to night when he got home. We did up the chores this morning and I took a picture of the ice mantled trees around Martin's place. I didn't do a thing but read "Lords of the North" all the after noon. Win. came home with Frank to night but could only stay a little while. Clear cold and sunny to day, snow crust very hard & slippery.

Thursday January 9th

Dad. & I did chores & cut wood this forenoon. Bill Donald

was in for awhile to have Dad. look at his horse. He told Dad that he heard Jim Dunbar had some wood for sale at two cord, so Dad drove Joe down to see if he could get her shed and drive down this afternoon but he couldn't get in the shop and was afraid to risk driving on these icy roads, so much snow. This afternoon we started to fix up a place between the granary & cow stable for a calf pen but couldn't do much as we had no nails. Dick & I went down town after tea & took my horn down thinking there would be hand practices but found when I got down that the council were treating the band to an extra supper. I suppose I could have partaken of the feast if I had but I came home & got my skates. I put them on at the house and skated down to the pond. There were quite a few there but it was so dark I couldn't see any of their faces and I didn't think Dick was there so I skated up to the bank where Hagen was there and said Dick but just got out with his skates on. I stayed there about half an hour and Hagen & I wrote a letter to Baldy Denton. I then went back to the pond but it was nearly deserted so I came home and found Dad had just got here before me. He had been over at Dyer's or some place and hadn't been skating at all. Win. came over with Frank to stay all night. Nice day very much milder.

Friday January 10th

Dad & I drove down as soon as we could get started this morning which wasn't very early to get Joe shed but the shop was full again so we had to get a few things up town including a strop knife and come home. Dad did not know what to do as we want wood badly but he was afraid to drive Joe on the icy roads, especially after Uge told us this morning that Sam Low had a cow by slipping on the ice. I suppose it was his old Sam one. At last I decided to try and skate down. I left here after eleven and skated down the road all the way and was back here by before one. Jim Dunbar was in Jarvis but his daughter said she thought he had wood for \$2.00 a cord and would tell him to try and bring us a load tomorrow. I tripped several times going but only fell once. There were only a few places where the skating was so fairly good, the worst place was going up & down Bert Reynolds' hill. We did not do anything in particular this afternoon. Bill Donald came after Dad. to go and see his horse about five o'clock. Some fellow drove in while he was here and wanted to know where Anson Collier lived. Bill knew. He said he supposed that was some body after him for money. Neil Elliot & Charlie McKenzie were in to look at Fred's calf although they had just met Dad on the road and he told them the calf was not for sale. I went down to Mrs. Jarley's wax work practice to night, but there was "nothing doing". Mrs. Luck, Miss Harding & Booy, Waddell were

the only ones there. We went up to Mr. Johnson's and he gave me a little idea of what I had to do. I think it will be a pretty poor show. It is advertised for next Thursday and half the ones in it haven't been to a practice yet. Mr. Johnson never looks through the book till to-night and he picked out several new characters that he is going to try & sing in. Not sunny but thawing all day. Almost raining to-night.

Saturday January 11th

We got a very ~~late~~ late start this morning - and so did not do any thing but chores. Art, Recordie came after Dad. a little before noon to see one of his cows which slipped on the ice, and Dad. is afraid it has broken her leg. It was the best cow he had. This afternoon we fixed a place in the barn to put Ring warm but could do nothing out side owing to the inclemency of the weather. To-night Dick & I went down town I went to Mrs. Gurley practice & Dick waited for me. Frank spent the morning down town getting his tooth filled and helped up this afternoon. Rained last night, very soft & cloudy this morning. Rained hard all afternoon, sleighing to-night.

Sunday January 12th

Dad. & I drove down to Jim. Dunbar's this morning and Dad. got him to say he'd bring us a load of wood to-morrow. When we got home we were ~~about frozen~~ ^{half past} kind of sick till I got thawed out. After dinner I did chores and then started to go down to Harry Moons. I met Hagen who was driving out in front and he drove me down and went up to Harry's with me where we spent quite a time. Dick was down at Dyer's all the afternoon and to tea. Bill Donald came and got Dad. this afternoon. Very cold and windy early part of the day but milder and fair to-night.

Monday January 13th

We let Queen out this morning for quite an exercise. Dad. was scared to death she'd slip and hurt her self, but I guess she didn't. Mr. Bowlby, drove Louise down this morning. She had to back this afternoon so Dad. hawks dup Joe and Ginger to the cutter, and drove her up. The sleighing was very poor & one of the shoes on the cutter runner broke and ripped a big chunk out of the runner. Tom. Dunbar, brought us our cord of wood to-day. He made two trips of it and charges us three dollars. The Chafy has been awake all day - and to-night is raining "Hail Columbia". Dick went back to-night. Froze hard last night but much milder to-night, Tuesday

Tuesday January 14th

Dad. loaded the cutter in the waggon first thing and we took it down to Butler who said he didn't think the runner was ~~him~~ much. Dad. found he could not get Joe shod so stayed down and I walked home. I started to throw the top off the straw stack. The Mrs. M^c Birds came to wash at noon and was here till after tea. Dad. cut some wood and we put a door on the barn and cut a bigger doorway. Dick came home to night and forgot to bring the Lutter Aunt told him to get and we had a butterless tea, after which Dick went down town to get a pound I went with him to the Mrs. Jarley Waxwork practice in the town hall and am still convinced that the show will fall far short of what it is advertised to be. Beautiful day and perfect night. Sunny and much milder to night.

Wednesday January 15th

Our attention was attracted this morning by a great deal of racket being kicked up by Dave Lurner's engine, and long to night when Dick got home it was in honor of Gladys Coleman who was married sometime during the night to get off on the early train. We were greatly surprised at the news although Aunt suspected it. We did chores this morning and about eleven o'clock Dad. and I drove up to Ham Tompkins. Ham wasn't here

but Dad. had a look at his bull-calf. He says his stock is in a very bad condition. When we got home Dad. took Enah out for a short drive. The first time she has been out since she came home. This afternoon we husked a little corn and Dad. moved some of the corn stalks from one end of the hay to the other and then cut some wood. I didn't do anything much. I went down again to night to Mrs. Jarley practice and had a pretty slow time. It will be over to-morrow night. Dick went down with me and worked awhile then we were some to gether. Very soft and cloudy to day. Rained a little this afternoon and is raining quite hard to night. Very slippery

Thursday January 16th

Mr. Lamb came over this morning before we had breakfast and got Dad. to go down and see a horse that got kicked. She was gone quite awhile and came back with a lovely bunch of flowers. This afternoon he and Aunt went down town to get some thing for the house. I didn't do any thing much but chores and read to night. Dick, Dad. Frank and I went down to Mrs. Jarley's Waxwork show. It came off a lot better than I expected and there was a full house. Peice Brock who was Mrs. Jarley couldn't have done better and Stagen Waddle was perfect. He was simple Simon and sat through the whole show with his mouth wide open and

the vacantest kind of a look on his face. I spray today jarred against him he would fall over in his chair till they set him up straight. They said all the figures were good except poor Captain Robinson who with Sidney McQueen acted as Baker in the Woods. She couldn't keep a straight face, but Sidney kept the same sweet smile all through. They each had an enormous doughnut and when wound up would feed each other. It certainly did look great for two of the biggest men in town. Lila impersonated Little Jack Thorne and except when she was exhibited & wound up evidently forgot she was wax work, for she laughed and moved around all she pleased. I did like her more amusing than if she had been quiet. I, the deceased Mr. Jarley nearly hit a hole in my socks to keep from laughing and then didn't succeed very well. I was in agony for a while when my nose began to tingle and I couldn't scratch it. The girls were all very pretty and I think every body got their money's worth. They had a dance after the performance and Mrs. Moon gave me another lesson. I believe I could learn if I could keep at it but not likely I will get another chance now till next summer. Rained a little this morning, dark & very soft all day. Raining hard to night when Dick & I got home at half past twelve, and had been raining all evening, so Auntie said.

Friday January 17th

We got rather a late start this morning and did nothing but chores except throw some more off the top of the straw stack. Mr. Peace came in to see Dad about a colt which has some thing on its leg which ought not to be there. Tige resented his visit strongly and bit at him twice, much to his indignation & terror. This afternoon Dad cut wood and we straightened up the fence in front of the hay barn two pannels of which had been down all winter. We were rather surprised this afternoon at Ringworm adding a bull calf to ^{our} stock collection. I strained all night and to-day Barretto's farm is a quagmire. Still very mild. I woke up about half past eleven to night by Tige barking furiously then I heard Dad who was just going to bed go to the door and a stranger's voice ask for permission to hunt sparrows in the barns around the stack. Dad told them they could hunt around the stack but couldn't go in the barns with their lanterns. They told him they weren't out for "na fun" which Dad readily believed but were trying to rid the country of sparrows & rats. Dad supposed they were after some prize as they came all the way from Skibits.

Saturday January 18th

I read most of the morning and part of the afternoon in Dick's B.O.P. but finished the story and am not going to begin another.

for a while. Frank helped us do chores and after dinner went down to Alfred's to buy some butter, Alfred had the puzzle done the right way, and after putting it together to show Frank, sent it home, Frank is working at it now, evidently with out much success. I husked corn this afternoon and Dad sawed wood. Frank went back to the gully for a while to watch the creek or something. Last night Dad worked at my barn trying to loosen one of the wheels with the big iron boy wire. It is cloudy this morning. It turned colder with a high north west wind and snow. It is not freezing to night.

Sunday January 19th

Auntie and the boys went down to Sunday school, I helped Dad do a few chores and went to church. Bill Donnell came in just as I left and stayed about an hour & a half. Auntie & I went down to Miss Battership's after church and found her looking about as well as ever. Winnie came up to dinner with Dick, & Frank stayed down at Hubby's. This afternoon Dick & I went down town. I guess Dick spent the afternoon at the drug store with Bud, while I went over to Waddle's for a while then up to Harry Maw's, and looked at photographs. I drew to night. It froze last night. It has been a very nice day and thawing.

Monday January 20th

I went out this morning to help Dad do chores but got so dizzy I had to come in and go to bed, where I put in the rest of the day. I didn't have anything to eat all day except half a breakfast and about half a pint of pills with which they dosed me and which I think made me much worse. Enah gave me half a cup of cocoa which did me good as it floated. This evening I came out into the kitchen while Auntie fixed my bed I was sitting there talking to Dad when the first thing I knew Frank began to look like a very poor moving picture and the next I seemed to be waking up lying on the floor with Dad & Auntie asking me how I felt. I then began to realize that I had fainted, a thing which I never did before and only twice before ever felt like it - funny feeling. Charlie Martin came over again this morning for a while. Auntie went down town this afternoon and came home half drowned and mud to her eyes. Dick sent the mail home by Frank but he did not come home till after A. Y. P. A. as he went to hear Cousin Willie's lecture on literature which he liked. It rained again last night but was a lovely sunny day till this afternoon when it began to pour and kept up till after tea when it turned colder and to snow.

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Tuesday January 21st

I didn't do anything in the shape of work all day although I felt much better than yesterday. I read nearly all morning. This afternoon Louise came over. She had come down on the one o'clock train, and is staying here all night. Mr. & Mrs. Art. Rye came over and spent the evening. Art. took the wooden puzzle home with him. It froze last night and has been a lovely sunny day, though cold.

Wednesday January 22nd

I went out this morning and tried to do a few chores but couldn't do much. Louise came out for a while to see the livestock and Dad. took Juan out on the halter for her. Enter tainment had Liz & proved to be the chief attraction in that show. This afternoon Mrs. Bawley came down. Louise went back with her. Mrs. Bannister, Mrs. Vye & her three kids came over this afternoon. I was so tired to come in the house so nearly frozen in the drive where where Dad. was putting a new head on the scraper which old Harry broke this morning. Dick got home early but went back again to watch the dance. Dad & Frank went down to Alfred's to-night to show her Frank's. McCann's outfit. Lovely sunny day. Freezing slightly
5-noon

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Thursday January 23rd

I didn't do any thing today but sit around and feel rotten. Dad. couldn't do anything out side but chores. Ench was feeling miserable this morning having fainted in the night without telling any body. This afternoon Beatty went down to Bible Class. It was raining when we got up this morning and has kept it up steadily all day.

Friday January 24th

About the only thing of much interest that happened to-day on the premises was the birth of a half calf to Mully and no-body is much exercised over that, Mully included. Oh! You another thing is, we got five eggs and didn't find a nest either. We think that is "going some" for only about forty hens. I am a bit better to-day though my knee is pretty sore yet. The baby isn't very well to-day either. I went out a little to-day but drew & read most of the time. Dick had to go back to work at the bank to-night. Froze a little last night. Lovely mild day but not very sunny. Freezing to-night.

Saturday January 25th

We saw Allan Law & Art Rye driving past this morning with the separator and upon inquiry found

they were hauling it to Fleming's while the roads are frozen as they are going there after they get through at Ails. There is no telling when they will get here. Dad. and Frank loaded up the rack with blue grass hay this morning from what was on top of the stacks as we have decided not to thresh it on account of the price being so low. This afternoon they hauled it over to the other farm where it will be handy to feed to the cows, and then went & hauled up a load of rails. They did all the chores. I didn't do any thing all day owing to my sore knee though I felt better in other ways. The two Mrs. Shands & Miss Shand came in to see the baby to-night and although he was awake he never whimpered so they went off with a very good impression of his conduct. Dick went down to the pond to skate after tea to-night. Perfect day sunny and lovely out.

Sunday January 26th

The boys were the only members of the family who attended church or Sunday School to-day. I hung around outside with Dad. for awhile this morning as my knee felt better. Quint came home to dinner with Dick and stayed all night. This afternoon, he, Frank & I went out and played marbles for awhile. To-night. Aunty read to us about an African

cannibal & the missionaries. Very, mild, cloudy & muddly.

Monday January 27th

My knee was much better and I helped Dad. do chores this morning. Alpha Fleming came over and invited Dad to go there threshing this afternoon. Mrs. M^{rs} Bride came to wash and was here nearly all day. Rus Lambkins was in to see about a wind-mill but Dad told him we didn't need one now on account of Juey's tile drain at which we have watered the stock all winter so far, and it looks as if it would run for quite awhile yet. Carl. Brown was in also to see Dad about a cow. Aunty went down town this afternoon to see if she could get some body to stay with Aunt Ida but was unsuccessful. Dad. & I went with her as far as Uper. We found they had moved the threshing out fit in there instead of Fleming's as Uper has to go to County Council soon. Cousin Loll & Cousin Phoebe came over to see the baby this afternoon. Mr. Lamb. came over to-night to see about his horse. Froze pretty hard last night and been freezing all day.

Tuesday January 28th

Dad. left early this morning to thresh at Uper's. I did the chores as my knee was ever so much better. About ten o'clock Dad.

came home. He said they were stopped then but did need him much anyway, so he came home to see what which he did till noon. Mr. Flemming told him that if they didn't get moved to his place till the middle of the afternoon it would not be worth Dad's while to come over so he didn't. This afternoon he gave Queen a good exercise & took a picture of her also one of the baby which finished my film. Dad & I hooked up Harry & Belle & got a couple of loads of rails, one load from the remainder of the fence on the ^{west} side of the wheat field and one on the ^{from} north fence. Aunty went down town this afternoon to get some birthday presents for Ruby. Beautiful day, fog in the ^{middle} night, sunny

Wednesday January 29th

Dad left first thing this morning for to thresh at Mr. Flemming's and was gone all day. He got home in time to milk before dark and felt pretty well plugged up. It kept me near all morning doing chores. This afternoon I practiced my horn a little and read. Mrs. Alfred Ryzais came in to see the baby. Evah took a walk over to Martin's. Allen Law came in at noon and got the wagon to get wood. He didn't know where he was going, but intimated that he was going to "lift" rails from fences along the road. This was Ruby's birthday. It has been cloudy & spitting snow all day. Not cold but freezing

Thursday January 30th

Dad threshed over at Fleming's all day and they finished to night. They finished the stacks about 3 o'clock and got 17 bags and $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel from the 45 loads, and they thrashed 316 bus. of oats in two hours after that. It kept me all morning doing chores and this afternoon I cut a little wood. I intended to husk some corn but it was such a nice day I thought I would get a load of rails instead so I went & hooked up Harry & Belle to the wagon and went out and got the rail from the north side of the wheat field where Dad & I got the last load. The horses were feeling good especially old Harry who hasn't any more sense than a seventeen year old bird's nest. Going out I had to get out to open the gate off the road and as soon as they saw it open in front of them started through it. I caught Belle's skin but Harry kept on going so I had to let them go on into the field where they immediately started to speed up. and it just kept me lurching to run and scramble in the back of the wagon but I was fortunate enough to get the lines and steady them down before they did any damage, but I was thankful to get back safe with my load. Mr. Johnson's Mrs. Quabury were over this afternoon to see the baby. Aunty went down town this afternoon. To night Dick & I went down to hand practice. I found out from Carl Coleman that we could have their cattle back on Saturday to go after the 2nd of Feb. Lovely day, sunny & very mild.

Friday January 31st

It began to rain this morning which about noon turned to snow and that cleared off & it began to freeze pretty hard to night.

Dad. and I spent the day doing chores, setting round the trees in the meantime, Dad. cut some wood & I unloaded the load of rail this afternoon. About five o'clock I went down town & got my hair cut. Sales took down 3 doz. eggs & traded them off for meat. Dick did not come home to tea tonight as he had to work this being the end of the month.

Saturday February 1st

We intended to go and get the sheep to-day but the weather prevented us. We didn't do any thing but chores and Dad. cut wood I read a little and this afternoon foaled with my horse. Dad. managed to get the rollers loosened which has been stuck for so long, and I poured a couple of quarts of water down the hole to clean it out and a pill it all over the floor. Frank also foaled up the mouth piece with his simple & silver pole, Auntie succeeded at last in persuading Frank to remove the fourteen wish-bones which have been accumulating in the kitchen hanging lamp for over a year, and she boiled them and polished them up for him. It has been freezing hard all day with a very high cold wind but sunny.

Sunday January February 2nd

Auntie and the boys went down to Sunday School and I got fixed up and went to church, I got there about twenty minutes too early so waited at St. Dominick's. Min. came home with us after church and stayed all night. Dick stayed down all the afternoon and stayed at St. Hubert's dinner. Dad. did all the chores. Auntie had us all going guessing Bible Characters to night. It froze like Billy, he-da-lyghts, last night and has been very cold and a high wind all day. Bear saw his shadow.

Monday February 3rd

We did up the chores this morning. This afternoon we hooked Joe's lingers to the waggon and went down town. We found out from Carl Coleman that we could have their stock waggon to get our sheep to morrow. We also got the cutter from Butter. When we got home we found an old pedlar who told Auntie he had walked all the way from Spagersville, he was selling post cards. Archie Long had been here to sell fence. To night Dick and I went down to the Orchestra dance where we had a dandy time. I think I am getting on to the hang of it now. We got home a little before half past three to morrow morning. It was a nice day to day and quite mild. It snowed a little this morning.

Tuesday February 4th

I got up about half past seven this morning. We didn't do any chores but got started as early as we could which was about ten for the sheep. We drove Joe & Ginger and took our waggon down to Coleman's and left it there then humped on to theirs, we got up there in about an hour. Dunkin said he thought we were never coming. She has had ~~had~~ ^{had} luck with his imported sheep. Owing to carelessness in the quarantine station two of his sheep died and he can't get a cent for them. They charged him forty five dollars for their keep down there for thirty days. Mine were all right though and we got them home safely. He only charged us two dollars for their keep, but hasn't had them registered yet. We had to walk ^{my horses} nearly all the way home on account of humpy roads. When we unloaded the sheep we went right back with the waggon and got our own, we also went up to Chas. Feischel's and got the saw blade. Dick took to him this morning & as just half past three when we got in the house after the harness in it was just twelve when we left Dunkin. We had a little dinner we went out and did up the harness. The pair harness were pretty hung up & thirty especially. Joe & Ginger who were tired also. Dick & Luak went down to the P.D. to night. It has been cloudy & blustering all day and pretty cold.

Wednesday

Thursday February 5th

We hooked up Joe's engine to the waggon first thing this morning and went down town and got a load of coal, as Dick found out last night that Jim Tow had some in at least. We lost quite a little bit of it coming home as the roads were rough and it jiggled out the back when going up hills although we scraped it forward a couple of times. This being Ash Wednesday they had service in the church but none of us attended it. But begins earlier this year that it has for 35 years, it can only start one day earlier, at least that's what the "Maple Leaf" states but it is not likely right. Last night was about the coldest night this winter. It ~~must~~ have been down to zero during the night and has been very cold all day, with a high wind and snow.

Thursday February 6th

We did not do any thing to day but chores. This afternoon Aunty went down town to see Harry or something and Dad & Enak had an awful time with the baby as he was sick and they couldn't do any thing to ease him or keep him quiet. I practised my horn all afternoon. About five o'clock Sam Law pulled in here with the slauer mill. They got through at Ham Thompson's sooner than they expected so moved right down here to night. Allan's Best mouse came soon afterwards.

with the engine, which had something wrong with the injector & they worked at it till long after dark. They said they would thresh in the morning if we weren't ready but we had them come. Sam was about half drunk & the other half frozen when he came in and borrowed our wagon to go home & look wood but we noticed he hit the trail for town at a pretty good bet. So night I went down to hands practice and got home about eleven. It has been cold with a very high wind.

