

mowing but spent most of the after noon tinkering with the mower. The brass housing on the ^{crank} shaft got hot and I took it off a couple of times and then the knives gummed up so that I had to change them and had a very annoying time during which I said several bad words and just got the thing ready to cut when the whistle blew as I didn't know but what I would have to do all the chores alone I quit and went up but just as I got the team put away Dad, Enah & Sid got home. They had had a not altogether enjoyable trip, but got quite a lot of Luckle berries. I guess Bradley's hospitality although genuine was very Charlotte William and Mrs. Bradley or Rachel as Bradley proudly calls her is much fonder of flowing and working in the bush than she is of housework. They were not the only guests for the night as Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Billington were also taking shelter under the same roof. Mrs. Billington used to be a Brock. Lewis sister. Sid was sick all day and went to sleep as soon as he got home and didn't wake up all evening. Dick was down town all after noon.

Wednesday July 30th

Frank went out before breakfast this morning while the alake was tough and raked up all the

hay & alake that was cut. Dad, Frank, Dick and I cooked up all morning. This after noon Frank finished cutting and Dad, Dick & I cooked up. Then Dick & Frank went up and Frank brought the wagon out and when we had finished cooking up we put on a load and put it off in the horse stable. Dick went down town as he had an invitation to go to Simcoe with Helen Anderson and a party in the car. Cool and cloudy all day.

Thursday July 31st

It began to rain early this morning and rained steadily but quietly nearly all morning and part of the after noon. I helped Frank sharpen the binder & mower knives but spent most of the day rearing, weeding and drawing. Frank tinkered around and put a board on the step of the wood shed door to keep the flies from coming under the screen. Dick spent the morning in bed and went down town this after noon. It stopped raining to night but didn't clear off very well but we had a good band concert. I went around after it to Mr. Barwell's to call for Aunty Alice who was there playing bridge. Baby moved down to the Tom Hois house to day. Paul got back from the West to night. Mary, Bob & I also home.