

Friday May 23rd

I set out two little shrubs Tartarian Honey suck which County sent over this morning and as I put them across the ditch and had to dig holes in the clay and fill in with other earth it took me quite awhile I helped Dad trim Maple Hill Nellie's & the bull's two nails Dad's lamb which has been sick for the last few days died this morning and Dad opened him and found a growth on his bowels stuck fast to the ribs and on further examination found him full of tape worms Sid and I went down to County's for dinner and I helped them put in some stakes for the peas. I went up town right after dinner to see what the band was going to do but it was raining quite hard at two o'clock so we couldn't march and it was no use going up to the school house as the kids couldn't have their sports. They were all crowded around the park under uppsalla so we all went down on the bank stand and were off a few selections. After we had been there about half an hour someone noticed a crane over on Geary. Thompson's dead I suppose old Mrs Hamilton is dead so we thought we had better move. All the kids

had gone up into the hall so we went up there and stayed for the rest of the after noon played a little and listened to the usual run of speeches. Inspector Cook was the principal speaker and explained the formation of the Union Jack most of which was news to me but the kids summed by the answers they gave to know all about it. The occasion for the celebration was the presentation by the I. O. O. F. to the school of a flag. Cousin Clare seemed to represent the former and handed a roll of hunting which I suppose was a flag to Mr. Johnson or Mr. Smith. I prayed which and Mr. Johnson mumbled out a prayer or so and that was about all the ceremony amounted to. Sid and I came home to tea and after we did chores I went down and spent the evening with Mary. R. W. Taylor proclaimed Monday as a holiday to celebrate Victoria Day instead of to-morrow. Mr. Watson announced to the kids that although it was a holiday in town they would have to go to school just the same on Monday, but Taylor wouldn't have it so and made it plain to everyone that Mr. Watson would have to observe his proclamation which brought him loud and prolonged cheers from the kids.