Friday February 7th

The men did not get here till after breakfast, they got them up and moved the machines into the barn and then began to talk of not threshing. Bert was the only one of the three that wanted to. Allan & Lewis thought it would be too cold out in the barn it certainly wouldn't be very warm. They only excuse was 'the belt wouldn't stay on in the wind. Mr. Odd. was here day for Mr. Fleming. Allan & Bert went down town and at their horses' sleds and Sam went home. About noon he came back again and said he guessed they could thresh this afternoon. We did the chares all up there was a little more work for Dad. As this morning when he went out to the ^{cow} stable he found a red & white bull calf of *Spartan* on the floor. We got it & her in as warm quarters as we could but the

poor little fellow has been pretty cold all day. The thrashers did come back this afternoon and we threshed out the four loads of ^{of get 16 bags} clover seed and got three bags & about 1/4 bushel. Young Billy Lewis came over for stapper but we didn't need him so he went back. They got the machine moved over to the other barn but didn't try to thresh any they said if it was very windy to-morrow they would it come over. This aft. So night. Dick & I went up to the hockey match in Simcoe. - Simcoe vs Hamilton. I was going to drive up with Bert Monroe but it turned out such a rotten night that both Bert & I decided to take the train. There was quite a big crowd went up from Dover on the Post Rowan train, we came back on the Hamilton special that brought the team up. We got there a little after eight and had to sit and freeze by inches for about four hours. They could not have been quite to play before half past twelve and it got pretty tedious waiting, but it was a good game when they did start, we rooted for Simcoe and they trimmed Hamilton 5 to 3. The Hamilton boys seemed rather tired the last half. We didn't get to bed till after three to-morrow morning. Dad got a blank form to night which he had to fill & talk about Seddisms. They named him Herbert James Harold. (poor kid) more name than boy. It was very cold and windy this morning and has been growing worse all day. So night when we came home it was a holy fright.

Saturday February 8th

I got up about the same time as usual. This morning it was windy & snowing so we didn't look for the thrashers Frank, Dad, & I moved some of the poles from over the driveway to above where Ring was (by the way her name has changed now from Ring warm to Eric, Auntie objected to the former so we called her after Mrs. Fred. Warren as that is who we got her from.) - and her calf are. We started to put some clover chaff on them but it was so short it fell through a lot, so Dad. said we would wait till the wind went down and then put some straw on first to hold the other. but we never got it done all day. Dad. felt pretty miserable all day and stayed in the house all the afternoon & out a little and fooled around the rest of the time. Auntie went down town, she lost her muff the other day and though he knew where she left it but when she inquired through town, she could find it nowhere. Lila came over while she was gone and told her tonight that she saw George Spain Thursday kicking a muff through the square and he said it was somebody's old worn out muff they had in town away. Auntie is sure it was her as it was near there missed it. It was such a bad night. Lila spent it here Frank went down and visited with Mrs. Alfred far awhile

this afternoon and got some butter. Dick felt pretty rotten when he got home to night and his ear ached. Allan Law came over today to put a fire in the engine to keep the water from freezing. It was not very cold today but very windy & snowdrifted.

Sunday February 9th

Dad. has felt very sick all day and didn't do any thing much but milk, feed the calves and let the cows out in again. I spent the most of the day doing the rest of the chores. I felt kind of tired myself. Auntie, Frank & Lila all went down to Sunday school & church, but none of the rest of us. Dick didn't get up till about noon. This afternoon Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. McPherson with Cecil & Leon came over to see Enck and she walked down to Swanbury's with them. Ada was also over to see H. J. H. Barrett. Allan Law came over again to put a fire in the engine. King Puff was in this morning with a little dog, which Dad. told him had a broken leg. It was up to far to bandage it so Dad. said just to keep him quiet and it would likely get all right. Frank found Auntie's muff this morning right near the handstand in the snow. George Spain told him in Sunday school that he had taken it home and after keeping it two days and not finding an owner he had brought it back and left it where he found it. It was not at all hurt Auntie said. Not cold today but windy

Monday February 10th

We got up pretty early this morning, on account of threshing. They got started about half past nine. The only extraneous we had were Mr. Odd & Billy Louis. We threshed nearly all morning and never saw a head of alsike and the blue grass nearly all blew over, so we stopped threshing the blue grass in the back part of the mow and confined our labor to the front. We only got about two bags of seed today and there is about two hours more to go through yet. For while Dad thought it wouldn't be worth threshing but we got near to the floor at one end and it is much thicker so I guess we will finish the job. Dad has the shed, the driveway and over the shop been filled up with threshed hay and it is no way out in front of the drive way. He had a very dry place and feels pretty tired to night. Charlotte & I had a cold to night another hay. County says "It may be cold in the house but they are having a 'bully' time in the barn." It was very cold & frosty this morning but the sun got up and it was quite a nice day. There was a slight easterly breeze which was just what we wanted as it blew the smoke away from the barn. It is about the first time this winter we have had an east breeze. Dick & I went away to night for a work of 10 volumes which we saw advertised called "The Wonders of Science in Modern Life".

Tuesday January February 11th

We finished up our threshing about noon. The seed came a little faster than yesterday and I guess we have about five or six bushels, they didn't need me much to help them so I didn't hang around looking for a chance to help. I did a few chores but nothing to speak of. This afternoon I went over and helped thresh at Sam Law's we got all the red clover threshed and he got just the same as we did - three bags and a little more. It turned out pretty well. I have to go back in the morning to help thresh out three loads of alsike. Dad did up all the chore here this afternoon & I did not get home till after tea. Dick had to go back to help Hagen find a mistake to night. Mr. Diggins was going to a dance in Jarvis. Allan Law was going down too. It has been much milder today this morning it looked stormy but was sunny after dinner and it seems colder to night.

Wednesday February 12th

I didn't get up very early this morning and went over to Sam Law's as soon as I had my breakfast. They started to thresh soon after nine and got through just about noon. They got just three bags of alsike so it turned out

much better than ours as they said they only had three loads. I stayed over there to dinner. This afternoon Dad & Frank fixed up three pens in front of the cow for the calves, they had to be separated as they touch each other's ears & spots calf had it's ears frozen last night. I battened up the door of the horse stable with tar paper and it took me nearly all the afternoon. We started separating again this morning. Frank stayed home from school to-day. Help. Dad got some of the thrashed blue grass hay over to the other barn but the wind was too strong. Dick had to go back to work to night. There was a very cold north wind all day and quite a snow storm to night for awhile.

Thursday February 13th

We didn't get any thing done to day but chores. I saw a little wood this afternoon & hung around. Aunt went down town to Bible Class. To night I went to work to band practice and got home about half past ten. It has been cold and very windy all day. The wind got up with the sun and made Dad feel very cross all day as he wanted to get some of the thrashed blue grass moved to the other barn, and we couldn't with the wind & rough weather.

Friday February 14th

We spent our spare time this morning in fixing a door in the east side of the horse stable loft where we can pitch hay off by hand instead of using the hay forks. This afternoon after we had the chores done up we went over and put a load of timothy hay on the rack ready to haul to the horse stable at the first opportunity as the supply over there is getting low. Harry Vasey drove Mrs. Johnson over to spend the after noon with Ench & he & Char-cale for her again after tea. Tiddums had colic to day - very wicked. Miss Harding was out this afternoon to see him. Sunny & mild with not much wind to day, very nice day.

Saturday February 16th

As soon as we got the chores done this morning we on the load of timothy which we loaded yesterday over to the stable and Frank helped us unload it. Then we all and put on a load of the thrashed blue grass and hauled over to the other barn. This afternoon we unloaded it. Loaded two more, we unloaded one and left the other on the bare floor, so we think we have got in a pretty days work. Nip came over quite early this morning & I followed him up this afternoon, both ~~are~~ staying.

over night. Aunty went down town this afternoon to get some things. Some thing has gone wrong with the dining room stove chimney and we can hardly see across the room in there for smoke. Nice day, much milder, slight wind and raining to night.

Sunday February 16th

I intended to go to church this morning with Aunty, Dick & Frank but I had to go up on the roof to see what was the matter with the dining room chimney and as I had to wait till the fire was out it was twenty minutes to eleven when I got down, I found the cause of the trouble was that a flick had blown down the chimney and nearly filled up the flue. I hadnt much trouble in discharging it. Quint came over with the boys to dinner, and this afternoon we went skating. I thought I ought to go as I didnt get to church this morning. We were the only ones on the creek and the skating was good. We went out to the end of the pier and up as far as Tommy Jackson's, Frank & I came home at half past five & Quint & Dick came over later. Nice day, rather cold and cloudy. It turned cold and froze during the night. We saw a flock of geese flying north to day.

Monday February 17th

Dad. and I looked for 3 oxen to the buggy this morning and took them down to be shod but we found every shoe in town full so after getting a buggy load of groceries came home, I dropped a dollar's worth of sugar on the floor at Bayley's Millers and spilt it all over, I was mad enough to cuss. We found out that to morrow would be the last day they would cut ice, so as we couldnt get the team shod, Dad. spoke to Allan Law and he said he would haul it for us. We intended to get the ice house all ready this afternoon but didnt get much done to it. Alfred came over for a visit & Felix Perkins came in to sell a wind mill. I was going to print pictures to night but we were a little late with tea and as I wanted to do quite a lot, I thought I had better wait till I had more time. Dick didnt come home to tea to night. We dont know where he is but suppose he has gone to R. Y. P. O. There was quite a snow storm to night this morning but cleared off and was very sunny & mild this afternoon. Clear & freezing to night.

Tuesday February 18th

Allan Law came with the first load of ice this morning soon after breakfast before we had our chore.

done and we have been on the hump all day. We just put in six loads, and think that will be enough till we see if it keeps and we can easily put in more another time. It kept us busy to keep it well chinked with snow and ice chips and we have yet to get some sawdust and pack it. Dick had to work last night till midnight and to night came home, he has to work every other night for awhile. It has been very mild and sunny all day, freezing to night.

Wednesday February 19th

Dad. & I did the chores all up this forenoon. Opa was over for quite awhile and also a pedlar who waits around about ten minutes for Euek to make her appearance to sell something, and then received hardly any attention so departed with haste. Luntty went down to the dentist's but had to go again to me soon. We took Joe & Gingers down right after dinner to her shed. Opa came home soon after we got there but Dad. did not get back till dark. Butty is so slow. I didn't do much except put some more snow in the chinks of the ice and cut a little wood. Dad. had to milk after tea to night. Dick did not come home to tea, as he has to work to night. Mrs. Jack & Mrs. Charlie Martin were over this after noon

while Euek was ~~visiting~~ at Saunbury's. It has been a lovely day, but terribly muddy.

Thursday February 20th

Dad. & I left as soon after breakfast as possible this morning for Brad Bowlby's to get a load of sawdust, we got back about noon and after putting it in the ice house found we would need more, so left right after dinner and got a bigger load, getting home at four o'clock. Dick got home early and unloaded it for us, we could use a little more but we have enough for the present. To night Dick got a ticket for Dad. to go to the Library Concert so we went with them, they had a farce called "That Rascal Pat" which wasn't much in itself, but the actors, Bill Davis, Pava Brock & Art. Lawton were great. It was very short and we were home at half past ten. It barley froze last night, and has thawed very much all day. If we had waited any longer to go for our sawdust we wouldn't have been able to get in after it, the road was so bad. Mrs. Croaky Morgan died last night.

Friday February 21st

Just as we were getting ready to sack up some oats this morning. Jack came along, and brought our weal calf.

(Erie) for eight dollars, he was big but very thin. Dad. took some oats and barley down to the mill to be chopped just before dinner. Aunty went down town to get some flowers for Mrs. Morgan's funeral. Frank came home at noon and is to have a half holiday, as Mr. Smith had to go to Captain M. Jolly's funeral this afternoon. Allan Law came in after dinner and said he was going to take his seed to Jarvis in the morning so I am going with him and taking care, I settled up with him for threshing and he didn't charge anything for hauling the rice, so we got it pretty cheap, as Val. didn't charge for cutting it. Dad. & I went down town after some coal oil and came around by the mill and got our chop and then loaded on our seed. We started to have a musical evening but Liddams opposed us and had to have refreshments. Colder to-day with cold easterly wind, getting stormy to night.

Saturday February 22nd

We got up before day light this morning as I expected to go to Jarvis with Allan Law, but he never turned up, we supposed on account of the weather. Dad. informed us this morning that the old saw had a big litter of piglets. I have counted them several times during the day

and have come to the conclusion there are thirteen, all healthy and of uniform size. Soon after breakfast young Billy Lewis came after Dad to go and see a sick cow so, Frank and I were left with all the undone chores on our hands, but we got them off in good shape by noon, besides throwing off what was left of the load of the blue grass standing on the barn floor. Dad. got home about noon and had to hurry to get down town by one as he had to be here at Mrs. Morgan's funeral, Aunty went down with him. I didn't do much all the afternoon except cut a little wood. The Ryerses came up and Frank went with them back to the gully - as Frank discovered a rabbit hole in the mound. One of our white cats has been sick for the last couple of days and to night has disappeared. We are afraid for good. I read "Our Mutual Friend" all evening and wound up with a bath which nearly killed me. It rained last night and this morn. and has been raining most of the day with several heavy down pours.

Sunday February 23rd

The two boys went to Sunday school. Aunty didn't go as she has a cold and didn't like to go out in the cold. I went down to church. Windy came

to dinner with Dick, who spent the after noon
down town. Dad did chores. I read most of the time.
We had some music. Frank went back in the gully
to look at his empty snares. It has been much
colder to day with a raw wind, freezing hard to night.
Dad is very anxious about his little pigs and to day
battered up the cracks in the pig pens, he says they feel
as warm as toast. There are ^{twelve} thirteen and one dead one.

Monday February 24th

Allan Law came over this morning before I was
through breakfast all ready to start for Jarvis.
I got ready as quickly as I could with Dad's big cam-
skin over coat and walked over to Law's as Allan had to
load up their seeds. we got started about nine o'clock.
When we got down about to the fourth concession Allan
got out to walk and then got in with Balkack who was
leading a team to Jarvis to sell to Dave Ward who is
shipping to-day, so I drove on to Jarvis alone. I pulled
into the association store as I saw the name of Jess
show the door but Allan saw me and told me to come
on down farther to a brother of this fellow, so we went
down and left our load at the other place till

after dinner. I came away in such a hurry this morning
that I forgot to take any money so had to look to Allan
for dinner, and so got a dandy. I took the fellow all
the after noon to clean up our ~~clothes~~ ^{clothes} and
clothes and we had to leave our bluegrass for another
time - we got \$12 for the alspice & \$4 for the red clover, which
is as good as any body is getting now. I got \$15 for
mine. Allan only got \$10 for his alspice as it was part
white clover. The fellow said it would have been worth
lot more than ours if it had been brought in two months
sooner but now the market was closed for it. Allan
got the same for his red seed as we did. I think he expects
more than he got. We left there 9 o'clock about half past
five and got home about seven, we came a lot faster than
we went as we had a big load on this morning. Dad has
been over to Louisa this after noon, their cow is getting better.
he had a very enjoyable visit with John Wess on his way.
one of our little pigs got killed some way this morning
thirteen was on a heavy number anyway. Emory McPhee
and Mrs. Johnson were over the after noon. Mrs. McPhee
has been here all day. Dick did not get home
to night, had to work I suppose. Pretty cold to day
but sunny and nice. Roads are awfully rough down east

Tuesday February 25th

We were very late this morning getting started, owing to my staying in bed later than I should have, so it took us till noon doing chores. Allan Lewis came in with our seed and took the waggon away with him again. This afternoon Dad & I drove down town on Sunday errands. Dick came home to tea but went back down town again to Italy. He said he might skate or work. Aunty has been feeling very miserable all day, with grip or neuralgia or both. Pretty cold, but sunny and no wind. I finished reading "Our Mutual Friend" to night, sorry to leave it.

Wednesday February 26th

We didn't do any thing but chores to day. We went down to Alfred's with the sacks we borrowed from him and found him feeling pretty sick with a cold, we were there quite awhile and got back about noon. Ern Fleming was in for awhile this afternoon to haul Dad's look at his horse who has scratches. I drew a little this afternoon and spent the evening practising on my horn. Frank went down town to night to the moving picture show. Dick was going too so stayed down to tea. It snowed all day, no wind and not very cold.

Thursday February 27th

It snowed & blew nearly all day. We did up all the chores this morning. Allan Lewis brought back our waggon and harnessed the hay rack to haul a couple of loads of hay down town. He brought it back to night. This afternoon Dad drove Enah down town and when they got back he & I drove down to the mill got some corn cobs and took them down to Hubby's as he wanted some to smoke his pipe. I printed pictures to night and met with fairly good success. Dick did not work to night.

Friday February 28th

Dad and I went down first thing this morning and got a load of coal with Joe's Ginger. We let Belle's Harigost separately for a run in the harneyard and they evidently enjoyed them selves immensely, especially Harry who was enraptured. This afternoon we did chores and unloaded our coal. Aunty has felt very miserable all day and feels as if she was getting the grip. Dick did not come home to night, this being the end of the month he had to work late. It snowed the biggest part of the day but was quite mild. We are getting enough snow now to make up for the rest of the winter.

Saturday March 1st

We did the chores all up this morning, this afternoon we sat down to read and stayed a good deal longer than we should have, and then drove Joe & Ginger downtown for exercise, the sleighing is pretty good now. When we were letting the team into the stable to night Joe who goes in first stopped in the alleyway to nose for hay and Ginger came up behind and turned in behind Belle and she kicked Ginger just below the knee and raised quite a lump, but we don't think it will be serious. Frank has spent the day looking at his empty traps and snares and scouring the farm in search of material to make a slight case other white cat is at the point of death to night, they must have got poisoned. Vane Johnson & Jack Lewis were over this morning with a new horse brought by the farmer. March has put in a very lamblike appearance. It snowed quietly most of the morning, and has been sunny & mild the rest of the day.

Sunday March 2nd

The boys went to Sunday school and I went down to church. Auntie didn't go on account of her cold and the bad weather. Quint came over to dinner and this afternoon we went

over to the Shants as Charlie had asked Frank at school. It was a rough day for a drive and ^{we} weren't sure whether we could get through the cuts or not. This one out here was nearly full and we just had room for Joe to go down one side aft. The fader of us in the cutter made quite a load but she got through the drifts nobly and where there were no drifts the sleighing was pretty good. We were there all the afternoon and they wanted us to stay to tea but the wind was getting worse all the time so we thought it was better to leave before dark. We drove around the other way coming home past M^r Green's and the Mill as we weren't there about getting through the other way. It was getting very much colder and in some places I couldn't see any farther than Joe's head for the sleigh. So we got home just about dark, the lane out here was full and we all had to get out for to let Joe get through. I had walked down to Alfred's this afternoon and to Art's as M^r Jack asked Frank in Sunday school to let them know that old Mrs. Sidor had another stroke. Dad got very cold, and says Alfred isn't feeling much better yet. Quint stayed here all night, Auntie read to us all the evening, but I went to sleep before she finished.

Monday March 3rd

Dad didn't feel very well to-day so we did not do anything out side but chore and cut a little wood. We also started to make out a list of seeds to send far to Simmons. It snowed pretty much all day, was cold and windy this morning but the wind went down a little and it was a great deal milder this afternoon. Dick did not come home to tea to night but went to the C. Y. P. A. I had quite a piano practice to night.

Tuesday March 4th

I drove Dick down town this morning as the walking was so bad we were so late in starting to take Frank. When I got back Enah was ready to go down with 10 lbs of butter so after cleaning out the stables I drove her down, she got 30 cts a lb. for the butter, we didn't get back much before noon. Allan Law came over to get one of us to help him shovel out the cut on the side road out here but as neither could go he said he wasn't going to do it alone and so departed after breaking the handle of our snow shovel while talking. Dad felt very miserable to-day so we didn't do anything much this afternoon but finish making out our list of seeds. Auntie got a letter from

Miss Scott this afternoon saying that a little daughter arrived yesterday afternoon to Ray & Vernon. Auntie couldn't make out from the letter whether they were extra anxious about Vernon or not, but we didn't get any more words to night so Dad thinks everything must be all right. We are afraid that all our cats except Fitz and her mother have gone where they don't play billiards as neither the grey or black cat has showed up for the last two or three milking times. I had a good practice on horn & piano to night. It snowed a little to-day but was pretty sunny & not cold.

Wednesday March 5th

I drove Auntie & Dick down town, this morning. Auntie got Cousin Willie to telephone Ray and find out how things were, he said they were doing better and said there would be a letter from him on the noon train. I drove around town while waiting for Auntie as I didn't want to keep her waiting. Bob Miller asked me if we could keep a ewe for a while for him as didn't want to kill it yet. Auntie found out from Auntie Maude that Mrs. Baugner's friend Mr. Hamer the great Shopshire man was coming to Mrs. Scofield's this afternoon so Dad & I went down and met him and thought he was a very nice fellow. We have

I been troubled lately by a very disagreeable odour in the dining room and until this morning have been unable to discover the cause, but upon investigation I discovered our two cats the black one and the white one which I brought from the horse stable so mysteriously lying dead in the yard directly over the dining room stairs, where it was when Frank found the remains of the grey cat under the muckwater in the barn to-night, our once great supply of cats has now dwindled down to two kind. Dick had a walk to-night so did not get home to tea. Mrs. M. Bain did very suddenly this morning about ten o'clock. I had a pretty good practice to-night. Rather cold but sunny, windy to night.

Thursday March 6th

Helen Augusta Wind was here to day, soon honor of her visit we didn't do any thing but chores and not all of them as we didn't clean out the horse stable at all for the first time this winter. This afternoon I walked down town to get the mail as Dick wasn't coming home to tea to-night. The lane was full of snow-drift so we couldn't drive. To-night I went down to the Orchestra dance, I didn't decide to go till just in time to get ready but the wind had died down, so it wasn't so bad going.

Dick was there and we had a good time, the only boots I could find to wear were a pair of thin soled patent leathers of Dad's, they were about a foot too long for me but worked pretty well, we got home about three in the morning, it was freezing hard and I guess was the coldest night this winter. Frank didn't go to school to-day on account of a cold.

Friday March 7th

Dad and I started to dig out the lane this morning but Sam Low came over about ten o'clock and got Dad to go and help dig out the ^{and} cat in the side road and at the binding Lills, so I didn't get finished here. This afternoon we did chores and I walked down and got the mail and my fair cat. Frank was in the house all day to-day again and feels pretty sick. Dick brought home a book to-night which he persisted in reading out loud and so I could not get this written. Had a practice on my horn. It has been freezing hard all day but sunny and no wind.

