Saturday December 13th

I went out this morning and tore down a lot more of the gully fence, Dad cleaned the chickens he killed yesterday and then came out and we put on a load of rails. We unloaded them before dinner and Dad went down to the mill and got a bag of flour. This afternoon we got all the rails down in two loads then did chores. Frank did a few chores and errands and hunted the rest of the day - he shot a skunk back in Robert John's this afternoon and when he went up out found it caught in a trap. He took it all the same and brought it home and skinned. Lila was over most of the day she said Faint went over to Eric this morning in the fog. It has been a lovely day, sunny and mild, the frost is nearly all out of the grounds. I saw some body over in the alsike stubble this morning with a big white ferret, thinking it might be Faint I went over but found it was Sam. George, he, his father, Harry Burch and Wilson McPherson were all out after rabbits but I didn't hear them shoot much

Sunday December 14th

Frank went to Sunday school this morning and Enah and I drove up to St. John's. It was the first service in the church since it was burned but as the Bishop wasn't there they did not dedicate it. The church was packed full and so was the grounds in front I had to tie Joe to a tree but he was all right. They had three preachers, Mr. Evans from Montreal or Ottawa or somewhere down that way, Mr Ward the regular man and a lay reader. We didn't stay to Communion. After church we drove Fanie nearly up to the Bowlbys and then came home by the Sutton concession through the Valley. and got home about half past two. Dicky Smith was here after his heifer which he took home this afternoon. I didn't do any thing the rest of the afternoon but shell a little corn and read the Lady of the Lake. Frank went back to the gully and Dad did chores. Dick didn't get up till noon and then had a late breakfast, his dinner and went down town and is not back yet to-night. It barely froze last night and has been thawing all day but was cloudy with a raw west wind. Cars. Rankin and Faint came over with Dick to-night. Faint borrowed Bluch to take to Markham to-morrow to hunt rabbits. They didn't stay long.

Monday December 15th

It froze pretty hard last night so Dad. wasn't able to plow as he had hoped. We did chores and Rev. Tompkins drove in soon after breakfast and was here quite awhile till Dad ordered a wind mill, he thought about getting a gasoline engine, and could have got a little 1½ h.p. engine for fifty five dollars but it wouldn't be strong enough to do much more than pump water and one that would do any thing would come about $22. so Dad. thought a $75 wind mill would be the best. We get a place rigged to put an engine especially as a wind mill is not nearly so handy to get out of repair or an engine and costs nothing what-ever to run it. This afternoon Dad. and I took the tank off the Little Giant Sprayer to have it ready to put in front of the wind mill. We took the little two cylinder pump down to the ditch and tied it and it works fine. Faint brought Bluch back, he said he was bad all night but they only got one rabbit. Faint stayed all night he slept on the sofa with all his clothes and boots on. He was cutting some wood for us to-night and the saw broke so he spent half the evening repairing it. I drew all evening and have nearly finished the picture Aunty sent me to draw for Aunt Teresa. Mrs. McBride has been here washing all day and she and Enah have our room fixed up slick as a button with a new carpet it looks fine. Frank brought a cedar post home and put it in the orchard Floyd Rupert caught it up at school all through the fine. It has been a lovely sunny day though freezing in the shade. milder to-night.

Tuesday December 16th

I went down town as soon after breakfast as possible this morning and got the storm windows sash at Stickney's and took them up to Mr James for him to glaze them. I got an old