

Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup>

I did chores all morning and Dad & Frank cut up the old apple tree in the pigyard. They had some pretty hard sawing in it. This afternoon Dad and I took the team and wagon sleigh and hauled it up to the house where Dad split a lot of it. Frank went down town and got his tooth filled and sent off a lot of valentines. Bert Thompson came over this afternoon to see if we had any Black Oxington hens. There was just one left of the ones that Studly hatched out three years ago of the eggs he got from Bert. I knew she wasn't laying and was glad enough to get rid of her I would have sold her for fifty cent or less but Bert offered me a dollar for her so I let him have her. Dad had quite a visit down at Alfreds last night, the old fiddler, whose name is Foster was there. Lulu was in town but got home before he left, she told them that Art Ryerai who had brought her home heard down town that Blukie was dead, but as we have heard nothing about it to-day, we feel pretty sure there is a mistake some way. It has been milder to-day a little though still freezing hard. It snowed a little but not much.

Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>

Enah and I walked down to church this morning and Frank went down to Sunday school and church. This afternoon Cousins Clara and Phoebe came over and also Aunt, Studly and Lulu. Dick was in bed all morning and went down town this afternoon and says he is going to church to-night. Studly said Auntie Maude was pretty sick today.

Dad and I walked down to church to-night and went around to see Auntie Maude on our way home. she was sitting up on the sofa but looks pretty miserable, we got home about nine o'clock and Dick was in bed. It is still pretty frosty but getting milder I think. Cloudy most of the day and to-night. Studly told us of a great joke they played on old Tom the cook on the Vigilant. It seems he is quite a lady's man and gets a letter occasionally from a young lady he met in St. Thomas. Young Archie McQueen knew this and put Bill Daves, Parks and a few more of the bunch wise to it and they with Mrs. Walt McCall's assistance composed a letter to Tom, from his girl telling him to meet her at the Fair corner (so as everything could be seen from the Dominion hotel windows) at noon yesterday and to be sure and bring a bottle of gin along. When Tom got the letter he never caught on and was in a great state of excitement all morning and kept his eyes on the fair corner. Meanwhile Archie had been getting topped up in a lot of Mrs. McCall's clothes. he is rather small and good looking and about two o'clock slipped out of the side door at the hotel and around the block up to the fair corner of course old Tom was right there to meet him and Archie immediately inquired about the gin so Tom told him to go over to the hotel and wait for him at the head of the stairs while he got it. He rushed into the bar to get a fifty cent bottle but Walt told him that they didn't have any smaller than a dollar and a quarter bottles. Tom was in such a hurry that he said anything would do so took a big bottle up stairs and returned the fair one of to his room. Archie told Studly after wards that it would have been rich