

Hadn't time to harness the team and get a load of ice before dinner so we bagged up a quilt. Quint came over just after dinner and he and I tied a pulley to a little 2x2 in the ceiling of the ice house to pull up the last load of ice as the ice house is so full there isn't room to fill the hole at the door from the inside. Frank took his quilt to the mill and went on down & got the load of ice which we managed to get into the ice house by the aid of the pulley with out very much trouble. Frank and I then went down to the mill and got the chap but were delayed down there. Arthur Preston came down after his mail and I conversed with him. Some shabby way had played Arthur trick by which I had some fun with him. Arthur having heard that some of the dairymen around were knocking calves in the head thought he might get one cheap and veal it so put a sign up on the mill door. Wanted - calf to veal - A.D. Preston, and some Lake Shore humorist hit on the brilliant idea of changing calf to girl and the sign read & f. If it had been any one else but Arthur, it would have been a flat joke, but to see Arthur's dismay and chagrin was funny. He of course tore it down feeling no doubt that on such an occasion it would be an advantage & relief if he could only say damn it.

It was about five by the time Frank and I got back with the chap & got it unloaded. and then I looked to the cutter and Quint, Harry B and I drove down to Acuntys in a nasty snow storm. I didn't go into house down there but left Harry B very cheerfully waving good bye to me and I got home as fast as possible stopping at the farm with some groceries for Enah & to load on a bag of oats for my self. Very stormy & to night a howling blizzard.

Wednesday February 10th

It has been very cold with a strong east wind today but sunny. About five o'clock the wind went down entirely, but to night there is a west wind and it is very cold. I didn't do any thing out side but chose to sit around and read and squashed flannels for Mary. I cleaned the loose litter out of the old hen pen just after dinner and put fresh straw in. Bill Donald was in to say that Ina wouldn't be here this week. To night I started to walk in to a hockey match but got a ride in from Art's brother and a ride home from town. The juniors who have only lost one game all season & so won their group were playing Kitchener to night in the first home & home game but our boys were out-classed. There was no score the first period but K scored 0 in the 2nd & 3 in the 3rd & 4th periods. Our boys were 8-0. Over did some nice work though.