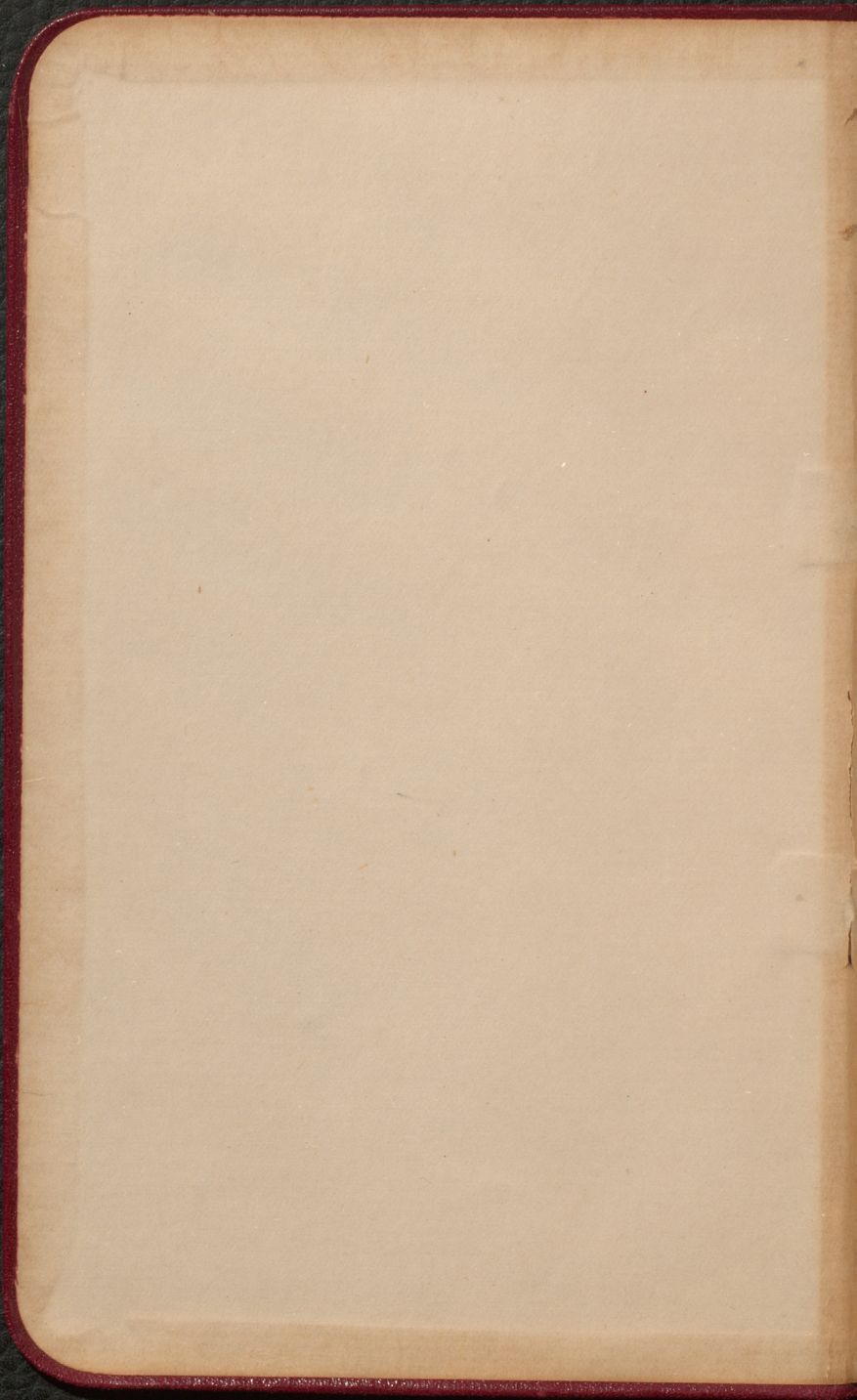
