

to 110°. I don't know whether it cooked all the chickens or not. It couldn't have been that way very long because I looked at it as noon. and as they are due to hatch in a day or so I think make they will be strong enough to stand it. So night Dad and I drove Joe and Clepsy down to Lee Marshall's but he had gone to lodge so we told Mrs. Marshall we would be down again in the morning. Eld. Soni Abbott told us he was pretty sure Lee would take him if we dropped the price a little. It has been very hot & sultry.

Wednesday June 24th

Dad and I got started about nine o'clock for Marshall's with Joe and Clepsy. She took quite awhile to decide but at last bought him. I came down to \$75 and he wouldn't go higher than \$100 so we split the difference. He said he would come and get him in a few days. A big thunder cloud came up while we were gone and it began to rain just as we got home. Stah, was back at the fence and got soaked. It didn't rain very long but came out almost unbearably hot and sultry after it although there was a strong wind but it seemed hot too. We didn't do anything much before dinner but this afternoon worked at the fence. Stah dug the last anchor post hole but the ground was so hard that I only got two holes, had an old streamer four started. so I got a couple of picks and filled the hole

all up with water. Stah is afraid we got a little low in the line going through one of the little dips and I guess we did. He went over to Sweep and got a bit full of strawberries to refresh us a little. Prof. Davis was in this afternoon. Dad worked around the house till he came and then struck out four or five lanes in the huck who at ground. Mr. M^r: Bride was here to day and they have ripped the paper all of the kitchen walls. He is coming to paper it on Saturday if all well. Frank and I went down for a swim at Swanburg to night and Cash and Dad went down town to get Slocomb to come over and do some plastering in the kitchen. We saw Supper to night and he told us that there was a car of crushed stone to haul on the Winding Hill but Dad told him we would not have time to do it. Very hot.

Thursday June 25th

Slocomb and his man came over about eight and were all morning patching the kitchen, there was a lot to do. Dad helped them and I did chores and got some of the chicken wire stretched along the fence between the yard and orchard. Stah dug post holes all day but the ground is very hard and he had to put water in a lot of them. This afternoon Dad and I went and got a load of y. well

Enah and Liddums went down with us and we took the baby carriage and ^{they} walked home. We couldn't get any gravel on the beach but as Berk. Law was down there Dad. bought a load from him and he charged Dad a dollar. We took it right out to the field when we got home and a couple of bags of cement and left a pile at each anchor place where we are going to put an anchor post. It was time to do chore when we got through with that it was time. After tea Dad. and I went down to hear P. Sutt. He has got to be quite an orator, and I think turned several who were a little doubtful which to vote for. He pointed out how the Whitney administration had closed so many houses where the two Liberal governments before him although they had made great promises the same as Rowel is doing now had not done a thing. He had a wine list of the Outing Club which is the head quarters for the Liberal party in town and he said it was the most complete and elaborate list of drinks he had ever seen and among the list of drinks he read out Mr. Rowel and several other temperance publications. It was a good speech anyway and we were glad we went. And rode his wheel down. Tea Marshal and Jack Richardson were in to night and Tea wanted to take Uepry with them but as they were going to town first and would have to stand him in

Henderson's barn. The other fellow persuaded him to leave this and we told him we would take him down to-morrow night. Hot all day.

Friday June 26th

I took some eggs over to Jack Martin's this morning but he has stopped buying them. Old Uepry came over about nine o'clock and wanted Dad to come over and roll down the field he is getting ready for to-morrow. He said the factory fellows were over this morning. He has rented it and he prepares the ground for them then they plant them and look after them altogether after that. He seemed in such a pinch that offered fifty cents an hour so Dad. sent me over. I was over there about seven hours so didn't do so badly. Shuby and Dad. worked all day setting the anchor posts along the line of the new fence. Dad. had to go down to a school board meeting but it wasn't very important. Fairly hot all day.

Saturday June 27th

Dad. and I cultivated the corn and potatoes in the garden this morning and then I hived in it all day and got over nearly all of it. Shuby and Dad. finished setting their anchor posts to day. Mrs. M. Bude was here all day and stayed till twelve o'clock to night papering the kitchen. She had paper

Frank helping her and he put in an awful day of it. Dick came home to tea to-night to inform me that there was a band practice on at eight o'clock as it was then half past six and I hadn't got all the chores done or had my tent made me hump to get down there by half past eight. I spent practicing for Decoration day to-morrow. I drove down and got home about tea just before a big thunder storm came up. Mrs. M: Bride papered up till twelve and then went home with the lantern and wouldn't listen to any one going with her and it was too dark to drive. Henry and I came over this morning and got some more seed corn they soaked the last they planted in Gimbleton and it never sprouted. Cloudy & stormy.

Sunday June 28th

We took the little chickens out of the incubator this morning and gave 16 to each of four hens, there were sixty five but one was a cripple so we killed it. Dad fixed up some coops for them this morning while I cleaned my harness tried to get it back me till dinner time and right after I had to hike down to the band room. It was a dandy day for a march as it was much cooler after yesterday's rain but on account of puddles we had to go on the sidewalk. Walt had two Jim coe fellows on the Laritone and also a stranger who is working

here for the summer on a cornet so we had a pretty good band. I couldn't do much as I haven't had any practice either in playing or marching but still managed to escape from making any conspicuous errors. I was down at Frank's for awhile after we got through and when I got home we put the old hens with chickens all out under coops. None were dead yet but Dad had to change one hen as she was picking the little fellows and had several withdrawn spots on their heads. Cloudy and cool all day quite cold to night.

Monday June 29th

I ploughed all day to day around the strike outs which Dad made the other day. Hubby didn't come over till late as he had to vote for Pratt. Walt M: Call brought him and Lila over in an automobile and took Dad out to Wiggins to vote. They went around by Meyer's and called for old Jonas and he went out and cast his ballot for Pratt. The Meyers were very much annoyed at it as Lane had tried to induce him to go with him and vote for Andrew. The latest news we heard to-night was that Pratt was elected, Andrew got a big majority in Town and Woodhouse but Houghton & Walsingham sent Pratt's majority way up. There was quite an interesting article in the Globe to-day about a lawsuit which has just

been opened by A.C. Pratt, Conservative candidate for South Norfolk against Geo. Massop, proprietor of the Hotel Massop Toronto for damages in a series of poker games amounting to I think something like \$3500.00. It is a sort of counter claim against a suit. Massop entered against Pratt for over \$500.00 owing to him. This is a very nice mixup for Mr. Pratt any way just before election and now people will know that he is more than a crooked skunk but a fool and a poor sport. As these games have been going on for a long time and Pratt has been getting skinned right along. This afternoon Stubby Dad & Frank set some of the braces and brace posts. We digged most of the day and dug some coal

Tuesday June 30th

When Stubby came over this morning he told us that the Whitney Government was returned with an overwhelming majority and Pratt had beaten Andrew by 130 something. Tom was in next hurraking for Pratt and he got a little Union Jack here and tacked on the front of his rig. He said he didn't know whether he would ever get back alive sallying forth in that manner into the teeth of the Lunenburg men down east. Stubby and I spent the whole day back in the gully harassing the little poplars. Stubby bored holes three feet deep with the

post auger and I stuck in rails and got four done and the holes started for five. We are going to stretch wire barbed if we can get enough of it around the rails. It was a slow job as the ground was pretty hard in lots of places. Dad did some patch plastering in the pantry this morning and plowed the rest of the day he finished the lands that I was at and struck out the rest of the fields. Enah and Frank papered the pantry all but part of the harder. Mr. Johnson went past this morning in his automobile with Winnie, Lila, Nora Cunningham and some other girls on a wild straw berry hunt and they came in and paid Dad a visit on their way back. Frank has been investigating in the corn and reports a large number of wire worms in places which never cause Dad much distress as the corn is all up so nicely. The mangels and turnips are also up but there is no sign of the potatoes yet. It has been pretty hot to day.

Wednesday July 1st

The first thing on the programme for the 'dumps' celebration was a little foot raise by Liddums. She was sitting by Enah at breakfast and while she was pausing the coffee the handle came off the coffee pot and the red hot liquid spilled on Liddums' foot. He had his stockings pinned on and by the time they were off the skin was off his foot. It gave him a horrible

scald but only blistered one foot. He cried himself to sleep after a while and when he woke up felt very much like him self again as long as people would leave his feet alone but there are some beautiful blisters on it. Mrs. Mc Bride came and worked around most of the morning. Dick went down town but didn't have to work much so helped Joe on the merry-go-round. Frank spent the after noon and evening down town but came home to tea. For the first time that I can remember I spent the entire first of July at home. Hubby came over and we went back to the gully to finish harricading the little trees but didn't get much done on account of the rain. Dad rolled down what he ploughed this morning and this after noon we hugg around till Bob Davis came and then Dad & I went to ring the old sow. He fooled around trying to get a rope in her mouth and when he did and made three attempts to ring her with one ring sticking the rope slipped out of her mouth. I thought it would take all the after noon unless the old sow get mad and ripped Dad's leg off so I came in the house and wrote in this pesky thing. Hubby wasn't any to help about and Dad couldn't manage alone so they worked in the garden till five o'clock when we quit to do chace. Mr. Brady came over on his motor cycle with a bottle of mentholated salve Elva sent over for Liddums foot. There was an editorial in the Globe

yesterday relating to A.C. Pratt's gambling and intimating that there were points in common between that episode and the one referred to in Bret Harte's poem entitled the "Heathen Chinee". Cloudy and cool all day and drizzly to rainy after noon all day.

Thursday July 2nd

I ploughed all day around Dad's strike outs and rolled down what I ploughed to night. About another day will finish the ploughing but we want to start laying as soon as possible. Hubby, Dad, & Frank worked at the fence all morning fixing braces and putting in some extra posts. Dad hauled the wire out and this after noon Dad & Hubby set a lot of it up along the posts as they didn't know whether Sid Mc Bride could come or not. right away and Dad is anxious to let the cows in that end of the gully. but to night first to night Frank rode his wheel down to Marchburg and saw Sid Mc Bride. He said he would be up tomorrow after noon. Dad and Hubby came up early and ground one of the mower knives so as we can get started to morrow. Enah and Liddums went down town this after noon. Lida was over all day. Charlie Martin came over and borrowed the disks for some thing. Mrs. Innes told Enah that Pierce Brock was here yesterday and had been to a lawyer to see if he could claim his

baby who has been down at old Mrs Wells for the last two months. The lawyer told him that if he could prove that he was more capable of caring for it than its mother that he should have it. So Perce said it was the only thing he had to live for and meant to have it as he had a good place for it in St. Thomas, it seems his wife and her mother share all year to the dogs and the baby has been in a home. So this morning when he knew Mrs. Wells was up town he went up to the house and found Mat. Lawrie looking after the kids, grabbed it and let out hot foot up St. Patrick St. and up to his mother's where his sister was waiting with a horse and rig to drive him to Simcoe where he caught the St. Thomas train. Cloudy, hot, cool in

Friday July 3rd

I tried to get an early start this morning but as it took a little time to get the mower into running order I didn't get out till after eight. Dad went the first round with me and then I mowed pretty steadily all day. I started on the south east corner field and have a good chunk down but it will take a couple of hours to finish. Hubby and Dad & Frank hauled out some rocks on the stone boat this morning to put in the dips along the fence to anchor it. This afternoon they put wire around a couple of the trees in the gully and wrote around for Sid M^r Bude but he never

showed up, so that will put us out a little as we hoped to get the fence up to day. Mrs. Woodson and Betty were over to night to inquire after Liddums foot. He doesn't seem to feel it much as he tramps all around the floor in his sock feet. Old Tom Abhat told us that Lefrey rolled into a wire fence in pasture last night and will have to be laid up for awhile. He was getting along fine and Marshall was very well pleased with him. Tom said Roy Hammond telling around that he supposed we passed off the horse that was so badly poisoned with alisike last fall. He must think Marshall is an awful fool or else doesn't know what alisike poison is like for old Dave's fat show the scars yet and probably always will. Cloudy this morning but sunny and pretty hot this afternoon.

Saturday July 4th

I finished mowing about half past ten this morning and hooked right on to the rake and finished raking about five o'clock. Dad & Frank went down in the wagon with Joe & Ginger and got a couple of bushels of buck wheat for seed and took the woad down but the mill was closed as usual on Saturday and the watchman put it in the woad house. Hubby waited down for them thinking they would take the tank he got for us but it was holted fast to the trucks and Dad.

didn't want to take time to get it loose. They got over about eleven and put up a few cocks before dinner. Sid M^c Bride came after dinner so Hubby, Dad & Frank had to help him, they worked till after six but have the fence all stretched in fine shape but it isn't stapled yet. I just did up my chores when I got through raking. Cuck went down to Maud Jamison's sale this afternoon but nearly everything was sold when she got there. Cousin Clara was over for a little while this afternoon and Lila most of the day. Sid M^c Bride stayed to tea and it was late when we got through and Dad had to milk after wards. Hubby, Frank and I went out and coched up hay. It was a warm light but rather cloudy most of the time so wasn't very light. We worked till after eleven and got quite a chunk done. Dad came out and relieved Frank a little while before we quit. I drove Hubby home and got back about one. Cuck spent the evening painting the oil cloth in the kitchen and the floor around the steps so I had to go to bed via the win door. One of the Scotch mailmen was in to see Dad. today about his horses which he said was sore inside. J. N. Butler died this morning and Capt. Spain & Mrs. Dave Turner are very low. Fairly hot today.

Sunday July 5th

Cuck and I managed to get to church this morning although

we didn't get up till very late. Frank didn't go to Sunday school or church but went for a swim and while riding around on his wheel caught his shoe in the chain and got upset and hurt his arm. Dick spent the morning in bed and went down town after dinner. Cuck had to play the organ as Gypsy who has applied for the job and who has been practicing came this morning with out her hat and had to go back to the Methodist choir for today where they eliminate their roofs. This afternoon the family spent in peaceful slumber or literary pursuits. I hit the hay about three and never got up till six. Then chores and a family gathering on the front step to partake of some sandwiches and cake. Old man West was over this afternoon to tear off a few fairy tales and disturb all the family but me. Lovely day sunny but not scorching.

Monday July 6th

We didn't get a very early start this morning and I ploughed till noon and Hubby and Dad coched up hay. Frank was exempt from strenuous labor owing to his injured wrist which he deems necessary to be exceptionally careful of. He took John Wees' corn planter home and went over to Mr. Phelan's to inquire after our bees. They have a skep in the hive for us and we can get them any time. He

came home around by Lupp's and harrowed his corn cultivator as it has a special thistle cutter on it but he didn't bring it home with him. This afternoon Dad finished up what I plowed and has just a couple more lands to finish up to have the field all turned under. Hubby and I continued to cock up but didn't get through. Frank spent some time picking paper off the kitchen oil cloth which is out on the lawn. Esrah painted Saturday night right here in the kitchen floor and yesterday morning it wasn't dry so she put down a lot of newspapers down but they all stuck to the paint and made an awful mess of it. Frank scraped a lot off and then went down town and got the mail. He also saw the Doctor about his wrist and he put a bandage on it and told him to keep it there for a week. Frank has it in a sling and I think he's highly satisfied. Lela was over most of the day. The old quina hatched out today but we don't think she had an extra good hatch. It would have been very hot today but for a cool nice breeze.

Tuesday, July 7th

This being Dad's birthday and every body wishing him a happy one and many returns we put in about the most strenuous day this summer. Dad decided we had better haul

in the hay before any rain gets on it although we are very anxious to get the buck wheat in and the thistles are whumping it up in the corn field. It took us a long time to get started as various preparations had to be made for the slings, but we got one load in and off before dinner but not before twelve. This afternoon we managed to get in three good sized ones and left the last on the barn floor. Hubby helped us put on the last two but lunched up the windows while we were unloading. This morning he had to throw a lot of old straw out of the hay in the big barn where we are putting the hay. As a little special sensation for Dad, the cows all came up early, the first time they have done it since they were out this year and as the gates were all open got into the garden before Frank noticed them and trimmed the Country Gentleman corn completely. We had the colts shut up in the stable and the sheep in the orchard. We had quite a time putting them in this morning as they would get nearly to the gate when one foot would run back and the rest of course all follow. They got in to the garden on traps and tumbled what little they could in half a minute. Frank of course is about useless but does a little with one hand. He helped Esrah paint the oil cloth this afternoon which they put out between the stable and the barn he also painted his wheel. Winnie was over this

morning to dinner and till this afternoon. It has been pretty warm to-day but a nice breeze

Wednesday July 8th

We hauled hay all day to-day and got in five loads leaving the last one on the barn floor. I went down town to-night to get my hair cut and got wet owing to the fact that I indulged in two swims. I had one on my way down below Luanburys but it was a premeditated one, then while I was in the barber shop Kinner came in to invite Corry to go in and I joined them. Chas. Cooper and Boozie Waddle also went. We went in the pond at the danger sign and had a good one. I saw Dick with a new hawk clerk. The other poor fellow is too sick to work and is going back home to-morrow. When I got home we had quite a hunt for some pills which Nully gave Dad for his birthday and which Nully is very anxious for him to take as he thinks it will cure his arm. Hot and dry

Thursday July 9th

Nully didn't come over till noon to-day as he had to attend to Mrs. Folmshers insurance so we didn't try to haul in any hay. Frank and I took the team and wagon

and went over to Lupper's first thing and borrowed his cultivator. he had to put the thistle cutters on which were the advantage it had over our own. When we got home we went down to the mill and got a couple of sacks of shorts for the pigs. Dad had been training Jonas's mare to cultivate in the garden with our own cultivator but when we came took her out to the cornfield and worked with her till noon she goes pretty well but gets rammy at the ends of the rows and walks fast. When we got back from the mill I hooked the team to the disks and disked on the truck wheat ground till-noon. Nully came over at noon and we hauled in hay, we didn't rush at it so it was dark when we hauled the last load in but we had had our tea at six o'clock. We got in three loads and all we are going to take off that field. There are a few win rows of couch grass which Tom Abbot is going to take as we don't want the seed to get in the manure. It has been very hot everything is drying up and we need a rain badly.

Friday July 10th

Nully Frank and I spent the whole day in the gully. we put the wire around the four little trees which we had the stakes around. This took us a long time as we

put Split rails around the stakes to brace them. Dad & Shuby did this the other day. Frank sat around with his pesky arms which every body is getting heartily tired of. We used him principally as an object to heap abusive language on. We went all around the fence and patched it up as well as possible but it is in awful shape. We didn't do anything to the culvert, hoping that the cows will be so delighted with the new pasture that they will not try to escape through the culvert till we can make a good fix of it. We let them all in to night and the first thing they did was to tramp straight down along the creek and examine all the tree barricades. To night Frank and I went for a swim down below Juanburg's. Frank couldn't resist the temptation in spite of his poor wrist which he has been unable to wash for a week on account of the bandage but went in and swam around so now we'll have no excuse for not making a little use of it. Another very hot day. but nice breeze. Dad cultivated corn.

Saturday July 11th

Shuby and Dad had a little work to attend to with the colives and figs which took them an hour or so this morning. I took Belle out and cultivated a few rows of corn till Dad

came out and relieved me. Then I went to help Shuby staple on the wire fence. but I didn't feel very well for awhile so didn't do any thing. Snow drop got out at the culvert and stood in the middle of the road for about half an hour so we went down just before dinner to put her in. We met an old man on the road with a good looking setter and he and Shuby had quite a conversation about sport. He wouldn't tell Shuby his name but said that Henderson would tell him. This afternoon I felt better and we stapled on the wire fence and then Shuby went up and got a lot of wire and we barricaded the culvert. We stretched three strands of wire from the two posts each side of it and hung rails from the center at the bottom. I took do till after six quite a hit and then we took a look at Sweep's strawberry patch but there were hardly any left. To night about eleven o'clock Dad went out to wash his feet and saw a fire down town that shot right out farther but didn't know till I got to the top of the hill that it was the brick yard. The big building and the new long shed were beyond all hope when I got that far. I went down and sat on Shuby's front step for awhile. Then Frank came down on his wheel and rode over to it. he said the machinery was all ruined. I came part way home with old Jones and induced him

to go for a swim with me below Jewellery's. It was about midnight then. Frank has been driving his old mace all day. He went down town with her this morning and washed the buggy. This afternoon he drove Couch and Liddem's down ^{town} Warm but breezy all day. Dad got over the corn lengthwise going twice in a row and has started going crosswise.

