

Sunday June 29th

We got up fairly early this morning and Dad drove Aunty up to the cemetery with some flowers before Sunday school. None of us went down to church except Frank, Hubert & Edith Lauril. came over with Aunty after church for the afternoon. I left at half past one as this was decoration day for the odd fellows and the band furnishes them with music for them. We had to march from the Dominion Hotel to the School house - and as it was the first march for me I didn't enjoy it much, what made it triply hard for me, I had no music harp for my horn so had to hold the music with half of one hand, play with half of the other and hold the horn with half of each so I couldn't do any thing properly. Then I got out of step about half a dozen times in every block and every body suggested hobbles or some other contrivance to keep my length of step at about a foot & a half in stead of three feet. We rode up ~~to~~ back from the cemetery on Val. Lany's dog with Johnnie Walker's team. We played a few old hymns up there and marched back from the school house to Harry Lysham's store to Ould Lang Syne. There is an great change for the better in the appearance of the cemetery

since Munroe has been looking after it. When I got home I found Mr. Blaikie here. his arm is badly crippled with rheumatism, he just came up for the first, was going to Alfred's to spend the night, - and to Simcoe to-morrow. There was great excitement up the Radnor road last night, as Art Williams was going home - after mid night he saw Geordie Waldick's barn opposite Cory's place on fire. Geordie wasn't home so he alarmed Stingers, they just nicely got it out when they saw a fire at Chart Woley's so ~~going~~ going over there, they saved the barn but the ~~straw~~ straw stack was burned. Next thing a blaze was noticed over at Johnnie Shing's who being more unlucky than the other two lost his barn and all his implements. It was evident that this was the work of some man and for some reason I think they tracked him they suspect the fellow who lives at Cory's. I forgot his name - any way they had the house watched, but as Dad & Enah ~~that~~ were going to church to-night they were very much surprised to meet this same man walking leisurely along the road in front of this place. Dad informed Art Granbury and this led to Blagden M. Swan and Faulkner in Art's automobile starting in pursuit