Saturday March 8th

Dad and I did up the chores this morning, we also finished shovelling out the lane. I drove Enah down town this afternoon to sell her butter and do shopping.

I didn't wait for her standing as I was afraid she would get cold so drove around town I picked up Ray & Nell and afterwards Lint's Jim Math piled in too but they didn't stay long. When we got home Mr. & Mrs. Morley Buck and ^{kids} were just leaving. Mrs. Buck had her company babies that thought Liddens would be not much account as he didn't sleep out snow. Jack Martin come over this after noon while we were gone and took all his roosters. Dick didn't come home ^{to town} to night we supper he had to work. We started to have a practice to night but Liddens had to wake up and he fed just as we got started and it looks now as if I was in for a bath. It has been much milder to-day snowed this morning and is almost thawing this evening before sundown.

Sunday March 9th

The boys went to Sunday school this morning, ^{they} stayed home to mind Liddens so as to let Dad & Enah go to church, we started rather late and it was beginning to rain before we got to the corner it was pouring so hard we came back. Frank did not go to church. This after noon we didn't do anything much. Dad did all the chores and Enah & I practiced

Dick said he was very disappointed as he has been counting on a sleigh ride this after noon but the sleigh is nearly all gone, although a cutter & hob sleigh did go past in the mud. It has been very mild & sunny this after noon but every thing is flooded

Monday March 10th

Dad and I loaded up some ~~beats~~ oats this morning and took it down to be chopped. This after noon Dad drove Aunty down to the McBain and on down town to get the mail and then drove around by the mill for the chop. Just after dinner Allan Law drove in with his new buggy and harness and wanted to go to Jarvis after the blue grass money, so I went with him. The roads were a little muddy but not had us west down and back in three hours, and were there half an hour or more. We got eight dollars for our seed with 17 lbs of alkali in it and Allan got a little over five for his. We didn't expect any more. He gave us 2 1/2 cts for the blue grass & 1 1/2 cts per lb for the alkali. Allan bought me a cigar and was fool enough to smoke it on the way home. It was my first whole one and although I didn't suffer any ill effects from it I think it will be my last because I don't see any sense in it.

Mrs. Mc Bride has been here wishing to buy. Cliff Mc
Quinn was in before breakfast this morning to see if Dad
would take their old mare but we couldn't so Dad told
him to shoot her which he did this afternoon. Although
they wanted to do it, they couldn't manage any other way as
they are all leaving for Toronto to night. Dick did not get
home to tea to night. Very mild and sunny snow going fast.

Tuesday March 11th

Teddy George was in before breakfast this morning to get
Dad to go over to Monteith's to see a sick cow. Dad fed
the calves and had a cup of coffee but when he got over
there the cow was dead. After doing up the chores
Dad hooked up Joe & Ginger and we hauled up a load
of rails. This afternoon we put a load of timothy
on the track to haul to the horse stable in the morning
when the ground is frozen. Dad has been carrying bluegrass
over lately. Frank went down to see a health car to night
so was late getting home. Just before tea Hazen & Murray
drove in to tell Dick that he needn't go to work to night but
Dick didn't come home anyway. Murray says he is home on
sick leave but not very sick. Miss Monteith & Mrs. Welch were
in there after noon. Mild, mild day and spring like.

Wednesday March 12th

Tommy Myers and his father came in first thing this morning
to get a load of the threshed blue grass which Dad told
him he could have for five dollars a load, while they
were putting it on we took Joe & Ginger and hauled our
load of timothy over to the horse stable. Bill Donald came
in just as the Myers were going and it was nearly noon
when he left. Dad discovered Queen had cut a nasty
gash in her right fore leg just above the fetlock. He thought
at first the tendon was cut but when he bathed it after
dinner found it wasn't; he feels very badly about it and is
afraid it will always be rough there. This afternoon we
weighed and took Alfred's bushel of clover seed to him. He is
pretty sick yet. When we got back we went out and cleaned
out the road ditch running on the south side of the wheat
field as it was full of snow and was backing a pig pond
on to the wheat. The seeds we sent to Simmer's for came today.
Froze last night but sunny & thawing today looks like a big storm.

Thursday March 13th

We bathed Queen's leg and did chores this morning
Beauty went down town to the dentist and stayed down
to go to Bible class this afternoon. Dad drove down

after her about half past four. This after noon Dad moved quite a lot of the threshed blue grass out of the drive way into the barn. To night Dick and I went down to hand practice but there wasn't any thing much going on as a lot of them were practicing at the Presbyterian concert. Dick couldn't get his cornet as Bill Graham has taken it. Murray was playing a lot of the new song hits over on the town hall piano for Walt Perez Beck was tuning to them. Wyse was over most of the morning. It rained a little but has been sunny & warm. Frank and Dad each saw a robin to day, and Dick said he saw two or three, they are the first I have heard of.

Friday March 14th

I didn't get up early this morning and had the blues for most of the forenoon. We fixed up the ice house a little more and put some tarpaper and siding on the front of it so that it looks over so much better. This after noon we trimmed apple trees we got two pretty well browsed in two hours and a half. The cows all went back to the gully this after noon, when I went back for them they were browsing around half way to the culvert. but they came when I called them.

Lila came over with Frank to stay all night. Dick came home to tea. After we sat down to tea Ray Banning came after Dad to go and see their old horse which he said was chalking. Dad had his tea and then went over to see it. Liddams allowed Enah to go with them this evening for Dick and me and I didn't go to bed till about eleven. It has been a beautiful day quite hot but to night a very heavy thunder storm came up and it rained & hailed nearly all evening, that in the spring means cold weather.

Saturday March 15th

We got up pretty fairly early this morning and Dad discovered that the calves were in the sheep pen and upon investigation found that they had come through the barn and had let the sheep all out. We supposed the wind last night had blown the barn doors open. Another little bit of excitement here had was Dick discovering that Lila had come in to his room before he was awake and taken his Romany Club pin of his coat and she wouldn't give it back. She said he had no right to it as he didn't belong to their club, but he said he was going to keep it as they had sold it to him. We found out later when Winnie came over that Lila had lost hers and there wasn't another one so she had taken Dick's but Win persuaded

to give it back as they had found the last one. I think Dick bought it so as there wouldn't be enough to go round and had them to under stand he was buying it for another member of the club. We got the chores done up pretty early but didn't do any thing else much done. Dad. went over to Hannister's to see their horse and says he thinks it will die. Ray came back with him and fooled around with Frank nearly all morning and at last went home with an Arabian Alger back after Frank had showed about half a dozen times. Win and Lila went home soon after dinner. This afternoon Dad drove Cuah and Frank down town, Eva sold her butter and Frank got a new suit which he is highly delighted with. Dad arranged with Marshall to send out cream to the butter factory in April. The roads were a fright, frost nearly out in some places. I cut wood and cleaned out enough to threshed bluegrass to shut the barn doors. It rained this morning this afternoon very high wind and colder not quite freezing to night. Dick had to work to night. Addams on the road slept most of day.

Sunday March 16th

Anny and the boys went down to Sunday school & church. I helped Dad do up some of the chores and then left.

here about eleven for church. I was a little late of course so sat in the back with Dick & Fred Tuck. Loint came over to dinner with us and this afternoon he Dick & I went down town and sat around down at the Vig plant with Jim Muth till six. Dick stayed down to tea at Holey's but I came home. Dad did up the chores. It froze last night and has been much colder to day with a sharp wind. Freezing pretty hard to night. Snow flurries to day.

Monday March 17th

Dad and I caught the two young gobblers this morning and put them up over the pig pen, where we hope to get them in a corpulent state, one for home consumption and the other to convert into cash, we started before dinner to move more alkali & bluegrass thrashing and this afternoon got it all out of the drive way and piled in one corner of the empty bent in the barn as high as was convenient to pick. there is still quite a pile in the shed. Cuah went down town to church this afternoon, there is church every afternoon this week now. Dick came home with Lee. Tom. Abbot was in this morning to see Dad about his mare who has distemper. It froze pretty stiff last night and there has been a rather sharp breeze to day but all day.

Tuesday March 15th

I went down town this morning took some saws down for Emery to sharpen and got him to come over to morrow to help us build a smoke house. I also saw Staby and asked him to come over as Dad wanted to speak to him about tendering for a mail route. He came over this afternoon and said he would think about it. I got a pair of low shoes and came home. This afternoon we tore down most of the old chicken house as that is where we expect to put the material for the smoke house. Spiny Ripps came over this afternoon with the ewe Bob Mills wanted to keep here for awhile. He said it was one of my old ones, but I don't believe I would have recognized it. Dinky went down to church this afternoon. Let Juan buy some in some after dinner and got all the white regarding the pallet (14). It has been very much milder but windy.

Wednesday March 19th

Emery did not show up this morning as we expected and we found out afterwards that he stayed home to help Mrs. M. Pherson get ready to go to Court night in the morning. Dad and I finished taking the nails out of the old chicken house boards and

I just hung around this afternoon and went back to the gully where I heard a frog. Quah went down to church this afternoon. Last night Dick and Frank went to the show the Presbyterian church had in the town hall called "The Old District School" which they enjoyed very much. I had a good practice. Lovely day very mild the frost nearly all out.

Thursday March 20th

Emery came over this morning and built the smoke house getting it all finished by tonight. Dad & I helped him and I cleaned out the separator this afternoon. Aunty went down to church today. Emery stayed here to tea and Cecil came over here to find him. After tea Dick, Emery, Cecil and I went down town and went to paraffin. Dick got his first long pants tonight but I don't think he likes them much. It rained a little and was threatening this morning but turned out fine and was a beautiful night.

Friday March 21st

It poured rain most of the morning. Frank and Quah went down to church as this is Good Friday. Cecil M. Pherson came over and said he thought how awful

stay here awhile on his way to his Grandpa's but owing to the weather he stayed till after dinner when his father came and called for him. A terrific wind got up about noon and blew things galley west. It flattened our barnyard fence. tore some of the roof of our cow stable routed up the old half dead mountain ash tree at the corner of the spare bedroom and blew over our new smoke house. We three boys went down town and found the water every high & down at the pier. We noticed Woodson's tank has blown off its tower and their fence is lying all over the sidewalk. Aunty and Vin tended to go to church to night but as the wind was so bad we decided to stay home and I had a pretty fair practice. Dick went down town to a party at Bessie Graham's

Saturday March 22nd

Dad and I & Frank fixed up the fence around the barnyard which blew down yesterday. Reg Bonnisted came over to spend the morning with Frank. This afternoon Dad and I went down town to get some groceries. We have to take beef for Easter as the wind yesterday blew against the pig pen door and both the turkeys got loose

and we haven't caught them yet. We heard of quite a lot of damage being done around here several wind mills put out of business and the roof blew off Chas. Wroleys barn. but by the paper we see there is much more damage done in other parts of the province. Dad got his hair cut and I waited around till he got through. Mrs. Lawrie was here when we got back. I had a good practice to night. Sunny with cold winds.

Sunday March 23rd

As this was Easter Sunday, Dad and Ceah managed to get down to church while Aunty looked after Liddens. This afternoon I wasted in sleeping and reading. Dad & Frank did all the chores. It was cloudy this morning and rained all the afternoon. Aunty wanted to go to church to night but couldn't on account of the weather. Frank got 12 eggs today which is more than he has got since Christmas but for that it has seemed very un-Eastery.

Monday March 24th

I didn't do any thing much today but chores. Dad & Frank cleaned up the old barn, and spread a lot of "Tom Dick & Harry". Jimmy Lawrie came over quite

early this morning and got Fred. Dad. was disappointed. Boh. didn't see her before she got all wet and muddy but I saw Boh to night and he said she was in better shape than he expected. The fellow that lives down at the corner where Andre used to live was over this morning to see if he could buy some little pigs as he had a lot of milk going to waste, he seemed disappointed when he couldn't get them but Dad. didn't want to sell any and had had a lot of sleep before. It poured rain all last night and most of the morning but was clear all the afternoon. About dark it began again and kept it up all night to night. Dick and I went down to the Orchestra ^{about 9 pm.} dance to night, it was raining so hard when we left that we went down to Huber's. I just took off my coat and hats and lay on the sofa. Dick I guess turned in with Quint. About six I came home. Dick spent about half of his holiday yesterday in bed and the other half in town.

Tuesday March 25th It poured rain all last night and this forenoon, the mud is terrible. Lobe and Dick stayed at Huber's after the ball. Lobe got home just as Frank and I were

getting the fire going. We did very little but chores all day, the papers are full of the awful loss of life and property caused by the storm on Good Friday. It was fair for a little while this afternoon but is raining and freezing a little tonight.

Wednesday March 26th A very heavy fog this morning, but mild the ice ~~was~~ dropping from the trees, we took Joe and Giner on the lumber wagon and moved the big bin from the drive house over to the old barn. There we put on three sacks of oats to go to the mill, we got there and three or four towns. Auntie went with us, (Frank & me). She stayed down town, Frank and I got home about noon with our chop and our flour. After dinner we cleaned up some wheat. Auntie got home about six, Dick did not get home to tea. Loby went down to have a practice. It is a dark dismal night and not knowing whether to snow or rain.

Thursday March 24th

It blew & snow all day so we didn't do any thing out side but chores. I threw a little this morning while Dad paid a visit to Alfred and Frank was at his Mecanno. We weren't sure whether Dick would be home to night with the mail. I walked down after it, I saw Dick and we went down and got our science books and I brought them home. I took my horn down this afternoon and went down to hand practice to night. Dick did get home to tea after all. The papers are full of the awful floods in Ohio. There has been a blizzard most of the day and to night is freezing quite stiff. Snow all over in

Friday March 25th

We put almost of the day to day hauling hay. We had two motives for so doing. first because we were out of hay both in horse stable and cow barn. ^{at cow barn} and because we wanted to get at the hay which was under what we hauled for the sheep, we first cut a square out of one corner of the blue grass mow and took out all the blue grass till we struck snow. We could only haul half loads as the mud under the frozen crust was

to hard to pull through but Joe & Quincy did it. We hauled one ^{load} to the other barn and half a one to the horse stable and put half a one on the rack. Frank pitched out of the mow Dad pitched on and I loaded. Enah went down town this afternoon and Aunty went calling at Brileys & Martin's this afternoon. It has been very sunny all day but a cold wind, freezing to night.

Saturday March 29th

Frank, Dad and I cleaned up more wheat this morning but have quite a lot left left. Nig. came over this morning and he and Frank went back hunting this afternoon around the gully. I went back too with my camera. I intended to follow the south creek to its source but as I couldn't get across it and there were several branches to it I had to keep on the south of every branch. I was led at last nearly to Colin McPellig's barn and then I went down to Cedar Swamp in quest of skunk cabbage but as I was on the wrong side of that creek and the fog was gone I didn't find any. I think it is a little early any way. I heard a dog barking down the stream and upon investigation discovered Billy Louis & Bobby

Wright with the dogs. Stalked to them awhile and then came part way home with Betty the same way I went. Dad and Auntie went down town this after noon. Dad settled up with Bob Miller for Jud. he got \$40.00 for her, just what he asked and Bob said she was worth it. Bob offered him \$48.00 for the twelve little pigs now but Dad doesn't want to sell them till he has spoken to the other people who have bought for them. He saw Carl Coleman coming over here on his way home with his cow who had another piece of turnip in her throat. Dick did not get home to tea to night. It has been much milder to day and very sunny.

Sunday March 30th

I went down to church this morning. Auntie and the boys went down to Sunday school and church. Dick stayed down at Shely's to tea dinner. This after noon I decided to take a walk up to Woolley's to make sure whether the roof was off his barn or not as we have heard conflicting reports concerning it. I fell in with Jack Spain & Winn, Lewis Luroes & George Spain and they came to the conclusion that they would go with me, but Lewis didn't go very far. The rest of

went up to Woolley's point with out much adventure, then I left them there to go and ascertain the facts of the barn case, and found it in perfectly good condition and I didn't think it was likely they would have it all fixed up so soon. We came back to the lake just by Hay Creek and saw the other fellows down the beach and saw by their foot prints that they had kept on the beach so I thought if they could go that way I could too but soon found out that I was very much mistaken. I got into quick sand above my hoot to feet and just covered myself with mud (I was fool enough to have worn my good clothes) I lost one rubber and fished around with my fingers for about five minutes before I found it. I struck for the bank at the first opportunity and stayed there till I got to where I knew I wouldn't have to cross any more mud. I washed my rubbers off as well as I could. When I got down to McCay's bush I found Spring & Percival with Fred Lucke, Bangers & I were making maple syrup they had quite a quantity of sap gathered and were boiling it down right there. I took a picture of them and then home ward plodded my weary way, via the back streets of Dancy thus escaping the notice of most of the good people who might be off at my appearance. I stopped at Shely's

to try and bush off some of the mud but did not succeed he gave me a piece of Sassafras root which Doc-Henderson had got. Lovely sunny day but muddy in spots.

Monday March 31st

Dad. went off this morning to settle up about the sale of his little pigs he saw. John Quabury & Oyce and they didn't want to block the sale of the hunch so he sold the eleven of them to Bob. Mills for forty five dollars he had given the runt to Frank so couldn't sell it with the rest. I did the chores up and Tupper came through on his way down town. This afternoon the old man that hires down at the corner came up here with his cream to churn - as Dad. told him he might this morning. Part of the ham yard fence blew down again this morning and some of the cattle got into the field. About 9 o'clock Dad. and I went up to Ham Thompsons and Dad. bought his registered short horn bull calf for fifty five dollars although he wanted sixty as he says their price has gone up very much lately. We didn't get home till six so were late with the chores. Dick did not get home to tea to-night I suppose as it is the last of the month. It rained a little this morning, cloudy, windy and colder to-night.

Tuesday April 1st

There was a very strong wind blowing all day to-day and a wind makes Dad. sick & mad. we didn't do anything but chores, but did them thoroughly, we also went out and I held the ladder while Dad. nailed a board on the eave of the cow stable roof as the wind was getting under our roofing paper and tearing it. This afternoon I slept most of the time and Dad. made some meat hooks out of the rod he got from Butler the other day. Amity went down town this morning and stayed down till after the auxiliary this afternoon. Dick did not get home to tea. I had a good practice to-night. Ed. Wickers was in this afternoon to see Dad. about a dog which he left here to be looked after. Cold but sunny to-day. Froze pretty stiffly last night but the wind dried up a lot of mud.

Wednesday April 2nd

Dad. and I put up the ham yard fence again this morning which the wind blew down the day before yesterday. While we were at it the old man at the corner, whose name he told us was Mr. Green, but who is commonly known as Jonas by the surrounding neighborhood, came in and bargained for a load of hay. Dad. said he

would let him have a load of thashed alsike for five dollars but would not deliver it with the roads in the shape they are, so this afternoon he got Allan Lutz to come and get it for him, his wife came last night so he is a little more cheerful, Charlie Martin was over this morning for awhile to see about getting some more smoked and he helped us raise the smoke house. We chopped up the old mountain ash tree that he had down and got a small pile of firewood from it. This afternoon we didn't do much as Allan Lutz and his friend Jonas came after the latter's boy and we stayed out at the barn watching them work, Jupper came in soon after their exodus and entertained us for about an hour, relating the history of Jonas & Sairy his wife as he had known them in the days of his youth when they lived near Waterford. It appears that Jonas has a few shingles of his roof and that some of Sairy's as Jonas evidently calls her are loose. It was rather late in the life of each of them when they entered upon their matrimonial career and all has not been perfectly clear sailing since as they now end their stroke a rock, in the shape of a pugilistic bout, in which the old lady generally comes off with the laurels. Many were the anecdotes he told of pranks & tricks

enjoyed by the juvenile portion of the community, at Mr. Green's expense and one case where that gentleman's claws did him a good service in peeling a youth's face with whom he was engaged in battle. Quinty went down town this afternoon and brought back a note from Mrs. Lawson containing news of the arrival of a new member to the house of Jupper, and it was to be delivered to the head of that house. Mrs. Jupper is down at Mrs. Lawson's and the stork called yesterday morning but Mr. Lawson had not seen any body to carry the tidings home. Jupper said this afternoon he intended to call down there the end of this week or the beginning of next to see if there was any thing doing, he supposed they would let him know if a boy came but if it was a girl he didn't care a cent. Poor Jupper it was a girl and he was going fishing to night. Just before ten to night Billy Barlow drove in he had been down in this country after his beef and dropped in to see us and Dad sold him his two gobblers. Dick did not come home to tea to night but I went down to private hand practice and we came home to gether. Pud Shewch, Roy Dell's Walt were at hand practice and we had a fairly good one. Very nice day to day sunny and quite mild, Roads are drying up fast. Slacker than a stack of black cats to night. Found ^{seven} eggs in mud puddle

Thursday April 23rd

Mr. Green came in this morning for a little visit before breakfast and sat by the door with his hat on all the time we were eating. We couldn't do ~~any~~ much out side to day on account of the weather but this morning we finished cleaning up the wheat and this afternoon started to clean up oats but didn't get much done. Emery came over with the pieces he is going to put on the bed piece of the rack to rest on the halates instead of the cross pieces on the halates but he couldn't finish the job as the halts he brought over didn't have a long enough thread cut on them. Tonight I went down to hand practice with Emery. I wore my steel boots and gaiters to keep off the mud and slept my barn at Stuhys. It has rained nearly all day to day with thunder and lightning but seems to have cleared off to night. It seems there is a new fellow now negotiating with the town concerning an canning factory they have formed a joint stock company and yesterday sold \$5000 worth of shares they went to sell \$15000 worth.

