

in and as I had my canvas shoes on I took them off and walked home bare footed. I met Dad. in the gully after the cows. We did chores up after tea and then Mary and I worked till after eleven at the Church books. The fields to night as if she were getting the mumps. Very salty.

Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>

I went back after the cows this morning and found the whole herd except Betty's Agnes in the wheat. I had to tramp through after them and as the wheat was laden with dew and a heavy mist that was just rising my trip was more like wading in the Lake than any thing else. I am sure I poured a pint of water out of each gum boot after I came out. The cows tramped the wheat and nipped of quite a lot of it. They had broken a wire in the old fence between it and the other back field. Dad drove Sid. to school after breakfast and brought Frank home. he feels better but the doctor told him not to try to do any thing this week. Dad & I went back before dinner and patched up the fence where the cows broke in and put in a couple of post and this after

noon got a couple of rolls of wire to put along it. 6 rods. I got one roll from Jack W. Price & one from Mr. Walker the same kind of wire. Jack W. Price was in here at noon and brought the sheep clipper back. Mary has been in bed all day and feels much better. Her right jaw is slightly swollen and sore so we think it must be the mumps. Very hot & salty but no rain.

Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Dad & I have spent most of the day stringing up the new fencing along the old barbed wire fence. We could not make a very neat job of it stretching it with our hands but it will keep the cattle out of the wheat for the present. We have to go around the gully side of the field and do a little fixing up. Aunty & Aunty Alice were over for tea to night. Sid seems quite delighted that Mary has the mumps. They won't let him go to school and she can't give him lessons at home. Fair & cold with east wind. Looks clear

Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dad and I went back to finish patching the fence between the gully & the wheat and got started to burn