

Friday January 7th

I didn't get in much time at the chicken house to-day as this morning I had to make a morn'g for Ben and kill a cocked for dinner as Mabel was here for breakfast & dinner. This after noon Supper and Charlie Butler came over and Supper got six old hens for a dollar apiece. A little later Mary called me and said Mr. Bagley was here. He had walked out and proposed walking back but we persuaded him to stay for tea and I drove him home afterwards. He and the kids had a great time and Harry & Guy howled dismally when they had to go. I had to get a start made at building my roosts and nests and as I got a pullet's egg to-day. I could get them too soon. I took him to Auntie's on my way home to-night but they all had their things on to go out and all asked me with one accord if I was going to the hockey match. Dr. Bush, Ray, Vernon, Quint, Dick were all there and as near as I could make out some of them were going to play cards and some to a funeral service for poor Mr. Reynolds who died in the Guelph sanatorium. Cheerful.

Saturday January 8th

I spent the forenoon working at the chicken house but

didn't finish and then after noon we all went down town. Mary went up and did her mending while I took Vernon for a sleigh ride around the hill but the sleighing is poor so we didn't go far but I went back to Auntie's and waited for Mary. Ray & Quint were busy building another hook case, so they unpacked three or four more cases the other day. We came home by the farm to get a couple of steel rat-traps as Mary saw a rat in the cellar yesterday. Froze hard last night. Sunny & no wind to-day.

Sunday January 9th

Got up this morning about five for the express purpose of reading as I can't keep awake to read in the evening and I spent a very enjoyable two hours reading a very small volume of Plutarch's Lives which I borrowed from the Rees' room collection. I encouraged the rest of the family to stay in bed as long as they would and we had a late breakfast. I spent all the forenoon doing chores and putting things around and about 2.30 we all drove over to Barrow's Cove we intended only staying for a short time but wound up by staying to tea. It was a fine morning, sharp but sunny but this after noon while it was fine there was a raw east wind, and it is cold to night.