Sunday July 12th

We didn't get up till very late this morning but I managed to get down to church. Frank also went down to church and Sunday school. Before we finished dinner Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waddle came over and stayed all the afternoon. It was very hot this morning but began to rain the middle of the afternoon and cooled things off. It didn't rain very long nor extra heavy. Supper and a bunch of fellows drove in out of the rain and ran their buggy in the shed. Dick was in bed all morning down town this afternoon and at church to night. Frank went down town on his wheel for a little while to look at the debris over at the brick yard. There was no insurance on the buildings, the ratch being too high to carry it. They don't know at all how it started. A cow and calf got in the wick at this afternoon, Frank and Bluck had quiet time with them.

Monday July 13th

Dad & Frank went down town first thing this morning in the waggon and as it was so muddy they took Dick down with them. They got the tank at the Widespread which Haly has had ready for them for the last week or two. It is just a mate for the one we have and we are going to put it at the end of this one and connect them with a pipe at the top. Haly and Lila came back with them. I did chores and set out cabbage plants all morning. Haly helped me when he came, we got out a lot in the garden. Dad worked on the huck wheel ground till noon. After dinner I disked the rest of the huck wheel ground and Dad, Harwood, Haly took all the rest of the cabbage plants and set them out in the corn field where there are hills of corn missed. We didn't get them all out by to night so I guess we will be well fixed for cabbages next winter. Frank worked all day cleaning up the wood shed and the shop. He got a ticket from the inspector to-day leaving the joyful tidings that he had failed on his examination. He failed on Spelling and Arithmetic and was way down on the total. The failure doesn't appear to sit very heavy on his mind and I don't think he will lose very many meals over it. Dad had to go down to a school board meeting to night. Cloudy and not hot.

Tuesday July 14th

We worked on the buckwheat grounds most of the day. I disked & rolled and this afternoon Dad sowed with broadcast seeder I harrowed after him till he finished and then he took the harrows and finished. He got the ~~four~~ two bushels on the four acres but had to go over some of it twice to cover it. Ersk Frank and Siddons went down to the Sunday school picnic this afternoon. I went down after tea thinking there might be a dance but I saw Joe and he said they were going to have a little dance but some of them left and delayed it so long that Mother closed up the pavillion. I froled around with Joe, we went for a little drive but it began to rain so we went down to the moving picture show we saw Hub Long just as we come out and I didn't get home till nearly mid night. I picked Dad up at the bank he was talking to Douglas who is going to leave them soon. Hubby worked in the garden all morning and picked all the cherries. Pretty hot all day and rain to night.

Wednesday July 15th

We didn't get a very early start this morning but I cut hay all day and have quite a chunk of the timothy down. I had to leave one corner to cut after wards as the

bounded on two side by ditches which I couldn't go over. I quit mowing before six and raked up what I cut this morning as it was dry. There is one spot or two where the timothy is not had but most of it is very short bluish. Dad cultivated the corn with Joe this afternoon. He didn't do too badly. Hubby and Frank worked in the garden. Hubby got a lot of seed cabbages from Stas and set them out. Mrs. Mc Bride was here all day, washing and stoning the cherries which Hubby picked yesterday. Jonas presented us with a lot of vegetables to night. Old Phances was through here on his way to Lippes to look at the shed. Pretty hot. Lila was over all day. She sheek all got out of the orchard to day and got in the wheat.

Thursday July 16th

I finished cutting the hay this morning and raked it up after dinner. Then I helped Hubby and Frank to set up we got quite a bit of it, but it will be a light crop. Dad cultivated corn all morning with Joe but she didn't have very well so he took Belle as soon as I got through raking. The Sincore hand come down to night and we all went down to be with them. Dad, Ersk and Siddons drove down and didn't stay very long but Frank and I walked and

went in for a swim at Swanburg's on our way down. We was down to Stuby's for a minute or so and he was the only one home. After the hand fruit, we went over and watched the dance for a while getting home about midnight. Not with nice breeze

~~Friday~~ ~~Saturday~~ July 17th

Dad. Cultivated corn all morning with Belle and Stuby Frank and I cocked up hay. We got it all up but a few windows. A big thunder storm rolled in at noon but although there were some very close flashes of lightning and some beautiful cracks of thunder it didn't last long. It rained very hard for a few minutes but soon dried off. It was too wet to cock hay this afternoon so Stuby and Frank went back and fixed the fence where the cattle got into hay last night. Dad took Harry and I took Belle and we cultivated all the afternoon. We didn't get a very early start or we would have finished. It has been cooler and breezy this

Saturday July 18th

Dad. finished cultivating the corn this morning and went through the potatoes again. He also went through the potatoes in the old garden which are up enough to see. Stuby and I thinned the turnips and Stuby thinned the mangels and here

some of the potatoes. This afternoon we got the binder out and cut the wheat east of the orchard. It took quite a while to get started but Dad cut it by soon after six but it took the three of us Stuby, Dad & me till dark to shuck it all up. It is a good crop with hardly a thistle in it. Frank cleaned the binder up this morning and has been holnabbing around with old Jonas all the rest of the day. They went to Simcoe this afternoon with Nellie & Jonas old rattlebox of a democrat, and Frank got a hive and various apianary supplies. Lila was over all the afternoon and Win most of the morning. It has been a nice day a little cloudy.

Sunday July 19th

Frank took I went to church this morning and Frank went down to Sunday school and church. Dick didn't get up till noon and then drove down town with me I went around and got Mary, Clyde and we had a very enjoyable drive. When I got home Ed. was here and had been here all the afternoon. Lovely day with nice breeze.

Monday July 20th

We put off the load of hay that was on the barn floor and then had to change the car over to the horse stalls as that is

where we want to put the timothy. It took us quite a while to get ready so we only got in one load before dinner and didn't get it unloADED. We unloaded it after dinner but as we have to use the fork in the horse stable it took quite a while. We got one more in and unloaded and then about four o'clock I drove Eula down. We went around to Miss Battersby and got a hanging lawk which Miss Battersby gave us. I went down to the station as Mary told me she was going to night but I found she had changed her mind. Dad cut a side from about six till I had my tea and then I cut till dark while Dad did chow. Nice day pretty hot.

Tuesday July 21st

I set the alarm for half past three this morning and although I heard it go off was too sleepy to get up and stayed in bed till Dad called me about five and got out to the a/side field as soon as possible and cut till after seven, but there is still quite a bit to cut yet. We got started hauling hay as soon as we could after breakfast and got two ins before dinner. It took a long time to put on a load as the cocks are so far apart we have to chase all over the field to get enough to make a load. After dinner we

got all the hay there was left which wasn't quite a load and got it unloaded by a little before five. Dad then went out and started to cut the wheat north of the orchard. Shuly and Frank helped him shock up and as there wasn't anything very pressing for me to do I drove Eula and I drove down town. They went to see Elwood and she went down and got some ice cream with them and I went down to the station to say good-bye to Mary. She & Perry went to night. Quite a strong breeze to day but hot.

Wednesday July 22nd

Dad took the alarm clock last night and got me up soon after half past four and I went out and finished the a/side soon after eight. Dad took Nellie, Helen & Joe and raked up what was cut yesterday. We didn't have breakfast till after nine so Dad didn't get much of the wheat cut before noon. We noticed this morning that for some reason the wind mill although revolving was not pumping. We surmised that some of the rods were un-coupled so Frank took Nellie & the democrat and went down and got old Felix. He was there all the after-noon and found the valve in the cylinder had gone out order but he put in a new one

Dad finished cutting the wheat this afternoon and we put the binder back in the woodshed. Hubby and I showed up for a little while before dinner but helped all Felix all the afternoon so most of the wheat has to be shocked up any way. Frank went over to John Weiss to-night to see if he would like a little help to-morrow as from here it looks as if he had a lot of hay out and was ~~down~~ he had no man. He was cutting wheat and expected to be at it to-morrow but said a man would come in Saturday the next day, so I guess I will go over. Frank has put in most of the day running errands. He drove Felix home to-night and Hubby went down with them. Felix told us that Jack Mc. Carty cut his throat this morning. He has been sick for quite awhile and I suppose it has left him in bad shape. The papers are giving very appalling accounts of the terrible damage being done by the army worms in the counties directly north of us. They say they have struck the O.A.C. at Guelph. Pretty hot to-day.

Thursday July 23rd

Dad roused me out again this morning before five and I went out and raked up the cloaks finishing about seven. Hubby got over early and went right out to shock up wheat

Frank went out soon after to help him and Dad. to help them as soon as he could and I to help them as soon as I got through with my Chares. It didn't take long to finish it up but we were hindered a little by the horses all getting out on the road. they ran up the lane and as both the stable doors had been left open ran right through on to the road. Luckily they didn't go far either way and we managed to head them off with out a great deal of difficulty. Enah ran out to help us and left Fiddims in his bath. When Dad. came in after work he found him standing up in the tub filling one of his Dad's slippers with water and pouring it all over himself. When we got the wheat shocked up we hooked up to go after a load of the other piece. Hubby & Frank cleaned up the barn floor while Dad. and I were after a load. By the time we got the first load off the waggon it was raining quite a shower so we couldn't haul any more. I hooked up to the buggy and Hubby and I drove down to see old Felix as the windmill was working again this morning without pumping and we thought the sucker must be ay air out if order. Felix said it would kill him to go out in the rain but that we could fix it any way. He said some of the scales off the inside of the pipe had jacked down and got under neath the valve and all it needed was a pail of water poured down the pipe. We tried it and a

sure enough the old com was right. Huly had some insurance to do so didn't come back with me. This afternoon Dad took Belle and cultivated the potatoes in the field and garden. I cut the weeds around the wheat field we last cut. About four o'clock Dad thought it was dry enough to haul wheat so we got started in about an hour after a load. We just got it unloaded by six but went out and got another and left it on the barn floor. Harry Harding was over for a while to see Dad but he couldn't stay long as his mother is in very bad shape and he didn't like to be away from her for very long at a time. Allan Law came in for a little while to see if he could borrow the manure spreader to-morrow. Frank rode down town to night to get the mail and Huly told him that he didn't finish his insurance so wouldn't be able to be over to-morrow morning so I won't be able to go over and help John Wess as we have to get our own wheat in first of all. Cloudy but hot after the rain.

Friday July 24th

Frank rode over first thing to tell John Wess that he wouldn't be able to be over. He said that Crystal's man killed him yesterday and was going to again to-day, and if he

wanted me to-morrow he would come over, but Allan Law was in this morning to get the spreader and he said he was going to take John Wess a man to-night. We unloaded the load on the wagon as soon as we could get started after breakfast but only got in two before dinner. However we cleared the one field. Supper came in for a while to ask us to bring back his cultivator and just as he was leaving he broke the cross bar on his buggy and had to borrow our shafts. Zeitha Bennett came over for a little while to see if she and Mr. Crocker could come over this evening and practice some songs for the concert as they want Enah to play for them. We got in two loads off the other field this afternoon. It was a late start and finished at five to have tea but unloaded a load after tea. Frank and I went down to Swanbury's for a swim, and Frank went on down and got the mail. When I got home Zeitha, Miss Wimmer and Mr. Crocker were here. Zeitha and Mr. Crocker were practicing with Enah while Merdi was looking after Liddums. He took her all over the place and enjoyed himself immensely. Old Jonas had Nellie to-day and sent her home with young Metland one of his boarder's kids who isn't bigger than a skinned minute and he let her come in the lane on the run and ran smack into the cutter in the drive house. I don't think he broke anything

but I told him to tell Mr. Jonas to come after the mare and bring her home himself after this. As soon as we could get ready we left for Mrs. Seafeld's where Aunt Maud and Dad were having a party although I felt much more like going to bed. Dad stayed home to mind Liddums but Cuah Frank and I went. Jetha went with us to the party, but the other two didn't go. Frank didn't stay very long as Huby had to play bridge instead of spending the evening with Frank as he had wanted to. All the older people played cards but there was just a nice lunch to dance. They were nearly all strangers to me but I had a good time although it was awfully hot. Cuah and I got home about three o'clock. Pretty hot.

~~Thursday~~ Saturday July 25th

I wake up very suddenly this morning about five o'clock by hearing the dogs barking and on investigation found two or three of Nyp's lambs in the garden. Dad was out and was just getting them out. When I came to my senses I found I felt very rotten and had quite a bad pain. I went to sleep again for a little while and my pain got better but I still felt pretty miserable and haven't done any thing much all day although I felt better this after noon. I don't know what ailed me.

all my bones seemed to ache and it hurt to take a long breath. Huby got over about nine o'clock. He said last night that his foot hurt him all day yesterday but he got a new pair of shoes and it isn't so bad today. He and Frank hauled in the rest of the wheat and I helped mow it away. We finished it up before five. They got in four loads. We then went out to get a load of alisks. Huby and Frank hunched enough up to make a load and Dad pitched it on to me. It was very short and it took us till after six to put on a load and it wasn't a big one. My back got pretty tired. So night Dad, Cuah and Liddums drove town town. Dad got his nearly semi annual crop of hair reaped and Cuah and Liddums went to Cousin Clares. Frank rode down to the moving picture show. Dick didn't come home to night and we suppose he went to Turkey Point with Hagen in the "Lakefly". They intended going up there to night and stay at Lip Vary's cottage and then go across to Long Point and home to-morrow. Joe & Huby Long were going in the "Pilot". We thought there would be quite a sea on as there was quite a strong South West wind. The last report of the army warm is that they have gone to camp at Niagara. I neglected to say that yesterday was my birthday and that I received handsome gifts, letters and good wishes from all members of the family. Brezzy

Sunday July 26th

I didn't get up till very late this morning and have been off the place all day. I just chawed around & slept & read. and to night wrote a letter to Aunt & Aunty Alice and another to Ray. Frank went down to church and Sunday school this morning and has been riding around on the wheel the rest of the day. He went to the stump for a week to night. Dad, Enah and Liddams drove over to John W. Mc Bride's this morning before Lid. had his morning sleep and he hasn't slept a wink all day. Dad. tried to have a sleep this after noon but Liddams wouldn't allow it. Dad. & Enah wanted to go down to the Methodist Church to hear Mr. Cook sing but Liddams wouldn't go & sleep and was inclined to be cranky so they didn't go. Dick got home late to night hummed to a crib. I guess he didn't enjoy his sail as much as he expected. He and Skager didn't get out of the boat till Sunday morning and they left here at six o'clock Saturday night but there was no wind. They went over to Person's Island where Joe & Paul King joined them and they went in for a swim. They saw Saint & George Hamaker over there. They had a good sail home they left at twelve and got here about two o'clock. Paul & A. M. Todd formerly of the Maple Leaf had to-day of heart failure while in bathing in the Lake. They had

find his body flt about three hours after wards when some people happened to run into it. No body missed him. Fair day.

Monday July 27th

We un loaded the load of alike we had on and got in one more and un loaded it before dinner. We got out right after dinner and managed to get in three by half past six. It is very slow stuff to handle it is so heavy & short and loose. Nully and Frank hunched up the first load. and then Frank hunched all the rest up this after noon. Frank Odd. came for Dad. while we were at dinner to go and see one of Hemming's horses so Nully and Frank pitched in after dinner till Dad. got back. Enah went down town this after noon to practice in the hall with some of the ones at the concert. Mr. Johnson brought Lila Liddams & her home at six. Lila and Liddams stayed but Enah went back. Nully went down with them. She left word that Mr. Crocker never showed up and that Murray was coming up on the evening train and she wanted to practice with each of them. She got home about eleven and said that Murray didn't come and Mr. Crocker couldn't find he found any where. She forgot and left to-day's paper down town but Lila suspect reported blood shed in Ireland. Cool and pretty breezy all day. We thought at noon we would get a rain but it seems to have passed over.

Tuesday July 28th

Hubby didn't get over this morning as he had some insurance to look after but Dad & I got in what was left of the alder stool and Frank helped mowed it away. There was just one full one and a half of one. We left it on the wagon as it was half past twelve when we got in with it. This afternoon we ground a mower knife and I got a few rounds cut in the blue grass and weeds this side of the gully while Dad and Frank had some of the potatoes in the old garden. Dad quit at five and I quit soon after so that he could get ready in plenty of time for the concert. Billy Barwell came over at noon with some music for Cuah to practice for the concert and he played around with Frank for quite awhile. Later Luppy Gick brought Hubby, Lila and Aunt Maudie over in his car. Hubby & Lila stayed and Aunt Maudie took the music back for Murray's practice. Hubby went out and piled up the marsh grass we left out in the timothy sod. to make duck hides. He thinks there will be lots of ducks next fall with the corn and buckwheat so near. When he got through Luppy came back and got in to night. Dad & Cuah went to the church concert and Hubby, Lila & I stayed home with Liddums. She went to sleep when they left and didn't wake up at all while they were gone. Dad said he enjoyed the singing and playing of Gith

Miss Prest & Mr. Crooker very much and Russell for his class, but the rest he didn't care for at all. Cloudy and cool all day and quite cold to night. No east wind.

Wednesday July 29th

Dad & I looked up Belle this morning and drove up to Bickler's. Dad was never in there before but we found it to be a beautiful farm of 800 acres with the buildings set in a grove of natural timber a half a mile in from the road. I was getting on to noon when we left there but we drove over to Dunkin's. She was down at a picnic at Port Rye so the young fellow told us so we went down there and saw him. She has had pretty rough luck of late this year. He was sick all spring and nearly died and the young fellow had so much to look after that he lost five of his crop of eight lambs, and the ones he has left don't look any thing extra. He hasn't ours registered yet but is going to see about it as soon as he can. We heard several reports of the army worms on the radical road but didn't see any. Fred Warren told us they were thick in all the pea fields but didn't seem to be doing any damage. So we came to the conclusion they weren't the genuine army worm as they didn't seem to be anywhere but in the peas.

James said they were the real thing and wouldn't take them green but will buy them thrashed. We got home about two o'clock. After we had our dinner I went out and cut a little more hay with Joe & Harry and Dad. cut & treated corn & potatoes with Belle. Frank picked & asph. he uses for I use this morning and helped Hubby hoe potatoes this afternoon. Mrs. Dr. Beide was here all day and looked after Liddens this afternoon while Enah took old Nellie and went to the Methodist Bazaar. Jonas sent a couple of kids after Nellie. She never said any thing about wanting her today so he had to wait till Enah got back. Cool & windy no sign of rain.

Thurs day July 30th

I cut hay all morning and nearly finished the piece I went out after dinner and only got a few rounds cut when the crickets came out of the pitman rod and it came loose so I had to quit mowing. I hooked on to the rake and raked for the remainder of the afternoon but didn't get over it all. Dad cultivated corn all day. Hubby didn't get over till noon and he burn a lot of worms nests in the trees. Frank and he hoed some thistles in the corn and potatoes and started to cock up hay. But Enah called to them that the old sow was out and she got away down the road with all the little ones and it

took them a long time to round her up, so they didn't get much hay cocked. They saw some fellows on the road who told them that the army worms were on Charles Dixon's & Charles Clallant's places and were skinning the oats, that is a Charles Dixon who lives way out Black Creek on the fourth concession. John Wes. came over this forenoon to see if he could rent the manure spreader but Dad told him he would lend it to him, so he came over after dinner and got it. Tonight Frank went down to the moving picture show with Ray Bannister. An automobile came in after dark to night and I think Dad is holding a post mortem on a dog or something I don't know who the people are, except their names are Spimper from Toronto. According to to-days reports nothing short of a miracle can prevent a general war in Europe. Austria has all ready declared war with Serbia and Belgrade is taken. Russia ~~has~~ is mobilizing an enormous army to support Serbia and Germany. Britain and France are all beginning to squirm. Cool & cloudy

Friday July 31st

We spent quite awhile this morning watching Dad operate on the dead dog. In day light he found the left side of it full of shot and dug eleven no. 5 shot out of its hind leg. They had gone right through the flesh but didn't wound

through the skin. He then opened it and found a shot in its lungs and all through it so came to the conclusion that who ever shot it carried it to the lake and threw it in as that is where it was found dead. He thought it must have been fired at from close range but when Shuly came he said a full choke gun would make the same pattern at forty yards. Shuly didn't get over till quite late this morning, as he didn't wake up and we didn't get out in the field till nearly ten o'clock. Frank took the pitman rod down and got Joe Howell to rivet it. The rest of us cocked up till he got back. Then I finished mowing before dinner. This after noon I finished raking about three o'clock and then went out and cocked up with the rest of them. We didn't quite finish. Frank went over to John Weis' after dinner and brought Bluch home. She followed John Weis home with the spreader yesterday and stayed all night. Jonas and another bunch of kids after his marriage in today and they chased her all over the field and then had to get Frank to help them so Dad gave Jonas beans when he brought her home to night. John Watts was in for a few minutes to night and had about a cow or some thing. Cool & breezy with a few clouds. Frank went down after the paper to night and went to tell Mr. Simpson about his dog. He has Dickens on the trail.

