

not coming back before they go to Toronto. So night I hooked up Joe and Belle to the horse-drops and to the lurch to Simcoe to see the hockey match between Simcoe & Welland. To ad. went down with me to see how the election went and learned to his satisfaction that Wm. Walker beat Vye by 31 of a majority and Hammond beat Baughner by 240. The only town councillors that qualified were Wms. Luing & Caley so they will have to have another nomination. They defeated Local Option in Simcoe on an even vote by a majority of fifty nine. I got Quintin down at the house and the rest of the load which Dick had invited were waiting at the Dyer's. They consisted of Dess & Grass, Dyer, Rachel Henry and May Rankin. Dick and Gerdy Cars Rankin came home with us. They all went over to the rink right away but Quint and I went to the Armouries and Quint went later to the rink. They had no lights again to night so we had a short drill in the streets. Then I went over to the match. They had only been playing ten minutes when I got there and the score was one in favor of Simcoe. It was a good game and there were very few penalties handed out but a lot of off sides but it wound up with a score of five to four in favor of Welland. The girls in our bunch had attracted two Simcoe fellows. Charlie Barber & Sam Hasley and after the match we all went over to the Battersby House to get warm

and cut up over there for half an hour or so except Gerdy and Cars who went over to the quick lunch as they hadn't had any supper. It was a junior O.H.G. match to night but Cars didn't play. I guess he doesn't know whether he is on the team or not yet. He has had a room up there at the Melbourne ever since the season opened trying opt for it. We had a lonesome drive home. It was a little misty but frosty and bright moonlight. I dare say we left in our wake a good many suddenly awakened farmers. Joe and Belle made a very suitable team for although I didn't go at all furiously. They slid along at a good steady trot with out any jerking. Faulkner passed us going up with a load of eighteen all men or boys. Herb Lowrie took another cargo of the same kind up. We got home about one. It has been a very nice day sunny and mild.

Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Frank went back to school this morning and Gerdy who for the first time nearly since he has been here got up about ten o'clock and had breakfast and spent the rest of the day down town saying good bye. He went down to Hubys about two o'clock to say good bye down there and had his dinner. This afternoon Dad, Eula Liddums and I drove down in the hub sleigh to say good bye to Aunty and Aunty Alice who went to night to Toronto