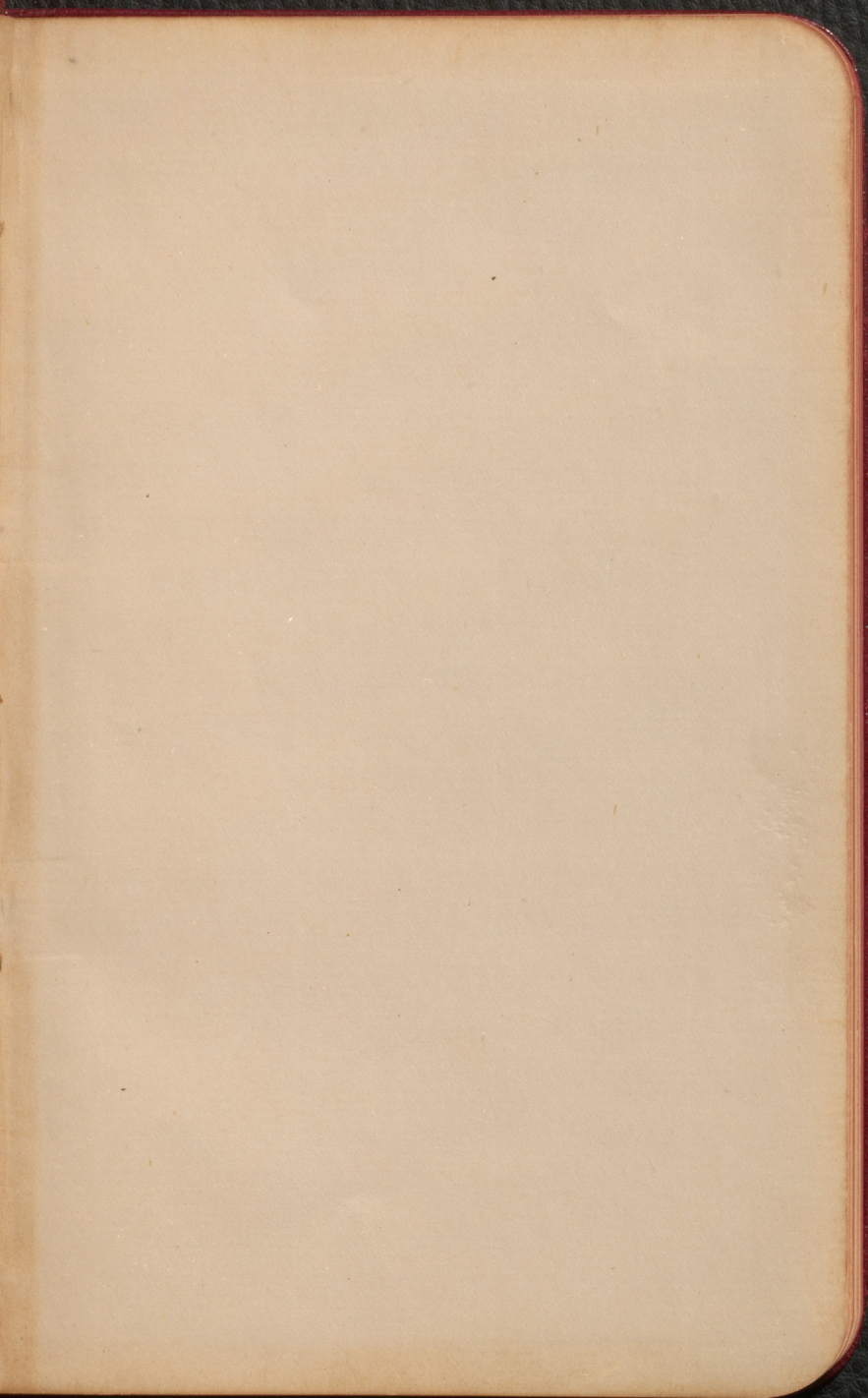