Friday April 24th

Dad. & I drove Joe & Ginger up to Simcoe to day. Dad went to Frank Reid's and paid the interest on the mortgage and \$1000 of the principal which Auntie got and wanted to pay

last fall but couldn't as they wouldn't take it till the right date. We got there just a little after twelve and Dad. just caught Mr. Reid as he was leaving for dinner we also called around to see Billy Barlow but his shop door was locked, so we dropped in at Church's and got our old harness fixed and came home getting here about half past three. The roads were very bad in some places especially in the streets of Simcoe, we didn't go by the half way house but turned at the cemetery corner and came out on the gravel at St. John's as Carl Coleman told me the other night there was a bad place near Brad. Boulby's but we found the back road in good condition. We had our dinner and did up a few chores after we got home Charlie Martin came over just before tea and tuned the piano Dick came home to tea. It has been cloudy and threatening all day but quite mild. It rained before and after we were out but was fair all the time we were gone. Laint was over a couple of times after some ducks & geese in the time they field. But

Saturday April 25th

Frank and Dad. went up to Sam. Thompson's about the first thing this morning and got our hull, they were gone quite a while as he gave them considerable trouble

and got away once and ran way down the tracks. We have to think of name for him as is to be registered. While they were gone Lint and George Haymaker came along, they had come up the creek and came over here to see if the ducks were here - but they weren't. George wanted to know if I knew any body around here by the name of Muel or some name sounding like that, who kept brown big horn chickens and lived along way in from the road, by this last hint I supposed mentioned Tipper which proved to be the correct answer; they didn't know the way over there so I showed them part way as George wanted to get some eggs. This after noon Frank & Enah went down town for supplies. I cut wood and Dad carried hay and then we hung the hams all up in the smoke house Dick didn't come home to tea to night. It has been colder and windy to day with quite a snow storm to night.

Sunday ~~March~~ April 6th

Aunty and the boys went down to Sunday school and went to church this morning. This after noon I drew a pattern to carve and Dick went down town. Dad did nearly all the chores. Loby and Hallie have gone in to have some music so I told him I should finish this, there is little more to

say. It has been a cold miserable day, quite a wind with occasional snow flurries, it is freezing hard tonight.

Monday April 7th

I didn't do anything much to day, helped Dad a little clean out the place where we had the calves as he wants to build a stall for the bull (who by the way we have decided to call Dreadnaught after Aunty's suggestion) in one corner of it. Dad lit a fire in the smoke house this morning and about noon Art Zwanburg came over with Charlie Martin's Lams and some side meat of his father's which Dad promised to smoke. Bob Miller came over and got the little pigs to day. He paid \$4.00 for the eleven but left Runt for Frank, we left him in with the old sow but soon had to remove him as we heard a terrible racket in the pig pen and when Dad went to investigate found the old sow with the little pig down and treating it in a very savage manner and if she had been left to continue would soon have killed it but as it was she didn't hurt it much. Aunty went down town this after noon and something or other struck Enah to go down to A. J. P. A. to night so Dad went with her I guess it was because Aunty Maude was going to recite.

Dick did not get home today to night we don't know whether he had to work or not. We think of getting up early in the morning and going fishing back in the gully. Ray Dell told Frank to night that Ess Fleming ought to pick above the culvert at our place yesterday or the day before. Mrs. M^oB^y was here washing to-day. It was cloudy and inclined to snow this morning but turned sunny & muddy & mild this afternoon. Lovely night.

Tuesday April 8th

Dad finished building his hull stall to-day. I did not do much in the morning but this afternoon I pruned another apple tree. We got up about half past five this morning and started to the gully armed with a rifle and two pitchforks. We went down to the culvert and walked up but did not see a sign of aquatic life except a mud turtle who was too cold to resist my picking him out of the water on my fork and some sort of a fish about a foot long which I speared at but missed. I also saw two minnows. Auntie went down to the dentist's this morning and was successful in finding the door unlocked and Bill in working order. Dick had to work to-night and said when he got home that got nearly through he only made a mistake of 1800. Froze hard last night, sunny & breezy today.

Wednesday April 9th

This morning I started to clean up the lawn in front of the house and raked the grass across the ditch. Then Dad & I went back to the gully and burned some of the old grass on the flat. After dinner went back again, we burned quite a lot of it but it is a little too wet to run. When we got back we bottled the pieces on the best pieces of the rack. To-night I went down with my horn to practice but found there was a public meeting on in the hall and consequently no practice so I went to the meeting, it was about the new school by law. Mr. Lucey was speaking when I was in and he was against it. Then Dr. Hicks & Mr. Robertson who were for it had a little say when Old Manee & D. J. Jolly the farmer for the latter against it. Old Manee told us that as he had lived the back woods all his life he had no education so would like to see a good school and that if nobody else would build it for less than \$2500.00 he would do the contract himself. They spent a good part of the time arguing who was going to have the last word but Mr. Lucey left before it was over I think Dick & I did any way and got home after eleven. Auntie went down town this morning and stayed down all night as Auntie Maude has not been at all well all day. It has been so nice day but with quite a cold wind.

Thursday April 10th

It rained nearly all day so we didn't do much but Chas. Asch was cleaning out the stable this morning I got a sharp stitch in my side and had to go in the house and lie down till after dinner, and it was quite a while after dinner before it entirely left me. Aunty came over this morning. This afternoon Dad fixed up the horse stall door and cleaned & admired Queen. To-night I went down to hand practice ~~to night~~. There weren't many there as all the orchestra went to Port Rowan to a dance. Bob Rankin was down and we had a pretty fair practice. Dick had to work all evening hunting for a mistake of his something, Dallas and we came home together through the pouring rain. Doug got word by telephone to day from George Allen saying he had a job for him and he is to go to Port Colborne to-morrow night. He doesn't know yet what the job is but thinks it is on a boat.

Friday April 11th

Quint came over this morning to say good bye to us and I went out with him to get his traps which he set for the ducks and we scared up six but were too far away to get a shot at them. Aunty went down with Quint and is going to stay

down all night I went over as far as Martins with them and Aunty got Mrs Charlie Martin to telephone down to see if Bayley's Miller's car of potatoes had come yet but they hadn't so I went over again after the train should have come in but they weren't here. This afternoon Jones came over to prune apple trees. We hardly knew him as he has had his beard shaved off. He got over with a lot of trees but didn't cut out any thing much but the excess. He says he will be over to-morrow if it is fine but has to go to work for Davey on Monday. I went down to-night to see Quint off. Dick was down and said he would have to look for his mistake again to-night. Cloudy, very mild, windy

Saturday April 12th

Jones came over at seven this morning and pruned in the orchard all day. He got pretty well over ^{all} the trees but I think they would stand a lot more being cut out of them. Dad & I went down to Porter's in the lumber way gone and got back about two o'clock. There was well awful in places. Art. Rysie just scraped his hill before the rain so it was like a mortar bed, so to miss it we came home but the Plank road and it was just about as hard pulling down the hill above the brick yard as it would have been

pulling up Art. Reeves. Dad & Enah walked down town after
dinner - and didn't get back till after six. Dad. speaks
for the School by-law and before he came home found
out that it had carried by a majority of 10 in town but they
hadn't heard from the town slip yet, most likely the moss hawks
will be against it. I started to dig up the ~~plum~~ trees out on
the front lawn this afternoon but the ground was too wet. Frank
and I found three wren's nests right out here along the side of
the road. Auntie came over this morning after she had
noted Dick's still in quest of his mistake Jim Law
was in here this morning trying to sell Enah some tea & coffee
but didn't. Dark & threatening all day but quite mild.

Sunday April 13th

Dad. caught a whole family of rats in the horse stable last
night in the cage trap, there was a mother and five ratlets.
He had to drown them although he hated to. He also discovered
that Bob's ewe had a lamb last night. Auntie & the boys
went down to Sunday school and I went down late to church.
This afternoon Dick and I took some duck eggs down to
Mrs. Luck and Dick bought a film for Frank's camera with the
money. We hung around the lake till about five o'clock with
Roy Bell and then came home. We found Paul Smythe & his

father had been here all the afternoon and were just going.
We went in our way down to see Jim's colt which
came this morning. It is a nice colt only one hind leg
is crookeder than a snake fence. Enah went to church
tonight and Dick went down with her but said he was
not going to church. Lovely day. roads drying up fast.

Monday April 14th

Dad managed to poke a hole through the blockade in the
center of the culvert this morning with a scuttling and as
there was such a head of water on it washed it out clear
and in a few minutes it drained the lake that has been
in the field on the west side of the road all spring & winter. Then
we grubbed out the big plum trees that were planted all in
a heap along the lane in the lawn as they were full of
black knot and haven't borne fruit since we came here
so we want to plant a grape vine in their place. While
we were out there Billy Lewis drove along breaking his colt then
Art Reeves, then Mr. Monteith came and each stopped to talk.
Charlie Martin came over and talked till nearly noon. This
afternoon I fixed the place up where we dug out the trees
and Dad hunched them out. When we went out to the cow stable
we had to spend some time with Bobby who had a

big bull calf just come. We were rather late getting through to night but Dad & I went down to Mrs. Stalder as soon as we could get ready after tea. Dick came all the home after he had had his tea to tell Dad to take his soap down but I didn't. We had a nice evening and enjoyed Miss Preat's playing on the violin very much. We got home about twelve and came with Dick who had just got through work as we came out. Auntie Maude went to London to-day as delegate to the W.A. meetings and Auntie has gone down to keep house for Hubby & the girls. Charlie Martin got his heat this afternoon and Doc is going to take care of it as it is so smothered enough. It has been very nice & sunny but with rather row east wind.

Tuesday April 15th

Sam Lucas came after Dad this morning to put a team on the road scraper. so he took Joe & Ginger and has had them at it all day. They used the old three corner drag that has been leaning up against our barn since the reign of Leticia and just shed the two teams on. Lewis & ours. Sam drove their team this morning and Allan drove this afternoon. Dad got home about five to-night and said he would have been home half an hour earlier but they hauled the scraper

to Lewis - and Sam was bound to should see their bull calf - and then Allan insisted on him going in to loan a record or two on his new graphophone. I didn't do much but chore this morning hitchhoses and this afternoon took a walk over the estate. I found the wheat in some places to be pretty badly killed but where we ploughed the manure under it is pretty good and where it was top dressed is better than where there is none at all. On the fall ploughing I noticed that parts of the fields are dry as a bone but in other places it is a little too soggy to work yet. I went back to the gully & burnt a lot more grass but didn't have anything to carry the fire. Went back to the woods and saw quite a lot of May flowers and two garter snakes. Dick came home to tea with the mail but had to go back to work. Mild, sunny & breezy.

Wednesday April 16th

Dad & I went down first thing this morning with Joe & Ginger & the lumber wagon to get the team shed. We didn't get back till noon. I got some things up town and then went down to Hubby's where Auntie showed me where to get some rasp berries roots. I also got a white rose root, one of the old backs. This afternoon I set them out but didn't get all the

raspberries put out. Dad got a load of rails, we intended if we had had time to have gone back and harrowed a little this afternoon, Nye has started disking. Frank and Dick had tea at Huber's to night, as they are going to a show in the town hall. Jonas came over to night to pay Dad for what he owed him on the hay and got some apples. One of the hen turkeys died during the night. When Dad went out to feed the calves to night he gave Frank's runt a big feed of milk and when he returned he found the poor pig dead at the back of its pen. Lovely sunny day quite hot.

Thursday April 17th

Dad started to work on the field this side of the gully on the east side of the lane with Joe & Linger. He harrowed all morning. I went back with him but just as we got back I noticed the colts out. I went back & put them in. Liz my truck to help me but as she chased them way over to the side road I sheltered up in the stable I managed to get them back into the barn yard through the lane. While I was after them Taurus & all the calves got out and I chased them for about an hour but a last had to shut them up just where they were. some of them in the clover field, John in the plum orchard and left Jim out on the road. I then planted

out the raspberries and Dad put the calves in when he came up. This afternoon Auntie came over for a few minutes Dad took the disker back and disked what he harrowed this morning, some of the land is a little too wet to work yet. I did chores and cleaned up my barn with some stuff of Quint's which Auntie brought over, its what they used down on the "Dugout" and is great stuff. To night I went down to hand practice Ray, Dall, Walt's John Smith & the other only others there. To ad. went down with me and got the baby carriage which Mrs. Johnston sent to Enob. He came home with Dick who hasn't been working all the afternoon. We went down to Huber's for a while after practice Auntie Maude came home to night. None of us expected her. It has been a lovely day, sunny & hot.

Friday April 18th

Dad & I worked on the land all day. I disked with Belle & Harry and Dad harrowed with the little team. We are just working up half the field and are going to try to get it in to morrow afternoon. Enob took Liddums down town this afternoon in his fancy carriage. Auntie & Win came over to night, but Win had to go back after tea. Dick went home with her. Very warm, thunder & lightning after tea but no rain.

Saturday April 17th

I went out and disked all morning. Dad & Frank got out the drill and cleaned up some oats, then Dad came out and harrowed for a couple of hours before noon. We didn't get out very early after dinner owing to chores and things but Dad got sowed nearly all we have worked up and I harrowed after him. Frank & Ray Bannister have been looking nothing to get this after noon. Frank went down to haul after the butter and stayed quite awhile listening to the phonograph. We didn't get in till late to night and didn't get through tea till about nine I had a bath and went to bed. Aunty was down down all the after noon. The old saw got out at noon and our efforts to recapture her were unsuccessful. Frank put some apples in her pen but she waited till we were all away before she ate them and then came out again. It froze last night and there has been a cold north wind all day very strong this after noon quite sunny.

Sunday April 20th

Aunty & the boys went down to Sunday school and I came to church. Tila came over to dinner with us and is staying all night. This after noon, Tila Aunty and I went

back to the woods and got some wild flowers. Frank rode his bicycle out to the Shadd's and he & Charlie rode out to Renton. Dick spent the after noon with the girls down town. Dicky Smith came over to see Dad about pasturing a calf this summer, and Dad said he would. Uncle Ward & Aunt Lucy also came over. Enah went down alone to Church to night. It froze quite hard last night and there has been a cold wind to day.

Monday April 21st

We have been working on the land all day. I went out to disk this morning but the ground was so frozen for an hour or two that it did very little good. Dad took Joe & Ginger and went down town this morning and got the potatoes which came at last. When he got back he came out and harrowed the rest of the morning and all the after noon. We are now cross disking & cross harrowing it and we think we will be able to sow to-morrow after noon. Sam Law came over at noon to borrow the drill and Uper came and got his roller. Mrs. M^{rs} Bird was here washing to-day. Aunty went down to Hubby's to night & I went with her she expects to leave for Toronto to-morrow night. Cold but sunny

Tuesday April 22nd

Dad kept Frank home this morning and they cleaned up enough seed oats to finish this field. I disped all morning and finished crossing the field. Dad came out a little before noon and started to drill and drilled all the after noon just finishing up to night. I followed him with the Parrows and it was after six when I got through but the field is now put in, in good shape and running out the ditches is all that remains to be done. Dick did not come home to night as he said if he didn't have to work he was going to an old time social in the Methodist Church. Frank went to school this after noon & Dick went down to the station to see Amity off. The cows knocked the fence down around the barn yard and some of them got out so I had to come up to try & put them in that I only got one in so I shut them up in the stable and fixed the fence as well as I could. as we both had to stop in the field for Dad to watch my team. It has been cloudy & cool all the morning it looked threatening and did rain a little but this after noon it came out sunny & hot.

Wednesday April 23rd

We had a terrific thunder storm last night and as it was pouring rain when I woke at 5 this morning I had another little sleep. The rain cleared off and it came out very hot before noon I opened up a lot of ditches in the old corn ground and Loby and I trimmed up all the sheep. Dick did not come home to tea and Loby went to band practice after tea.

Thursday April 24th the same of early this A.M. Frank went to Vyas' after the grass seed, before breakfast. I had to go down to Art Ryces first thing had a dickens of a job. Loby and I got the wheat ground all seeded and a lot of the ditches opened up on the S. end, the had to go down to Joe Long to see a cow, and after tea tonight I had to go down to old Jonas Greas, The boys, Frank and Dick were at Win's tea party. Loby is down at band practice. It has been very hot all day, every thing has grown since the rain.

Friday April 25th

Loby, having finished a game of hide and seek with Dick and Frank is too tired to write so is exchanging work with me and is darning stockings.

This morning was bright and very warm. Loby ^{Harvey} dug ditches in the old Timothy sods preparatory to sowing oats. They also burnt off the grass around the fences and set fire to a post. Sam Law extinguished the blaze before any damage was done. In the afternoon Loby dicked the oat fields. Harvey did all the chores, brought up the Harrows on the stone boat ready to take out in the morning, went out for a load of rails, came in and did up the chores for the night.

At noon we had a visitation from our friend Jonas who has a sick cow and came for advice. This has been an exceedingly hot day, unseasonably hot.

Saturday April 26th

Our own supply with has run out of flour

has been at it all day. I did not all day & had some work in the morning up the north part of the field as the water is too wet that way. The Harrows were working under the upper part of the field by an arroyo about 1/2 mile out from the place. I got some kind of a goat. I don't put in the day building a duck pen. The plan was laid down underneath a tree. Dick got home early tonight. Great change in the temperature, yesterday & today every thing being in the clothes and today I was wearing a sweater & mitts.

Sunday April 27th

It rained all night nearly, not very hard but a steady cool rain, which will do the wheat a lot of good and which is hurting the buds on all the trees. Frank went down to Sunday school and Dick and I went down to church. This afternoon I read myself to sleep (although I tried not to) and so wasted half a day. Dad & Frank did chores. Dick went down town for awhile. It didn't rain much this afternoon. Mr. Hawes was in church this morning & Mr. Herbert prot. the sermon.

Monday April 28th

This morning Dad and Toby packed the sawdust in around the edge of the ice house next to the creek where we sowed the oats and is now pretty well finished. I cut some wood this morning and then went back to the woods and dug up a couple of maple trees one of which I brought up at noon with me & we planted in place of one of the dead ones along the lane. This afternoon I dug up two more and Dad & I put out one of them to night. The other two I left down in the creek so as the roots would not dry out. Frank has been home all day although he feels a bit better to day. At his office noon Wyatt Wadd's cousin with the general agent for the Massey Harris Company and he found him self to be a good man for the company not only by persuading Dad to order a manure spreader, but Dad seemed to like him & showed him Queen who he thought like everyone else was perfect. We got the manure spreader on easy terms as we don't have to make a payment on it till a year from next fall when we pay \$8 dollars & 50 dollars a year for the next two years. Dick told us to night that Ruby had got a job at the canning factory which they started work on to day. She went down to the dance to night. I only have five cents to my name so stayed home although I guess I could have got enough to take me down & still get a cool friend.

Tuesday April 29th

Dad has been opening up ditches all day out in the field and put some ~~some~~ blue grass on top. Then we went out and cleaned up about 20 bushels of oats. Frank was sick all day and did not go to school. I think he feels better now as he is taking a blue streak. After dinner Dad went out and cleaned out ditches in the north-west field this side of the gulch. Toby did the chores in the afternoon and then went out and dug up two maple trees in the woods besides fooling around picking flowers. Between 4 and 6 o'clock while Frank was sleeping on the kitchen sofa and Epak was in the dining room some unknown person came in and left a silver spoon on the kitchen table for Tiddeums with his initials carved on it and then went away before anyone saw her or him. It was cloudy and windy all day with about ten minutes sunshining.

Wednesday April 30th

This morning we planted out the four little trees which I had dug up, then we went over to see what the field looked like, it is getting pretty dry, from there we went over to see if Sam Law's wheat was any better than ours, but it was not. We found him over trimming up the limbs he had cut out of his orchard. As he was just contemplating a visit to Alfred who was disking the other side of the hedge we made a joint attack and sat around over there for about an hour. so by the time we had wandered back home it was noon. This afternoon instead of working on the field as we had thought of doing, we took our wheat down to the mill. I went down and harrowed some sacks from Blight and we had to make two trips of it as the ground was a little soft. We had eighteen bags and it went over two Lus. to the bag, that job took up all the afternoon. Tonight I went down to hand practice and came home with Dick. The school board were having a meeting, we heard afterwards that Mr. Innes called it but as none but pickers attended it soon adjourned with out any thing being done except Old Stringer falling down stairs coming out so. Pnd. Stobomb says. Nice day Mild & sunny cool breeze.

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which had hurt his lead in the manger. Later in the morning he came over and harrowed the clover-seeder, which he brought back at noon and had a short visit. All the weep men except the teamsters quit at noon on Saturday the snow, and the factory closes ~~at~~ ^{instead} ~~in~~ ^{instead} of one.

Dad. drilled what we have worked up to-day. I took him till a little after noon and then he harrowed & pitched to the waggon this morning & took the seed out and left the waggon for Frank to fill with rails and then a disked nearly all of this end of the field the rest of the day. Frank did chores & odd jobs. Charlie Butter was in here to night to see Dad about a cold which came this morning. I started to cut the lawn to night. I was out for a swim & the stump to night, but I guess I will have to hit the tub. Very hot today. Dick went down town to night to hear the result of the election recount which they were having in Simcoe over the school-house but he couldn't hear.

Sunday May 4th

The boys went down to Sunday school and I went to church. This afternoon Dad, Enah & Liddams started to drive out to Jim Waddles, but before they had gone far

Liddams objected so strongly to continuing the journey that they were forced to return. Lila had come over so Dad took Frank & her to Jim Waddles. Dick & I went down town Dick went off with some girls. I went up the beach and hung around alone till I was about cooked and then came home. We let Artful Dodge out to night and he was so weak on account of always being shut up that he could hardly walk. Frank McPride came over to night with a note from his mother saying to ~~send~~ ^{send} the washing over there as she would be unable to come here so Frank went back with it to night with ~~Frank~~ Lila stayed to tea and Dick went down home with her after. It has been exceptionally hot today but is cooler to night and feels as if it had rained somewhere near

Monday May 5th

We got a fairly good early start. I cross disked all day and Dad harrowed. This afternoon Dad was afraid it was going to rain so went & got the drill and some seed & put in all we had worked up about 2 acres. If it doesn't rain we will be through in that field to-morrow. Cav. Rankin was in here to night to have Dad look at his horse's teeth as Schawley had told him that if a horse got walrus teeth

it would go blind. After tea Mrs. McBride brought the washing back. It has been very hot to-day and looks rainy. The calf got out two or three times to-day and tried our patience sorely at its own cost. Mully also got out but went in easily.