Saturday August 1st
 Dad and I put off the half load of alsike which was on the waggon and changed the car and pulley from the barn to the horse stable it didn't take us very long as we didn't take any of the pulley off the rope. Frank and Shuly cocked up till we got out in the field and then Shuly helped Dad pitch on a load and Frank finished cocking up this afternoon we got one load in before dinner and three in this afternoon but hauled the last one in on the barn floor and left it. We couldn't haul full loads as we had to use the sling and too big a lift wouldnt go in the doors but we got in some pretty good sized ones. I drove down town to night with Shuly to get provisions and the town was so full and the stores so crowded that I didn't get home till late. Frank went down on his wheel to see Professor Atkinson do some stunts in the town hall but I guess the show didn't amount to much. Shuly and I are planning a trip to morrow to go and see Dr. McInnes about growing gypsum, and come home by way of Billington's. It has been breezy and not hot all day. we need a rain very much every thing is drying up and if it doesn't come soon it will be too late when it does come.

Sunday August 2nd

I got down to Hukys about nine o'clock and he was already to start but it took us quite awhile to get what we wanted to take loaded in the huggy. We had to take our lunch and several other things. Quint came home last night and he said he would like to accompany us so Huky fixed a seat in front of the dash board for him so we didn't have to hold him on our knees. We let Joe take it easy as the sun was hot and the flies were bad and we made quite a load. Huky found Dr. Macinnes in his office in Vittoria and he told him quite a bit about Ginseng. He said that there never was a better market price for the roots as there is now and he thought that any body starting now would be independent in ten years. He had none of it there to show us as he grows it all on his farm four miles west of Vittoria, but he invited us to go up there and wrote to his man introducing us. She told us where to find it if the man was not at home and she to put the horses in and feed her. We went up, it seemed like a long drive through about the barrenest looking country I ever saw although Huky said there was worse in other spots. When we got there we found the man was

not at home so did as the doctor told us and feet for in. The Ginseng gardens were in plain sight and all in lattice work houses or sheds they have to be grown in the shade so he has these sheds built of pickets and thatch which lets in all the air but which keeps out most of the sun light. It is as near like a forest as could be built. He must have had nearly an acre under cover like this and all the beds were full but the plants were not all the same age some just seedlings and others eighteen inches high. We took a good look around and then went over to the well to eat our lunch. There were fully a million half starved and half grown chickens besieging us the whole time and we couldn't lay a piece of bread down for a minute but they would scize it and run off with it. It was very annoying and Huky felt very much like catching a couple biting their necks and broiling them. We left right after we had our lunch for Billington's but it was about two o'clock then. We got a little mixed up with the roads and went quite a bit out of our way, but got to Billington's about four or soon after. They were very glad to see Huky. We stayed there to tea and till after nine visiting. Before it got dark I took some pictures of the house and pooled around the creek. Huky and Quint spent most of the time in its vicinity but didn't have

extra good luck. We got home about midnight it was moonlight but very chilly. It hasn't been at all hot all day and this afternoon just rained a shower but there wasn't enough to do any harm or good.

Monday August 5th

We hauled in all the rest of the hay off that field to-day. It took us all day and there were just five loads. We put four of them in the horse stable loft and left one on the old barn - one for the bull. Hubby and Dad pitched one, I loaded and Hubby and Frank mowed away. Frank spent most of the time between loads fixing the boiler pipe which Russ Lamphorn brought down for the sinks from the pump to the orchard fence to carry water to the calves and sheep in the orchard. Dad is not at all in favor of the scheme as he says Frank can't make it work and blocks his bath to the pig pen, but Frank is undaunted and has it nearly carrying water. Pretty hot to-day.

Tuesday August 4th

Hubby didn't come over at all to-day, he had some insurance to look after and spent the rest of the day working around his own garden. Dad and Frank went back this morning to fix the

line fence between John Wes. and us. as the cows got it last night and broke it down and tramped through his oats & huckwheat and ate up his beans. John Wes. came back with the spreader while they were gone and when I told him he just laughed and said such things would happen. They didn't get back till noon. I cut weeds while they were gone. This afternoon Dad cultivated corn and Frank and I started to hoe the potatoes. Harry Harding came over and I went back to the gully with him to look at the horses and cattle. It was getting on to five when we got back and then I drove him down town and got some provision. Dad quit early. He and Ernie went out to the Shands last night and invited them all over here to-night for some music. Mr. Crocker, Geitha, Herb Winnie all came over and Mr. Johnson brought Auntie Maude, Win & Lila and Nora Cunniff, ham over in his car. Dick also managed to get home and all the Shans came so we had a very pleasant evening. Not hot to-day. Quite cold to night.

We does day August 5th. We were up about the usual time after our night of soup. I cultivated corn all day and the boys hoed all the weeds and shittles out that the cultivator missed.

Wednesday, August 13th

For a whole week this interesting and valuable record has been missed owing to an accumulation of circumstances, the terrible war being the chief upsetting cause for often reading the paper. Loby had no time to make entries in this, he wanted to go down to get his hair cut tonight so I said I would do my best to write the doings of the past week. I think we began hauling out manure on the 4 acres we had sowed with buckwheat on Thursday 6th and we hauled until Saturday noon, we then got the binder out and cut the oats in the old well field, it was a nice crop but the weather is and has been so dry that the grain was very light. Hubert and Frank cobbled up the fence around the hog yard on Friday and Saturday forenoon, Saturday afternoon they all shocked up oats. Sunday morning Loby drove down to church, had dinner at Hubert's and he and Hubert went up to Chart Woolley's in the after noon, Frank was at S. S.

and church, Dick did not get up until noon. Hattie intended going to church but did not feel very well in the morning so did not go as she had to go down in the evening to play for Mr Crocker who sang a solo. I went down also in the evening there were very few in church a young student tried to preach. It was a very hot day and looked a little like a thunder storm. On Monday I had to go and load the binder on the truck the first thing Frank went with me, after bringing it in I went and got the roller and put it in, Hubert worked at the Hog yard, and Loby at the fence around the orchard to keep his chickens in, I brought up the old hay bedder ~~table~~ and Frank has been taking it to pieces. Monday afternoon we all worked at the sheep for some time separating them so as to try and mark them for rearing, it actually rained quite a shower Monday evening and laid the dust.

On Tuesday morning we marked the
camps, Herbert worked at his fence.
In the afternoon Toby and I hauled
out manure. It was quite cool at night.

This morning Wednesday we took the
binder back over the gully to cut the oats. We didn't
- get started very early either in the morning or at all day.
We didn't finish to night. Frank and I shocked up
but we didn't get it all up either as we didn't work
very hard. The oats are so rusted that they are all kind
of flat and there is nothing whatever in them. To night
Frank and I drove down town I got my hair cut and
Frank got a pair of boots. On our way down we got
started on the approach to the bridge before we saw a team
on the bridge and we had to back up. Joe got a little
impatient and backed across the road and got her hind
legs down a nasty hole between the bank and the side
but didn't hurt her self. We saw Nully down town and
he told us he had more insurance to look after tomorrow
so couldn't come over again. He says his leg is bad
again even worse as it hurts him now. Chris
Quanbury asked us if two of us could come over to Martins
and help them thrash. It looked a little like rain to day Sunday

Thursday August 13th

We went back this morning and finished cutting and shocked
up the oats just at noon but by the time we got up to the
house and had dinner and put the binder in winter
quarters it was pretty late and soon after dinner we saw
the thrashing outfit coming around the hill so Dad and I
went over to Martins. They didn't get started thrashing till
after four but we finished up about six their wheat
only turned out about 20 bushels to the acre both Charlie's and
Jack's. Neither one of them was there. Chris was running
things. The machine was out side and they put the straw
in the barn. Dad and I carried away. Cousin Clair
was here all the after noon and stayed all night. One of us
will have to go and help Hemming thrash to morrow. It has been rather
cloudy and threatening all day and to night it did rain quite
a shower and thundered quite a bit. It still looks very black.

Friday August 14th

There was a very hard thunder shower after we
went to bed last night and every thing was pretty wet
this morning but it has been windy and sunny all day
so the mud is about dried up. We needed the rain very
badly and it will likely do a lot of good to the corn roots.

and late sowed potatoes but we could stand a lot more of it. Dad had an early breakfast and got down to Fleming's about seven. He only thrashed his wheat and a load of oats so they finished at noon. Dad said the wheat didn't turn out very well but the oats were better. I just did chores this morning and wrote in this and made a new milk record card and tacked it up in the cow stable. Frank and I hooked at the bees and put in three frames which had full sheets of foundation in, in place of three which they had not worked on at all. We just took them from the super and put them in the lower hive. I got stung for the first time. We didn't do any thing much right after dinner. Frank went down and got the paper but there wasn't any thing startling in it. They don't know where the British Army is at all. Kitchener is keeping it where about strictly secret. The first decoration for gallantry was awarded to a French lieutenant of dragons who had the Cross of the Legion of Honor conferred upon him for doing what he would have been guillotined for a month ago. Such incidents do not war look horribly foolish. Dad and I went out to look at the potatoes in the field to see if the wire worms were in them at all but we couldn't find any. They promise to be a fair crop for this year. When we come in we took the

team and went down to Uncle Wards and got a load of shingles. It was six o'clock when we got home. So night Cousin Clare and Enab have gone over to see Mrs. Bottelery and Frank has gone down town with Ray Bannister. Fita is over here for all night. Frank went over to see Mrs. M. P. Herson and here's bees this after noon and got stung too. Like every one else's bees have made very little honey this year.

Saturday August 15th

We chored around about half the morning and then went out and straightened the oat stacks up a little. Some of them were pretty wet and one or two heads had sprouted. We then came in and put the load of hay off that was on the sack before dinner. Frank mowed it nearly all away in by Deadnought's stall. He also unloaded our load of shingles while Dad was examining the refrigerator. It was leaking and we didn't know what caused it but Dad found the overflow pipe was blocked up. Frank went down and got the paper right after dinner and Dad went to sleep. He has been saying so long how much he would like to take a sleep so we let him go till Giddums came in about half past three and woke him up. We then went out and hauled out five loads of manure before tea. Frank hoed the potatoes in the old garden and I helped him between loads.

We got the buck wheat ground all covered. Bob. Davis & Jones came in to night while we were at tea with Golden Crown. Enah drove Cousin Clara and Lilo home after tea. Very windy.

Sunday August 16th

We didn't get up till late this morning, but Enah and I went to church. Frank went to church and Sunday school. Mr. High preached he is from Courtwright and Enah knew him when she was there. This afternoon I read The Lady of the Lake. Dick & Liddims & Enah slept. Dick went down town and Frank rode out to Tople's woods to see a lot of bees that some fellows from Simcoe has there. He didn't see the owner and Tople told him she had taken a lot away. Sam Law came in this morning to say he was going to thrash his oats out of the field to-morrow if it didn't rain and wanted us and our team and waggon, so I guess we will take a load of oat straw and thrash them. It rained a little this afternoon and has been cool.

Monday, August 17th

It was raining when I got up this morning but didn't last long. but it was too wet to thrash oats out of the field so after breakfast I went out and disked up about of the buck wheat ground. I got over the part where the buck wheat is the thickest

The buck wheat won't amount to any thing now as only a little of it came up on the knolls and we are going to work it in and put wheat on it. Dad spent the forenoon I think writing to County. Tripper was in to see if we wanted to haul stone for road work but I guess Dad will pay it. I went over to Sam's at one o'clock and helped them thrash their wheat out, and Frank and Dad came over with the team and sack to haul oats. They had three teams, ours and two of their own and three waggon, ours, Art Ryer's and theirs. Dad and I each hauled in and Art pitched on to us. They helped a little while. Best Mumbo & Ch. Martin pitched off the load standing. They had poor skinner Manning and Douglas the Scotch man on the stack. Skinner says it is the last stack he is going to work on. The oats were very light. There were 830 bushels of oats and 66 of wheat. We all three stayed after there to tea. Muby came up drunk in the boat and walked up here but Enah said he didn't feel very well he rode back as far as Sam's with Nam Thompson who was coming down to see Dad. This old man was picked up by Frank Mays' horse and had his leg broken. Dad told him to shamble. The Japs have sent an ultimatum to Germany now giving them orders to get their cruisers out of the Far East. Pretty hot day and lightening a lot to night.

Tuesday August 18th

Just as we got ready for bed to night a terrific thunder storm broke on us. Dick just got home in time. There was an almost steady flicker of vivid lightning although there were no ear breaking thunder claps, but the rain came down by the barrel. The wind was so strong that it sounded like hail lattering at the west side of the house.

It was still raining when I got up this morning but was not so hysterical about it. It rained off and on all morning and has been very hot and sultry all day. It is thundering again to night and seems to be shaping for another round. I drove Dick down right after breakfast and got some groceries. I went down to the Howells to have the shock but he had a team to shoe all around so I didn't wait. When I got home Dad drove down to the mill and got a bag of flour. Frank and I went over to Jack Martin with his two crickets which I have had over here since last year. I spent the rest of the day building a trap nest according to instructions I read. Dad put the clock shelf up in the kitchen and Hank has been prancing around with his bee hawk looking for enlightenment on several subjects pertaining to bees. To night I

drove Dad down to a school board meeting and got the mail. Mr. Flemming was in this after noon to have Dad look at his horses mouth as she didn't eat right. Dad found a great big piece of wood wedged in some way.

Wednesday August 19th

Last night we had a repetition of night before last's storm with more and heavier thunder. Dad came home in it and got soaked. The school board are in trouble again. The debeatutes haven't been sold yet and they are afraid there will be difficulty in disposing of them now on account of the war. Secord is going to quit work on the school if they don't pay him. It rained a little more this morning but has been sunny with a fresh breeze all the afternoon but very sultry and sultry before noon. This morning Dad drove over after Mrs. Mr. Blide who has been here washing and ironing all day while I cut wood and then we both drove down town. Dad went and saw Mr. Smith to consult with him on the advisability of keeping Hank out of school till the hot weather is over as sunny suggested. Mr. Smith thought it would be a good idea so I guess Dad will let him if he doesn't object. This afternoon Cash took

Mellie and drove down town to visit Cousin Clara and others and Mrs. M^r Bude minded Liddums. Dad & I took the plow back to the alkali stretch and plowed all the after noon. I made a couple of strips out to my fences and they certainly looked like it. Frank came home and joined us after a while. Dad. went up about half past five & milk and I plowed till after six.

Thursday August 20th

It began to rain soon after breakfast this morning and rained steadily and quite heavily till after dinner. It then cleared up for the rest of the day but it doesn't act as if it was through with us yet. I read all morning, the last bulletin from the Department of Agriculture on Lightning Rods. Frank studied his bee book and Dad minded Liddums and slept. A fellow drove in to see if he could sell us oil wholesale but he couldn't so didn't stay long. This after noon Frank and I took Joe down to Joe McDowell's and had her shod. Frank stopped in at Uncle Wards on his way home to see how his vice was attached to her bench and was in there about half an hour. We got home after five. I looked over the paper and then carried Liddums back to where Dad. was plowing and from there to the gulley.

We got back about six. Dad. plowed all the after noon.

Friday August 21st

It rained hard again during the night but has been sunny and windy all day and to night the sky looks clear and it is cooler. Dad. plowed all morning and Frank and I tided up a little around the yard in the vicinity of the wood shed and shop. This after noon Frank drove Ench and Liddums down town to go visiting and brought Uncle Ward. back with him as he had some tools he wanted to sharpen on our grind stone and Frank turned it for him. As Jonas wanted Mellie at three o'clock. I had to drive down before tea and get Ench and Liddums who was getting home sick. Uncle Ward. wouldn't stay to tea so I took him home. Dad. and I open the after noon turning the oats ^{as far as are bent.} tamed every shock but didn't finish. The ones that stood up weren't very wet but there weren't many that were left standing and the down ones were very wet and some of them sprouted. I had to help Dad. milk to night and it was very late when we got through. We tried to get John into the station and nearly had her in when Lige commenced to bark at the Shand boys coming in and frightened her out. Whit Dixon come over this morning and Dad. let him have

her calf and she has been hawking for it all the after noon. Dad says he feels like a traitor as John went back this morning with all her calf thinking it was safe up here and when her Hank and Whit surrounded it, it was all alone. It was watching Whit thinking (so Dad says) that he would protect it when he came up from behind & grabbed it. So says paper says that the war is commencing now in earnest and the Germans now occupy Brussels. ^{The Canadian govern. met.} They have put a war tax on sugar, coffee, tobacco & cigars. So Dad thinks he will have to quit smoking. They left to night for Toronto.

Satur day August 22nd

Dad plowed all day and got in a good day. Hank would take a look at the bees first thing and then I went out and finished turning of the oats which took me till noon. In the afternoon I put in cutting weeds along the fence bottom & in the old garden, and to night feel a great admiration for the pioneers who would swing a scythe all day and carouse all night. I don't wonder a lot of whiskey was consumed in those days although I got along with out even any water. Hank worked around up at the house all day. Winnie, Lela and Miss Leigh were here to dinner. This was the day of the Great Boughner Picnic which this

year assembled in Simcoe, it is the first time they went out at Dover, it wouldn't be now only they got every inducement from the Simcoe people to come there while other years Dover has soaked them for all they could get out of them. A lot of cheap sports down town here got up another picnic to day in opposition, and made arrangements with Buck to get the Park free. They got out hills and put them all over the country they say advertising it as being formerly the Boughner picnic but the Boughners threatened to take action against them and they had to around and collect all their posters. I guess they didn't get much of a crowd. The Toronto regiments got a sudden order to go from Long Branch to Valcartier and they all left to day. Aunty told us in her letter that Sgt. McDonald is with the 18th Highlanders and Elva told Cash that Byron Johnson belongs to the 1st bat. corp of the Chatham regiment Dick is wishing he was old enough to enlist. I don't know but that I would if I were in his place but I think untill conditions develop more and the odds are against Britain, the Canadian farmer is of as much importance as the soldier, as they can't fight on empty stomachs, and Canada is where they are looking for their bread & butter, but I'm good & ready to scrap when they do need me. It has been pretty hot to day, but looks fair.

Sunday August 23rd

Each & Dad went to church this morning and Hank went to Sunday school & church. I stayed home to watch Liddy. He woke up before they got home and I took him back to the gully and woods where appeared to enjoy himself. Dick stayed in bed till noon and went down town after dinner. This afternoon Dad, Each & Liddams drove out to the Shand's stand got back just before it began to rain. I got two or three mushrooms back in the gully this morning. Frank went back this afternoon to see if he could find any. He came back with about a peck of them. I read, slept and cursed flies all the afternoon till Hank came home and fixed a fly net over me which was a great protection. Hoby got home last night and I guess had a good time. I saw every body he knew either by lucky chance or by premeditated call. He said Rus. They took him into the prison office and talked for an hour. He is crazy to go to the war as an assistant army surgeon but they won't take him. Hoby told Dad & Each that Vernon said we could all go down there any time and stay as long as we liked and that we could go in a body or by installments and that if Quint was home for him to go too. It has been very hot and a big thunder storm came up this afternoon. It poured rain for a few minutes but hasn't cleared off yet.