1895





Date of
funeral

George M. Dawson

Private Diary

1895.

Date of White's death.

A remark.

Date of my letter to Howard DeG.

Thompson's death.

Date of Appt. & Schuyler's return.

From arrival in Ottawa (from
Brit. Columbia) on Oct. 7th, acting
Director of the Geological Survey, in
Dr Selwyn's absence on leave.
Find it is well understood that this
'absence' is preliminary to Superannuation
& generally understood that I am to
be Dr Selwyn's successor.

As long ago as 1888, Dr Selwyn's
Superannuation & my appointment
as Director of the Geological Survey
were in prospect. Hon Thomas White,
then Minister of Interior informed
me that he had decided upon this & had
obtained Sir John Macdonald's consent
to it, shortly before his death. I had
been in charge of the Geol. Survey for
nearly a year, as Acting Director
during Dr Selwyn's absence about
the Colonial & Indian Exhibition in
1886. In 1887, Mr White sent me
out in charge of the Yukon Expedition,
& in the early part of 1888 I had
been sent to Washington in connection

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with the Canada - Alaska Boundary
question, raised during the negotiations
for a new fishing treaty. Nothing
came of my conference at that time
with Dr. Dole, & later, the fishing
arrangement also fell through.
Although Mr. White intimated the
approaching change to me, he apparently
hesitated in taking the final step, &
a few days afterwards fell ill & on
April 21, 1888, died. Thus the
matter ended for the time. In the
summers of 1888 & 1889^{or 1890} I was again
at work in the Southern interior of
British Columbia, but became gradually
involved in the Behring Sea discussion.
Early in 1890, I had written to
Major General Cameron C.B., at Kingston
on some points relating to Canada - Alaska
boundary - he had been at Washington
with Sir Charles Tupper (Senior) in
1888 & added an expression of views
on the Sealing question. This it seems
he forwarded to Sir C. T. Tupper, then

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in Washington in connection with
the Sealing Question, who forwarded
a request to me, through the Finance
department, for a precis setting forth
my view of the case. This was the
beginning of my connection with it.
The project of a Commission to
Behring Sea arose & during the
Summer of 1890, while in D.C. I held
myself in readiness to accept a
nomination for that work, in conformity
with an indication that it might
come, - given by Sir C. H. Tupper.
Nothing was done, however, & it was
not till 1891 that I & Sir George
Baden Powell were actually
appointed Commissioners. The diary
of the Commission & of subsequent
visits to Washington (as Commissioners)
to London, to London & Paris, &
again to Washington about the
completion of arrangements for regulations,
are contained in other Nos. books
of mine.

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Having understood that Dr Selwyn was
not to return as Director, thus being
great dissatisfaction almost everywhere
with his regime, I mentioned my aspirations
to be his successor to Mr Daly, then
Minister of Interior, saying that I did not
wish it futile to ask friends for
political support, the thing being repellent
to my feelings. Mr Daly answered that
he did not think it necessary, that the
balance of effort would be
practically unanimous with the Cabinet.
On Nov. 9th acting on the suggestion
of Mr Burgess, Deputy Minister of
Interior, I however wrote to Mr Daly
a statement setting out my claims to the
Directorship & received a very kind
reply from him. The necessary papers
for Dr Selwyn's resignation &
my appointment were made out under
Mr Daly's superintendence, & it was
intended that everything should be
completed in good time so as to
enable Dr Selwyn to be notified before

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it would be necessary for him to leave
England, his leave of absence expiring
on Jan 5, 1895.

It should be stated that when Dr Selwyn
left he informed several of lead of the
Ministers that he was anxious to be
Sopranos & that word people, his
son Percy included, understood that
this was his view. While therefore not
feeling authorized to communicate with
him personally on the subject, I
supposed that he fully realized the
situation.