Thursday May 6th

We finished up the field to-day. Dad. has to sow a little by had around the water holes and he may have the whole field over. I disked all day. & Dad. harrowed and drilled. I took seed out in the way gon this morning but we had to clean up another sack at noon to finish with. I brought back rails in the way gon both at noon & to night. I cut lawn before tea till Dick came & invited me to play catch with him. Very much cooler to-day with quite a breeze this afternoon.

Wednesday May 7th

Dad. went out this morning and sowed by had around the water holes and then harrowed all day on that field. It is now finished all but running & cleaning the ditches. I brought the disks up and disked on the old corn ground all day and got nearly over it. It is pretty hard but we think we will be able to get about 3

inches on top washed up far barley. Tonight at tea time Jonas came over with a guinea hen which he presented us with as a reward for our neighborly conduct toward him. He got a setting ^{each} of ducks & turkey eggs. I was going down to hand practice so went down with him as he was going down town. He confided to me after we had got a short distance from the house in an almost inaudible whisper that they had a awful funny feller as a boarder. This peculiarity evidently lay in the fact that he went down town before & after tea. As I was coming home an English man passed me and I thought likely he was Jonas's funny boarder & upon inquiry I found I was correct. Went we got to the top of Prospect hill we found Jonas & Allan here so they enjoyed the pleasure of the crop any of them nearly home. I heard Rodface the funny feller tell his landlord that he would have to drive Bill's team to-morrow as he was going away with a gentleman from Toronto, as I saw Jack Paine up town to night, I surmised that old Bill had a dose of Long Point fever. I guess he is incurable. I went up to the bank to night to see why Dick hadn't turned up. When I knocked Dick came to the door & I was just going to step in and swear at them when I caught a glimpse of a stranger. Then Dick who looked very care worn mentioned me

Lack and informed me the inspector was paying them a visit and they would likely have to work every night for a week, he had his wheel anyway so I didn't wait for him. It has been rather cool to-day and looks frosty to-night.

Thursday May 8th

We went out this morning and ran the ditches in the oat field. Then Dad ploughed a ridge along the west side of the old corn field, it couldn't be ploughed before on account of the old railferry there. This afternoon we turned the cattle & two colts back the lane. We let the two fillies out in the pasture field and they & the colts have been hanging around on opposite sides of the lane fence ever since, we managed to get the colts in the horse stall to-night. We went back to the gully to fix fence, but didn't have very good luck. We barricaded the gap into the other pasture and then Dad started to dig out a post that was broken off and while he was prying on the shovel handle he broke it so we had to cobble the rest up by hand as well as we could. Dicky Smith came over to-night to see if we had turned our cattle out yet and I went down town with him to hand practice got home about eleven. It froze last night but has been sunny & nice to-day.

Friday May 9th

I went out and finished disking the old corn field this morning and Dad brought out the old cultivator but after going a few rounds he decided that it was going to be lumpy and hard to put barley on so we thought we would leave it, manure it and summer fallow it which would be better farming anyway. We brought up the disks and the plow & harrows and Dad ploughed the garden over again, this afternoon he disked & harrowed it, so that it looks pretty nice only it is inclined to be lumpy. I got my currant bushes and grapevines from Simmer's yesterday and spent the in putting them out and staking them to protect them from the curaid hens. I also cut a little lawn. Dick Smith brought his heifer over to-night. It has been cold & raw all day. I wore my over coat while disking and then was cold. Robert John Water was in here to-night to inquire about a colt "mahl". Dad enjoyed his elevating conversation for he has a most extraordinary vocabulary which is all his own.

Saturday May 10th

Frank got us all up early this morning as he had to get down to the Canning factory by seven

where he has been all day setting out tomato plants in baskets. He told us the other night that hands (his size) were wanted and has not talked of much else since, he was to get 80¢ & have but has got his envelopes yet as they are not through. I got some powder this morning and Dad broke the news of our spreader deal and he took it calmly although he thinks we made a big mistake in not putting in with him & Mr. Fleming on his John Deere as he unconsciously believes it to be the best in America. I went down this morning for the purpose of obtaining some particulars concerning a load of hay which Mrs. Battersby is purchasing from us through the agency of John but as that gentleman was in bed with a cold I failed to receive any valuable data. So I came home and mowed lawn till noon. Dad took back Alfred's bags this morning and buried at his shovels with the intention of cleaning out the ditches in the oat field but as he found in Alfred an opponent to the building of a new school, he stayed and argued till noon. I read most of the afternoon and then went out and assisted Dad to rearrange the implements in the old shed so as to create a space for the old wagon

we then repaired a little fence to enable us to turn out the old sow, but it didn't take her a great while to discover the weak spots in the rookery which we call a fence and now she is at liberty. I think Dick came home to tea and says our manure spreader has arrived. It froze ice last night and has been very cold to day.

Sunday May 11th

Frank & Dick went down to Shadley school & Frank & I went to our church but Dick attended the Presbyterian as he saw none to associate with in the back pews of the Episcopal. This afternoon Dad & I drove up to Dunbar's to see how many lambs he had; but he has had no better luck than we, for his flock has only increased by one ewe lamb. He is really worse off than we are because two of his ewes now won't have lambs till they are three years old while ours are all yearlings and if any thing will be better off. Dunbar himself was at church but his son was home, he gave Dad a guinea fowl to mate with the one Jonas gave us but when we got it home we learned they were both of the feminine gender from the fact that the new comers requests imagin any fowls

to retrace their steps by the imperative sentence "Go back" and it seems the gentlemanbird of the species is not addicted to that habit. It was nearly six when we got home. Enah was down at Art Ryersie's with Fiddie the Wicked. Dick has been gone all the after noon and has patronized the church again to night as he said he would be home to see if he didn't. Frank has been knocking around the woods all the after noon. He tried to bargain with Supper for a guinea cock but he had no success. It has been sunny today but a cold wind. Wolt McCall & his retinue came over in his automobile this morning and was agreeably surprised in Dally. He says he is going to take her up and train her now. He wants Dad to keep his mare for him this summer. Frank Laalkenes was over this morning too to see about bringing over his hifer & aff. to pasture. He brought some out to night. It froze ice last night and I wrote to Aunt Alice & Uncle Skal to night.

Monday May 12th

We didn't do any thing much the first part of the morning but Dad went and cleaned out the ditch in the oat field. I harrowed two of the four little

trees which are in the pasture field to protect them from the ravages of Queens. Dad took Alfred's shovel back and I harrowed the other two trees. Frank started off about nine o'clock this morning on his wheel for Dunkin's to return the guinea hen which he had tilled in an old sack on his back. Just as we were thinking of starting out to look for him to night about four o'clock he came home with a rooster guinea which sings properly in a bass voice. He had stayed up there to dinner and explored the country. When he got home we planted a few rows of spuds in the garden. Jonas came over to night to ask us if we could deliver him his hay in the morning, he also got some apples. To night we played kittle & go sick and then came in and kicked up such a rumpus that Fiddie couldn't go to sleep, and Enah got mad and said she wouldn't press Dick's pants in time for the dance, but she is pressing them now - and we weren't making much noise and Fiddie didn't want to go to sleep any way much. Supper told Dad to day that he killed his pup yesterday and intended to keep Fanny but she followed him down town to day and he ran over her with the wagon and killed her, he said she thought he would send Blake a funeral notice. A week or two ago the Dover Council

advertised for a cop. They got fifty something applicants
 some all the way from Calgary. They engaged a man from
 Hamilton who has been on duty before. Good man for
 the job. big, Scotch & total abstainer. He came to this
 morning. Now he is in bed at the Dominion sleeping
 off a drunk-fired. We're still Dover. It froze
 a little again last night and there has been a raw
 breeze to-day but it is much milder and looks rainy

Tuesday

Monday May 13th

Dad went over to Martin's this morning to try to telephone
 to Krompart and find out why he hasn't come down but
 as Charlie wasn't home so he didn't go in, he then went over
 to Quabury and as John was in better health than
 when I went to interview him Dad found out that he
 wanted about half a ton of any kind of hay. We pitched
 on a load for Jonas, he bought all that was left of the
 thrashed bluegrass before dinner. Dick rode home at
 noon as he had got about half an hour's leave of
 absence to tell us that the station agent wanted our
 manure spreader unloaded as it was holding the car
 so Dad & I had to go down after dinner. Dad asked
 the agent to say that we were to let Krompart

in Simcoe know as soon as the spreader arrived and he
 would come down and set it up at the station and we
 could haul it home from there, so he was naturally
 pretty hot at them for not coming. The men at the
 station were also getting into a state of rightful
 indignation - as their car had to be sent back to-
 morrow. As we were in our farm uniform we didn't
 want to go up town so Dad went up to the Norfolk
 House and telephoned Krompart. Wyatt Waddle was
 there and he told Dad that they understood Dad was
 going to take ^{the} thing off the car and they were to come to
 the farm to set it up, and that they would be down
 in a day or two. Dad went for him over the phone
 but of course that wasn't much satisfaction. We
 went home and took Jonas's hay down and put it off
 and then went down to the station with the rack to get
 the spreader as it was too wide for the wagon, with
 the aid of Truman Roadhouse and a couple of fishermen
 we got it loaded all right and were home soon after six
 to-night Dick and I went down to the dance but I got
 a headache from some uncertain cause and had to come home
 at twelve. Nice day but with rather a cold wind
 looks as if it might possibly rain to-night or so.

Wednesday May 14th

We took a small jag of hay down to John Lumber this morning on an improvised rack which Dad rigged up by laying boards across the wagon box, as we didn't want to unload the manure spreader off our rack. When we got back from there we took some posts back around by the side road and left them in places where the fence was down with the intention of coming back at a future date to repair the damage done by the good Friday wind. We also took some material and fixed the old gate going into the gully off the road. We found the cattle all out of the far end of the gully and in the blue grass field so when they came back while Dad went up with the wagon, they were all there but the Artful Dodger and he was nowhere to be found, so this afternoon Dad and I went back to look for him. We went into the woods and saw there had been a lot of cows in there and after a little search found our missing calf in John Wess McBeide's place in the corner of the fence where he had walked and finding he could go no further he stayed there we chased him into the gully to he left till called for while we went over to Clippie's to borrow his post auger, the consequence was of course that we didn't do a thing all the afternoon and didn't get home till about five or after

we saw everything on the place from his oat field down to the hay. We saw some things off his farm too such as Charlie Butts' colt which got an awful kick in the dots from its mother and Dave Lambkins white heifer which was on the road and which was worth fifty dollars but he sold it for forty five, also Art Walker who was rolling on his corn ground. We had a very entertaining afternoon and enjoyed it much better than digging post holes. Tonight I went down to band practice Dick with me. The adams Brown came up and entreated Walt to play "Way" down upon the Swanee River promising him some beer but Walt said he couldn't. I had one tried to impress upon us as a bit of good advice that "We could borrow from a thief but not from a liar." Weather about the same.

Thursday May 15th

Dad and I went back and fixed up most of the fence this morning. Mr. Ennis came along the side road and wanted to Dad to look at his horses teeth so Dad told him to come in at noon on his way back. He did and Dad floated them as the poor old horse's tongue was just about out in two. We also found when we got here at noon that Wyatt Waddle and his man Mr. Hillis were in the barn setting up the spreader. They got it.

all up and we took out a load before they left so they
 could show Dad how to run it. Joe & Ginger pulled it
 alone and a couple of times Ginger's whipple tree caught
 and she pulled it all alone. I went down to head practice
 I came very nearly staying there for awhile for we all got
 locked in. The door fastens on the out side with a large
 iron staple, the padlock is broken. The door was open and
 some one who was getting cold ordered it shut. Jack
 Smith kicked it to and the lock sprung over the staple
 and stayed there. Perce Brock tried desperately to open
 it but failing turned to John and told him frankly
 that he would be the first to satiate our appetites
 when we got ravenous, he then mounted the table under
 the window and proceeded to let ~~the~~ anybody
 who happened to be around (it was pouring rain) ~~to~~
 know of our fate. Perce remarked sorrowfully that
 it was the first time he had ever been behind the bars
 trying to get out. (The hand room is in the old lockup). Dick
 & Frank was the first to be alarmed by the pitiful
 cries but the hard hearted Jay refused to come saying
 he didn't know the combination on the door. However
 Walt McCall was soon aroused and he and some other
 fellows came up and released us. They say Long George

Long nearly committed suicide last night, it seems his
 wife put him on the Indian list, but Geordie got full
 and he & his wife were having a quarrel down by the dam
 when Geordie told her he was going to drown him self.
 She told him to give her his coat to hold for him, but I
 guess Geordie & water don't go well together for as far as she
 gotten his desperate and was to twist his legs well around the
 post and let go the railing with his hands, then go home. After
 he got there he was again seized with a mad desire to leave
 this unhappy world and left the house with a razor
 asserting that he was about to sever his carotid artery.
 Mrs Geordie gave him about an hour to perform the operation
 but upon investigation found him out side in a
 dormant condition that was disappointed to learn him
 snoring heavily and in perfect health. Cold all day, very
 cold before dark and poured rain all night with terrific
 thunder & vivid lightning. Dick and I stayed at Hubby's
 all night. I planted some onion seed to try it.

Friday May 16th

We didn't do any thing much to day. Dick & I got
 home before they had breakfast here but it was late
 when we went out and then Bill Donald came in to

talk about the spreader and before he left Allan Law
 rode in to have the walrus teeth pulled out of his sores
 for fear they would affect his eyesight. It was noon
 he left us. After dinner Bob Miller came in to get his
 and lamb and of course the sheep were surety to the
 Dab. wrote a letter to Auntie Alice while Bob & I
 after the sheep and then saddled Joe and I rode down
 town to post it. I was only gone about fifteen minutes.
 but when I got back we read the "Maple Leaf" after
 which we did chores. I went to bed soon after tea
 We let Harry & Bell out this afternoon. Fine but cool.

Saturday May 17th

I started first thing this morning and raked over
 about half the garden, it raked fine because the rain
 the other night had softened the loam. Dad fixed
 fence around the orchard to keep the sheep & calves
 again. Frank went down town to sell some duck eggs &
 the car tapper. This afternoon we all worked in the
 garden and have about all the small seeds in, onion
 carrot, beet, cabbage & peas a few beans. Allan Law
 was over to borrow the disks also John Wess came to get
 some stuff for his horse which has colic. We turned

the four calves in the orchard at noon. Lila came over
 to spend the day. Healy ran a nail in his foot yesterday
 and was unable to work to day. Evah took Liddums
 down to Mrs. Laws to get the butter this afternoon, there we
 another baby about Liddums' age there which he was
 greatly interested in until it began to "talk" when
 Liddums got badly frightened. Lovely warm day rain to night

Sunday May 18th

The boys went to Sunday school. The church late, different
 preachers. Dad rode Joe down to see Healy while we were at
 church, he went in to see the John Deere spreader on his way back.
 This afternoon Dick & I went for a drive with Joe, not far.
 Winnie & Lila came over this afternoon & stayed to tea.
 We let Bell, Ginger & Harry out to day and had a hard time catching
 the latter. Lovely day with a little shower at noon and rather cloudy

Monday May 19th

We hauled out manure to day but as we didn't get
 a very early start we only got out eleven loads, &
 most of it was dry clover chaff. The spreader works
 fine in spite of the fact that there are one or two nuts & keys
 missing from various parts of the gearing machine. Dad

found one large key on the road but was unable to locate the place where it was missing. Sam Law was over this morning to see about peeping the disks a little longer. Mrs. M. Bride was here to-day. This afternoon we were agreeably surprised to have a visit from Ed. & Melvin. Ed. came home on Saturday he has left his job in Braufford he is going back to the Falls for the summer. Tonight Dick and I printed pictures and had fairly good luck. Hubby sent word over by Ed. that Dad's still boat had saved his life on account of easing his injured foot. Dick says he only has one on - one steel & one leather one. It froze last night a gain but has been a nice day with cold breeze. Dick bought me a saddle & bridle to-day for six dollars he got them from Babbie Leany and says they are nearly new.

Tuesday May 20th

We got one less load out to-day than yesterday but I think we have good ground for excuse in the fact that it was so hard to load. A lot of it was dry clowes chaff burnt to powder. There was a layer of it just like a hoard when

had to be chopped up with an axe, we didn't get any earlier start either. Eric cut her eye half to-day some way, likely on barbed wire. Jonas came over to night to see if he could get some turkey or duck eggs or get to id. to plow his garden, he couldn't get any of the three so took the rhubarb roots out in the lawn. He was relating to us some of the heroic deeds performed by him in the past & United States, of how he headed a torch light procession and was so disguised by his uniform & medal that he was not recognized by his father, he also saved a young man's life from drowning and was rewarded by his boss the young man's father by a ten dollar bill & three weeks board free, another time he stopped a train wreck by his presence of mind and drew another ten dollars and a pass to go where ever he wanted to on the railroad & a chance to learn braking, he stayed at the job a week and one day when he was in a reckless mood (good mood for a train man) he boarded a train which was headed he didn't know where and was landed in Niagara Falls where he got acquainted with his wife, and in course of time drifted in the condition in which we now see him. Frank & I drove down town to night and took Jonas & his rhubarb roots home, and got the saddle & bridle.

from Bobbie Leary, they are roughly made, the 2 saddle being half covered and riveted but they are nearly new & I think are worth six dollars. When we got back we found Dad & Dick had gone down to the scotch manure works for Harry Ashley to minister to a cow which is not enjoying the best of health. His dog may rain soon.

Wednesday May 21st

It rained a little this morning and looked cloudy so we just did odd jobs. Dad took up some of the apples out of the cellar and drew off what cider was left in the barrel. I didn't do any thing much but take a walk around by the wheat & oat fields which are doing fine. This after noon we got the spreader into commission again and hauled out seven loads. The sled is nearly empty now. I fixed Dad's saddle up on the wall in the drive house and started to make one for mine between loads while Dad was out spreading. A big thunder storm blew up about tea time to night but it stopped raining long enough for me to go down to hand practice - but it more than pelted when Dick & I came home. Dick had to work to night. He got a telephone from who he thought was Ray referring to

his 24th of May visit but it after was as transpired to be Wiggins down at the drug store enjoying himself at Dick's ^{expense}.

Thursday May 22nd

It rained hard during the night so we couldn't do much - we made an ear trough for the west side of the old house and made the best of the 2 saddle ^{saddles} I started yesterday. Dad also opened some ditches out in the oat field. This after noon. Dad would have liked to have started plowing the corn ground but as there were several errands to do in town we we thought this would be a good time to go. We got some groceries and Dad got a chain for Deadweight and a ring for his nose. We took the way on wheel down for Butler to put the hands on as they were both broken. Dad was very pleased that Vipe saw him going down with the wheel and inquired after it as it was off "the best way on made" which he got from Vipe. We bought a little Giant sprayer from Skuby for ten dollars, they are no use as sprayers but have a good tank which was what Dad wanted to put out at the pump for watering stock, a good pair of wheels & a tongue besides a lot of old iron - Skuby is selling them for Jack Peine

Jack told him to sell the ten for \$100 and Haly has been selling them at \$10 apiece and he says fine called him up and gave him a great calling down. He wanted him to sell them all to one man, Haly told him was a fact and asked him what one man would want to buy 10 no-account sprayers. I went down to land practice to night, and got back after eleven. Nice day, but cloudy.

Friday May 23rd

I planted out some lettuce plants this morning and Dad & I got some rails and took them back in the way to the gully to repair the fence there, we also hauled up some for the house. About noon I drove down town with Dick Walsh as he was going to Toronto to night to stay till Monday night. Frank went down to see him off. After dinner Mr. Krompart drove in with a couple. Shupley & Mues agent who talked a little about windmill but didn't bother many. Mr. Krompart went over the sprayers & just a few mistakes in the setting up which the other fellows made the principal one being changing the double trees on the rear. The way they had it the single horse had the short end and so was pulling twice as much as the team. When they went Dad & I went and cobbled up the

gully fence and opened the gap so as to let the cows in the far end as the grass in there is getting rank. Frank says the old black & white cat has a large family on her hands now, but her hands are equipped with six or seven fingers each. Pear Fitz had part of her tail nearly cut off in the door to night. Dad was going to finish the job but forgot. It has been cloudy all day but quite cool. Old Key has succeeded in overthrowing the election on the school by law. He got ten illegal votes, his own son's among them and it seems every illegal vote no matter on which side it was polled counts against the majority.

Saturday May 24th

Dad started to plow the corn ground to day he plowed a headland all around the field this morning so as he wouldn't have to tramp on the clover at the north end of the field. This afternoon he got quite a strip plowed and sown over. I put in the day cutting lawn and it was awful. It hadn't been cut for over a week and all this rain together with a dull lawn mower wasn't a very good combination to make a satisfactory job. Frank worked around this morning and this afternoon went down to the creek to fish with the rest of the

in habitants of this part of the country, but I guess only
 drowned worms as he wasn't burdened with luck on his
 return. Winnie came over after dinner and I drove
 her home to night. Euk to Liddums down town and
 I shunted the buggy down to the side walk for her. Winnie
 went down & came back with her. To day at noon
 we placed a ring just below the septum nasi of
 D roadnaught. It has rained once or twice today and
 been cloudy & sunny & hot by turns.

Sunday May 25th

Frank went to Sunday school and church this morning
 but was the only member of the family who attended.
 Dad & I went up to Sam Thompson's to tell him we
 named D roadnaught and he will soon get the registration
 papers. We were up there quite awhile and it was after
 noon when we got back. This afternoon we put the
 saddle on Gings - and gave her a lesson, I didn't get on her
 because Dad says it is no use "breaking" her, she has to
 be "trained". Dad & Euk & Liddums drove out to Shand's field
 there was no body home. Lila & Frank went out after
 merrells but didn't get any. Nice day rather inclined
 to be cloudy, quite cool to night.