Monday August 24th

It rained hard again during the night but has been cool and windy all day and feels as if it had cleared up. We all got up pretty early and Dad got a good forenoon plowing done. I cleaned out the separator and cut a little wood and before dinner went out to see if the oats were ready to be turned again as yesterday's wind knocked a lot of them down but they hadn't dried out quite enough on the outside. Frank spent most of the morning down town with Nellie, he got some groceries and then took Jullie down and let Lila drive Mr. & Mrs. Leigh over to dinner and he waited down and got the mail. Early this morning he went back to the gully and got a nice lot of mushrooms. This afternoon we didn't get out so early as Dad wanted to talk to Mrs. Leigh for a while after dinner. He went back and struck out a couple of lands and then I came back and plowed around them and left three or four furrows on each for him to finish up. He came back about half past five and plowed till six. In the meantime he fixed at the pig yard fence to try to keep the little fellows in as they have been running all over the place and today took to roving in to Martin's domains and helping them selves to his chicken food. Dad didn't finish the job but thinks it efficient as far as he goes.

Tuesday August 25th

We hooked up Belle to the buggy this and I called for
Shuly about eight o'clock. We drove up to Bickler's again.
We stopped in at Andrew Smith's but he was not at home.
Bickler's weren't home either but the man was and we
went over to see Bickler as he was on another farm he has
bought just south of Victoria. We had a line drive and
got home about one. Dad tried to blow this morning with
me and Harry but had a terrible time as he acted very
mean so he was glad enough to have Belle back this
afternoon. Grand spent the after noon morning fixing
the rest of the pig fence. After dinner Frank and I started
to turn out all the oats in this field but got about half done
when Mr. Morgan came to see the English Wall nut trees
and we didn't get any more done that day but Frank and
I hauled up a load of rails with Harry and Belle as Dad quit
early. At night Dad & Frank went down to a musical at
Mrs. Ashbes and Frank and I stayed home to watch Ted's drama.
Quite cold this morning and cool all day.

Wednesday August 26th

We didn't get up very early this morning and Jim Bonnett
came over to get Dad to go over and see a sick cow he has

She wouldn't eat last night or this morning and can't get up.
Dad went over and said he was afraid she was going to
die. We got one load of oats in before dinner and three after.
and there is still a load out there to night. I went down and
joined a surprise party which they had for Berdy Wimmer
who is going away next week to train for a nurse. There was
fruit a bunch and we went up there and played pedwall
evening. I have never learned anything about the pecky game
yet but I had a rattling good time just the same. I
went up to the land room and found several practicing
up there for to-morrow. Harry Mom told me the other day
they were going to have a flag day Thursday but I didn't know
they were going to practice for it. Cloudy and cool.

Thursday August 27th

I helped Dad & Frank to get the load of oats off which we left on
the barn floor and then got ready to go down town at half past
ten. Jim Bonnett's cow died so Dad went over to hold a post
mortem on her but could find nothing abnormal except
an enlarged gall bladder. I went down to Shuly's first thing to
see if he could come over and help get in the rest of the oats
but he didn't seem to feel very well but went over after dinner.
Berdy Wimmer nailed me to buy a flag just as I was going

into Huber and I had to buy another from Paury Licker before I got up town. however they did me for the day although they were both sold again before the day was over. I was up at the hand room on time but nobody else was we had to wait about an hour before the float appeared and it was then to late to meet the eleven o'clock train as we intended. Harry Mann had been working hard all morning and he and Jack Ivey had Johnny Walbers' dray all rigged up fine with flags and flowers and drawn by four horses. They had all ambushed spitted teams on the lead and Johnny Walbers' team on four wheelers but they had to have two drivers. Any way they tooted the band all over town all day and we stayed all the patriotic tunes we could find. They had all the pretty girls in town pretty nearly riding on the a running board around the dray where it was easy for them to jump on and off selling flags. They sold all their flags early in the day and had to make a lot of little tricolored beads and sell flowers which I ~~was~~ gave them. We came over Prosser Hill here where they collected over thirty dollars mostly from Mrs. Batterby and Jack Martin. we also went over Brant hill. I stayed to Huber's for dinner and went home for supper and didn't go down to the dance after dinner tea. The girls were going to sell flowers over at the dance but I guess most of them were pretty tired

as they were on the small day. They got a little over two hundred and fifty dollars. It will be sent to the patriotic fund for the relief of the wives of soldiers gone to the front. Dad & Frank got the rest of the sets at the front field in and they came over to help them after dinner but they found the water over the gully to be soaking wet so they turned a load out and left them. Dad. played for about an hour and Jack and I hunted mushrooms. Very busy and threatening all day & cool.

Friday August 28th

Dad. went over first thing this morning to see John Bannister's cow which has been taken sick the same way Jim Bannister's was and has been running in the same pasture. Dad. says it is going to die but doesn't know what is the matter with it. I cut a little lawn and Frank and I pitched of the few shaves while he was gone - and then we took the rack back over the gully. We all turned out for awhile and then Frank finished up and Dad. put on a load. We got one load on before dinner. This afternoon we hauled three in and left a couple out here. We threw them up on top the alicks. So night Ench had to go down to choir practice as Sopsy asked her to play for her while she is in town. We called ^{as above for dinner} for Miss Draton who was waiting for us at the gate at Mrs. Batterby's. It was ~~hij~~ giggling when we went

down and was raining quite hard when we got home it rained very hard during the night.

Saturday August 29th

It rained a good part of the morning. Dad went over to Billy Lewis as he couldn't do anything else and the old man came over after him last night to see a sick heifer. He stopped in at a hand on his way home and was there till after noon. They were weighing up all their stock. This afternoon Charles Guahary came over after him to go and take a last look at the cow. She was better last night and this morning but before time took a turn for the worse and is on her last legs. Dad couldn't imagine what was the matter with her. He got some new veterinary down from Simca and he happened to have the inspector with him so they both came down, they said it must be Anthrax - the germs of which have come in with a lot of chickens. Mr. Martin has just bought from some fellow on the other side, but Dad says he doesn't think it is that because the eggs or what ever it comes from would have had time to develop yet. He says if it is that, that likely all the cattle on this place will be infected through him and no telling where it will end.

I didn't do any thing much all day except write part of a letter to Uncle Hal. Tom. What brought Mrs. M. B. over after dinner

and Frank and I took her down as far as Pearson's orchard to-night. We intended driving on down town but just as I cranked the buggy off for Mrs. M. B. to get out she gave a quick switch around and brought the wheel up against the bed of the buggy and the shaft broke at the curve. It held enough to pull me home but it didn't like to go down town so Frank walked down and got Dad's tobacco. Cloudy and cool all day.

Sunday August 30th

Dad and Enah drove down to church this morning after we had fixed a good whiffle tree to a good pair of shafts in a proper way. I stayed home to watch Liddams. She stayed out in the barn for about half an hour and then we came in the house and he chessed around till he rooted Dick out of bed. Dick got up and he and I took five pictures of Liddams. This afternoon Dick took the camera and took twelve pictures. Dad and I went out to the hands to get a look at Dick on sick cows but none of them were home. To-night Enah and I drove down to church. Cloudy and cool but looks clearer.

Monday August 31st

Dad plowed this fore noon and specked some ditches out of some of the holes in the corn field. Frank went

back and turned over the rest of the soil across the path. Hubby came over a little while before dinner and piled up his duck hide hay. This afternoon Dad and I hauled in the last two loads of oats and Hubby helped us unload them. Between loads he fixed up a gate post at the ^{north} end of the drive house and fixed the fence. Cloudy but fair. Very hot for awhile this afternoon but fresh breeze sprang up later. Bell Donald was in tonight to have Dad look at his shoe boil on his

Tuesday September 1st

It was sprinkling this morning when Dad took the team out but he didn't think it would amount to much so took the rollers out as he wanted to roll down what he has plowed before he puts any manure out with the spreader. He just nicely got started when a nut broke on the roller and he had to quit, he would have had to any way for just then it began to pour rain. It rained very hard for awhile but apparently cleared up before dinner but after dinner another cloud came up and we had a short session of the heaviest down pour this year. Every thing was flooded in no time. I spent the morning in putting another row in the far chicken pen and enlarging the table under

neath. This afternoon I made another trap nest or at least started another. Dad went over to Suppers this morning to pay him for our road work.

Wednesday September 2nd

Dad got a fairly good day in plowing to day, although he had a couple of visitors. Young Hawk came in to ask him about a sick cow and as an agent went over and sold him a new map of the Dominion. This morning Frank and I took the brooder and chicken coops out of the chicken yard and I dug up where they were. We then went out to the corn field and I spread some more ditches from some mole holes and Frank started to dig the potatoes in the wet place but he said they were all rotten. This afternoon I cut the lawn, I had quite a time with the lawn mower as the paws have been worn. Mrs. M. Bidd has been here washing all day. To night Ench and I drove down and got the mail. We got a letter from Auntie bearing the astounding news that Walter is on the verge of getting married. Breeze all day very hot after dinner and looked very much like rain for awhile.

Thursday September 3rd

Dad plowed all day again to day and the flies weren't.

quite so bad. I spent the whole day trimming the edges and digging up the rhubarb bed, and also digging a piece in the strip where the currant bushes are. I didn't get much done as my back ached quite a lot from the digging. Had cut wood and this afternoon went down town, and got the mail. To night he has gone down to the moving picture show as Johnny Walker has on a twenty cent show "The Mobilization of the British Army." Cool and windy today. A short shower before tea.

Friday September 4th

We hauled manure all day to day and got out 16 loads which just covered the unplowed part of the alder stable. I spent in between loads cutting a little lawn and churning. Frank went down town this morning and this afternoon cut wood. He has a big pile cut which he expects to last till he gets back from Toronto. A Mr. Walker was in this morning and bothered Dad for awhile showing him a Nature Study chart which he said this school ought to have. Dad told him the Minister of Education was a good person, stuff like Nature study on the school curriculum but gave his name as one of the Trustees in favor of buying a chart. It has been very cold all day and tried to rain this morning. Hattie went to choir practice tonight and the boys

printed photographs, they had some very good ones.

Saturday September 5th

First thing after breakfast Toby, Frank and I went out to put the new ball in the roller to replace the one that broke and we had a time but at last succeeded. I got the team out then and went at the ploughing. Hubert and Quinn came over for a little while just before noon but would not stay for dinner as Hubert wanted to go to Charley Leffel and get some wood to send down to Roy. Toby and Frank had to do so many odds and ends preparing for their trip to Toronto. They left here about 3-30 and the whole four of them got off on the 5th O'Clock train taking a basket of things down to Roy and Vernon. I had to quit the plough at 5th O'Clock and then it was late enough when I had every thing done up. It is terribly lonely I will be glad to see them all back safely. It has been cool all day.

Sunday September 6th

I put in a very lazy day, Hattie had to ^{go to} church both morning and evening and baby and I stayed home he looks very good all day. I had to do the chores up early in the evening so that Hattie could get off in time. It rained a little in the early morning. I read while baby was asleep when I should have been writing letters.

Monday September 7th

I was up at 5-15 this A.M. and had nearly all the chores done up by 7. I had to go out to the corn field after the dish and it looked so much like rain I hardly knew whether to go to the field or not but I went and it did not rain but was so cold that I nearly froze but I got over a big piece. Hattie went down town in the afternoon and Rile came home with her to stay all night Hubert was over for a few minutes to tell me that he could not come in the morning as he had to see about the insurance on the Town Hall.

Tuesday September 8th

This has been a most unsatisfactory day I got out fairly early considering I had every thing to do and rolled nearly all I had ploughed by noon. I thought I would have a good afternoon at the plough, but just as I was going out after dinner John Pelabury came and wanted me to talk to Mr. Mokon he had a report on the blood he sent away from John's cow stating an organism had been found in it that looked suspicious when I got back from talking to him Hattie told me that Charlie Shaud had been here to say the three colts were out at their fence so I had to saddle Joe and go after them. I had quite a time getting them home and it was too late to go to the field when I got back, in fact it took me all my time to get every thing done up before dark. Hattie and baby went down town again today. It has been very cold all day.

Wednesday, September 9th

I have had another upset day, a most trying one. In the first place, I did not get up very early, Dick came home about midnight and the dogs woke me up barking at him, we talked for a long time after he came to bed, then I remembered that I had not shut the wind mill off and I stayed awake a long time wondering if the wind would get up before daylight, finally I got up and went out and shut it off and then could not get to sleep for ever so long after I went back to bed, so the consequence was when I did go to sleep I did it so properly that I never heard the alarm and slept until 6 O'Clock. I was just ready for breakfast when Jack King drove in to have me fix his old grey mare's teeth, and after getting breakfast doing up all the chores, backing the spreader out of the barn, ^{oil} and hitching up it was 10 O'Clock. I had my fourth bath just as when Jim Bauster came over to bid me to go to Simcoe with him to argue the case

of Lead poisoning against that of Ruthrae with Dr. M. B. Matton, Jim, said he would get Jack Martin to take us up in his car if he could, so after dinner, Jack, Charlie, Jim and I went to Simcoe to find our man in Delhi, I telephoned him and he said he would be in Simcoe in an hour and a quarter so we waited and when he showed up I showed him that in all reason and common sense the animals did not have Ruthrae while there was every reason and many symptoms to charge the deaths to Lead poison, Hubert did not come over today and it was a splendid day to work, Jim said he would be over to help me in the morning so maybe we can get a little caught up. I must write to Walter now, It had been cool all day and from the looks of things there was quite a frost about Simcoe last night. I do hope the frost will keep off for a while yet and give the poor corn a chance for it has not had much of a one so far this Summer.

Thursday September 10th

I got up at daylight this morning and had most of the chores done before breakfast. I was putting the harness on the horses after breakfast when Jim Bauster came over and he helped me with the manure till noon. Hubert came over just before dinner and he and I worked all the after noon. Harry Harding came over about 3 o'clock and he stayed out with us till we quit work. Hattie went down town and Win came home with her they all stayed to tea and after tea I drove Win home and waited at Allan's corner until the boys came along then Harry drove up with me and held Joe while I went in and said good bye to Miss Battersby, she leaves on Saturday for Bradford. It has been cold all day but much warmer than yesterday. Dick went to the dance at night and I don't know what time he got home.

Friday, September 11th

I was up before it was light this morning. It looked very like rain, in fact it did sprinkle several times. Hubert came over about 5 o'clock and we got a fairly good start. we hauled manure all day but I did not keep account of the loads so I suppose Babe will go for me. We expect them home tonight but it is now 8.30 and there is no sign of them so I think we will have tea. It has been a horrible day, such a strong, cold East wind, but it was a pretty good day to work.

Saturday September 12th

We got a horrible disappointment last night the boys did not come. Hattie had killed the fattest calf, which consisted of a boiled ham (the last one) a fruit cake, baked custard, hot biscuit, fried potatoes and several "Entrées" as Mrs Mc Bride would say. We waited tea to give them plenty of time to get home after the

train came in but there were no boys so we had our tea. Lila had come over to be here to see what old "Gummy Jim" would do when he first saw them but she was fooled too. This morning I wanted to get started for town early but I was just putting the bridle on Belle when Albert Dixon came to see if he could buy Eric and Artful. I asked him \$130.00 but he beat me down \$5.00, he talked for so long "understand" that it was 10 O'Clock before Lila and I got started, and it was after 11- when Hubert and I got back with the plank for the barn floor, we did not get it quite done before dinner and Alan Law got here with the separator before we were ready for him but we soon had the floor fixed and he then put the machine in the barn and put his team on our roller and took it home with him. Albert and I then went at the yard manure again and have the place for the stack cleared. It has been a busy day though quite a cool East wind, we are expecting the boys any minute now. 8 O'Clock

Sunday September 13th
Well we all got back at last safely last night after a very enjoyable week of it. We went over to Niagara Falls on Thursday, which took a day out of our plans. It was the first time Frank and I had ever seen the Falls but Jim had been there before. We thought they were great. It was also the first time we had ever been in the U.S. We weren't so favorably impressed with it. We came over from Toronto by boat to Lewiston and from there to Niagara Falls by the Forge Route so weren't on the Canadian side at all. We were at the Exhibition three times at two theatres and out at Lewis, Jos, besides down town and on several visits so we spent very little time sitting around. Rebecca proved to be a very entertaining person, and very good most of the time. Frank went down to church and Sunday School this morning and Harry Haskins came back with him to dinner. I went for a walk back to the gully and around the farm and found it still all there. This afternoon Dad hooked up Joe and Ginger to the buggy and took Harry Harding for a long drive. Uncle Ward came over and stayed all the afternoon. The Barwell family were in for about a minute. Dick slept all morning and went down to take some pictures with my camera this afternoon. It was late when we got through to night. It has been a lovely day, sunny but not hot.

Monday September 14th

We didn't get out very early this morning. I disked all morning on the alaska stubble and Dad & Frank hanked rail with pair of fingers. Hubby and Giddens cleaned up all the little sticks out of the barn yard with the wheel harrow which Giddens calls the auto. He is about the most comical looking thing imaginable now as he wears a little pair of blue overalls which Uncle Hal sent him and is never happy unless working at some thing. This afternoon we hauled out eight loads of manure but the field isn't covered yet. Allan Law came over and harrowed the field and the roller. Another nice cool but sunny day. If things keep on the way they are now it looks as if the war couldn't last much longer. The Germans (what are left of them) seem to be in full flight with the British & French after them and the Russians have got started at them yet.

Tuesday September 15th

We hauled manure all day and got out 16 loads and the field covered. We got through about half past four or five and I disked till six. Hubby didn't get over till late this morning a rat stole seven of his little chickens. Jimmie came over and put in a connection in the two water troughs

for us and stayed till after dinner. Frank spent most of the day running messages as we expect to have the thresh here to-morrow morning. It won't take long though to thresh us out. Allan Law brought back our drill and roller roller.

Wednesday September 16th

We got up early this morning and were getting things all prepared to thresh when about seven o'clock Allan Law came over to inform us that they had broken the mud pump (what ever that is) off the engine and unless they could get one in to over which was very unlikely they would have to go to Simcoe or telephone to Hamilton. They telephoned to Hamilton so won't be over here till to-morrow. The cream separator wouldn't work this morning. It went all right yesterday morning but last night it lugged and a g. air this morning. They took it all apart h. with times and washed and could find nothing wrong with it but they can't get it to go. How ever to night it went beautifully although they hadn't done any thing to it. Hubby came over yard & early and chopped wood all morning and this afternoon. He and Frank went back to see if they could fix the fence along the woods. They took the shot gun with them. Dad & I worked on the land all day. I disked

and Dad. harrowed on the alaike stubble. Mrs. M^c was here all day. Dave, Waddle & a man named Hawkins drove over after dinner and had a little shooting. Sunny quite hot and flies very bad.

Thurs day September 17th

The threshers arrived this morning but didn't get started quite early enough to finish before dinner, but it only took about half an hour after. We only had 145 bushels of oats of course it was only off one field but we will have to be economical with them to make them last. There were 208 bushels of wheat or about 26 or 27 bushels to the acre, but it was a lovely sample and clean. Sam Law said it was the best he had thrashed this year. Most of it around here is shrivelled. This afternoon I took the team and went out and disked on the buck wheat ground. The rest stayed up here to clean up around the barn. Dad said Jonas came over about five o'clock after he had got dressed up from thrashing and he was crying like a baby. He poured forth an awful tale of woe to Dad & Halcy saying that Myers was robbing him. He had just come and taken his canning factory tickets. I suppose Jonas owes Myers every thing as he has been hiring me all summer for

Jonas, but Jonas doesn't understand it. The flower show is on to-night and Jonas had taken a lot of vegetables down so Dad told him to forget his troubles and go and take a prize on his onions, so about tea time he came across the fields in great excitement waving his hat and apparently as happy as a king and yelled over to them that he had got three first prizes on his onions and a second on his tomatoes. Erub and I drove down to-night to go to the show and Jonas was there to show us his prize winning stuff. He also had an orchestra consisting of Sany Lawson, Chis Fairchilds and Frank Mar. George Thompson had his Victrola there. I don't know who was the proudest one there, Jonas, Sandy or George Thompson. Another hot day but cold at night.