Sir John Thompson's sudden death in
England upset the plans above
referred to, a new Cabinet had to be
formed under Sir Mackenzie
Bowell, but Orders in Council were
passed for sanction & the result
was that my appointment did not
actually take place till Jan 7, 1895,
when Dr Selwyn was on the Atlantic
or just landing in New York. He
attended a meeting of the Quakers

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General Mining Association in
Montreal on the 5th, & in reply to
questions asked that he had heard
nothing of his superannuation, in which
he was technically correct. On the
evening of the 9th he arrived in
Ottawa, with Miss Selwyn & the
next morning turned up at the office.
The situation was a little embarrassing
both for us & for his son Percy
who was acting as my secretary, but
I must say that he took it very well,
although he had apparently forgotten
completely his request for superannuation
already referred to a thought
himself rather hardly treated,
particularly in the matter of wanting
due notice. Under any other
circumstances than those actually
occurring this want of ^{official} notice would
have been inexcusable, but it
could scarcely be helped under the
conditions arising on Sir J. Thompson's
death. His attitude to me

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personally was & has always been
most friendly. This he expressed
very fully at the annual dinner of
the Fogar Club which was held
on Jan. 17th & was made the
occasion of a complimentary
dinner to him

1895

Nov. 28. Circular sent to mica
producers asking for specimens
to form a small collection to Supp.
Dept. London.

Dec. 28. Collection shipped to London.

March 28 Similar Circular letter sent
to ~~various~~ producers, for collection
to be sent to Supp. Dept. about middle
of way.

April 6. Half a dozen finished copies
of Summary Report, Parliamentary Edition,
received from printer. - 3 sent to
Minister.

April 11. Interview with W. A. Fraser
this morning, the Mining Contractor, who

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leaves this P.M. for Athabasca Landing
to continue experimental boring operations
for oil.

Interview with the Minister at 5:30 P.M.
on estimates for 1895-96 & Supplementary
Estimates for Current Year (1894-95) Van Foster
wants a general reduction, which after the
great reduction of the Current Year (payment of
heavy accumulated debt etc) would be
most serious work of Survey. Had prepared
a memo on the matter, which, however,
assumed that the 7,000 for boring was to
be charged against the proposed grant of
\$45,000 for Survey work. Minister tells me
that this is not the case. This involves
revising memo, which he requires on
Saturday morning. Ferraro is good
Friday & same difficulty anticipated
by me in getting assistance for type-
writing etc, in view of proposed visit to
Vancouver.

At Club, before dinner, met all four
members of Newfoundland (Confederation)
delegation, now here. Arrange that they

Spoll Cove visit museum tomorrow
at 11 Am.

Evening took of office recording news, as
Estimates.

Good Friday, April 12. Met the
Newfoundland delegates & spent some
time with them, according to appointment,
in Museum. Then, to Montreal by 4:40
train.

April 13, 14, 15, in Montreal. Much
rain nearly all the time. Leave
for Ottawa by 9:10 P.M. train on
15th. Train late, getting in about
2 Am.

Wednesday 17. April. State dinner
& reception at Fort. Houses tonight.

April 18. Meeting of Parliament. Did
not attend at the opening.

April 19. Sent of box of 12 framed
photos. to Lepoint Survey of Photographic

The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the fresh air. It felt like a warm blanket after a long flight. The sun was shining brightly, and the birds were chirping happily. I took a deep breath and smiled. It was a beautiful day, and I was so glad to be home.

After a few minutes, I started to feel a little better. The doctor had given me some medicine, and it was starting to work. I was feeling much more comfortable now. The nurse was very kind and helpful. She made sure I was comfortable and gave me some water. I was so lucky to have such good medical care.

By the time I got to the hospital, I was feeling much better. The doctor had given me some more medicine, and it was starting to work. I was feeling much more comfortable now. The nurse was very kind and helpful. She made sure I was comfortable and gave me some water. I was so lucky to have such good medical care.

After a few more days, I was feeling much better. The doctor had given me some more medicine, and it was starting to work. I was feeling much more comfortable now. The nurse was very kind and helpful. She made sure I was comfortable and gave me some water. I was so lucky to have such good medical care.

Finally, I was able to get up and walk around. It felt like a weight had been lifted off my shoulders. I was so happy to be able to move again. The doctor was very pleased with my progress. I was so lucky to have such good medical care.

Exhibition, Imperial Institute. These
sent to Mr Swoll, Dept. of Agriculture
for transmission.

