

21 with the shot gun, axe & rifle and chopped down a few trees and ~~cut~~ a few stumps. Tonight I went down town thinking there was a band meeting but no body showed up. Nice day.

Wednesday December 30<sup>th</sup>

I went down town this morning to see if I could get Joe Shod but Joe Swells' shop was full till noon but I took her down this afternoon and got her in Yerdy & Frank went down with me and Frank at the saws from Chris Fairchilds which I took down yesterday to be sharpened and Yerdy stayed down for a while while I was at the shop. a wedding ~~band~~ went past which which turned out to be Jean Davis. Jim came over to tea and we went to Simcoe to-night. Jim went to skate and I to drill. There was no light at the armories so they took us out for a couple of miles march and gave us some formations on the march. After this Jim and I went in to the 'Reformer' shop to see Carl who showed us all about his wonderful Linotype machine. Mrs. Jim Waddle died this afternoon. Nice day and lovely night.

Thursday December 31<sup>st</sup>

I didn't do any thing but chores all day and this afternoon I shaved. Dad, Yerdy and Frank went back to the woods and got a load of poles. This afternoon Yerdy & Frank went down town and Yerdy showed Frank through the mill Yerdy stayed down to tea some where. Tonight I went down to a dance which the 'Everready Sewing Club' got up for the relief of the Belgians. There was a big Crown there and altogether they took in fifty four dollar and fifty cent which was clear as they got every thing free. I had a dandy time and danced every dance I could get. I was dancing when the clock struck twelve and Anno Domini One Thousand nine hundred and fourteen was no more than history.