Friday September 18th

I disked all day to day on the buck wheat ground I got over the part I didn't get done yesterday length ways this morning and over most of it cross ways this afternoon. We want to sow it tomorrow if we can. Dad went down this morning and got Sam Law's team Ben & Ned. He told Dad yesterday he could have them if he wanted them. So Dad has been plowing all day. He had to quit though about four o'clock as the ground

was very hard and the shear dull. Frank did chores all morning and put fresh straw in the chicken house. This afternoon he & Haly cleaned up enough wheat to sow to morrow and he harrowed over what Dad plowed when D. ad. put. Haly had to go down and in sure I saw Law's furniture & implements & stock this morning. Pretty hot.

Saturday September 19th

We worked on the land all day and Dad. got the lude wheat stubble drilled and the ditches run out. I finished disking crossways and then hooked on to the harrows. I finished harrowing length ways by noon and after dinner harrowed it over again after the drill. It was after six by the time Dad. got all the ditches run. I disked over what he plowed yesterday on the alsike stubble before I quit. Haly and Frank cleaned up a lot more wheat. Enah and Siddons went down this afternoon to Miss Battersby's sale but didn't buy anything but a five cent wash tub. She was going to bed on the creek stairs but discovered the back was all out of it so didn't get it. It has been very hot again today and the flies very bad.

Sunday September 20th

Frank went to church and Sunday school, and was the sole representative of the family. We got up very late so I spent about half the forenoon doing chores and helping Dad. trim up some of the sheep. Dick and I went down to Swanburg for a swim just before dinner, we needed one badly enough but the water wasn't as warm as I have felt it. This afternoon Dad. Enah and Siddons went for a drive down the lake shore. Frank went for a ride on his wheel. Dick went down town and I held around here for awhile and then went down town to Hukys. Tonight I drove Enah down to church. Mr. Johnson was having service in Vittoria so Cousin Willie was in charge of things. He made a much better job of it than Mr. Johnson generally does. There was no service in either of the other churches as the preachers are all taking their holidays, so we had a few outsiders with us. Lovely day but still pretty warm.

Monday September 21st

We got a good long day in on the land but the flies have been so bad and it was so hot that we couldn't go very fast. Frank went down and got Sam's team again and Dad. finished plowing. It was so hard that he didn't try to plow the head land along the lane. Frank took the

team back to night. They want to use all Wed. to-morrow so we won't be able to get them again. Dad. first wanted them till he finished plowing. I disked till day. Hubby didn't get over till a little before noon but put in the after-noon shovelling out ditches in the buck wheat ground.

Tuesday September 22nd

It has been very hot all day and the flies are enough to drive horses and men crazy so worked at the wheat ground and had it in fine shape by 3 P. M. and got the sud and drill out and several rounds by 4 O'Clock. Loby worked with me to help keep the drill from clogging with grass roots and it kept him busy in places we worked as long as we could see and got more than half the field in, but we just got the drill and wagon put safely in and the horses in the barn when it began to sprinkle. It has not rained very much yet though there have been several sharp showers. So hope it won't rain much till we get the field finished. Hattie and Lobe are printing photographs of the Loby tonight. We got some great pictures. There were two fires to-night.

Wednesday September 23rd

Although it rained pretty hard before we went to bed last night. It didn't rain much more and as a breeze sprang up soon after Dad. thought we might get the rest of the field in after all so we got up pretty early it began to rain again however just about seven and has kept it up off and on all day and shows no signs of letting up to-night. It is also quite a bit cooler. I read all morning and Grandpa & Dad. worked around the house. This afternoon I did a few chores and then started to fix a drawer so as to fit under one of the shelves in the pantry. Hubby came over at noon and worked at flooring of the lod corn cick till about four when Dad. & Frank drove down in the wagon to get some plank. to rig up a pig pen in the barn and Hubby went down with them. We also put rings in the pig's noses this morning. There if the British cruisers are sent.

Thursday September 24th

We didn't get around very early this morning and Dad & Frank worked till noon penning off the bay in the barn with the plank they got yesterday. Hubby helped them after he come. I spent most of the morning in the shop

experimenting with the old-moulding planes which were in the ~~chest~~ chest. They work far better than I thought. After dinner we took seven of the biggest bugs out of the pen and put them over in the barn in the pen they made this morning. Dad & I each took a front-leg and Hubby took the hind legs and we just carried them that way. They were just about all we could handle too. We rubbed each one with crude oil before putting them in as the lice were rather thick on them. Frank and Liddums watched the caught ones while we were after another. Liddums was a little afraid when they squeaked but very much interested. Dick came over just after dinner to inform us that Vernon & Rebecca come up to the Woodson's to-day so Enah went over to see them. Vernon brought the baby up as she hasn't been able to eat or sleep well lately. They are going to be here till after Thanksgiving. Dad spent the rest of the afternoon in fixing up the pig pen so the four left could roost up stairs in stead of the other half so as the old sow could use it. Hubby & Frank fanned wheat and I cut lawn. Mrs. McPride was here all day. Enah went down to Pinafari practice to-night & Frank to confirmation class. It was cloudy most of the day & cold but we thought clear just to night it is very black & sprinkling.

Friday September 25th
 Hubby and Quint came over this morning. Quint went back to the woods with his gun but I guess didn't get anything much. Hubby and Frank cleaned up more wheat. Dad & I put the drawers, we got fixed, on the pantry shelf for Enah and then he went to fix the hog pen some way different and they a little more out at the side of the house. This afternoon Dad & I finished drilling the alsike stubble, much to our surprise we found it drilled better than it did on Tuesday, and I think it will come on all right. Hubby sawed wood nearly all the afternoon and Frank & Quint got the vice nearly ready to put on the bench. Quint has made a beautiful job of it. There was a great old piece of oak out there which he used for one side and he is going to put a piece of iron on the bench for the other. Old Walker was over this morning to collect a little for his wife and Mrs. Jack Martin came over to invite Dad & Enah to go to Simcoe with them to night its a patriotic concert. They accepted and so Frank & I are left alone to keep house which we have on an apt to do with out waking up. Lid. Win was over to tea. It has been pretty cool all day.

Saturday September 26th
 Dad went out this morning and I harrowed over the sand hill.

which didn't cover very well. This afternoon he ran the furrows and cross ditches. Vernon brought Rebecca over this morning but they didn't stay very long. Liddum tried his best to make friends with Rebecca but she wouldn't have any thing whatever to do with him. Lila was over and she took Rebecca & Liddum out to show them the animals. He explained every thing to her but she turned a deaf ear to him. Betty came over with Hubby and Quint and went back with Vernon who said if the roads didn't get better she couldn't bring the baby carriage over again. He started twice yesterday but couldn't make it. He didn't know about coming through Martins. Lila went down to the River and spent the day. This afternoon Hubby, Quint, Frank, Billy, Barwell and I went back to the woods. They had their guns but didn't shoot any thing much. Quint shot a bittern which Frank brought home to eat and also a crow. Hubby and I went over to John West's to take a look at his corn-hare and he talk us to take it home and use it as he has no corn here this year. He isn't through seeding yet. He and old Robert John were harrowing on a six acre field which if the weather permits he wants to get in on Monday. When we got back we fixed up the gap from the alibi field into the gully. Dad was still running out furrows and Harry Harding was with

He has to go back West on Wednesday although his mother isn't much better. Val. Lacey came over this afternoon to see Dad about some thing so as there wasn't much for Hubby to do, he Quint Lila and Billy all jumped on Val's dray and rode home. I dug a little more before it was time to do chores. Cousin took in the sale of Winkey Smith's stuff this afternoon but the store was too small for what she wanted, but Cousin Bessy told her that they had one for sale and wants Dad to take a look at it. She bought a set of bed springs. Frank and I drove down tonight as I needed a hair cut and Frank had to get some groceries. We went around to Smith's to get the bed springs but they weren't there so Effie told us that some fellow that lives in the brick house way up St. Patrick St. must have them as he had sent word that he had a set delivered to him which he didn't buy so Frank and I went up there and found the springs on the veranda and as there was no one home left word with the neighbors and carried them down to Hubby's and put them in the wood shed. It was pretty late when we got home. Dick got home soon after with "Larned's History of the World" in five volumes & a dandy big war map all of which he got for \$1.95 and some coupons out of a news paper. We got a letter last night from Auntie saying they hoped to be home here about the end of October. It has been pretty sunny but a cold wind all day.

Sunday September 27th

Frank went to Sunday school and church this morning and Dad & Enah drove down to church as it was Harvest Home and Communion, I stayed home to look after Liddens and had my hands full two after he got up. It was late when they got home as they went around to Cassin Beans to see the stone. They are satisfied with it and are going to bring it over and try it before they set on a price. This afternoon Dad put up the horse stable in the hall as we were almost frozen. Vernon, Rebecca and Betty were all over again this afternoon Dick went down town and Frank went back to the gully. Winnie came over two and stayed to tea. I walked down with her and went to church to night. It was Harvest Home and we had saved a lot of nice wheat for their decorations and told Mr. Johnson about it, but he either forgot it or was too lazy to come after it so the pigs will get it. I went in to Hubby for a while after church. Jim expects to go to Jarvis tomorrow to pick apples. Cold wind all day. It froze the night before last and lands & fields as if it would do again to night.

Monday September 28th

We got started as soon as possible down town this morning in the waggon to get the stone at Cassin

Beans. Frank, Dad & I went down, we picked Hubby up on the way and called around for Harry Harding but he didn't seem to be home, so we took Dave Waddle who happened along in stead. Best Matthews was up there mixing mortar so we had lots of help. The stone seemed to be pretty badly cracked up but we brought it over. We had to stop in at Joe Howell's and get him to fix a piece of the base. We went around by Hubby and got the spring, Enah brought at the sale. By the time we got home & unloaded it was nearly noon. This afternoon after we did a few odd jobs Frank and I started to cut corn. I was getting on to three when we started and we worked till a little after six but we got 20 shocks cut. It seems to be a little green yet and I had a lot of trouble getting hands that wouldn't break. Hubby cleaned out ditches in the albee stubble & Dad finished plowing & cut the ditches and started to plow the head land which was too hard before. There was quite a frost last night but it didn't seem to hurt any thing. Jim left for Jarvis this morning to pick apples. Not so cold to day.

Tuesday September 29th

Dad got out good and early this morning and finished plowing the head land. He also rolled it, harrowed it and

drilled it, he says it will need ralling and harrowing
 again. The wheat on the buck wheat ground is up nicely now
 Frank and I got out about nine o'clock and finished cutting
 the row there were 13 more shocks in it. We didn't begin another
 - as we didn't know whether it is quite ripe enough yet or not
 and thought we would leave it a day or two to see if more of
 it isn't fleged. We started to pull the two rows of beans then
 Frank got his row done by noon but I only got about half of
 mine done; however Frank finished it after dinner. This after
 noon Dad, Enah & Liddums lit out for Simcoe. Enah went
 up to attend the Deacons meeting and she stayed to come
 down by train to night. Dad brought Sid home had
 his tea and has driven down again to Pinupre practice
 where he is to meet Enah. They have left Frank & me in
 charge again with Liddums asleep. We have just finished
 washing the dishes, Moby didn't come over till noon and
 he Frank and I hauled rails this afternoon, we only got
 two loads as we had a few visitors. Charlis Shand came in
 just after Dad left with his old dog who has a lump on his jaw
 about the size of a baseball. I told him to leave it till Dad
 came home and come after it to night but when Dad came
 home the old dog wouldn't let him touch him. However Moby
 came in before tea and between them they managed to feel his

mouth so that Dad could fit his knife into it but I guess
 it didn't do much good so Mr. Shand took him home. To night
 is the first night that Liddums has waked up under
 Frank's & my care but to night he not only woke up and
 stayed awake but he howled as long & loud as he could for
 Daddy & Momma. We tried several ways to pacify him at
 last showed him his book and told him we would take him
 out and show him Lige, but Lige wasn't in the wood shed and
 it was too cold to take him outside. We then showed him
 Eaton's catalogue which has a picture of a man in it which
 Sid calls Daddy. That pleased him for awhile and then we
 induced him to go into his carriage. Frank jiggled the carriage
 and I crouched in front of it to jump at him and keep
 in a good humor. The trouble with that was he got in such a good
 humor that he wouldn't go to sleep and just jumped up when he
 showed signs of crying but I had to stay crouched in front on my
 hands & knees where he couldn't see me. as I was afraid if he
 saw me go away he would commence; however we were relieved
 before very long by the folks arrival home. Cold to night sunny all day.

Wednesday, September 30th

Dad went down to see Harry Harding off this morning and
 brought Moby back with him. He went around to see if he

could get old Manner to come and fix the shed but the old Coon wasn't home and when Frank went down that noon they told him that "Pa" was going to pick apples in the morning and so I suppose we can't get him. Frank and I milked and I had an awful time trying to milk John as her teats are so short. Henry Odd came over to see if he could harrow our hay rack I told him he could and after breakfast we had to help him put up the baby gate which was with Whit Dixon & The Morgan were in on a little visit and Frank and I didn't get out till about 5 o'clock but we got twenty shocks cut before dinner. This afternoon we cut thirty more so got in a pretty fair day. Dad spent most of the day fixing the well as the weight broke off the chain and he had to fish for it with grappling irons. Hubby cut wood and helped him most of the afternoon. Mrs. M. Bride was here washing all day. Tuesday.

Thursday October 10th

Frank and I cut corn all morning and got on fairly well. Dad came out for a few minutes and helped us with two or three shocks. Hubby didn't get over till late and when he came he and Dad tended to a little dog which Tom Albat brought here for veterinary treatment. This afternoon Dad, Frank and I all went down to the Rural School Fair in the pavillion under

the supervision of the Department of Agriculture we thought it was fine. The exhibits consisted of poultry, all Plymouth Rocks from eggs given to the school children, apples, corn, grain, potatoes and tomatoes. The boys showed samples of Carpentry work which consisted chiefly of milk stools and hammer handles. The first prize milk stool which was made by Willie Nixon and hammer handles were beautifully made while the poorest ones looked as if the only tools employed in their manufacture had been an axe & a jack knife. The girls showed coakery & needle work which looked to me to be just as good as any could do. Winnie Waddle got first prize on her sewing. They also had collections of hay & butterflies and also drawings & compositions. I went down partly to see Mr. Wilson the District Representative but there was such a crowd there that I didn't get a chance I wanted to ask him about his baby beef competition. Hubby spent the afternoon back in the gully putting in barricades for some little trees which we hope to plant next spring. Last night Dad had to go down to a school board meeting. I guess they didn't do much but anyway old stinger. There was also a Pinnafus practice, part of which Dad took in Frank went down to Confirmation class. Weather has been very much the same. The days are sunny and nice but the nights are very cold and as a rule there is a touch of frost.

Friday October 2nd

Frank and I cut corn all day but didn't get on quite so fast for some reason. We had to take the horse up at noon and Frank put a new piece in its tail. We cut over as far as the potato patch and cut all the corn south of the potato patch so we are quite a bit more than half done the field. Hubby and Dad hauled manure all day on the oat stubble and to night they have all the old pile which was under the sick stack cleaned up. I walked down town to night to get the mail. I ~~was~~ around up town for a while and then went down to Hubby's for another while. When I got home they told me my face was dirty. The above blot was caused by my lapsing into a dormant condition with my fountain pen in my hand and on awaking rubbing - a gain a big drop of ink which had run from the pen.

Saturday October 3rd

Frank and I cut corn all morning and got on fairly well. Hubby & Dad hauled manure. This afternoon Frank went down to Will Bush's sale to bid on some apple crates but they went too high. Tom Abbott said you could have bought them full of apples for the same price any where else. eleven cents a piece I think. I didn't like to cut corn with out Frank

so Dad, Hubby and I to say nothing of Liddums who was least but not last in the game caught all the sheep and marked the ewes at least the old ones and trimmed them and as we had no place to dip them we mixed up a solution of genoleam and poured it down the middle of their backs from a beer bottle. We parted the wool and the stuff ran pretty well all over their bodies as it didn't soak in to the wool at all. These operations took up all the afternoon. I drove Hubby down to night and got some provisions. It has been a very nice day and a lovely night.

Sunday October 4th

Enah and I drove down to Church this morning. Frank went down to Church and Sunday school and went down to Hubby's for dinner and they all went up creek this afternoon after butter-milk. Vernon and Rebecca came over to Martin's fence just after we got through dinner and Vernon wanted Dad & Enah to go down to the Wooker's this afternoon to see them as Mrs. Woodson got a little sore about them not coming. She also wanted Enah to formally invite her over here on Friday as Mrs. Woodson didn't like the idea of her coming with out. Dad, Enah and Liddums got all ready to go when Mrs. & Mrs. W. J. Thompson came in. They didn't stay very long so they went down Wooker's but Enah neglected

to invite L'erona as she wanted her to so I don't know how it will pan out. I sat around and read and wrote to Aunty till it was time to do chores and fooled with the guitar all evening. It has been another lovely day. Quint came home last night and isn't going back right away to Kent.

Monday, October 5th

Frank and I cut corn again all day and by to-night only had twenty one more shocks to cut. Hubby and Dad hauled manure all the after noon. Hubby didn't get done till late and then had to fix the spreader a little this morning. The axle had slipped out of place. Misner, the livery stable man was over this morning to get his horses teeth filed. and Supper came over after dinner to get Dad to go over and look at his Clyde mare but as Dad was all hooked up he said he would wait till morning. Supper was telling us a great way to cut short clover seed like ours is this year. He says if we cut it with the mower we can never gather it up with the rake but he says if we take the tattle canvas off the binder and set the reel low we can just take the heads off and when we get the stalk full we can rake them off. He was also talking about tile drains. Bill told us there was no use trying to drain clay land with tile as the water won't go through it. but Supper says

that so only blue clay. This red clay he says is the best land for tile as they don't fill up like they do in the sand, but it takes a year or two to get all the little pores and channels in the soil running to the tile establisher. The longer they are in the better they work. It has been much milder to-day and looks as if it might rain soon. Enah and Liddums went down town this after noon.

Tuesday, October 6th

Frank and I finished cutting the corn about eleven o'clock amidst great rejoicings on our part. Quint came over this morning and told us Hubby was doing insurance work for Ed Moon. She was to have come at noon but didn't appear. Dad had to go over and see Supper's mare so Quint rode over with him. When they got back Quint helped him pitch on three or four loads of manure. This after noon Dad & I hauled manure and made quite a hole in the pile but neglected to keep track. Between loads I swept off the floor of the loft above the hog pen and moved all the old boxes & coops that I had hens with chickens under ~~up~~ there and to-night Dad helped me get the brooder up. Liddums was out with us and would get right where if the brooder ever slipped it would fall on him and Dad slipped on a hen that was roosting up there and when it squawked it scared poor Liddums and he more than hauled. The latest addition to his vocabulary is hammer pronounced

hamours and ice, he saw Dad. cracking ice with the hammer the other day and has been commenting on the action ever since. She is also developing the typical and apparently in her desire of young ones to play with the hammer. Frank found him in the chicken yard with it to-night but luckily he had not attacked the bee hive. Frank and Quint went for a trunk with the gun this afternoon and got a lot of chest nuts. I suppose at Charlie M. Queens. The Jim Waddle family were in about five o'clock and as we had not got the mail yet, it was news when he told of a big snow storm out west two feet deep now in Calgary and Mr. Clouds out \$5,000 worth of property destroyed in the shape of garages. It has been much cooler and cloudy all day, with rain but not much to night. The wheat needs rain badly as it hasn't come up yet in the hard spots and on the head land which Dad plowed last.