April 20. Met Hon. Mr Daly, who
informed me that Gov. Secoy vote in
Estimates likely to be cut down to \$45,000
instead of the usual \$60,000, but that
Supplementary estimate for current year
will likely get through. Also that amt.
required for petroleum boring experiment
in the NW likely to be struck out, bringing
this test to an end. Asked him if I
could do anything & he suggested that
I might see the Premier on Monday.

Apr. 21. Sunday. At office part of day.
Called at W's but found all out.
W & F afterwards called on me at
Bill Chambers.

Apr. 22. Called on Sir Mackenzie
Brewell at 10 Am. Explained state of
boring enterprise to him shortly.
He seemed rather favorably inclined
to providing for its continuance.
Discussed proposed summer work with
view of the even today.

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Dr Bell went over in course of conversation on another subject, that Dr Selwyn had at one time asked him to prepare general report on Mineral Resources of Ont. Told him that the same matter had occurred to me, & that he should consider whether he can undertake it & let me know, for certainly it must be done by someone.

April 25: Haven discussed probable plans with nearly all the field men now & got estimates from most. Talk with Dr Bell today on the subject. His wants to go to Hudson Bay in an 'Expedition' is organized. If not, to explore country to S. of James' Bay. Asked for a memo. of probable cost of cart, or of working on another of the regular routes N. of Great Lakes.

Very indefinite & full of severalties.
Sent off Geol. Coloured copy for Newlook's press today, at last.

April 26. Sent off Suppl. Estimates for 1894-95 to Minister.

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April 27. Estimates returned approved by Minister. Sent them on to Deacons Accountant. Wrote letter to Minister on French translation & publishing. Revising Lyell's report for 1893 etc. etc. W. to Amier with me at Club tonight.

April 28. Sunday. At office a little time in Pen. Eng. writing out notes on Alberta drift at home.

April 29. Drew then Mr. Duff's attention to introduction of Perez Selwyn's salary for the 4 months unpaid, in Suppl. Estimates. This his last chance of getting the money but the Minister must push it through. Also drew attention to fact that with reduced appropriation it would be impossible to take on extra bands this season.

April 30. Sent off explanation of estimates to Minister, by request of his Secretary, Chisholm. — in a hurry. Called on S. S. Dawson, printing Bureau, about work. Decided to get Lewis R. steel done as stone as before, not Copper, as proposed — to save time & money for the moment.

sent off reminder to asbestos
producers.
Drafted report on future work of
Improving works.

May 1. Had talk with Leroux on N.W. Eastern Township sheet, on which he is at work. Talk with Tyrrell on his work & with Fletcher, who returned today by my instructions from N.S. Tried to see the Minister at his office about the estimates, but missed him. Extraordinary number of interruptions.

May 3. Call from a Mr Sargent, Sec. of Slough Ck. Reg. Co., Cariboo B.C., who took up a lot of time in the morning. Had written to the Minister yesterday about omission of \$7000 from Estimates for the Athabasca boring operations. Mentioned the matter to him at lunch. He hopes to be able to get it through.

Interview with Eaton, who is pressing for better pay.

May 4. Mr Jack, from N.S., brought in by Dr Ellis. Has a Cheverical Sebene for getting part of land from Govt. for some Company & erecting a building for the Geol. Survey & Museum by the Company as payment.

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Told him Seves very glad to take
so much interest in the matter & that
so far as I am concerned he can
take his scheme up as much as
he likes, on his own account. Called
on Minister to explain his R.A.G.
Johnston's position & line of work. He
is pressing through political friends
for permanent appointment in lieu of
Brunell, should he leave. His
vacancy should, however, be filled
probably but in the same (statistical)
line.

A very hot day in the Season.

May 6. Minister promised to
come to office at 11 Am. to discuss
arrangements for field work, but
prevented by a meeting of Council.

May 8. Dined at Club tonight with
Mr H. Keipemill, Col Zisdell &
Mr Dixon & other guests.

May 9. Another appointment to see the
Minister, but failed, he having to
go to the Public Accounts Committee.

