

lot of work on this side as it is so soddy. I did chores all the after noon and went down to the mill to see if they had any barley for seed as Dad. thinks he will mix oats & barley to sow on the corn stubble. They only had the O.A.C. No. 1 and it was \$1.10 a bushel but I guess Dad will get some. There were a couple of fellows down this morning from Simcoe Murdock was one of them and they want Dad. for a witness at a law suit that is coming off next Tuesday. Murdock says that Hamilton & Gager hired Lea to skin him on a horse deal. The horse is the big grey stallion with the crooked legs that was travelling down here last spring and as Dad. saw him they want him to say that he was unsound. Poor old Bluch has pretty well lay to day and can only hop around on three legs. Mr. & Mrs. Lous got into a scap yesterday and apparently Snoop was the best dog for once in his life. It has been milky to day with the wind in the south but very cloudy with a little rain.

Friday April 23rd

It rained hard enough during the night to prevent us from going on the land but will do a lot of good as it was hot & cloudy all morning and will make things grow. Frank and I drove down to Billy Langs this morning

to see if he had any barley cheaper than they had at the mill, but Jack was at school and poor Billy was sick ~~in~~ bed. We went up to the house and after I chased around from the front to the back door three or four times to discover a faint hallo! which I was sure I heard in answer to my knock I discovered it was escaping from a partially raised window which evidently belonged to the room where Billy was in bed. His voice sounded unnaturally weak as he told me he had not any barley so Frank and I went on up and got six bushels at the mill. We found Dad. with the old white ewe half shorn when we got home and he & Frank finished her by noon while I did chore. This after noon Dad. helped me get my incubator down cellar again and then we mixed the oats & barley out on the barn floor. We put one bag of oats through the fanning mill to see if we could clean any of the straws out of it but we got more good oats out he hind than we did dirt so we stopped. It is pretty clean any way. Dad. then put the beans through and got most of the dirt out of them while Frank went down town. Dad. has felt very miserable all day.

Saturday April 24th

We didn't do much but chores all morning and ~~Dad.~~