

Wednesday March 3rd

My throat has been pretty sore all day and I haven't done much except a few chores and wash at my show-cards. Dad & Frank hauled wood all day and now have it all up but one load. So night Frank and I went down to church and I went home with Mary after wards. I didn't intend to stay but she wanted me to help her fill out her report cards and then she made me let her swab my throat with some dope. Mild all day but freezing to night.

Thursday March 4th

Dad and Frank hauled up their last load of wood this morning they will be a little more from the dead limbs that have got to be cut out. When that was un loaded we put a load of manure on the sleigh from the hay stalls in the horse stable and after dinner Dad & Frank took it down to Auntie's. Auntie Alice walked over here before dinner. She went over to Mrs. Battersby's from here. She knew I was going down to the boys meeting to night so asked me down to tea but I read far quite awhile after dinner so didn't get the chores done in time. Frank and I went down to night and Frank went to Agricultural meeting of Niffs in the hall. I went to the boys meeting and then down to Auntie's. Mary was there and had been there to tea. Mr. & Mrs. Will Halder & Miss Buckwell were there playing bridge. I went up with Mary and then as it was raining stayed at Auntie's all night. Frank came home. Very soft & sleazy. Raining to night.

Friday March 5th

I wake up about half past three this morning and see through Auntie's back hall windows an awful fire so I get into my clothes as quickly as possible to go up to see it. I called Auntie & Auntie Alice and Auntie Alice thought at once that it was the Post Office lock & found out she was right. When I got up town the whole building was gone & just the flaming brick walls standing. They told me that not a thing was saved. I didn't stay up town long but went back to Auntie's and we had breakfast. Then Auntie Alice wanted to go up to see how Cousin's all was so I walked up with her. We thought they would have taken her to Cousin's but his house was dark so we went into the Bureau's which was lit up and found Cousin's all & Dick & Dike & Mollie all in there. Cousin's all was wrapped up in a quilt and said she had lost all her clothes but one stocking. Dike said the smoke was so bad he couldn't save a thing except a few clothes which he grabbed out of the bureau drawer and the hall rack. He tried to get the safe open to save what was in it but couldn't see to do it in the dark and there was no one to help him move it. The fire started in the back of Patterson's shed nobody knows how and young Johnnie Innes who is the night telephone operator gave the alarm but it was too far on when any one got there to stop it. I came home about six o'clock and found Dad & Frank up. Dad was terribly shocked at the news of the fire and went down town as soon as he got the chores done