

Thursday, February 4th

Jim and I are alone tonight. The others are all down at the Cadets concert and as they thought there would be a dance after it I suppose they will be late getting home so I think when I have written this I will go to bed. I have read a lot of the papers Miss Newell sent to Frank we have had no mail since Monday and I don't believe there has been a train in on the Hamilton road since the storm. We prepared for Mrs. M^r Bride today but she did not come. Toby and I got a couple of loads of wood up today. It was quite a job breaking the road there is a lot of snow now. It has been a very fine day pretty cold but bright.

Friday February 5th

We were late getting up this morning but managed to get the chores done up in time to haul up one load of wood. We took Liddums back with us and he had a fine time. Coming home he showed signs of uneasiness I think owing to the fact that his feet were cold although he declared they were not but when Snoop and Bluch threatened to have a passage at arms

he cheered up considerably. The dogs didn't fight however as Sam called Snoop home. Yesterday they had a little set to but old Bluch settled the dispute very quickly. Snoop is game but Bluch is too much for him. It was beginning to rain when we got in and when we got the load off Dad went down to the mill and got a bag of flour, chop, & rolled oats. By after dinner it was raining too hard to go back to the woods and it kept it up all the after noon and is still raining to night. I put in the after noon making a door for the partition between the two pens in the chicken shed. Dad did chores and took the pork out of the pickle and put the beef in. I was going up to Simcoe to night with a load that Cars. Rankin got up to see a hockey match but as it was raining so hard I didn't go. I don't suppose the rest would as I don't think the ice would be any good let alone the unpleasantness of the trip. The train came in on the Hamilton track today for the first time since the block ade and we got our mail to night after being without it for three or four days. This has been one of the worst storms we have had for a long time. They say the snow plow and two engines ran off the track down by the Creamery yesterday and smashed the snow plow all to pieces and injured one of the engineers quite severely. The last we heard of the Port Rowan train it was stuck in a snow bank a couple of miles south of Simcoe.