

than we did last year, we are leaving a good space between the walls and the ice for saw dust, and we put rails and saw dust in the bottom, but the ice isn't as good as last year especially what has been out of the water in the sun all day. Jim Coley was over this morning and got Dad to give him a two weeks option on his lots, he says he can almost guarantee the sale of them at \$6000. Bob and Carl Rankin also drove over and brought the saddle bridle back. Bluck was very glad to see them and followed them way down the road, but came back when we called him. Yupper came in to get his post auger which we harrowed to dig the holes for the windmill feet. Mrs. Yupper and the baby were with him. I guess Mrs. Yupper wanted to see Liddams but she didn't want to bring her kid in on account of the whooping cough and it was asleep anyway, Ena brought Liddams to the window to wave at. It has been very Spring like and the sleighing is going fast.

Thursday January 29th

Just about as we got ready for him this morning Alan came along with a load of ice and hauled one more before dinner, we then saw that we need eleven more cakes to fill up the ice house evenly so he brought 14 over this afternoon, he said he had a hard time getting them as the machine wasn't working. We put the extra three on top. Dad chinked it while I cleaned out the horse stable which has been neglected for two days, that makes over eight loads of ice that can be put in that

ice house. Old Bill George drove over before dinner to get the fork that Ted left over here. He was driving his yearling colt to the cutter and the sleighing is about gone, it is the same age as Queen and not nearly so big so that sort of treatment must be had on it. Harry Dyer, his brother and Stummy Jones were over for a while this afternoon. Dick came home to tea tonight to change his clothes and attend the dance of the Orchestra's in the town hall. Another April day, water is running over everything and "the buds are within a holy acre of bustin'" as Art. Rycie says. The snow is fast giving place to mud and it looks as if it would rain or give a rain. Just a strong south west breeze all day.

Friday January 30th

It was freezing when Dick came home at three o'clock this morning and has been freezing in the shade all day but not very hard. We found that the south west wind the early part of last night had melted quite a lot of the ice that it could reach through the west window, so Dad had to fix it a little and we put in all the saw dust we had, but will need quite a lot more. I thought the roads would be too icy to go to day. We gave Clepsy a little exercise before dinner and I sorted out a lot of the apples down cellar. This afternoon we tore down a lot more of the gully fence but just put the rails in piles. It was a lovely day to do it as the snow is nearly all gone. More like a hot fall day to day except that there is so much running water.