Monday May 26th

I spent the day cleaning up back of the wood shed
 and the east side of the old house and have it looking
 pretty decent now. I also cleaned out the gear case of
 the separator. Dad plowed all day and got a nice
 chunk done. Euk went down town about noon
 to buy wall paper and stayed for the afternoon.
 The stores were all closed to day instead of
 Saturday so the drug store was only open for a couple
 of hours. Dad & I had dinner alone. To night Frank
 and I drove down and met Dick. The old turkey
 that was sitting in the old house hatched out today.
 Dick got home safely and had a good time.
 Everyone was well in Dorab. Cloudy and cool
 all day.

Tuesday May 27.

Right after breakfast Dad went down to
 Sam Law's and got a roller and rolled
 down all he had plowed. The calves got
 out of the orchard and Dad and I got had
 a devil of a time getting them back in again.
 He hauled out one flood of manure.

In the afternoon it drizzled rain most of the time and we helped Mrs M Brole put down the carpet and paper Auntys rooms. They are working there yet. (9.15 pm). Cold miserable day. To Richard's then.

Wednesday May 28th

We hauled out eleven loads to-day one of them was pitched on yesterday. We are only going to haul a little more and then work up the corn ground. The old turkey which was sitting in the old house got out with her family to-day, there are nine of them and they all look lively. I went down to hand for a dance to-morrow night. Harry Moon was present for the first time in many weeks, I had begun to think he had been wiped off the map, but it looks more as if the map had been wiped of him or at least buried with whispers. He has some thing the matter with his face and can't shave. They have the Lucey gang about cinched now on the school board as Blight who was on Lucey's side has dropped out and that gives the other side the majority and they can elect any

man they like to take Blight's place before there was a dead lock. Gus Smith fell off a scaffold somewhere to-day and broke his shoulder or some thing I couldn't hear any details from any one but over heard Harry Moon saying some thing about it up in the band room which was so chock full of noise you couldn't drive a nail in it. Johnny Welker's mother old Mrs. O'Hara or Horkney died yesterday & to-day. It was quite mild this morning but there is a cold wind to night.

Thursday May 29th

We hauled out enough manure to-day to go over to the hickory nut tree which is as far as we are going to put corn in. We got along very slowly the first part of the day as we were getting it out of the old shed where the implements are and it took us about an hour to pass on a load, but we have it first about cleared out of there now and this after noon hauled five loads out of the barn yard, that is enough for awhile now. Lucey was over for awhile this morning. Fred & Carl Coleman were over this afternoon. I rode Ginger for the first time to night. Dad got on her first and rode her to the end of the lane, then I took her down to Sam Law's corner. We have

had the little saddle on her every night but one since Sunday, and she has behaved a little better each time. To night Dad. put his heavy saddle on her. There was another dance on to night but owing to "pecuniary liability" I spent a quiet evening at home. Dick worked till after mid night so did not feel in much humor to attend either Warner to-day.

Friday May 30th

Dad. plowed all day with Huggy & Belle, and I disked with Joe & Ginger as neither they ~~was~~ I are much account on either end of a plow. Dad. will finish plowing to-morrow if all's well and it won't take so long to work it up. Mr. Henderson & Ronald were down this morning for Dad. to have a look at their horse. To night Mr. & Mrs. Jim Waddle & the little girls came in and Jim & Dad. talked till about nine o'clock, before we had tea. Dick had work late again to-night. I had another little ride on Ginger to-night she turned in at the open gate into the corn field and also into Sam Law's lane, but other wise was pretty good. It has been cloudy most of the day and sprinkles a few drops now & then, a bit warmer to-day.

Saturday May 31st

Dad. plowed all day but is not quite done yet. I disked with the little team all morning but as Dad. saw he couldn't finish plowing to-day said I might as well not waste them this after noon but cut lawn which I did. He disked and harrowed over all he had plowed to-day before he turned out. Peg-Long & Bill Dunbar came over to day after Bob. Miller's hay which was to be part payment for Rogge. I helped them put it on and they took a good one. Jimmy Corbett was in at noon to get Dad. to go down to see his sick colt but Dad. declined the invitation on the grounds that he was too busy but told him what to do. Lila spent the after noon and night over here. Tid dums is growing a tooth now and is pretty cranky. Liza appeared to show an interest in ~~Johnny~~ to-night when he was out in his buggy but when Tid dums endeavored to get a strangle hold on her eye she ceased her attentions. Dick did not get home to-night, as this is the last day of the month I suppose he had to work. Cloudy this morning, clearing and developing into about the hottest day this month. We didn't put the saddle on Ginger to night. I have been barefooted most of the afternoon.

Sunday June 1st

The boys went to Sunday school & church & I went down to church. It began to rain soon after we got out so we went down to Hubby's ~~after~~ for dinner. Hubby was in his hare fat and had just finished hoeing his garden. Frank & I came home soon after dinner but Dad & I went up town. Dad & I went for a little ride to night. I rode Joe & Dad. Spinger. Mr. Fleming, Mr. Roy Bannister & Allan Low were over here to night. I saw Jim Blake down town this morning. It has been very hot to day with two heavy showers the last of which was to night.

Monday June 2nd

Dad. was greatly surprised this morning as he was going to the cow stable, to hear a strange whicker in the hare stable and upon investigation to find Belle the grand possessor of a colt full brother to Luem. He is a lively & strong little fellow and has been on his feet nearly all day. He is about the same color as Davy & has the same triangular spots on his face and he has two white feet both on the same side and his legs are so crooked as rams' horns. We heard

yester day that Johnnie Walker had been made take his horse off the dray on account of a sore neck which it had. and as we were very anxious to get the corn field finished and as the advent of Belle's colt has knocked the use of her, we drove down to see what arrangements we could make for getting Johnnie's horse. We met him just coming out and he said he wanted to get the horse out to pasture and that we could take him, but would have to be careful about working him or that "thing" by which he meant Aiken, I suppose would be jumping on him again. Aiken was the one who raised the row and it was nothing but a dirty piece of spite work. He didn't go to Johnnie himself but to Ellis Refersis who was driving for Johnnie as it was while Mrs. Walker was dead in the house, and told him to tell Johnnie to take the horse off. Ellis evidently thought there was enough trouble in the house so refrained from mentioning it. where upon Aiken tried to get out a summons against Jack, but Dad wouldn't issue one. Most people seem to think it a low down trick of Aiken's to bother Jack at such a time especially when it is none of his business anyway. Dad. went up and saw the old horse whose name is Joe and found he has a sore shoulder as well as a

sore neck but decided to bring him home and try to fix him up. We got a collar at the barn there for him and Dad put a short pad under it, and as the draught comes above the hump on his shoulder there is no weight on the row part at all. As long as we plow harness and disk with him there will be no weight on his neck so he promises to be just what we want. Dad plowed a couple of rounds with him & Harry before dinner and he says they make a dandy plow team and Joe never felt his shoulder in the least. He finished plowing that piece quite early in the afternoon and says he wouldn't have finished with Belle but this team doesn't feel the plow any more than a waggon. I spent about half the afternoon printing Dad's name on the cream can and there is room for improvement on the job at that. The other half I spent mowing the rest of the lawn. Mrs. M^r Bide was washing here all day. Dick had to work late to night but he and Frank both get a holiday to morrow as it is the ^{anniversary} ~~anniversary~~ of the King's birthday. They say the Polacks got on a tear last night and broke all the lamps in the park. It has been quite cold this afternoon. It looked this morning as if it would be hot but a wind got up at noon

Tuesday June 3rd
 Dad. went down with Joe & Ginger this morning and borrowed Nype's roller while I went out and disked with Joe Walker & Harry. Dad rolled the field and then harrowed. After dinner he went out with Joe Walker & Harry and disked. I played catch with Dick and hooked for about an hour and a half and then brought the little team out and Dad harrowed with them while I disked. She started to roll crosswise to night but didn't get half over it and Nype told him to bring the roller home to night - although when he got as far as Martin's field told him Nype had said they could have it in the morning. Dick spent the morning in bed & the afternoon down town playing ball. Frank cut weeds in the fore noon and went fishing up in the upper paddocks after noon but I guess his visit will soon be forgotten by the finny inhabitants of that spot as what few did happen to run into his hook, he did not seem worthy of transportation home so kindly returned them to their natural element. He has been hearing great tales of theangler's luck out at the trap and built on going out to-day but could find no one to accompany him. Jack & Ivey came over this afternoon to buy hay. Dad told him he could have the hay but

unless it rained we wouldn't be able to haul it, but they sent their team over and got a few fork fulls for to-night. We found one of the little turkeys nearly dead, this is hard weather on them. We were hoping it wouldn't rain but he said they had six thousand bushsters which needed rain badly. Jack Martin told Dad to night that the latest piece of dealment of Old Luby is to have Cousin Willie & Bob Miller disqualified as school trustees as Cousin Willie drew up the papers for transferring Mrs. Gordon's property over to the school and the school have thought brooms from Bayley & Miller some time. Both men I think have gone to dinner to see Kelly about it. and Dad went over to Martin's to night to remind Jack that Old Stinger has done carpenter work for the school and so should be put off too if it is legal. Mrs. Charlie Martin was the only one home so he left the message with her. They found out to-day that it wasn't the Palocks that committed the depredation in the park the other night. but a couple of pesky Yankers who are working at the fish shanties. Hugh McQueen & Aikens went down to arrest them to night. Hugh got one but Aikens chased the other one down the plank road and I don't know whether he caught him or not, they ought to run Aikens in

with them. It was pretty hot all day. A big thunder storm blew up late this afternoon and for awhile it looked as if we were in for a saucer but it only rained enough to chase us in off the field and then stopped.

Wednesday June 4th As Loby went to haul practice tonight or at least Wednesday and Thursday nights he is behind in writing this up as this is Friday night he finished working the corn ground Loby disced all day and I rolled it twice and harrowed it once we have it in first rate shape. Cold wind nearly all day.

Thursday June 5th

First thing after breakfast I went over where Bell was working at Luby's creek down his team while he came over here and marked our corn ground. he finished at noon. After dinner Loby went down and borrowed a plater from Mr. Fleming and we got more than half the field planted. There was quite a frost last night.

Friday June 1st he did not get out very early this morning, several interruptions before we got in the field and just as I was going to begin to plant Will Donald drove along and said, "Talk about talking." Loby went down to Alfreds to see if he could get a corn planter that would do better work than Mr. Fleming's, he got one but it was worse, he did not finish at noon there were still 13 rows to plant. I had to go to a raising at Frank Ryers, there were lots of men there and they had every thing done before seven o'clock, he had a grand lay out at tea and I came home with Mr. Fleming, Loby had finished the corn, and he & Frank had (the pens all ran out of ink so I am finishing this to-morrow night myself) the shares all done when Dad got home Jones came over to night & got a little field corn and a can of Golden Bantam to plant in his garden, he stayed a little while but as no body made any effort at carrying on a conversation he soon left. Jack Walker came after Dad to night as he was nicely in his first sleep about twelve o'clock to go down and see his new horse which

had colic or some thing and which was quite recovered when Dad arrived. Al. Faulkner & Charlie Long were both in attendance. Dick did not get home till late owing to surplus of labor. The woodsons all came yesterday after noon. It was hot all day and almost suffocating to night, looks like a big thunder storm.

Saturday June 2nd

Dad & I went down to Bruce's this morning but found that he & Mr. Ashbrow U.S. of Caledonia were up Mud. Street on a professional visit, so we drove up the town line till we met them and brought them up here to have a look at Dave & Chespy who have not been acting as we would like to see them lately. They were here to dinner and Mr. Ashbrow proved to be a very entertaining talker. This after noon Dad went down town and got his hair cut, which Frank went over and worked in John Trankley's of arden for him. I had a little in the garden here but spent most of the time hunting crows with Frank's rifle, although I had several good shots & failed to inflict any visible injury on the williams they have been preying upon the little turkeys and now will be at the corn field when an opportunity offers. I saw

them off with a bullet every time I saw them light this afternoon. Dick did not get home to tea again to night. It rained hard last night and this morning but cleared off and has been quite cool & windy to day.

Sunday June 7th

The boys went down to Sunday school and church. Dad (after a good deal of squirming) also attended the morning service, he tried to induce me to go but when I usefully offered to stay at home to take his place he couldn't very well get out of it. I cut a little wood watered the horses & fooled around. I went out once with the rifle in quest of crows but as none were in evidence in the vicinity of the cornfield I in my wrath sought to drive a bullet to the heart of the hickory nut tree, but owing to my unpractised marksmanship it escaped unscathed. Lila came over this afternoon and she and Hank went back to the gully armed with the rifle and returned this evening with a quantity of wild strawberries, which we were not aware of being developed into an edible condition. Dad, Enah & Tiddeums went down to the Woodson's till the latter grew into such a state of excitement which was

unequalled in magnitude & noise to any of his former vocal exercises, so much so that Dad. grew anxious about him and brought him home. I started to read Hamlet while they were gone. Dick spent this past meridian in town. Enah & I took in church to-night and we all had tea after we came home. It has been cold & raw wind all day again to day.

Monday June 8th

We were late this morning any way and before Dad got the team out Walt & Tom McCall with Dick & Ladd came in and their visit culminated in Dad. going back with them to see a colt of Walt's which just came this morning, they weren't gone very long, when Dad. refused to take five dollars from Walt. for just taking him down town & back in his auto mobile, Walt said he was glad to see him in such affluent circumstances financially but Dad told him that if he had a little pile the five would have added to it and persuaded him to accept it but as he was penniless that amount would only be tantamount to nothing, this was before he knew that Tom Abbott had been in while he was away and left a cream check for twenty five dollars for the month of May, which we don't consider had for three cows & two heifers one of

which (Cris) doesn't produce much more than a quart of milk. Dad started to plow the old garden before dinner we are going to put in potatoes, mangled turnips, these if all's well as it is such a loamy spot, he only got a few rounds done before dinner. At noon he got thinking about the little colt down town and as he knew that it wouldn't be properly looked after down there where there were so many around he thought he would like to have it over here as he hated to think of it dying, so he went over to the Martin's and telephoned Walt. and told him if the colt wasn't any better and she liked to bring it over here to do so, which he did about four o'clock. He, Bob Rankin & I suppose Jack Davis Yeager's man & the colt came over in the automobile - and Billy Loan led the mare over, she is the gentlest thing to handle & work around ever lived. They were here for quite awhile and gave the colt some refreshments they have to hold it up it is so weak that it is well apparently every other way and is willing enough get up but can only flounder around. Dad got up at midnight and fed it, he gave it some whisky & milk but it didn't like it much. This colt to gether with old Joe begins to make Barrett's farm look like an infirmary for afflicted

members of the equine race. This afternoon I used a few carrots stalks Dad yelled at me to tell me the cattle were in the clover on the north side of the gully. I went over with some wire & the pinchers had found the miscreants were John & Fred's calf, but one wasn't enough to put them back through the hole they got through so I left them & Dad & I put them back to night. Bob Rankin & Mrs. Rankin drove over to night to have Dad look at their horses feet which I guess are all right. N. Y. was over to say that our roller has come but is the wrong kind owing to a mistake of his in the order, and consequently will have to be shipped back. We didn't get through till very late to night. It froze last night and there has been a cold wind all day & it is cold to night.

Tuesday June 10th.

As soon as it got warm enough we got the mare & colt out of the box stall and put them in front of the drive house in the lane as she doesn't move more than ten feet away from it. This afternoon it got a little cold thus so we put it around between the drive house & barn. It shows great improvement to day. It can now stand up a little while by itself and has got up by itself a couple of times when

saw it and I don't know how many times besides, Walt, Mrs. M. Call, Tom & a couple of his pals were over this morning to see it. Dad finished plowing the old garden at noon & this afternoon I ditched it while Dad harrowed over the corn ground. This morning I went back and fixed the hole in the fence where the calves got through, & also cleaned up the lawn mower. We didn't get any word from Auntie today - and as she said in her last letter she would like to come home with Mrs. Batterby to night we didn't know whether to expect her or not. Frank went down to the station and met her as she did come to night. She went to Haly's for to night she had written Auntie & Maud a card yesterday but she had failed to let us know about it. It froze again last night - but has been a little warmer today, but snow was Dick went down to a surprise party at the Culpe's to night given for Ray who is leaving town in the near future.

Wednesday June 11th

Dad harrowed the old garden this morning but says it will have to be left till the sods dry out before we can work any more on it. Bob, Miller & Bill Dunbar were over talking to him for about an hour and bought Gauss for sixty two & a half dollars

Bob offered sixty & Dad asked sixty five they wont take him till the first of July when he will likely be worth seventy. I cut some wood and a little lawn. This afternoon I went over to Supper's to get him to come over and shear our sheep. I found him just finishing up his own. He came over about half past three or four and sheared three. Dad started on one and Supper finished it for him. He makes a very nice job of it and doesn't mind leaving a few nicks in the hide, we worked rather late but he said he would be back in the morning. The poor little colt died to night. We noticed when we brought her out this morning she wasn't nearly so lively as yesterday and she has just been getting weaker all day, and to tonight she just "gave out". I went down to band practice to night and told George Paulmaly about it. Walt was in Delhi and had not got home yet. The poor old mare feels pretty badly. It has been quite summery today.

Thursday June 12th

Supper came over before we had breakfast this morning and proceeded to shear the rest of the sheep, we chased them around into the laen so as we could catch them easily. He got through about eleven and as he

had his wool with him to take to market I went down
 in his rig with ours. We had 45½ lbs and at 15c
 - got \$9.19. Dad gets 1/3 of that. Frank gets 1/4 of what is left & I get
 the balance. Lupper beat us by a dollar and he only had
 six fleeces to our seven but his were big get sheep, he had
 fifty something pounds & got the same price. We took it
 down here to Penman's. Nye was working on Uncle Warr's
 side hill so I went to see him about the roller that is
 here for us but he says it isn't the right one. This afternoon
 Dad - buried the little colt and I worked a little in the yard.
 Mrs. Dead Bowly came in to see Siddams I guess and Aunt
 & Enah went down town Aunt stayed all night. Ada &
 Hubert Laurie were over for awhile. Hubert was just here
 for a day or so. About five o'clock Dad & I drove Belle out
 to Jim Waddles. I went down to hand practice to night
 and didn't get to bed till twelve. Dick came home with me
 his new suit came today. Pretty hot. breezy. Tom
 Law's automobile up set last night the other side of fence
 and nearly killed Harry Dyer and injured Tom. They thought
 at first that Dyer's back was broken but that report
 was contradicted later, but he is in pretty bad shape in bed.

Friday June 13th

Dad went down town this morning with the wagon
 and got five & a half finger shod. He also got Auntie Mandie
 re finger shod. I cut a little lawn and chored around
 till noon. About twelve Enah heard the fire bell, and
 I set out hat foot for town but when I got over behind
 Nye's I noticed the smoke over by Mrs. Munro's.
 I got there just as Al Faulkner, arrived on the bus
 with the bus & fire pails. It was the house I think that
 Bill Philips used to live in, but is now occupied by a
 fellow by the name of Smith and is owned by Person. They
 soon had the fire checked but not before it had burned down
 the kitchen and part of the roof. It was late when we
 got through dinner. Dad and I went down to the mill to get
 some flour & chop. Dad took some grist down this morning
 when we got home, he went out and charrrowed over the
 old garden, I didn't do any thing much as I felt lazy
 then a yellow dog. Mrs. Stey & Mrs. Battersby came over
 this afternoon. Auntie came over after noon she got a ride
 with old Lawset. Lila also came over to spend the night.
 Grant & I went down to the stump to night, the water was fine it
 was the first time in for me this year. It was very
 hot to day.

Saturday June 14th

We caught all the calves but Bobbie's when we fed them this morning. They have not been feeling very lively today. Bill Clark came over for a drink and visited for about half an hour. He is going to leave Jersey today. We cut potatoes most of the morning. This afternoon we got some ice and put in the refrigerator, it is melting a bit but seems all right in side. Frank went to a picnic this afternoon that Mrs. Guck was having for her Sunday School class. We did not get out in the field till about three and then Dad ploughed some furrows & plant potatoes in the old garden and we planted four rows. We planted bluehills early ones which he has been telling us ought to be planted for the last month. Two rows from the west side of the east section. Alfred came over while we were out there and paid a short visit. Dad & I had to go down town to night for some stuff. Lila went down with us. Supper went past today and told Dad he was going to begin road work on Tuesday.

Sunday June 15th

Frank went to Sunday school but Dick didn't get up in time; he, Dad & I drove down to church, Dad &

went in the chair. The Rev. Jarry, they brought about the Dominion Alliance and its efforts in trying to "abolish the bar." I walked home with Paul Lee Woodson & Dick stayed down and is not home yet (9.10 P.M.) This afternoon I read till I went to sleep, and then read again. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Faulkner were over, and Walt & Mrs. Call, Dave Wuddle, Powell M. Wintosh & Bill Davis came over. Walt said he would send over after his mare in the morning. Dad & Liddums went down to Alfred so missed all visitors. Enah intended to go to church to-night but Liddums woke up about that time so she stayed home. It has rained quite a few ^{times} today and has been sunny & hot in between.

Monday June 16th

Dad & I planted the rest of the potatoes this morning and went over to Sam Law's before dinner. This afternoon we moved the kitchen stove from the inside kitchen to the woodshed, we didn't have enough hands and the consequence was the base got broken and now the stove is supported by columns of brick, we then went out and planted three rows of mangels. We had a garden line which was too short and had to be stretched

twice in the same line. Dad had to make the mill with a stick and I shook the seed in with a can with a hole in the bottom, which worked all right. Tonight I went down to hand practice and got home just at twelve. Aunty went down and spent the evening with Mrs. Bumpas at Mrs. Skeep's. It was too late to wait for me so she came back alone. This has been about the hottest day we have had 90° in the shade & this. We are hearing a lot of talk now about the enormous amount of money the government & the railway are going to spend on harbor improvements. I found our poor black & white cat killed this morning in Joe's stall I suppose she has run up after a mouse and frightened Joe when she stepped on her. Frank has undertaken to raise her family for her but has a hard job making them drink. We heard yesterday that Harry Dyer was dead but I heard today that he was better yesterday.