Wednesday October 7th

We hauled a manure all day and to night got the yard all cleaned up and the field a little more than covered. It is the first time we have had the yard cleaned right up since we have been here. Hubby didn't come over till noon and then he brought Jimmy Rankin with him who proved very entertaining. Lila came over after school to stay all

night but changed her mind when Hubby went home and went with him. Alfred paid us a short visit this morning and also three dollars. Dad bought a couple of doves from him to sell for Frank giving as ours are not big enough so Frank went down and got them this afternoon. This morning he took a walk down the road to see if he could see Hubby's old turkey hen but Mr. Johnson picked him up by Art. Pyersie's and took him for a long ride down mud street and up the lake shore in his automobile, Frank didn't see the turkey but Mrs. Law told him it roosted right near their door every night and fed with the chickens in the mornings. Quat and Liddums went down to the Woodson's ^{this} afternoon and Quat invited Vernon over here on Friday. Frank has been making arrangements with Jonas to get Nellie to-morrow as he and Quint want to go after nuts. Poor old Jonas is having a hard time again with his "gitneys" and can't work very hard. It has been sunny and nice all day flies are bad.

Thursday October 8th

Frank got started this morning about half past seven with Nellie and the democrat to call for Quint and go after nuts. Lila went with them. Frank expected to get back soon after dinner, but they went all the way to Billington's after hazel nuts and didn't get back till after six. They got late

of walnuts, chest nuts and hazel nuts but hardly any
 butternuts or hickory nuts. About nine or a little after Dad
 and I got started in the waggon for Vittoria. We took the
 old ram home to Dunkin's and intended being in the ether as
 back. We also expected to be back by dinner time but it was
 noon when we got there. Neither of the Dunkin's were home
 and the hired Englishman didn't know any more about anything
 than a hole in a stump. Mrs. Dunkin told us that Mr. Dunkin
 expected to be back by one, so Dad. and I hung around
 the barn for about an hour and a half. Dad. took a walk
 back the lane and saw the ewes and then I took a walk back
 and saw the two rams the old one and a lamb which I thought
 was a little beauty. There were three chest nut trees back
 there just loaded and the hurs were wide open so we got
 our pockets full of nuts. When I got up to the house Dad. had
 put the team in and was in the house having dinner so
 went in while we were eating Percy came home. He had driven
 his sister to Simcoe to the teacher's convention. Dunkin him self
 was off performing his duties. Percy was rather provoked
 that no apples were picked as he evidently packed for the association
 up there and if they didn't get their packed to day he wouldn't
 be able to do it. A Mr. Sharp came in to borrow their waggon to
 haul back wheat but he said he would help pick apples till

they got them picked but as he was anxious to get his
 back wheat loaded before the dew fell. Dad. told him that we
 could help pick till Dunkin came home. We just got out
 when Dunkin came so Dad. didn't pick very long only
 till Dunkin got his dinner. He didn't like to let us have
 the old ram unless we bought him as there was another fellow
 who was thinking of buying him and he would want him right
 away so of course he didn't want to lose the sale of him but
 Dunkin said we could have the lamb for twelve dollars
 and as he was a beauty way better than the old one we thought
 we would take him. I picked apples till they went back the
 lane got the ram brought him up and loaded him then about
 four o'clock. Dad. and I got started for home. Dunkin gave me
 a water melon just as I left. We would have been home about six
 but as we came past her place Mrs. Harry Thom hailed us
 and asked us to go down and see Jack Walker. He had been after Dad.
 all day to see one of his horses. We went down and found it was
 old Joe who had been sick since last night. Dad. was put
 out at him for not sending to Simcoe for some one in stead of waiting
 so long but brought him home with us and turned him out
 and to night gave him a hall. When we got home we found
 Erub and Hubby beginning to get alarmed that none of the family
 had showed up. When they saw us coming up the road with

old he they thought Nellie had run away and we were leaving her home. I guess poor old Nellie has forgotten long since how to run away but they thought some thing must have happened. However Frank got home about half an hour later and said every thing was all right and after his little calling down recounted all his adventures. He had been in at Dunkin's just after we left and they gave him a lot of watermelon. Hubby and Jimmy Rankin who has been over here all day - affording endless amusement for Hubby, spent the day digging post holes in the gully and putting in rails for barricades of little trees. Dad and I met the little tyke just in front of Martins tugging for all he was worth at Black who he had on a rope. Dad asked him what he was going to do with him and Jimmy said he was going to bring him back in the morning. Dad thought he said Jack to the farm so told him to just let him go and he would follow. Jimmy had no difficulty in letting him go as Black recognized us and the team was just about pulling Jimmy with him. When we got home they told us that Jimmy had asked Enah if she could take Black home and bring him back in the morning and she told him he had better ask Hubby so he went out and told Hubby that Enah said it would be alright and he let out with him. Eliza Dr. Budge was here washing up this morning. Enah said about noon a couple of auto mobiles

went past here so fast they couldn't catch the people in them and Eliza surmised that it was Bessy Perry and Pat who were to have been married to day. It has been a lovely day but hot hubby

Friday, October 9th

It rained quite a shower last night so we didn't do much to-day. Hubby came over and went out and dug a bushel of potatoes for himself and then he and Dad hauled up a few corn stalks in the wagg on horse to husk in the barn for the pigs. I started to make a rough plan of a sign board which we intend to tack on the corner out here stating that we have ramblers for sale. I then went over and took a look at Jack Martin's big new chicken house which Art Luanberry and Joe Fields are building. I wanted to see what kind of stuff they were using so that I would know what to get for my shed which I hope to build soon. Art said Jack got a lot of siding that he didn't need and he thought I could get it from him. The rest of the building is all hemlock. This afternoon Dad and I figured out how much stuff I needed and we were going down town to haul it but it began to rain so didn't go. Dad went down town later in the buggy and got the mail. He then got Vernon and Rebecca and brought them over. So night we went down to meet Ray. I didn't wait at the station to see him but went up town for awhile to see Mary.

Clarke as I heard she was here. She came down to help Bessy get married. I stopped in at the bank on my way home and got my camera which Dick had. I then went down to Huber's and borrowed his horse to walk home in but it as it had rained quite a lot - and looked as if it would rain quite a lot more. It proved to be an unnecessary precaution however as Allan Law one took me on Marshall's hill and drove me right around to the lane. They were all up when I got home. Cloudy wet and cold all the

Saturday October 10th

As soon as we could get started this morning which was any thing but early, we took the lumber wagon down and got a load of stuff from old Tommy to build the henhouse. It was mostly two by four hemlock for the frame and some cheap pine boards for sheeting. We brought Huber and Wain over with us. Cousin Clare walked over so we had quite a dinner party. This afternoon I took her and the buggy and went down and got Mary to go for a drive in quest of Chestnuts. We got up above Pat Ryan's when it commenced to thunder, we thought it was a long way off and didn't pay much attention to it. We got up a little further and found two or three trees loaded with Chestnuts with the leaves wide open so I got up one of the trees and although I could see

it very black in the west I stayed till I shook off all the nuts. Mary gathered them as fast as she could and I had got down and picked up a pound full or two when it commenced to rain. We looked for the buggy but before I had the side curtains half on I was drenched. We drove as fast as possible up the road to the next house but the rain beat right in on us. However we managed to get under a driveway which leaked about as bad as the sky, but there was no wind so he was content to stay there and we looked for the house which belonged to the Mr. Saar who married Miss Dixon. We waited there till the worst of the storm died down but as it didn't look as if it was going to stop altogether, we lit out for home which we reached soon after five. We didn't get nearly so many nuts as we might have but we had a very enjoyable experience. I don't know exactly what happened around here but I don't think any thing in particular. Ray and Vernon started for up the creek but the rain prevented them.

Sunday October 11th

We didn't do any thing much this morning but sit around the house. Frank went to church and Sunday school. Roy & Enoch said they were going to church - but it was about eleven before they started to get ready. Mrs. Warden and Betty came

over and took Vernon and Rebecca down to see Miss. Dick spent the morning in bed and Dad. Cleaned chickens. I went back to the gully and got Nellie for them to drive to church but when they decided not to go. Dick took her and went down and brought Aunty Maudie over to dinner. He then went and got Vernon who had been waiting at the Woodson's expecting them to go past to church. Then he and Dad. went down to the Lavin's after the butter. Lila and Win. came over to dinner. Then after noon. I took fine snapshots of the two babies together, but I don't know whether they will be very successful as the sun wasn't very bright. Ray and Vernon went back the lane and then down to Mrs. Woodson's for tea. Dad. wrote to Aunty and then drove Aunty Maudie home. I didn't do any thing much but went down to church to night. It has been sunny but windy and cool all day.

Monday, October 13th

Frank got up this morning about five o'clock as he didn't. Lila figured on making another nutting trip up to Billington's. He had to feed old Nellie and take her down to Jones' to back to the democrat. I thought I might as well get up and ride down town with him. It was just seven o'clock when we got down there and I took a walk around by the station.

and found that Mary was leaving so I said good bye to her. I came up around by town and found Joe and Gatty Turner sitting on Anderson's steps waiting for the complement of their different parties to put in an appearance. They both had hunting coats on but Gatty really was armed with a shot gun. He was waiting for Billy Smith. Art Smith evidently was expected but Gatty found him in bed when he called for him. Joe was very impatient as Hazel had promised to meet him at seven o'clock to go after Chestnut but hadn't showed up. He walked over as far as Hussey corner with me gronching all the way. Hubly came over but we didn't do much all day. Hubly hattered up one of the door ways leading from the shop into the ice house and we expect to put some shelves in. We also got it figured out about where we want our hen house lined to. Dick and Dad. went back this morning and drove the cattle out of the back field and Dick went over to the woods where he says he saw a black squirrel. This being Thanksgiving day. Dick had a holiday but had to go down and put the meat through or some thing. This banking in a dandy job alright. We had a late dinner and Ray and Vernon had to leave soon after for the station. Cuck went down later to see them off and Hubly, Liddums, Dad. and I spent the remainder of the afternoon separating the ewe lambs from the old ones. We put them in the field back of the orchard but the orchard fence was so bad.

we were afraid they might break through so we took one of the rolls of wire which we got from old Walker and stung it along the inside of the orchard fence. Cold and raw day. The boys and Lila got lots of wall nuts but some one had picked most of the Chest-nuts.

Tuesday October 13th

It was rainy and cold this morning so we didn't get much done. I sat around and read half the forenoon and then made a board to paint "Rais for sale" on. Alex Jameson was in to look at them but he thought ten dollars too much to pay so Dad. didn't bother trying to sell him one. Hubby didn't come over till noon. Frank fixed up a lot of the old crates around the place so they would hold apples. Dad. husked corn out in the barn. This afternoon we nailed the door on the west end of the big barn which blew off last winter. This was the first day of the Simcoe Fair - and has been any thing but nice weather.

Wednesday October 14th

Dad. went over to Uncle Ward's this morning to see if he could get him to put up a barrel of Spices as Renty Alice wanted him to send a barrel out to Mr. Shera. Uncle Ward. couldn't let him have them but he saw Art Quamby on his way home and he told him they would put up the apples if he could get a barrel so Frank in-

quired at Bagley & Miller's and found he could get a sugar barrel, an oat meal and so we want one to ship Roy's apples in, we are all fixed. I went over to Martin's and borrowed Art Quamby's spirit level and Chris. asked Jack if he would sell the lumber that he got too much off and he said he would. When I got home I gave my sign board a coat of paint. Hubby came over before Dad. came back and when he did we levelled up the two chicken houses and they look much better. This afternoon we hooked up to the way gon and went out and hauled in five or six more shocks of un husked corn. Hubby stayed out and husked all the afternoon. When Frank came home and shelled some hickory nuts he helped him. Dad. and I went over to Jack's Martens and got our lumber and piled it up over the old house. We then went out and got a load of rails. Liddums went with us out there but didn't enjoy him self much as he couldn't sit on the seat while we were putting on the load. When we got them unloaded. Dad. went out and got Hubby with all the corn he had husked which was about four bushels. The five ewe lambs got all of their field to day and got in with the rest of the bunch then they all got in on the wheat and couldn't be kept off. Mrs. M^r. Bide was here all day washing. I went down town after tea and got my films which weren't too bad. I called around by Hubby's for a little while. The pecky German's seem to have had a little stroke of luck lately. They now have Antwerp and just about all of Belgium. Much milder to day.

Thursday October 15th

Dad and I had intended going to Lincoln today to take in the last day of the fair but it looked so much like rain we didn't start and about nine o'clock it began to drizzle and kept it up all morning and was cloudy all the afternoon. This morning I put another row in the middle hen house so that I will have room enough to accommodate all the chickens. Dad I think husked corn and Hank shelled nuts and cleaned some fish which Stubby saw over last night. He didn't come over all day. This afternoon we drove all the sheep in the barn and separated the five ewe lambs and left them in the barn for the night as they had been in on the wheat and one looked a little bloated. About half past four Dad looked up and drove Ernie and Addams down town to get the mail and some other things. Hank went back to the gully and I dug a little more in the patch at the side of the house. Hank attended confirmation class to night. Dad helped me and we got all the chickens we could pick out.

Friday October 16th

It rained quite a bit last night and was rainy looking and muddy this morning so I drove Dick down to work. It drizzled most of the day so we couldn't do much outside. This morning we put

ear labels in the nine lambs as we got a bunch yesterday from Hamilton. We had quite a time of it as it was hard to keep the inner & outer skin of the ear opposite after the incision was made but Dad got the harness punch and his nicking knife and we managed to get them all decorated. After that I spent most of the day making the letters on the sign board. I didn't have any paint but I marked them all out. Dad & Hank cleaned up the ham flour and Stubby came over this afternoon and they all cleaned up wheat. About five o'clock I drove Stubby down and got the mail. I practiced on the guitar and drew to night. Addams was sick after they went to bed to night.

Saturday October 17th

I spent nearly all the morning painting my sign. I did it with just lampblack, boiled oil and turpentine. And don't know whether it will prove satisfactory or not. Dad and Hank took what wheat there was sacked up down to the mill and out of seventeen bags six of which were big ones they had 38 bushel and twenty odd lbs. and got \$1.05 for it. Sila came over this morning but Stubby didn't get over till noon. He is helping Auntie Maude houseclean. He Dad and I just got nicely started to clean up some more wheat when Bill Donald came in with the information that the gully fence along the road was flat and that all the cattle were out. He had driven them up this way so we just turned them into the barn yard. He said they had

hen in Sam Saw's wheat but Allen didn't know whose they were
 which seemed rather queer. Bill recognized them. The six calves
 Harry Dyke's cow and Jonas' heifer weren't with the bunch and
 had to go over and head them into the gully from the road. Sam
 Charles Trumbull just going out to his farms. He has bought Billy
 Louis' place this side of Shands' Chalkhouse and is going to raise truck
 Dads and Shuly came back the lane with the shovel and some posts
 and we got some more which we knew were in the woods
 and repaired the fence as well as possible by putting posts down
 about a foot and wiring the old broken off posts to them. Joe Fisher
 came over this morning and harrassed their post auger again so
 we had to rely on the shovel to perform our operations and it was not
 very satisfactory. The gate was badly smashed two wheels then
 had run through. Somebody I suppose hunter's takes the wire off
 the gate and don't bother fixing it again so Dad fixed it up
 and wired it solid this time. It was five o'clock when we got up
 but they fanned wheat for about half an hour. To night Frank and I
 printed the pictures I took of the two babies on Sunday some of them
 were pretty good. Mrs. McBride was here cleaning to day. Paavold
 Sid. had a pretty rough night of it last night. He was sick a bit and
 feels pretty tough to day. Frank went down with Jonas this afternoon
 and got a couple of barrels at Bagley's Millis to pack apples in.
 It has been a lovely day to day.

Sunday October 18th

This being Frank's birth day, he stayed home from Sunday school
 principally though because there wasn't any, this being Children's
 day at church. Frank went to church and to his credit he it said
 he was the only member of the family who attended all day unless
 Dick went to night. I sat around and read most of the morning.
 This afternoon Dad put the saddle on Joe for me and I had a
 very enjoyable ride out to see Paavold Smythe. He invited me to go
 to Simcoe to morrow night to make inquiries about joining a Captain
 Simpson's Company of the 39th and I think I will go if I can as
 he says it is not composed of quite the same class of fellows
 as the other companies which I guess are pretty tough. If the
 rules are not too strict and the obligation too great I think I
 will join, as the Norfolk Rifles belongs to the department of Militia
 and defence they wont have to be called out of Canada and if they
 are ever needed here I would want to be there anyway and
 so I might as well have a little training. Winnie was over
 for a little while this afternoon and Tiddeums was much
 better. It has been cloudy and cool all day inclined to drizzle this morning.

Monday October 19th

First thing after breakfast I put the saddle on Joe and rode
 her down to be shod. What Dick came in before I left and

took the Arthur Dodger. Sam Jacques also came over to take 'Pinnafere' to Dad. Their books have come but it seems some English theatre has a royalty on them and won't allow it to be played in public, however I guess they are going on with it just the same. It was getting on to noon when I got home with Joe and I brought the whiffle tree off the buggy home with me but when I got here discovered I had lost the little screws off it I never dreamt of it coming off as we couldn't take it off when we tried. I had to walk all the way back to look for it. Chris. Hainbury joined me as far as his place and when I got to the bottom of the hill Carl Sovereign plodded up the middle of the road with me. I got all the way to Joe Howell's shop and found it about two feet away from where I started. This afternoon we cleaned up the rest of the wheat Dad had taken one load down and had on I think 150 lbs and the last load had on 80 something I went down with him the last load and it was half past five when we got home, so I had to get ready. Dick came home just before six and he went up with me to Simcoe. We called in at Smythes and left for there and drove the rest of the way with Pats old skate. It took us about an hour to get to Simcoe. Dad and I went to the Armories but Dick went over to town and snooped around till we went home. We didn't sign up at all but fell in line with a bunch of beginners and had a little drill and the captain (which is the same fellow who brought his dead dog over

here last summer) told us that we could come up as often as we liked and drill and we would be under no obligations till we signed up to go to camp for three years but we didn't have to do that till next June. He said they were going to fix a shooting gallery up in the Armories and also their rifle ranges down by the track and so soon would be having rifle practice. We left Simcoe at ten o'clock but it was twelve when Dick and I got home. Louise came down to-day and is going to stay awhile. Very nice day but a very heavy fog to-night.

Tuesday October 20th

It was six o'clock before I woke up this morning and then Dad woke me. He wanted to get off to Toronto but thought he wasn't going to make it at that time. But we persuaded him to shave and I hiked out and hooked Joe up and by not eating anything he managed to get down in time to catch the train. Hubby was down at the train but Dad got right on to see what damage a jar of cream had done - as we saw some of it on the robe and the bottom of the buggy so didn't see Hubby. I drove around to the house and got him on there and brought him over. Frank and I spent most of the morning doing chores but Hubby finished them. We went out and helped him when we got through. Alex Jameson came in again to see about a room and as Dad.

wasn't here to beat down he gave us ten dollars and took old Grey noses lamb, so we can now rub it into Dad, who seemed to think farm operations would come to a stand still if he left for half an hour but he couldn't sell off all the sheep when he was here before. Another fellow was in to-night to inquire about them but he didn't care about them being pure bred, and so didn't want to pay so much. Frank told him they could be registered but he said quite solemnly that it wouldn't do him any good if they were red breasted. We didn't know who he was. This afternoon Frank looked up Nellie and Enah Louise and Liddum went for a drive. Hubby and Frank picked apples for Ray while I gave my sign another coat of paint and then I helped them fill the barrel. We got some beautiful Seeps & Apples and a few Canada Reds and what were left of the 2000 pippins. It was 10 o'clock before we got the barrel filled so we had to leave it out here all night with out any head on it. We didn't know exactly how to pack & head them any way. It was very late when we got through Chares. Beautiful day. Sunny and mild.

