

Alarm clock. I wanted to get out any way before the hens did as I discovered yesterday that the old duck was laying in the chicken yard and so I wanted to leave the yard open for her to get in during the night but as I don't let the same pen out two days in succession I had to get up before the hens to shut it up. I didn't think to shut them in the house but I will hereafter hope. Dick brought home a card last night that Mr. Stokes wanted two settings of eggs so I was over to ask Jack Martin if he wanted them especially but he wasn't home and Chris was down town so I sent them down. Nye was over for a while, after breakfast Shuby got the brush heap on the orchard burned at last. I threw the brush out of the yard and helped him carry it over to the fire. After we burned it, we started to clean up the wheat. We got it all cleaned by about half past four this afternoon. There was only about forty bushels of it cleaned. we put a coarse sieve in the bottom so got a lot of stuff in the clip box nearly enough to fill up the chicken feeder bin. When we got it done Shuby and I tore down and piled up boards to where we could get them with the wagon what few rails were left from the old barn yard fence. Sunny but raw wind all day. Sam Law was on his field to day but Tom Abbot says it is very muddy. Poor Liddums is very miserable, the whooping cough is back again.

Saturday May 16th

Lila came over with Shuby first thing this morning and has been over all day. Jim Bannister sent over word with them for Dad to come over as his mare was just foaling. Dad has been over two or three times during the day and is there now with Frank. Bert is there from Simcoe, and Dad says his is afraid Jim will lose the mare, the colt I think is dead. Dad and I hauled up a load of rails this morning from the old barn yard fence and then took the wheat to the mill. We made two trips of it and took down three acres of oats for chops. We had 44 bushels and 14 lbs of wheat and it is just a dollar a bushel so we did gain a little by waiting after all. After dinner Shuby and I went back to the woods and were gone nearly all the afternoon but we got a beautiful little elm and set it out out here near the drive house and just behind the anchor post for this lane fence. we got it out in the open and it is a perfect shape so as we didn't cut much of the top off it will be pretty from the first. Frank and Lila went back with us but went the other way when we got to the gully and got a lot of flowers and some merels which Shuby found the other day and told them about. Our little tree was all out in leaf but Shuby took great pains in planting it and he thinks