Tuesday June 17th

Dad & I worked on the road all day, we took Harry's little Joe and the plow. Guppel, Mrs. Clemmings, Mr. Walker & Ben were all there with teams. They

plowed a ditch from the evening to the top of the gully on our side of the road and took the dirt and filled up the holes around the culvert and covered the stones that have been the source of many a cuss word coming from travellers mounting the hill. Of course there are a lot of bickers, that feel called upon to tell us that a worse mess couldn't be made than the job we are doing but they can't suggest a remedy. One fellow told us we might better be home in bed. Dad told him we would much rather be. Roy telephoned Dick today that Aunty Louisa died this morning so Aunty went down on the five train. Tonight I went down with Dick intending to go to Aunty Maude's & Oda's party at Mrs. Scofield's but when I found out that it was to be mostly coffee I thought I had better be in bed. The Woodson boys went down with us, and Dick did his best to persuade us to go up but they didn't want to go so we came home and Dick stayed and says he had a good time and saw an amount of dancing. Lewis treated the four of us to a dish of ice cream. Pretty warm but not so bad as yesterday.

Wednesday June 18th

We worked on the road all morning, as our time

was finished at noon by Dad & the team alone. Supper rewarded me with a dollar for my services, he said he knew I wasn't worth it but as it was a government job, it would let it go at that. This afternoon we planted a few more mangles and have another row to plant yet. To night we went down to hand concert, it was the first night we have been out this year and the first night I ever played in public. I guess I did as well as ever, but just about fell on the stand and was so stiff I could hardly walk home. Very much cooler and cloudier to day.

Thursday June 19th

I went out this morning and planted the rest of the mangle (one row). Dad ditched up the six sowed part to the garden and then started to plow the other half of the corn field for wheat. This afternoon I raked the garden and got a place ready to plant corn but only got one row of Golden Bantam in on account of rain. Dad plowed all the afternoon. Our corn is coming up very nicely except in a few hard spots which are as dry as bone. Dick came home tonight and we had some music to night. We had quite a thunder shower about noon and another about tea time. We needed them badly but they weren't enough.

Friday June 20th

Nype came over this morning and told us our roller was at the station. so Dad told him that we would go right down and get it and for him to wait for us to set it up. When we got there it proved to be a nine foot instead of an eight foot one which was ordered so Dad did not accept it. We went up by town to get some cream jars at the hardware store and around by the Spinks for Nype to inquire after Alex. who was taken sick last Monday night, and they have been afraid he would have to be operated upon. He is better this morning. I planted the rest of the corn when we got home and Dad went back to fix the gully fence where Fred's calf got into the field. I went over to the Quamby's in noon and got some tomato and cauliflower plants, but just as I got home it began to rain and poured all the afternoon. There were a few very close claps of thunder but I don't think anything around here was struck. The ground was just about flooded but it didn't take it long to run off & in. I read myself to sleep and slumbered till about five when I was out and we planted out the tomato & cauliflower. It is raining quietly again to night very hot this morning. Mr. Lamb brought us such a lovely bunch of peonys this morning.

Saturday June 21st

As it was too muddy for Dick to walk or ride his wheel (which was down town any way) I drove him down town as far as Mrs. Lawrence's. I didn't care to go any farther on account of my appearance. Frank & I bred out a few onions, Frank got quite a lot done, he is getting skilled at the job from his practice at the Quanhurys. Dad started to clean out the wood shed and we helped him a little. We also studied & levelled the separator. It took nearly all the after noon to the the wood shed - cleaned but it looks a lot better now. Frank went over to Mrs. Martin's with the cream and got eight more tomato plants from John to fill out the row. I put them out and helped him put out some Cabbage plants, he has sixty out now. He got another hatch of chickens over at Jack Martin's these are single combed ones to keep for ourselves, he also went over to Law's and got the butter. To night he and Dad. have driven down town after the mail & some groceries, as Dick did not come home to tea. Dad. wants to see Emery about a corn cultivator which I saw he had for sale this morning. It has been cool and cloudy all day.

Sunday June 22nd

The boys went down to church and Sunday school this morning but I went back to the gully for an hour or two instead and I guess was just as much benifited as if I had gone to church. I found a breach in the fence where I suppose John gets through into the alieks and patched it up as well as I could. I took a walk way up around by Robert John's and fell in with Edmond England coming from Iveys where he has three heifers pastured. While I was gone Dad. went down town and got Shuky and Lila to come over for dinner and see the farm. Win. came over after dinner. This after noon Harry & Mrs. Moon and Jack & Mrs. Walker came over. Harry spent about half an hour trying to take a picture of Queen & the colts, but Queen was too tame and wanted to examine the camera while the colts were a little shy and would get behind Belle. Then Old Harry seemed to think that it was his likeness which was wanted or else Epinger would take a run across the field and the rest would all be after her. At last however Johnny got Mrs. Walker's parrot and attracted their attention enough for Harry to get a couple. Dad. drove Shuky home soon after dinner and

I drove Enah, Win & Lela down and Enah, Win & I went to church. We overtook all the Woodsons but Lewis coming over here after church. When they left we had some sandwiches in place of tea which we missed. Lovely day sunny but not hot evel to night.

Monday June 23rd

Sam & Allan Law came over this morning & borrow our wagon, Lewis Woodson also came over with a scythe blade to be sharpened. I spent the day in clearing the bluegrass field of daisies and strawberries. There were some fat ones back there. When I went out this morning I had designs on a patch of daisy which we could see from here and which I thought I could garner in an hour or two but when I over there I found a lot more on the side hill, and they took me the most of the day, I pulled them, which took a good deal longer than to cut them as I had first intended, so I am not through yet with the patch I set out after. Dad plowed all day and at noon drove down to see Emory about his cultivator but Emory couldn't find the teeth for it then. Well I went down to night & had a practice and he told me he had gone out to his father's and found them put there

so I guess we will buy it. It was half past eleven when Dick and I got home. Pretty fairly hot.

Tuesday June 24th

I went back and harvested the remainder of my flower garden, and got through a little before noon, without feeling any regret at leaving. At noon Dad went down to Emory's and brought the cultivator home. I cut a little lawn while he was gone. As the trip down town delayed dinner we were late getting out and by the time we got Belle in and harnessed to put on the cultivator it was about three o'clock, but it was just as well for she was inclined to be pretty halcy and mad at six. Dad drove her up and down the field once when she balked and soon got her to behave fairly well, and got a nice start on the corn field. To night I worked in the garden till dark and then Hank and I went for a swim and got back about ten. Hank has just started his exams to day and appears to be very interested in them, he thinks he is asked in the subjects he had to day: Arithmetic, Spelling & Writing. I sat & sultry I have felt about half asleep all day. Dad's head ached and he felt pretty rotten about noon

Wednesday June 25th

As it showed symptoms this morning of being an extra hot day and as Belle's colt didn't seem very well this morning on account of being away from his white she was working yesterday, and because she cut up rather rusty yesterday. Dad went over to Tom Law's before break fast and harrowed old Ben. to cultivate our corn. Dad plowed all day with Harry & Joe Walker so I was sentenced to keep Ben and the cultivator in the straight and narrow way being between the corn rows. He went pretty well all morning and for awhile after dinner till I started to go crosswise; but then I couldn't do any thing with him, he did his best to step on every hill and wouldn't mind at all. Dad took him a couple of rounds or so while I plowed and said he went pretty well but I couldn't see any improvement. When Frank got home from school he rode him for awhile and things went better. To night Frank took him home and we decided not to cultivate any more till he got through with school, he is just having his exams now and tomorrow Friday is his last day. Frank's quince has started setting to-day. Pat.

Thursday June 26th

I worked in the garden all day, and got most of the weeds out but nothing else done. Dad plowed all day and finished the rest of the corn field for summer fallow. We all Waddell came in this afternoon with a duplicate of the broken casting on the manure spreader. Aunty came home to night. Dick met her and she stayed at Huber's all night. Dick started the other day to take music lessons from Miss Wimmers. Allan Law brought out way you have this morning. Very hot and sultry to-day.

Friday June 27th

It rained last night and the thunder which accompanied it was deafening. There was one clap that fairly shook Dad out of bed, and he went around shutting all the windows. When he got to ours I partly woke up but if it hadn't been for him I would never have known there was any thunder. It has been a very stifling day. It was about 90° in the shade and so muggy and wet we could hardly breathe. Dad plowed all day on the old corn stubble and nearly croaked with the heat and his uncomfortable foot wear. I planted

cut a few tomato plants which Frank found coming up from seed among the potatoes. I was to lay to do any thing else much. Aunty came over about noon. This afternoon I put on a bathing suit and hooked up Joe and took the buggy down here to the grist mill and gave it a good washing. Lila came over just as I was starting so got on a bathing suit and went down with me and I think enjoyed herself immensely, going right up under the dam and all over. I got well washed off by getting under the stream that overflowed from the flume but there was awful force to it. I went down at seven to night and attended the Methodist Anniversary festival with the rest of the band. Dad, Dick, Frank & Enamuel all there. Aunty & Lila took care of Liddams. We got home pretty fairly early and had a good time.

Saturday

Saturday June 28th

I plowed all day to day. Dad made three strike cuts yesterday and I turned them under leaving about three feet for Dad. to finish up on each land. I got around three strike cuts, and didn't do so very badly considering it was the first day

I had put in at the job never before plowing more than three or four rounds at a time. It seemed to go much better and I made a better looking job this morning than after dinner. I had old Harry and Joe Walker who made a pretty good team once they got started of but I generally had some trouble at the ends - as neither one of them much more than enough brains to make a square meal for a Cliffmunk. Dad took Belle out to cultivate but she - a little pretty mean so Frank came out to had her. She was still bad till Dad took her and Frank took the cultivator, when she worked like a charm and they continued operations all day in this manner but did not get quite over the field. About five o'clock the colts came up the lane and some way knocked down the bars into the field and took a race down the corn field and back, but we soon got them out. Aunty went down town to see Mrs. Robinson who I think is going away soon. They expected Quint home to night but he didn't come - but may be here yet for the first. Fairly warm but nothing like yesterday.

Sunday June 29th

We got up fairly early this morning and Dad drove Aunty up to the cemetery with some flowers before Sunday school. None of us went down to church except Frank, Hubert & Edith Lauril. came over with Aunty after church for the afternoon. I left at half past one as this was decoration day for the odd fellows and the band furnishes them with music for them. We had to march from the Dominion Hotel to the School house - and as it was the first march for me I didn't enjoy it much, what made it triply hard for me, I had no music harp for my horn so had to hold the music with half of one hand, play with half of the other and hold the horn with half of each so I couldn't do any thing properly. Then I got out of step about half a dozen times in every block and every body suggested hobbles or some other contrivance to keep my length of step at about a foot & a half instead of three feet. We rode up the hill back from the cemetery on Val. Lundy's dog with Johnnie Walker's team. We played a few old hymns up there and marched back from the school house to Harry Abraham's store to build Lang Syni. There is an great change for the better in the appearance of the cemetery

since Munroe has been looking after it. When I got home I found Mr. Blaikie here, his arm is badly crippled with rheumatism, he just came up for the first, was going to Alfred's to spend the night, - and to Simcoe to-morrow. There was great excitement up the Radnor road last night, as Art Williams was going home after midnight he saw George's Waldick's barn opposite Cory's place on fire, George wasn't home so he alarmed Sittinger's, they just nicely got it out when they saw a fire at Chart Woley's so they going over there, they saved the barn but the straw stack was burned. Next thing a blaze was noticed over at Johnnie King's, who being more unlucky than the other two lost his barn and all his implements. It was evident that this was the work of some man and for some reason I think they tracked him they suspect the fellow who lives at Cory's. I forgot his name - any way they had the house watched, but as Dad & Enah ~~that~~ were going to church to-night they were very much surprised to meet this same man walking leisurely along the road in front of this place. Dad informed Art Granbury and this led to Blagden, M. Gunn and Faulkner in Art's automobile starting in pursuit

and his recapture on the way to Renton. He deserves all he gets for being fool enough to keep to the road. Spordis Waldick and some other fellow were in her when Dad was at church to see him, about some veterinary business. Mr. Blackie and Alfred were also over. Fila stayed all night over here. Very hot for me to day, breezy and not extraordinary for other people.

Monday June 30th

I plowed a few rounds this morning but made such a mess of it that Dad took it and Frank and I cultivated corn. I led Belle and he held the cultivator. She went fine, we got over the rest of the corn cross wise and nearly half over it length wise. Tonight I went down to hand practice, Querty polished my horn up beautifully for me this afternoon she went down with me to see Quint if he came, but he didn't. Dick waited for the late train which did not get in till after eleven in hopes that Quint would be aboard but was disappointed. I saw Steffy to night. Mrs. Mc Bride was here this afternoon washing. It has been pretty hot all day but a nice breeze, awfully hot to night. Quite a few are into their hay now.

Tuesday July 1st

Dad went down to Lyses, and from there down town to get the roller, it came all right this time and they set it up at Lyses and left in there for the present. He had to stop in at Martin's on his way down to see this cow who got into the chicken coop - here the other night and filled up on every thing she could find and now is in a rather critical condition. Among other things I hosed some of the corn in the yard this morning and then Frank and I went to the stump and enjoyed a good swim. Frank went on down town with the lawn mower to have it sharpened, but I came home and had dinner as I had to be down town by one as the band started performing then, we played for awhile on the hand stand, and then went around town, they took us in to the three hotels and to Jake's. Jack Paine was very much in evidence on these occasions making all sorts of rash promises to the band, such as sending up a new set of instruments or anything else they wanted if each member would send him twenty five shell dog ammonia capons. At the lower hotel, they struck up "He's a jolly good fellow" and Jack and the rest of them down there danced and kicked up a row, till they got out

of wind and then he commenced to talk, but as they were waiting for us out side, we had to leave him much to his disgust, without all the good wine he had been promising us. I rode Frank's wheel home to tea and changed ^{my} ~~my~~ white pants as I thought I might take in the dance. We played our pile over in the park till the orchestra had to go in to the dance, by that time I didn't feel much like dancing so sat around with Egg Thompson & some other and came home early. Among the chief numbers on the list of sports ~~were~~ ^{were} a slow horse race which Hazen entered but was disqualified because his horse stopped and which ended in a ~~dispute~~ ^{dispute} as some thought that Dave Fields who came in last let his horse stop, but others said that it didn't stop for although it wasn't making any progress its feet were going. Another was a tug of war between Simon & Dover. The Dover end of the rope was supported by Hugh McQueen, Sandy Leitch etc. and walked right down the road with Simon, but it also ended with picking for some reason or other. Harry Morn yelled him self hoarse at that, an unadvertised sensation was created by the ~~arresting~~ ^{arresting} of a motor cyclist by Val. Leary. It seems the fellow

either through non control of his machine or whiskey or pure devilment or all three was ~~approaching~~ ^{approaching} the roads through the crowd at a very reckless and dangerous rate. He did stop at last and evidently objected to peacefully accompany Val to the cooler, so that getting fished him up, put him under his arm and carried him in out of the hot sun, I heard afterwards that Bond tried him and that he contributed nineteen dollars to the municipal treasury. A Simcoe man dropped dead over at the Dominion at noon, I suppose he collapsed with the heat, that didn't cause much excitement though as every body else felt the same way. It was almost unbearably hot especially under a coat that has been collecting the band round dirt for an unknown number of ages.

Wednesday July 2nd

Dad. plowed and Frank, Belle & I cultivated & cared all day. We finished the field ~~length~~ ^{length} wine and got up as far crosswise as where Frank & Dad began the other day. We are going to leave it that way for awhile now. To-night I went down to the regular weekly ~~sight~~ ^{sight} hand concert. Lila came over and spent

the night, she cut her lip quite badly inside by falling off Frank's wheel several times. It swelled up like a sick toad or we would not have known she hurt as she didn't feel it. Aunty went down town to-day and to-night Mrs & Miss Woodson came over to inquire after her as the cook through some delusion ^{on her part} had told them she fainted while going through their place this afternoon. It rained a few drops this morning and has been a most comfortable breezy day.

Thursday July 3rd

Neyse came in this morning with our ralles, he and Aikens were going out to haul in his hay. Dad had to go over to Martin's to see their cows and when he came back he got the mower out and cleaned it up I turned the grindstone while he sharpened some of the knives. Mrs. M. Pherson and her three angels came over to spend the day. I hope they enjoyed themselves, for then some body would have. Arthur would have if they had let him spend a little more time in the flacking box and flour tin. After dinner Dad took the mower back the other side of the gully and started on the half of the old wheat stubble, the other half

is in alicks. I went back with him till he cut a round ~~He~~ didn't quite finish the field to-night but has a couple or so hours more, he said none of it would be fit to take before tomorrow noon any way. When I came up I worked in the garden till six. Frank thinned out the carrots and Paris greened the potatoes. Dick got home to a to-night. Very batagant's day. As the rats have been taking a duck or two lately ~~Frank~~ has moved them ^{the ducks} out on the front lawn. They don't add to the beauty of the place any, but I guess no body in particular cares a cent. Dad had to go over to Martin's again to-night as the cow is in a worse condition, he poked a hole in her stomach and has created a spring of chicken feed with the above mentioned stomach as the source

Friday July 4th

Dad. Went back as early as he could, which was pretty late to finish mowing. I didn't do any thing much but start to make a rack for the beans to climb on, about ten I went back to shake up some of the hay which Dad cut yesterday but mowed in stead Dad. went to shake up the hay but found there was not enough of it to make it necessary so went

over and visited with John Wess M^r: Brice who while cultivating corn was taking things as coolly as possible. Some men were there putting a new roof on his barn and he was not at all satisfied with it. We finished mowing about noon. When we got to the house we found Hubby there with a horse and buggy out electing. This was the day they voted on the law to fix the canning factories taxes. but every body had forgotten about it. even the canners themselves. We got told them he had forgotten and had been thinking it was the twelfth, and telling people that was the date. Hubby stayed to dinner and Dad & Aunty drove down after war as with Joe. which Hubby went after Uncle Ward & Cathers. Win came over with him but went home with Edith who also came over as she pretended to be scared of the horse which ran away several times so Hubby said. Mrs. M^r: Brice came this morning to paper our room and Frank has been helping her all day. It rained all the after noon so I didn't do any thing much. Dad cleaned out the cellar and I helped a little break the sprouts of some ~~potatoes~~ potatoes. Mrs. M^r: Brice & Frank finished the room to night all but the larder on one side which they didn't have enough

Bill Dunbar and some other fellow came after poor old Gaurus this morning they led him down and although he was quiet enough they had a little time with him as he didn't know what being tied up meant. After dinner both the Dr. Burts. from Simcoe came in to see Dad. They had come down to look at Martin's cow but she was just about dead she died soon after. Dick didn't come home till late but hadn't heard how the election went.

Saturday July 5th.

I drove Dick down this morning as the roads were too muddy for him to ride or walk. He got me the rest of the roll of hards and a few other things to bring home. Martins were just about to inter the remains of their cow when I came home and were evidently waiting for Dad to come and hold a post mortem as he told them he wanted to yesterday, he went over but said it was too long after her death to make any observations. He and Frank then went down to the mill with some grain for chop. I tied hinder twine to gether to make a trelles for the horse to climb on. This after noon I just worked around the garden. Frank planted out another row of cabbages & Dad cut weeds around here

and put up the other piece of larder. Auntie went down town this afternoon but came back to tea. After tea Dad. and I drove down town I tried to get some coars salt but couldn't but got some chlorophyll for Frank's butter fly. I then went over to the dance - and put in a very miserable time as no body would dance or have anything to do with me. Dick was there and never missed a dance. It rained hard last night but ~~there has~~ and has been pretty hot all day although there was a very nice cool breeze off the lake this afternoon.

Sunday July 6th

Dad. & Frank did all the chores this morning as I didn't get up very early. Auntie & Frank went down to Sunday school and Dick and I went to church. This afternoon Dad. Enah, Auntie and Siddams went out to the Skandia and stayed to tea. We did Charlie. Dick spent the afternoon down town in swimming. Frank went back to the gully ~~and~~ I tried to draw a picture but didn't make much of a job of it. So night the boys fed the little ducks some whispy soaked grain and they got horny eyed towards them could hardly walk and would roll over & over. It has been cool & quite windy all day. It rained a short time this afternoon.

Monday July 7th

This was Dad's birth day so we didn't get a very early start although we never do any other day either. Dad. went over and raked up the hay he cut and finished at noon I went back with him and started to cock up. Frank had to take a consignment of sick little chickens over to Jack Martin to have their case diagnosed, he pronounced it chicken pox and orderd them to be quarantined, fumigated, disinfected, vaccinated and about half a dozen other things when he got back he came and cocked up two. This afternoon we took the wagon back and put on a load. It took us nearly two hours as the the hay was very loose & short and the wind was very strong. Frank went a head of us and bunched it out of the windrow, Dad. pitched on & I headed or piled it on the rack. We cocked up a little before we came up with the load. Auntie Maude, Win and Lila came over to night to wish Dad a happy birth day. I went down to band practice and got home soon after eleven. It has been very cool and a strong wind all day.

Tuesday July 8th

We cocked up all morning and finished about noon all but about one load in the north west corner

we then all went over to John West, Mr. Birds to get some information regarding slings, as Dad. never used them before. We found out all we wanted to and he gave us an ash board to make the uprights which held on the rack. We were over there quite awhile and didn't get back till after one so by the time we had dinner did chares and pitched off the load on the rack it was pretty late. It looked a little like rain so we went out and got the load that was in wind row instead of rigging the slings. We could not take it quite all in one load but it didn't rain anyway. Frank lunched it all up, so we to make it easier to pitch on. I loaded it again and it didn't upset. It was after six by the time we got up with it. Winnie came over this afternoon and stayed all night. Lila went home. Very nice cool day and not so windy.

