

it and wrote a card to Frank Cecil to say I would need to get away from him. It looks as though the fortune was gradually fading from our pen. They finished the argument on June 2nd but the judge has reserved his decision for a week or week and we shingled the north side of the barn roof so which looks as if he was not at all convinced that Dad's claim was good. Wednesday 9th Frank came over ~~this morning~~ before I finished marking out the corn ground and started planting and we finished about four o'clock. Thursday 10th May & I went down in the afternoon and signed the mortgage at Gibsons and Charlie Duanbury met us there with the money. I spent the rest of the afternoon paying debts.

Thursday July 1st

I have been too busy during the day time and too dead tired at night to write and I can't remember the daily happenings of the last three weeks. The weather is still cool and dry although we had a couple of good rains. I have cultivated my corn one way or another but it is growing very slowly. We got the garden in but nothing is up yet except some corn & potatoes

and the chickens are ruining it. I can't keep the little divots out. They are growing fast and are too big to go through the fence but they can now fly over it. I had Cecil & Frank over here for three days last week and we shingled the north side of the barn roof which it is a great relief to have done as it was in very bad shape. The alfalfa is very late this year but is fit to cut now Dad cut his yesterday or the day before. Cousin Harry & Cousin Lizzie from California have been here now for a week or so & are leaving to-morrow. We have had very few straw berries lately so far but they are beginning to ripen faster now. The Band went to Selkirk for the Old fellows on June 13th & stayed down and gave an evening concert for a supper of salmon sandwiches & lemonade & half the collection. We got home about 9:30 and it was after midnight when I finished my chores. We went to Simcoe on the afternoon of the 16th. The horse races just had a lot of fun getting back before tea. I drove 2⁵⁰ to-day for both trips. Last Sunday we went up to the cemetery with the Dover J.O.O.F. and Monday night next we are looked for Jimmy Ryerson's & several him so he & Marie Smith got married on June 10th.