Wednesday October 21st

The total results of our exertions to-day show, our advertisement hung out at the cross roads a barrel of apples headed and a turnip pulled. After we got the morning chares here

which was in pretty good time. Frank and I went out and tacked the sign board on the corner post of the clover field. It was pretty well on the slant but I guess people can read it all right. Alfred was plowing in his wheat stubble and we had a short talk with him. We then went over and pulled a good sized turnip for Dinnes. Hubby came over soon after we got in, with Old Stringer's apple barrel press which Uncle Ward had lent him, and said Uncle Ward told him just how to head the barrel and that we could do it. Before dinner, however, we worked for quite a while at it and couldn't get the head in, it seemed too high for the barrel, so by dinner time we had come to the conclusion that the best course for us to pursue was to go down and get Uncle Ward and let him do it, Hubby said he had to go down after dinner any way so I drove him down got the mail and got Uncle Ward on my way home, After a lot of squawking he managed to get the head in, but had to enlarge the wooden hoops and put it below the wire as the head was too big and spread the staves. I drove him home and took Liddum with me. Frank and I drove down to the station to night, and Louise & Enah stayed home. They all got home safely and Al. Faulkner drove them up to Hubby's. I went around and saw them all but didn't stay at all. Dad.

and Frank drove home with me as Dad hadn't had his tea. It has been another lovely day. The quartette that left for the saint Monday morning in Paul Smith's new boat are all back again, boarded them when they left. They got over all right and anchored behind some bluff Monday night and got up early yesterday morning to get started shooting. Cars Rankin and Charlie O'Fair were going down the beach and Bill Baker & George were going to Stus with the boat. Bill had crawled up in the bow which was tightly enclosed and was having a smoke, when George who was near the engine lit a match for his pipe. There had been some gasoline leaking and the fumes immediately ignited and the gas which was under the false bottom of the boat caught and the consequence was that although they worked hard to save it, George's dandy new launch hurried to the water's edge and sank. They managed to save their guns and some of their clothing. Mrs. M. Bide was here washing all day and Cousin Clara was here to dinner.

Thursday October 22nd

We got a fairly good start this morning and Dad started to plow the oat stubble. He thought he was going to have nice easy plowing but it turned over so waxy and stiff that

the horse could hardly draw the plow through it. He had to quit once and get the other plow, the mould board of which has more shape to it. Frank and I dug potatoes in the corn field and got about ten rows dug. They were beautiful small ones and no whooplers. Stuby came over at noon and he and Frank finished digging them out there and piled them up. Dad & I took the team and wagon and took Roy's apples down and shipped them. We called in at Luan Humphrey's and as they had the barrel all headed that county. This wanted to send to Mr. Thers, we took it too. We saw all the folks when we were down town. Dad went out and got what corn we husked the other day. There were 142 bushels of potatoes of the patch and three. Quab and Louise drove Willie down town today. Allan Law was in to night inviting two of us over there to thrash tomorrow. It is a little colder tonight, but has been a lovely day.

Friday October 23rd

Dad and I got over to Lavin to thrash this morning soon after they got started I worked in the mow all day with Art Rycerac but there wasn't any thing for Dad to do this morning so he went home till after dinner. He then came back and helped some one-eyed guy who is staying at Bill Rankin's in the straw which they put in a shed till they got it filled up and then they

Started to put it in the barn and it was awful, you could hardly see across the barn and it being alike dust it was killing. The one eyed man who was in the straw gave out first and had to retire. I worked till I couldn't breathe and then I had to quit with the chick. I went and sat by the engine till they quit which was pretty soon although they didn't get it all out. Dad and I came right home. Aunt was over but went down with baby. It was all I cared to do to get home and huddle up to the stove. I didn't do a chore. Dad of course stayed up with mentioning what a hot specimen I would be to go to the war if I couldn't stand a little dust but I told him that it was just such mugs as me they ought to send. what no good here and every body concerned and the country would be much better off if they shipped us all over there and killed us off. Hubby and Frank dug six rows of the potatoes in the old garden and got fifteen bushels. They sold another ram this morning to Nixon and Sawyer out at Renton. They took the little fellow. It has been another July day.

Saturday October 24th

Dad took the team and rick town to Flemmings this morning as he thought they were going to thresh buckwheat out of the

field but it began to rain soon after he left so they just thrashed the oat in the barn and finished about an hour or so after dinner. Frank and I didn't do anything much this morning on account of the rain. he husked some corn and I dug what potatoes were left in the garden here, and sales drove Louise down to Hubby's for dinner. This afternoon Frank went and caught Nellie for Enah and then he and I went and dug the rest of the spuds in the old garden we got six more bushels so that altogether we now have 20 bushels. Several of the cattle get through the galley fence to day and so Dad had to go back and fix it. We got chores done early to night for a change. A little colder wind to day.

Sunday October 25th

Everybody except Dad & Liddums went to church this morning even Dick broke into his Sunday timetable and got up to attend. Frank went to Sunday school. Aunt came over with us to dinner and stayed all the after noon. After dinner Frank and I went down and joined Hubby and Quint and the four of us ^{went} sailed up to Wesley's. Quint bought a dandy little strip built skiff with a sail and every thing complete. We started to sail up there but found it would take too long taking so Quint and I rowed up. We got our Ginseng plant and sailed back. It only took about half an hour and there wasn't much

wind either. It was nearly six when Frank and I got home so Dad. couldn't get off to church but he and Auntie walked down after tea and went to see Auntie Alice & Uncle Al. Uncle Al. gave me a great black snake skin to lay out Frank his best knife. He gave Auntie his shot gun yesterday. It has been colder to-day although sunny and nice but some breeze

Monday October 28th

We didn't do any thing much - but chores this morning. Frank went over to Flemming's to see what they were going to do but found they wouldn't thrash to-day. We husked a little corn in the barn. This afternoon El. Faulkner drove Auntie Alice & Uncle Al. over in his car. Ruby came over with them but didn't stay, Frank went down with them to get the mail. I took the gin sang root back to the woods and planted it. When Frank got home he and Dad. sawed up one of the old sleepers in the barn yard for the little stove. To night Louise and I drove up to the Beaulby's where I left Louise as she is going to help them move into their new house. I went on in to Lomax and to the Armories. We didn't have any drill to-night but the officer gave us musketry instruction. This was Lila's birth day. It has been cold & windy all day and is freezing very hard to-night.

Tues day October 27th

It was here late when we got out this morning and after breakfast Dad & I went out to inspect the oat stubble to see if it was frozen too hard to plow but we saw Allan Law up at the corner with his engine and he said Flemming was going to thrash to-day so Dad. came right home and got the team & sack and went down. It froze very hard last night and seemed harder as it is the first frost this fall. The apples are all frozen on the trees and the ground is like a board. It hasn't thawed out all day to-day but isn't freezing so hard to-night although there is a cold wind from the west. I sawed wood most of the morning and Frank went out and covered the four piles of potatoes with earth although he said they weren't injured by the frost. The mangels were frozen in the ground but Mr. Flemming says if they are not touched till the frost goes out of them they will be all right. Dad. came home at noon and said they were short handed down at Flemming's so I had to go back with him. We finished up early. I pitched on all the after noon so didn't suffer from the dust only I rode Joe down town after the mail to-night. The big spotted yearling jumped over the bars from the blue grass field to-night. Hit on his head and broke one of his horns and made worse.

Wednesday October 28th

John Wess came over this morning to see if we could fix up the line fence a little as he wanted to turn his cattle in on his oat stubble. Dad told him to turn in and let them break through if they wanted to, there was nothing there they could hurt. He and Frank went back and fixed the gully fence a little to keep our cattle in there. Frank and I husked a little corn this morning for the pigs and then made a trough for the chickens and spent the morning fixing up the fences to keep the chickens inside and separate. This afternoon Frank and I picked the spears. I picked and he sorted. I think the frost was all out of most of them I guess they will be all right. It was too windy to pick but I put the ladder on the inside of the tree and got most of them although there is a lot of nice ones yet around the but side. There were about five bushels of good ones and three of frozen ones & call. Dad plowed all the afternoon and said it went a little better but I guess it was pretty stiff. I went to Jimmie again to night and had a little drill. I drove Aunty home so went around by town. I saw Ed Turner down there and asked him if he wanted to go up but he didn't to night. While I was talking to him Andy Moore came along and he wanted to go up so I took him. I told him to be around at the stable about nine and I would drive him home. but when I went down

he had been there, paid for the horse and said he wasn't going back, I drove around by town and saw him and he said Tom Law was up there with his car, pickled, and he wanted Andy to drive him home, so I came home alone. Milder today but very strong west wind. Very mild to night and looks like rain.

Thursday October 29th

It rained during the night and all day, not hard but a steady fine rain. We couldn't do any thing much out side but chores. Dad went back this morning and fixed the gully fence where the cattle got into the west blue grass field and I cleaned out the cellar ready to put in the apples and roots. This afternoon Dad drove Uncle Hal and Aunty Alice down to Hubby's where they are going to stay for a while. It was a miserable day to go out but Uncle Hal was anxious to go. Dad wanted to bring Baby back with him to help move the stone but he wasn't home so we moved the stone out of the wood shed into the kitchen by ourselves. We put the warming oven on this stove off Cousin Beasy's. When the cattle came up to night they were all there but the three heifers. Dad went back to the end of the lane but it was dark and we knew they must be out some where. He didn't milk the other

Friday October 30th

We didn't get out very early this morning. Both Wacey came over and Dad had to file his old horse's teeth off for him. Bluby came sept to creek with Quint and then down here and he told me my sign had blown down at the corner so I had to go and fix it up. I cleaned up one of the chicken yards and then we all went out and pulled and topped the mangel and turnips. Dad was back and fixed the place where the heifers got out on the road and the rest of us husked a shock of corn which we hauled up with us. This afternoon Dad and I hauled in the roots and put them down cellar there was so needly a load of mangels but a good load of turnips. We then hauled up a load of rails. Bluby & Frank husked corn all the afternoon. I helped them for awhile. He is going to work out what he owes for pasture. Min came over after school and I drove Ruby and her home and then got the mail. The Turkes are now in on this side and have begun hostilities with Russia. They say it may lead to a holy war and all the Mohammedans side in with Turkey. It has been raw and mostly cloudy to-day with a couple of spits of rain. There were some very queer lights in the direct east this afternoon. They looked some thing like the Northern Lights but were not colored. They looked more like rays from some huge light beneath the horizon.

Saturday October 31st

Dad got right out after breakfast and plowed, he got in a pretty fair day. Bluby came over and he, Frank, Jones & I husked corn all morning we got about a load husked. There is a lot of nubblins on it which we don't husk. This afternoon we picked apples. Dad and Frank went down in Sam Law's with the wagon and harrowed a ladder and then went out and picked up the corn and brought it in and Dad went on plowing. He gave Jones a tree of roots and told him he could have them if he would help us lick ours, but he picked his own tree after noon. We were just picking apples as there are some beauties and bushels of them. We just picked the biggest ones and when we got a tree done it could hardly be told that we had been it. It will make the best down for cider. To night Frank went down to the picture show and I went down with him and got the mail and some provisions. I forgot all about it being Halloween till I heard the school bell ringing when on my way down but the town was full of dressed up girls & noisy boys. It has been a lovely day sunny & bright but rather windy.

Sunday November 1st

Frank went down to Sunday school and Dad and I drove down to church. Enah had a headache so didn't go. After

Church Dad drove Quaty up to the cemetery and Hank and I went down to Skully's and waited till they got back. We went down and helped Quint haul his new boat but at the creek and turned it over on the bank to see if we could find out where it leaked and we found three or four spots where the slips were punctured. Quint was disappointed as he thought she was all sound. This afternoon Dad and Cuck drove out to see Mrs. Jim Waddle who is going to the hospital to morrow. Winnifred had the chicken pox so they didn't stay long with the baby. They came home around eight o'clock but Charlie was the only one home there. Dad says some body has been playing Halloween tricks on the side road and have ripped the rails down going into the woods and string them halfway across the road. Ed came over soon after they left and Co. Marion and I took a walk back the lane. We happened to see Snowdrop out on the road so had to go and put her in. Hank spent the afternoon back in the gully and surrounding country. Dick spent the morning in bed and after dinner after we had a little football match and nearly broke all the windows around the place he went downtown where he spent the after noon, evening and part of the night. He likely went to church. It has been a lovely day but leaked very rainy to night.

Monday November 23rd

Poor Hank started back to school this morning, he didn't

say any thing but I don't think the prospect was very cheering. Dad plowed all day and has the field half done to night. Skully came over and sawed wood till I got the chores all done and then we went back to the gully to see if we could find any weak spots in the fence but it seemed all right. Snow drop got out at the edge of the culvert and we blocked a post up there with stone as well as we could. We then went up the road to fix up some Holloway fences. They had taken the old post by the bars going into the woods and pulled it and the wire half way across the road and had Sam Law's gate and another big one and saw bars all scattered around. They had had a fence built right across the road but some one had taken it down to get past. When we got through there we went up through the woods and were just going up the lane when we heard turkeys way up deep gully. We thought we had better go up and drive ours home if they were there but we tramped all over the gully & woods and didn't see or hear a thing more of them. Skully had the shot gun and a chicken hawk flew over us so Skully shot him. He fell on his back and lay there. We thought surely he was gone but old Trig went prowling around and he got up and flew away. Skully took another shot and he answered but kept right on flying and lit on the side hill. We went over to

him there and he raised a gain. Huby put a black powder shell in and took a crack at him and this time knocked a bunch of feathers out of his back. He just flew a little farther and dropped. When we got up to him he was sufficiently dead for us to finish the job with a club. After dinner, Huby picked apples and I sorted them and carried them down cellar. We now have all the horses we can find around the place filled with ticks or spys and will have to put what few we get in the floor. I went down to the corner to see if I could find any trace of my sign. The Halloween fellows ripped it down and took it away some place. Charlie Jundemy said he saw it down the bank windows but Dick didn't know any thing about it. I went up to Sim coe to night. I called for Ed. Turner but he changed his mind about going to night but said he would accompany me next Monday. I then called for Pud. Smythe but he had gone. We had company drill up there to night. There was a class for any that wanted to stay after was it the study for N.C.'s but as it meant four nights a week for three or four weeks I didn't stay. The Daughters of the Empire were giving the fellows who are leaving for the front a supper. It was cloudy all day but turned out a beautiful night.

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From November 3rd 1914 to December 31st 1914

Tuesday November 3rd 1914.

It rained most of the morning so we didn't do much out side. I drove the boys down to the school and the bank and when I got back Tom Abbot had his horse in the dice house and he was in the house getting warm and waiting for the rain to let up. When he left I went out and cleaned out the horse stable and then Dad & I oiled the buggy and put on the other whipple tree. Jonas came over and got Nellie with a view to taking the rest of his apples home. We saw Bert Tucumbury crawling around over by Martin's gully so we went over to see what they were all doing thinking we might get the fields to help me build the new hen house. He said they were all busy but I might get Henry Odd. who left Saturday. Bert went to take the old hen home that was sitting under the willow tree and discovered she had just hatched out five chicks so he stuffed them all in his pocket and took them over. Dad plowed all the afternoon. I drove down to town to see Henry and found him working up at Jim Coley's new house. I told him what I wanted and he told me he would see me to night that the job he was at was too hard. I went down to night and got my hair cut and saw him and he said he would be over Thursday morning. I went down to Ruby's for a little while and it was fairly late when I got home. Ruby came over this afternoon and cleaned up the chicken yard. I have been a busy afternoon and night

Wednesday November 4th

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Dad got out early this morning to plow and got a good day. in pm as came over fairly early to help as he was going to try and work out what he owes us for pasture he picked a few more mussets first but couldn't get many then. He cleaned up the garden. The cabbages all seem to have wilted and have no heads so he just piled them out behind the shop. Ruby came over later and he and I sorted the mussets and put them down cellar then carried all the apples beets & carrots down. This afternoon Jonas didn't come over and we suppose he went to a sale. Ruby and I husked corn but didn't get much done. I had to quit early to get off to dinner to night. I drove Win up. she wanted to go visit to Sarah Cunningham. I left her there and when I got through drilling we went down to the evening picture show. Sarah had sprained her ankle and hadn't been able to get out. Auntie came over to dinner and went down with me to night. She took Sid down to the cornfield where he seemed greatly pleased to find Ruby and called him by name for the first time. He is learning to talk faintly. Miss M. P. Laid was here all day washing. Cloudy and showery this afternoon but a lovely night. It seems to be a sort of second spring. Several people have found ripe raspberries and Dad is plowing under Harley out in headland. Old quinn has hatched out their young ones today.

Thursday November 5th

Henry Odd. came over this morning and I have put in most of the day helping him. We had to quit once or twice for rain. Had it took us quite awhile to get the sils laid so by to night we had about half of the first

³ and back studding up. Henry quit early to pick some apples. He wanted some Tolman sweets and as we had quite a lot we don't want we told him he could have them. Dad plowed nearly all day but got the field finished all but running of the cross ditches. Jim Bush is plowing up the gull for Jack and I guess is having quite a time of it. This was Aunty Alice's birth day and Aunty has been up visiting her all day. Enah and Liddums went down to see her this afternoon and we were going down after tea but it was so wet we didn't go. I went to bed about eight o'clock. Frank went down to confirmation class and to call on Jonas who fell down all at this morning and hurt him self. I guess he thinks he is about killed. It has been a miserable day. Cloudy and cold and wet. Aunty has sent Liddums a dandy doll she made out of cam bricas.

Friday November 6th

Right after breakfast this morning. Frank and I drove down in the lumber wagon and got some more nail and scantling we also took what apples Henry had picked down to him. Frank went on to school when he got the stuff for me. Henry and I worked all day at the hen house and have the frame set up and the back siding on. Dad. hauled in the corn that was husked and some rails and ran out the ditches in the field he just plowed. This afternoon he plowed the garden. He hauled the wagon in the orchard to fill with apples to take up to Walker Waddles tomorrow. Frank was down at Jonas's for a long time to night visiting him. He seems greatly struck on him. Jonas says he has broken a rib and seems to be trying to make himself believe he is killed. It has been a rather decent day. not so cold as yesterday.

Saturday November 7th

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Henry was over at half past six this morning and put what he could of the sheering on but discovered that there was only about half enough so Dad & I drove down in the rack after breakfast to get some but both Tommy & the Wide spread were all out of it but expected some in a day or two. We tried at Jack Martin's to see if he had any. he could let us have but they were waiting for it too. We got some roofing paper and nail and got Henry's two sides frogs and came home rather disgusted. - as it was a fine day to put on the roofing work we didn't know when there will be another like it. Henry picked a few apples for him self and cut the boards for the front cornice. Dad. & I hauled in some corn stalks before dinner. This afternoon Dad. & Frank took the load of apples that Frank picked up this morning up to Walker Waddles and got our barrel and Hubby's frogs filled. They didn't get back till about five. Henry and I were all the afternoon putting siding on the end of the old chicken house and it has improved the appearance of it 100%. Henry left his tools here and said he would come back when the lumber came if he wasn't busy. He only charged me \$3.75 for all he has done and then told me not to pay him now. and he has made a fine job. so far. Marsh from up the Gravel Road was in this morning to look at the same but didn't buy on account of the price. It has been another lovely day sunny & mild.

5 Sunday November 8th

It rained all morning and part of the afternoon but Dad and Frank drove down to church. Aunty came back with them and she and I walked down to church to night. I went down to Hubbs for about an hour after church. Hubby was flying solitaire much to Aunty's sorrow and the worst of it was Aunty Alice would show him a move occasionally. Hubby gave me some cider and handed me a large piece of plaster which he told me was Scotch short bread. Before I knew what I was doing I had my mouth full of it. This afternoon Dick went down town and Frank had to the gully I sat around a road and drew. It had cleared off and was a beautiful night to night but was freezing hard when I came home.

Monday November 9th

We didn't get started very early this morning and Dad and I spent most of the day working with the potatoes. We sorted the two pits in the field and got quite a few frozen ones and some which were not frozen but still rotting. We sacked them up and this afternoon we hauled them in and Dad took 6 bushels down to Hubby. Gupper came in and borrowed our waggon to take his seed to Haysville. To night I went to Lincoln I called for Ed Turner but he was tied and didn't go. After still Captain Simpson told us we wouldn't have to sign up now. He told me I was under no obligations as if I had a good excuse I needn't go to camp and could resign if I wanted to. In case of Census being invaded I could be turned out for six or eight months service but if not that case I would go any way so I swore obedience & fidelity to His Majesty and signed up with C Company.

