

Sunday, January 17th

It rained last night and was very dark this morning. I thought our trip to the Shands was off, but it turned out a beautiful day and we all left in the bob-sleigh soon after 12, the sleighing was not too bad and we drove Joe and Belle. We did not have dinner till 2 o'clock. Mr and Mrs Harvey Shand and Charlie were over, Florine and Willie had to stay with Mr Nixon. We had a very nice day and did not get started for home till 5 o'clock. We all got home safely but had a little mix up putting the horses away, Frank was doing up Belle and I did Joe, and through some mistake Joe's line was left fastened to Belle's bridle with the result that as soon as the stable door was opened Joe jumped in as she always does and would have taken poor Belle's head with her if the bridle and bit had not broken. Old Sunny Jim had the time of his life prowled all over the house and they just let him go, he was very good and a great night's sleep. The sleighing was almost completely gone when we came home, it has been just like a march day. Dick went to church this evening.

Monday, January 18th

I was up early this morning and wrote Toby a short letter, Frank got up and helped me do some of the chores before he went to school. Mrs Mc Bride came quite early for her, we did not expect her until tomorrow, Hubert did not get over till nearly noon, he told us that poor old J. L. Gillies dropped dead in his lumber yard about 10 o'clock. I cleaned the straw out of one end of the chicken shed as it was pretty wet, Hubert husked corn all the afternoon, Frank went down with him this evening as he had forgotten the paper. They have all gone to bed now and I must go too. It snowed quite a lot this morning and several times through the day it was very wet almost rain, I think it is getting colder tonight. I got 10 eggs today.

Tuesday, January 19th

Hubert did not come over at all today, he had some insurance to look after, Frank went to school. I did up the chores and we had an early dinner.