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I took (that mail) to this house. You went up there and they'll give you the mail bag. Took it over to the other fellow and they took the mail out of the bag. (And in the wintertime.) Horse and sleigh on the ice. You had to go around the road if it was storming. Mail had to come anyway, twice a week.... Well, they gave you a break. If it was an awful day. they wouldn't expect you to go out in it.... That was all the income--the cash--my fa? ther really had. So he used to keep that to one side to pay the tax.... It wasn't very good, but he wouldn't want to lose it, because of the cash he got. You needed some money for certain things. (Like tax? es.) And if you were sick, you had to get a doctor or something. (You couldn't give the doctor trade.) No. Well, some of them. I guess they would, pretty near....

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