6 Tuesday November 10th

It has been a rotten day to day cold, windy, cloudy & wet. It snowed a little but rained mostly. Dad & I put off the load of corn stalks which was on the waggon and then went out and husked a shock and divided this or four unhusked shocks so that we could load them on the waggon. We then took the rack out and with the aid of a shiny rope put on ^{nearly} a whole run of unhusked shocks. This afternoon we did chores and stretched a bit of poultry wire around the old calves pen in the barn and to night caught what single comb roosters we could find and an old black hen and confined them in their death cell as we are going to eat them when we get hungry. Frank says he thinks our lumber has come. Aunt & Bill got a ch. football

Wednesday November 11th

We didn't do much hat chores to day it has been cloudy and threatening all day. We unloaded the load of corn stalks which was on the waggon and husked a little corn for the pigs. Dad killed a couple of chickens and Sid McBird and an agent came in representing Ginas limited. They were here a long time and went away with a ten dollar order for beef scraps and hog meal. Gupper brought the waggon back. I didn't intend to go to Lincoln to night it looked so stormy but Dick came home to go with me so we went and although it was dark and sprinkled a little it wasn't a bad night. I got my uniform to night. Mrs. McBird was here all day.

so we could put more on now again. we ran in another row before dinner. I got about frogs and felt a little sick at noon so didn't do any thing for awhile after dinner with Dad. & Huby husked some corn then we put the load off and got another load in with out dividing them. Ough, Quinny and Li's dumo all went down town this after noon. It has been thawing all day but a very cold raw wind and before dinner we had a short but fierce snow storm.

Friday November 20th

We intended to haul in the rest of the corn stalks today but Henry came over about nine o'clock so I had to help him. It was pretty cold so we didn't try to put the roofing on but we got the sheeting and front on. Huby came over about noon and he and Dad. husked corn and did chores. About five o'clock Huby rather unexpectedly presented us with a heifer calf although we discovered that it was just live in stead of being a month early as Dad supposed. It is a dandy and clear red except for a white tip on its tail which Huby says will be a fine landmark if Blud doesn't hide it off. That makes six head of cattle that I now own. It has been sunny today but didn't thaw at all and there was a cold west wind.

Saturday November 21st

Henry came over again this morning and made the frames for the front of the hen house and this after noon we put the roofing on. It was pretty cold and we had to heat the tar so it would run. Dad, Hank and I hauled corn stalks this morning. We got them all in in two loads and got the last load after dinner. We had to leave one shock in the middle of a water hole as it was frozen solid. Henry only charged me seven dollars for all his work.

Thursday December 3rd

It is nearly two weeks since I last wrote in this but this is first day I have been at all in the mood to write as I have been laid up with the "faller Pandas" and have felt pretty rotten although spending only one entire day in bed. I am not yet able to do anything out side although I feel ever so much better. Hank and Dad. have had a pretty rough time of it and haven't been able till today to get a thing done but chores although on the first went out early last week and all the other farmers

are well up with their plowing. Dad. got a good 10 early start this morning and Mr. Flemming came over with his team and plow for a surprise so they will get on famously to-day. A week ago Sunday Huby plow was taken very much worse and Flint came over after Dad. who was down nearly every night and then during the days so got hardly any sleep at all.

Uncle Hal. grew gradually worse through the week and although they didn't think he suffered much actual pain often had a very hard time with his breathing, and on Monday morning about four o'clock he died. He was conscious I think right up to the last. Roy came up Saturday later day night and went back Monday night. He might have stayed longer but got word from Vernon that Rebecca was sick but I don't think it was any thing serious. The funeral was yesterday and Dad. Hank & Enab all went down and took the baby with them. I stayed here with Mrs. M. & Bride. It has been pretty nice sunny weather for the most part since the frost went out and has only frozen slightly a couple or so nights. It has rained once or twice one all day rain on Tuesday I think.

Friday December 4th

Mr. Flemming came over and gave Dad. another days work to-day so they have got on fine. Dad. says he can nearly finish it if he gets a good day in to-morrow. I felt ever so much better today and cleaned out the chicken house and husked & shelled some corn this morning. This afternoon I went down and got the beef scraps and quit. at the station I took Nellie and Janie old Democrat Quinny & Quinny Alice came over to night they are going to stay here for awhile. Cold raw wind and cloudy all day.

Saturday December 5th

Dad. plowed all day to day and nearly finished it the

field. He took the wagon back with him at noon and Frank and I went back and filled it with rails and Dad hauled it up to night. I spent the whole morning and what time I had this after noon in clearing up the chicken yard and houses and putting fresh straw in. I got it pretty well fixed up. Frank did most of the chores and Dad cut his hair to night. Ench sold one of the young gubblers to night to Will M. Kelly. Cloudy and windy to day but not very cold.

Sunday December 6th

Aunt & Frank went down to Sunday School and Dick and I joined them at church. This after noon Frank & I did all most of the chores and Dad drove Aunt Alice up to the cemetery. Ench took Frank's and my pictures. Tonight, Frank is to be confirmed and Dad, Ench and Aunt Alice have all gone down to church and Aunt Alice and I are looking after the house. It froze a little last night but hasn't been cold to day.

Monday December 7th

Susy came over to help and has been ditching in the back field all day. Dad finished the piece he was at and got a good start on the blue grass side hill. I did chores all day but takes so long to husk corn around for the pigs that I don't get time to do any thing else. Although I did go over and see Braddy to ask him about feeding beef scraps. He told me to mix it with rolled oats and feed in a hoppers. Frank said he was coming over to do up to look at the roosters but he didn't come. Mr. Morgan came over after dinner and stayed most of the after noon. I ordered a pecan tree from him. Jimmie came over to tea to night and he and I went to Lincoln. I was very much behind as I missed all the high hill last week. We went out on a march way down to Magie's place. Dad is in a great fix to night as he was summoned to appear as a juror for an hour and he thinks Court sets to morrow but he lost the notice and neglected to write and ask if he won't be counted as his.

Tuesday December 8th

Dad was very sorry this morning as I found out in the forenoon that the best thing for him to do was to turn up at the court house to morrow and Cousin Willie told him this morning the same thing. He telephoned to Kelly and found out that he had to be there by five o'clock so he went up but he managed to get off as he is a set. It would have been a great day to plow. Susy ditched all day and I didn't do a pesky thing but chores principally husk corn for the pigs. Mr. Gleaming came over and said he was going to throat to morrow but said he could get along if it would have to stop Dad from plowing or if I didn't fall well enough to work in the dust. But Dad went over to night to Juamburg's telephone to Billy Lewis as he said he would give us a hand when we wanted him. Cloudy and windy but not very cold.

Wednesday December 9th

It snowed during the night and has been snowing all day but not very cold. Dad helped me husk corn this morning but plowed all the after noon with Supper & John Wess told him they were going to give him some help if it stays open. They say plowing under an inch or two of snow is as good as a coat of manure and that is what Dad is doing. This after noon I hooked up Nellie to the democrat and drove Aunt Alice down town. I went around by the mill to get a couple of bags of oats and a few chickens but they were to light so I got them chopped and rolled and bought some rolled oats. Dad got a bag of flour and took it down to the Belgian Relief house. We got home about five o'clock.

Thursday December 10th

Dad plowed all day and Supper sent his man over this after noon so they got quite a chunk done.

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I did chores and this morning built a hopper in the chicken shed and filled it with twenty five lbs of rolled oats and three or four lbs of beef scrap and they seemed very greedy for it. Each drove down town this morning and brought Cousin Clara over, she was here all day. There was an extra drill on to night for the recruits but it was so late when we got through that I didn't go up.

Friday December 11th
Dad got in a full day again to day. I went back for awhile this morning and this afternoon I hooked up Nellie to the democrat and drove Auntie Alice over to Mrs Cook's and went around by Gupper's and borrowed Charlie Butler's side-hill plow, Dad says it saves a lot of carrying furrows but is very awkward. and it is impossible to do a nice job with it. what bothers him most is seeing the plow go to the left sunny day.

Saturday December 12th
Dad plowed all day again and from Wess came over and helped him all day. so they got on fine I did chores and putterd around. Frank went down with Nellie and the democrat and got the box which Cousin Figgie Hyde sent to us it contained a lot of old family treasures of Pa's older brother. There was a pair of old hammers, an old sword, a revolver of ancient pattern and old portable desk with some old papers and photo graphs in it some old silver ware and a few books and papers. My by ~~Willa~~ came over with Frank and Stubby hushed corn all the afternoon. I got four eggs yesterday which is the most I have got yet. but none at all today not so sunny but not cold.

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Sunday December 13th
Auntie and Frank went down to stand up school and I drove down to church this afternoon Auntie and I drove out to the Supper to-night. I walked down to church and Auntie Alice went down to Holy's as Auntie Alice wants to be down there to-morrow to get ready for her trip to Ingersoll to see Uncle Halse's sister. Dad went down to Alfred's to night and found Blakee down there so had quite a long visit. It has been snowing pretty much all day. It was coming down very thickly this afternoon and evening. and when I come home it was very soft, the water was dripping into the cistern.

Monday December 14th
When we got up this morning we found it had turned much colder and quite a strong wind had got up. The wind kept up all day and was terrific to night and it was also very cold but sunny and freezing very hard to night. Dad & I went back this morning and chased the horses all up and put them in the barnyard. We put Ginger in but the others stayed out all night. We took Charlie Butler's side hill plow and put it through the fence on to the road and then came up and harnessed up the team to the cow sleighs and to it home to Gupper's and on our way back got our own plow and took it up. This afternoon we did chores principally. Blakee came in to tea. Auntie came over to go to Simcoe with me but it was so windy & cold we didn't go. I went down town with him after tea and we were both glad we decided not to go. We went up to Gips and I bought my self a pretty nice over coat for \$3.00. I hung around town awhile and went down to Stulpe's a little while.

Tuesday December 15th
We did chores principally to day and I shovelled

some snow. We were going to haul a load of rails up this afternoon but Hub came over to tell Dad that the town ship council was meeting this afternoon and Hammond sent word over for Dad to come down and see about his taxes so Dad went but found it was the same mistake in the assessment which the town council was going to rectify but he was the assessor and had the pleasure of telling him what he thought of him. When he came home Jack Martin came over to look at the wages and said he could pick twenty out of the lot. George had all day but wind not so strong.

Wednesday December 16th

Dad and I hooked up to the hok. sleighs before dinner and hauled up a load of rails. After dinner we went down to the mill and got a couple of hundred of oat chaff for the pigs. Then I filled up the three days accumulation of manure in the horse stable into the hok sleighs and Dad hauled it over to the potato pit. When he came up we hauled the manure spreader from the shed at the cow stable over to the shed at the big barn. We did chores early and I went to dinner to-night. Aunt didn't come over so I went alone. We had a good drill after which I went over to the rink for a minute or two they have started skating up there. Mrs. Mc Bride was here all day, not quite so cold or windy today.

Thursday December 17th

Dad and I went back to John Wees' line and got another load of rail this morning. We didn't do any thing much but chores this afternoon. Aunt was over to dinner but went back again. Dick told us that Dave Waddell would be over in the morning to see the hog. Much milder today sunny but still froze. The German's bombarded two of the towns on the English coast.

Friday December 18th

Dave Waddell's Powell Mc Intosh came over this morning about ten o'clock armed with a rifle and numerous propelling intervals. We let the pigs out of the pen two at a time and Dave shot them & struck them. He only had to shoot one twice. They had the whole pen all dressed by twelve o'clock and wouldn't stay to dinner nor take any pay. Sid Mc Bride came in as they left and I paid him for the chicken feed. We then measured the fence along the road and Dad ordered 20 rods of fence from him. This afternoon we hooked up to the wagon and Dad, Frank and I went down with Hubert's pig. It was the biggest and dressed 120 lbs. Very much milder today and nice out.

Saturday December 19th

I was snowing hard when we got up this morning and there was quite a wind. It was very soft and hasn't frozen all day but is freezing to-night. We moved the calf this morning from the horse stable over to the barn and put the calfs in. We also cleaned out the rabbit's pen. Chris told us he was coming over to get some of them this morning. He didn't come till to-night and as it was getting dusk he only picked out 16. This afternoon we hooked up for Gungler to the hok sleighs and the whole family went down town. We left Gungler in Aunt's care at Hubert's and Aunt Alice who got back in the noon train went up with us. Dad went in to Mose and got me a suit for a suit which Dick is going to have made for him. Aunt supplying the stuff. He then went down and cut up Hubert's pig for him while Frank and I brought the team home.

17 Sunday December 20th

Dad & Frank went down to communion at eight o'clock this morning and Frank stayed down to Sunday to check on the later services. I didn't go to church at all to day. About twelve o'clock Dad hooked up the 9 yonger to the hob-sleighs and drove down and brought over Cousin Clark, Auntie, & Auntie Alice to dinner in honor of Liddums' second ^{anniversary} birth day. Dad drove Auntie Alice & Cousin Clark home before tea and Auntie stays here to mind Liddums while Dad & Enah went down to the Methodist church to hear Nell Smith sing a solo. Beautiful day, sunny & mild.

Monday December 21st

It snowed a lot more during the night and it was wet and heavy but there was quite a cold wind all day and it dried out. I drove the hogs down this morning in the hob-sleigh and got a couple of bags of chaps at the mill for the pigs. Later Dad & I drove down in the cutter and took Auntie down. Dad went around to see Neal Elliott to see what he would give for Charlotte who is nearly a new milks cow, but Neal wasn't in town but Joe Long & he would tell him. This afternoon Dad cut up a couple of the pigs and I shaved and got ready to go to Sunday night. Dick & Quint came over to tea and we all three went up but it made things pretty crowded in the cutter and consequently cold and heavy pulling. Dick went over to the rink and skated all evening and I & Quint went on a fruitless trip some where in the country in quest of a ferret. and Dick and I limped around the barn till nearly twelve o'clock and we didn't get home till after one.

Tuesday December 22nd

Wrote chares all morning and Dad cut up the other pig. This afternoon we hooked up to the hob-sleighs and drove down and Dad brought Auntie & Auntie Alice over last. I cut all town get my hair cut and walked home. Frank got but up school at recess to day for the holidays. He has gone down to the picture show to night. There has been a very cold wind all day and is freezing hard to night.

Wednesday December 23rd

Dad & Frank went back this morning and got a load of rails and also cut a lot of green poplar sticks out of the woods. I spent the morning tacking cotton on one of my chickens. This afternoon Dad & Enah drove out to see Mrs. Jim Waddle who is very ill and not expected to live long. Mrs. McBeids was here all day. To night I drove to the cinema alone. We didn't have a long drill as it was so near Christmas so I got home before the family had retired. Windy all day. Cold & still. Frank went to the apt. from getting a little Christmas tree for Liddums.

Thursday December 24th

I drove Auntie down town this morning in the hob-sleigh and got to as up haps at the mill. This afternoon Dad dressed a turkey for to morrow's dinner and I did chores & peacefully. Winnie Lily came over this afternoon with the mail and stayed to tea tonight. Dad walked down to get his hair cut and Frank and I hooked up the team later to the hob-sleigh and took Winnie Lily down. I waited around in the hobs till the Woodstock train came in and then drove Dick, Girdy who came to spend the holidays with Dick, Dad & Frank home. Cloudy & rather cold.

Friday December 25th

This being Christmas Day we didn't try to get any more work than was absolutely necessary done. Auntie Alice looked after Liddums while all the rest of us went down to church. Enah got word last night from Perry Nunn that Lopsy wouldn't be here so she had to play the organ which was rather strenuous as she hasn't had any practice with the choir. Dick & Jerry spent the afternoon at the dryer and didn't show up till five o'clock. Enah had dinner. After church we went around by sleigh and got all of that family but Quint who was shunting but who showed up before dinner. Auntie

19 Maude didn't feel very well but managed to get over
Dad drove them all back again to night. In the afternoon
we had a little tree for Liddams and Huby was Santa Claus
Nobody got any presents (which was arranged before
hand) but Liddams & Lila. Aunt Alice did get us bags
some socks etc. but said they weren't Christ's presents
Junt, Liddams & I went to sleep to night in the dining room
and the rest of the family played "Pit" in the kitchen. Gladys &
Dick went down town after dinner and didn't get back till
late when it was discovered that Gladys's ear was frozen.
Beautiful day. Clear and frosty but sunny.

Saturday December 26th

I did chores principally to-day and Dad & Frank cut
down the old silver apple tree in the orchard. Gladys got up about
noon and he had an ear on him as big as a turnip and
a great big blister on it. Dad opened it and found it
was so badly frozen that poor Gladys had to stay in the
house all day. I guess it was pretty slow but at half
starved Englishman drifted in here looking for work
and entertained him while he was getting warm and
eating enough to do him as he said himself till tomorrow
morning. Aunt went down town and told us when she came home
that some farmer had telephoned in to say that this Englishman was
sure left him and stole all there was in the house. Dick came
home to tea but had to go back again. Gladys & Junt came over
after tea to catch the little pigeons for a match but could only
get two as they roosted so high upon the barn. They came
in and played "Pit" with us for quite awhile. They say
it was down to 20° below zero last night but has been
a beautiful sunny, still but frosty day. Snowed a little this afternoon.

Sunday December 27th

We didn't get up till late this morning so Dad & I didn't

get to church at all. Aunt walked down to Sunday School &
but I drove Enah and Frank down to church. Dad drove a fast truck
at noon. Dick and Jerry spent the morning & bed and the afternoon
and evening down town. I fooled around and did chores
all the afternoon. Not so cold to-day but windy & cloudy.

Monday December 28th

We got a late start again this morning. Dad & Frank
went back to the woods and got some more poplar poles. I
went over to Jack Martins and settled up with him. He
gave me a check for \$9.00. Neil Elliott came to look at Charlotte
but didn't want to give \$60.00 for so Dad thought he would
keep her and we all had calf and make enough out of the
cream all winter to pay for keeping her, although she isn't a
very heavy milker. This afternoon Dad intended to go down to
Nomination but Tom told us this morning that Mr. Lemmer's
funeral was this afternoon at two o'clock. Right after dinner
I drove Enah and Lida down town and when I got back Dad took
me to go to the funeral but Tom had been here and said he had
been mistaken and it was at one o'clock so Dad met them at the
Obituary Hill and went to the cemetery with them and brought
Enah and Liddams home with him from town. To night Dad,
Frank and I went down to town nomination but there was no
Tom Vase was the only speaker to amount to anything and will
probably go in again by acclamation. He brought up one little
incident of a private nature to spite of G. Morgan for the article
appearing in the Maple Leaf last summer but Murray got up
and took half's part and explained the case satirically. Mildred

Tuesday December 29th

We did chores this morning and this afternoon I drove Aunt
Aunt Alice down town in the hook. Gladys & Junt are going to stay
down for awhile to call. Gladys & Frank went back to the woods

21 with the shot gun, are 4 left and chopped down a few trees and shot a few stumps. Tonight I went down town thinking there was a band meeting but no body showed up. Nice day.

Wednesday December 30th

I went down town this morning to see if I could get the sled but for snows sleds was not till noon but I took her down this afternoon and got her in Jerry's trunk went down with me and Frank, at the saws from Chris Fairchild's which I used down yesterday to be sharpened and Jerry stayed down for a while while I was at the shop. a wedding parade went past which which turned out to be Jean Davis. Jim came over to tea and we went to Simcoe to-night. Jim went to skate and I to drill. There was no light at the armories so they took us out for a couple of miles mat ch. and gave us some formations on the march. After this Jim and I went in to the Reformer's shop to see Carl who showed us all about his wonderful Linotype machine. Mrs. Jim Waddle died this afternoon. Nice day and lovely night.

Thursday December 31st

I did not do any thing but chores all day and this afternoon I shaved. Dad, Jerry and Frank went back to the woods and got a load of poles. This afternoon Jerry & Frank went down town and Jerry showed Frank through the mill. Jerry stayed down to tea some where. Tonight I went down to a dance which the "Everready Sewing Club" got up for the relief of the Belgians. There was a big crowd there and altogether they took in fifty four dollar and fifty cent which was about as they got every thing free. I had a dandy time and danced every dance I could get. I was dancing when the clock struck twelve and Anno Domini One Thousand nine hundred and fourteen was no more than history.