Wednesday July 9th

We spent the whole morning in fixing the sling rigging on the rack and oiling the pulleys and making general preparation for getting in the rest of our hay. We also put off the load by hand which was on the rack. We got a good start after dinner, but as it was the first time we had ever had the sling ropes together

with, we didn't get on extra fast, but we got it off with out any trouble as the slings worked fine. We went back and got about half a load on when a very heavy thunder storm blew up and we all got soaked to the skin. It didn't last long as we left the field as soon as it began and it had nearly stopped when we got to the barn. We had a hard time coming up the hill as it was too slippery for the horses. Old Harry fell right down once on his nose - and they both came down on their knees two or three times, but I don't think either of them sustained any serious injuries. Lila came over after dinner and came out to the field with us, so got soaked with the rest of us. Dad took down a panel of the barnyard fence when he drove the team through into the field with the sling ropes as had to take the horses out of the field, he put Belle & her colt in the horse stall and turned Ginger & Queen back the lane in fear & trembling lest they should get into the barbed wire, and to night before tea we noticed Queen in the pasture field and on inquiry Dad. found she had jumped the lane fence, and had a few scratches on her but otherwise was not hurt. Ginger was all right. I went down to hand practice concert to night. Dad & Frank drove me down but I was late. I

just missed the first piece I came home with Dad very cool and breezy. They got their smoke-stack up to night at the canning factory.

Thursday July 10th

Frank and I cultivated corn all day, we started to go twice in a row but made such little headway that we knew we wouldn't get over all of it so went once in a row. We also went up between the potatoeraws, they are coming slowly but the grass is bad in them and they need hoeing. I am afraid our mangle crop is a failure, it looks as if the seed was no good. Dad started to cut the new meadow this side of the gully where the wheat was last year, he only started to cut a ~~the~~ part of it which was west of the old garden but didn't get it quite done. One of the sections on the blade got loose this morning and he was delayed quite awhile fixing it, then at noon we sharpened the other knife. Lila has spent the whole day going back and forth from the house to the fields, watching her chance to drive the horses or hold the cultivator, she wanted to go home to night as to-morrow is her music lesson day. but Auntie thought she would be too tired so

persuaded her to stay. Auntie and I went over to the Woodson's to-night and spent a very enjoyable evening. Most of the family were out in the kitchen assisting the cook to entertain her two gentlemen callers, who were a Mexican who Paul Lee says is the Ingsam's cook and a negro dwarf from Simcoe, they had a banjo or some instrument but were stiff struck before so large an audience. We got home about half past ten and every one was in bed. Dick stayed down late to the dance to-night and for got to put the light out when he got home. I discovered to-day that my big knife was gone out of my overalls pocket and I am afraid I have lost it in the load of hay, which means that it is gone forever, it was a dandy too. Very cool all day cold to-night.

Friday July 11th

Lila went home when Dick went to the bank, Harry, Toby and Frank drew in two loads of hay in the morning and unloaded them with the string, it worked beautifully it was a lovely day to work "clear and cool" in the afternoon they raked the hay that was cut and put ^{up} it in cock, they were quite late coming in from the fields, and we were very late having tea

Hattie had a long visit from Mr. Saw, who brought the butter. Before tea I went over to see Mr. Batterby and Ethel, Hattie took the baby out for a little while. Dick came home to tea he wrote to Ferdie Wiser and went to bed very early. Harry and Hattie drove out to the Harvey Sheds in the evening -

Saturday July 12th -

It began to rain this morning before the boys got out in the field, and rained heavily nearly all the forenoon. They were very disappointed that so much hay was out, but they were busy all the morning with the mowers, sleds and cuds which are left waiting for a rainy day. Harry helped us with one or two bits of work in the house, while the two boys began to tidy the drive house, he then went to help them at that, they got it finished and Frank cleaned his chickens house. I made a mistake in saying the rain began before they went to

work, it looked very like rain early this morning, but it was cool and windy, so Harry and the boys did go out and raked up more of the hay, hoping to draw more in today, but the rain came on and drove them in. After dinner I drove Gual down town (Dick did not come home to tea, he is staying over for the dance - We heard from Roy, he said Jess was coming to the Woodson's tonight - Since tea I and Frank have been for a bath at the Mill. This is Cousin Gole's birthday, Gual went to see her, and took her some cream -

Sunday July 13th

Auntie and the boys went down to Sunday school and I met them at church. Auntie stayed down at Miss Ballership's for dinner, she came over to night with Lila. Dick went down to the lake this afternoon and didn't get back till about eight o'clock. Dad, Frank and I took a drive after dinner. We went out to the Winding Hills east to Black Creek. South to the Dagniest and up this road home. We were pleased to note that the other neighbors are not much farther ahead than we are and their crops except the wheat are not much better than ours

I didn't feel very husky this afternoon, I guess I haven't had enough sleep lately. Nice day, but windy.

Wednesday July 16th

We got up extra early this morning in order to get in a good day hauling hay, we got out soon after seven to unload the load standing on the barn floor. While Dad and I were in the field after a load Frank took the pulley and ropes down out of the barn so we want to fill up our horse stable now with the hay we are now hauling in. Dad had to change the car from one track to another when we came in and that took half an hour, then we found our slings wouldn't work there the first left nearly knocked the old ventilator chute over, there was one would hardly go in the doors and the hay all dropped out by the last one for some unknown reason we got the fall to left what had dropped but it would not work in the short blue grass, I took us about two hours to get them which was rather discouraging, we got in one more load before noon and two this afternoon, they went off all right but we didn't put on nearly as big ones. We quit on time as this was the night of Dad's party out at the Shands and we had to have the hay rack to carry

them all. One of the Miss Shands drove in this afternoon and took Enah and Liddams out, they will stay all night as Liddams wouldn't go very well with the load. There were twenty two of us on the rack and lots of room, besides all the crowd at the Woodson's there were Mrs. Shalbes and Miss Preet. Aunty Maude and Lida Ada, Miss Beemer and Edith Lauricy, Dad, Aunty and we three boys made a nice load. There was quite a bunch out there consisting of Shands and relations of Shands, Mr. & Mrs. Nixon and very sleepy even from Reinton and a Mr. Stare with his mother, who is as sister of Miss Shands came all the way from Jarvis. Mr. Stare had his clarinet with him and also his violin, but he wouldn't play the latter after he had heard Miss Preet. He is the leader of the Jarvis Band which first started this year. I had to miss the band concert to night. We had music of every description and a good time. We didn't leave till after mid-night and it was about half past two when we got all the passengers delivered at their different places of abode and got home and the horses put away. I was dead sleepy. We didn't see a living creature down town but Mrs. Shalbes was stalking up and down like a ghost past the Lank waiting anxiously for his family

A fierce cat fight some where in the neighborhood of Billy Frank's cottages made us aware that Dover was not completely enveloped in slumber. Winnie was to water food to-day with the other Miss Beemer, she will be in a very joyful state of mind as she passes entrance with honors. Poor Lela failed and feels badly although nobody would blame it from her but anxious. Nice, cool breezy day, cloudy to night and sprinkling a few drops of rain when we got home.

Thursday July 17th

Dad. got up a little later than usual this morning slept till after seven and Frank spent the best part of the morning in bed, but it had rained quite a spatter so we couldn't do much in the field. We just pattered around. Dad. worked a little in the garden and cut some of the grass and all the young plum trees on the front lawn and some of the thickets in the plum orchard. I mowed lawn. This afternoon Dad. went back and started in to beat the alikes. I cut more lawn and thinned some mions while Frank scythed thistles. About five I went back and cut alikes till dark while Dad. came up and did chores and had to. He had been having a hard time with it clogging up

the knife, as it was wet and a lot of stuff in the litter and had just as had a time for awhile but it got better. Dad. Dick and Frank all came back when it got pretty dark and Dad. thought we could finish it to night, but decided that we had better leave it till morning. It was about half past nine when we got up to the house. The Miss Shands drove Enah and Giddams home this afternoon. Giddams was tickled nearly to busting at getting back home again. Damp and muggy drizzle nearly all morning.

Friday July 18

Dad. went back this morning to finish cutting the alikes. Frank and I went out to cock up the rest of the hay in windrow, but found it too wet so just turned it out and went over to the alikes field. Dad. told us to go up and get the rack ready to put on a load, so we went up and threw off the hay which was left on from the night of the party and put on the ladders and shiny standards. Dad. came up just as we got about through. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Dyer with Nancy drove in about this time. and Harry was chattering with Dad. about his bits on St. George St. Dad. told him he could have the two for \$6.00 but he wouldn't sell one separate. Harry said he would decide and let Dick.

know to-morrow. We went out and got one load before dinner. Mr. Lamb came over to see if he could get some hay. Dad said he would send a couple of men and a team & wagon over he could get a load but we didn't have time to haul it, as he said he would. This afternoon we got another load in and unloaded and then went out to cover up the rest of the wind rows. One of the little black kittens followed us out and caught a very young mouse and gobbled it. We didn't get quite through before tea, so Dad went out after tea and worked at it till nearly ten and still left some. Frank and I drove down town after tea as Dick didn't come home and Frank wanted to see the Maple Tree to know his fate as to whether he passed his exams. although he made it seem as though getting the wheel were the real object of our trip. The wheel wasn't done so we went down to Shuky's to see the paper, he was very disappointed that to find his name among the successful candidates as he was pretty confident he had passed. Poor old Jim Loo was killed to-day by Dave Turner's engine. He was crazy with drink and as near as we know he jumped in front of the engine before Dave could stop for him, the engine threw him and I think fractured his skull. He died an hour or two afterwards without becoming conscious.

Aunt, Ernie & Liddums went visiting this afternoon at the Johnsons and Martins, Aunt went over to Mrs. McBeide to find out why Frank didn't come to pick Cherie but no one was home. Dick didn't get home till after midnight as he went up to Mrs. Scottfield where Ada and the rest were having a dance. Pretty warm to-day.

Saturday July 19th

Dad went out early as soon as he got up and cracked up the alicks, he finished about eight. I got the cows and milked. While Dad was having his breakfast Sney's men came and got a load of hay out of the field, after we had cracked up the hay which Dad didn't finish last night. We went over and started to bunch the alicks, it was pretty dry but did not seem to be shelling out much. It was about ten o'clock when we went out and as we had quite a lot done by noon, we took the car & back with us after dinner and when we finished bunching the alicks put on a load of the old flower weed hay. It was six when we got it on. When we came up Mrs. McBeide was here picking cherries. Frank has run away again, they haven't seen him since Wednesday morning, there's a search party composed of Jane on the look out for him now.

Auntie went down this afternoon to stay all night. Frank wanted me to go for a swim to night but it was too late. While I was milking this morning one of the little black bittern crawled up the edge of the pail I had filled and fell in. I patted her out as soon as I could but was a little doubtful about using the cream from that pail. However we did separate it into a separate dish as we thought there was lots worse things than bittern often coming in contact with cream, and the separator is supposed to take all dirt out of the milking way. The alkali hadk there is full of pests. Dad got stung over the eye while he was raking and his face is so swollen up that I believe he would scare some people at first glance for that side of his face is exactly like poor old Simpy Jim's. Windy and cool looking.

Sunday July 20th

The boys went down to church and Sunday school but I went for a swim instead. I went in down below Swanbury's as Chris told me there was a good place. There is a good bathon and you can wade out a long way. Dad went off without any dinner to take Muby to Jim Low's funeral. It was private but they didn't know it and so were the only ones at it. They didn't get home till late as Muby was

to go down and see the canning factory's corn fields at King's and also Mrs. Bill Oakes to see if she would come and pick cherries. Dad says their corn fields is only a few inches high. About four o'clock I dressed up and went down town. I intended to get a film for my camera but was too late so didn't go up town. Dad drove Enah and Liddums down when he went home and we all stayed at Koby's to tea. Auntie kept Liddums while Enah and Auntie Maud went to church. I went to church and expected to hear the choir boys sing as they were there this morning but they didn't show up, there was a big crowd there expecting them, they are camping down here and got fashy around so could get dressed in time to get to church. Instead we had a little shrimp of a lay reader from Vittoria who chewed the rag about something or other which was supposed to be a sermon for about three quarters of an hour. After church Dad drove Enah, Liddums & Auntie home, I started to walk the same time they did and he at them. They met the Baulhys with Louise in an automobile on their way home, she expects to be down some time this week. This day threatening, and rained quite a shower before tea.

Monday July 21st

I started to cut the timothy this morning but made

so little progress and because so exasperated at old Harry & Joe Walker who were pulling the machine for me that I had turn the job over to Dad. They were driven nearly wild by the flies but that wasn't my fault. Old Joe would walk leisurely along next the standing grass and stop now and then to munch timothy heads or hit a fly while old Harry at the same time would get a fly chewing him and as he seemed to be of the opinion that he could run out from under the flegs if he went fast enough he would wear lasting leg rip things, however Dad trap them and finished the piece soon after six to night. Frank and I cultivated corn all day we got it done lengthwise from where we left off the other day and cross wise up to the Hickory nut tree from the road. Sam Law came over and harrowed ear spreader this morning and spread all their pile which they had had in the field they are going to put wheat on. All an brought it back to night and said they had lost the crank to wind back the apron Clark Matthews brought Teddy over to practice this afternoon. He saw Dad yesterday and told him he hadn't a care in the world except his wife a white cat and Teddy, who according to his own assertion knew

as much as a man. He is going for a long trip to the coast I think, and is taking his wife with him. I don't know what will become of the white cat and he wanted to know if Teddy could come over here, so Dad told him if it wouldn't add to his care in stead of lessen it to have him surrounded by barbed wire fences in a very bad state of repair, Teddy might come over and stay with our colts for awhile. Jean and Adelenah came over this afternoon to stay for a few days. Tonight I went down to band practice, there were only a few of us there as Harry Graham was having a dance over in the pavillion. Walt had some new music there which proved very unpopular and punk. Aunty went down town with me to stay all night, and Dick went to the dance. Cool

Tuesday July 22nd

Dad raked up the hay he cut yesterday first thing I had potatoes till he got enough to start cooking up then went at that. Frank also started but it got too heavy for him so he had some more potatoes. The hay is mostly pretty thin it is not so bad at this end but up at the other end of the field the cocks are few and far between. It is pretty fair hay blue grass & timothy except in

the low holes which Dad. didn't rake. we didn't get finished to night. This afternoon every body but Dad and I went to the Sunday school picnic. Enah got home without eight, and Frank & the girls about half past nine. Minnie who got home from Waterford to day came over with them. Dad. & I quit at five o'clock so a Dad could go to the mill for a bag of flour. just as we were coming up we noticed two men departing in an automobile we supposed it was Walt W. Calk, who ever it was left two cigars behind on the gate post. Frank M. Reed was over this morning to pick black currants but there were none ripe. Isaac Johnston drove a couple over at noon who had a little spaniel with a split toe nail which they had brought over to Dad for advice as to treating Dick I guess is walking to night. Cool and windy

Wednesday July 23rd

Dad. and I went out this morning and finished working up the timothy, we then came in and threw off the load of clover and weeds that was on the rack by hand as we put it over at the barn for the sheep and didn't want to change our car for one load. We went out and got one load before dinner. After dinner we unloaded

it and got two more unloaded, one of our sling ropes broke in the middle loop, on the last load but we couldn't have got another in to night any way. Lila went up in the mow with Frank to night and while running around up there she stepped on a fork full of hay which was lying just over the top of the chute, the hay was loose and she took a drop of about sixteen feet to the cement floor with about a half a forkfull of hay under her which likely came down with her, she cut her tongue and scrapped both thighs a little but was not hurt seriously, its a wonder she wasn't killed. I went down to band concert to night. it was raining a little when I went down and they didn't start playing till a while after eight. Lanier came to night. so I stayed down at Hubby's till I heard them start so was late. It was raining so hard when I started home that I went down to Hubby's and stayed all night. Dick came to the window soon after I got in to bed and said he was going to stay so came around to the back door and crawled in with me. I took the sling ropes in to Jim Bannister to night and he said he would splint it. I saw Vyas sitting out on his veranda and he seems to be in pretty bad shape. he says he is not going to try to do anything for a month. Betty Woodson came over to day and the girls all went back to the woods with a bottle of hard cider which may account for Lila's conduct. Cool and windy

190 Thursday July 24th (mistake)

Dick and I both got up about six this morning. Dick went around by town to post a letter and I went home I went through Martins and got soaked on the long grass Dick had me home. Heby didn't have to go to work this morning as they laid the whole gang off last night on account of some unbusiness like bungle, so none of the house holders up. Aunty came out just as I was leaving to wish me a happy birthday for it is just eighteen years ago today that I first squeaked. Dad & Frank had the chores nearly done when I got home, I got all sort of presents from every body. Dad found my knife the other day that I thought I had lost in the hay, it was not hurt much. Dick did not hear about it till this morning and had brought me a new one but he exchanged it for a needle. Before he told me. After breakfast this morning I drove down to bring Aunty and Louise over. Louise was not ready so I took Win. up town to get a play of to hacca for Dad. Before we got back we met Aunty six or seven way up town so we drove her up to get a tin of oil to replace the one the Sunday school lost for so she also got some ice cream but forgot about it till to night and then it was in a rather mushy condition. Before dinner we ran the binders out of the

wood shed and this after noon Dad started to cut wheat he only got a few rounds but it will be a good start for to morrow. Dick did not get home till late to night he said the cannery factory gang had gone to work again about nine o'clock all except Fuly & Bill Claker who had gone fishing up to Doan's. Louise and Aunty went back to Shelby's to night. After tea Mess Mrs. Bob Rankin drove over to have Dad look at their horse who has a few pimples on it in various places that this morning but cooler this after noon.

Friday July 25th

We got a pretty early start this morning and finished the wheat field at just six to night. Dad cut all day and is nearly shaken to pieces from dropping into the white ho. Frank and I shocked up, and we each took one side & one end so by this means we got up with the binders. Jean came out this after noon and helped us for awhile, its a pretty slim crop but won't take long to handle. Louise and Frank went down town after tea to night. It has been a very nice day

Saturday July 26th

We hauled hay to day, but only got ~~ide~~ four loads, we were unloading with the hay fork - as the loft is getting too full for the slings to work well. I went down town to night to get my hair cut. Dad. drove me down and I got a ride home with Yupper and Jonas, Avery and Louise stayed here all night so Frank and I slept out in the hay. Dick stayed down to the dance and did not get home till late. He got word to day that he would have a raise of fifty dollars in his salary. Lovely day.

Sunday July 27th

I rode Auntie, Jean & Adelinea down right after breakfast - and they wanted to be down in time to get ready for Sunday school. I started to get ready for church but couldn't get a necktie that would slip through my collar before I got mad so just drove Enab & Louise down and waited for them at Hubby's. I tied Joe in front of the gate. Dave, Waddie and Harry Batterahy came - and stayed most of the time I was there. This afternoon Frank and I went down to get the saw to go up creek. Hubby had just let a couple of the Polacks

have it but he whistled for them and they brought it back, Winnie and Lila went up with us, we went up nearly as far as we could and did not get back in time for me to get ready for church. Dick went to church to night as he slept till too late to go this morning. Mr. Lawrie and Edith came over and spent the afternoon Dad. drove Mr. Lawrie over to see John Wier Mr. ~~Pride~~ but he was not at home so they Mr. Blairie who is helping John Wier this summer. It has been very hot and sultry all day and to night wound up in a terrific thunder storm. The rain started with the worst crash of thunder I ever heard and the only one that ever made me cringe, it rained very hard but I don't think it lasted long.

Monday July 28th

Owing to the rain last night we were un able to do any thing with the hay, so I drove Auntie and Dick down town this morning and got Joe's shoes set. of course it took Butler nearly all the morning but I looked at "The Literary Digest" and listened to Jack Spain talk when I wasn't holding Joe. I had to give her one small licking because she teased Butler too

much, I went over to Billy Langs while I was there and got a sack of hinder twine to be ready for cutting the oats. Aunty came back home with me. Lila is sick to day and put in a very bad night of it, Muly is still not working, they are having a meeting of the share-holders at the canning factory this morning down on the hand stand. When we got home about noon Dad & Frank were straightening up the wheat sheaves that were down. They had fixed up the hay in the barn ready to put the alkali in. Dad nearly killed himself while he was trying to tighten up the track in the barn. He had the big monkey wrench and couldn't barely reach to get it on the nut while working with it, it fell and struck him in the eye with a force which knocked him down and nearly stunned him, it left him with a head ache for the rest of the day. This afternoon, he and I went out to finish straightening up the wheat. we didn't bother with the thistle sheaves, we went down to see Alfred for awhile who was cutting grass along the fence in his wheat stubble across the road. We saw that Mr. Fleming was hauling alkali through it with a pit. He has a lot more dead ripe to cut and his oats ought to be cut so we went so very far behind him.

Frank went over to Martins this afternoon and got some more chickens, he also returned Sam Law's hinder twine. I had an attack of the blues to day - caused I think from seeing the garden and lawn in such an eye sore state, but we got about half an hour's pulling weeds in the garden this evening so I felt a little better. To night I drove Louise up to Mr. Frank Kowalski's. she would probably have had to walk from Lynn Valley there if I had not. It was after six when we left and I got back about nine, in time to go to band practice. Dad and Frank brought my horse down town and took Joe home, I stopped in at the Smyth's on my way home but Dad was having a swim. I saw signs of the new railroad for the first time. It has been very hot to day and tonight.

Tuesday July 29th

We hauled in hay all day but only got in four loads. Dad & Enah went down to the church concert to night and Aunty stayed here to mind Lila's twins. Frank and I worked in the garden till after dark and to night I am so dead sleepy I can hardly hold my head up. Very hot to day.