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working at Eooms at Rocky Mt.
draft paper, part of evening.
~~At Eooms~~

May 10. Obtained an interview with
the Minister at 11 am. & in about
20 minutes discussed plans for
summer field work. Showed him
general plan of appropriation of money
available. Plan for field parties,
district assistants etc. He offered
obj. whole, also of the limited number of
assistants proposed - all those employed
in previous years. If he sticks to this
we should be able to pull through on
the sum estimated for field work.
Minister authorized steps to be taken to
get the parties in the field. Says we
may have to grant that the Suppl.
Est. for current year will go through.
I spoke also of urgency of arrangements
being made for French translation of
Report now printed & the project of
getting the Parliamentary Printing Committee
to take this over. He has sent my last
memo. on this to Mr Foster.

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On return to office told Prof. MacCorm that
he could now make his arrangements
to leave as soon as he pleases. He is very
anxious to get away.

Rev. descended field work with McInnes
& told him to prepare to get off, also
with Cholmers.

Interview with Mr Klotz, who brought in
a paper on development of Saicid places,
with photos, etc for my inspection.

Interview with Mr ^{Harding} of St John L.B.,
on oil stakes, Albert district.

Conversation with Dr Bell on his summer
work. Told him Minister stated definitely that
H.B. Exped. would not take place this year. That
he consented to his exploring County S. of
James Bay, via Upper Ottawa, if he
could do so not to exceed \$1500. otherwise
continue work N. of Sudbury. Asked Dr B. to
give us his decision on it as soon as
possible.

May 11. Informed Baslow & McCannell
that they might prepare to take the field as soon
as they think advantageous. McCannell tells
me that the mining business into which he
proposed entering has fallen through. He stays.

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May 13. Prog. Malcolm off for west today. Bernard arrived from Walnut for R.S.C. meeting.

May 14. at Council meeting R.S. Can. most of morning. Bovey, Reubellon & Bernard to lunch. Talk with Reubellon in Rev. Cleared desk etc.

May 15. Foster arrived last night, but did not see him till meeting of R.S.C. this morning. Today & 15 & 17, meetings of Royal Society in progress, working attendance at office intermittent, lunches & garden party at Fort. Home on Rev. of 17th.

May 18. Clean up arrears in office.

May 19. Sunday. Spent part of day in writing out paper on Glacial observations in S.W. Alberta, at rooms.

May 20. very busy in office all day. Mr. Dohy informs me that a sum will be placed in estimates (Suppl. for 94-95) of \$9,000, in such way that it may be expended during next fiscal year, thus leaving omission to place anything for W.V. borrowings in main estimates

Jan 12. The morning of the
trip was very cold and
the wind was very strong.
We started at 10:30 am
and went to the
mountain. The view was
very beautiful. We
went to the top of the
mountain and saw
the lake. The water was
very clear. We
went to the beach and
swam. The sand was
very soft. We
went to the restaurant
and ate. The food was
very good. We
went to the hotel and
stayed. The room was
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Jan 1895-96.

Telegram from Frazer, Edmonton,
late tonight, saying that he is coming
down. Boring work stopped.

May 21. Asked Dr. Bell whether he
had concluded that he could carry
on exploration toward James Bay
with the sum available viz \$1500. Said
he could. Asked for general estimate on
other items.

May 22. Recd. let. from Dr. B. &
talked over exploration with him. Question
of assistant unsettled.

Antonyid du Ferris, who is going to
Toronto for holidays, stops on returning
at Wadoc-Mwarura region for two or
three days to collect minerals wanted for
stock etc.

May 24. out in P.M. for drive with
Bell's.

May 25. Frazer turned up this evening
from Athabasca Landing. Talk with
him on boring operations. He leaves
leaves for field.

May 26. Had Frazer to lunch &

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Spent most of Rev. discussing various matters. Virtually decided to get 1500' of 4" casing & send this up to go on next alpha bore hole. Preparations for removal to Pelican R. to go on so that if hole stopped or abandoned a more way to wade it once. Tracer goes on in morning to collect 2 Sam & wife then get seeing Minister. Call at Williams in evening

May 27. Dr Ellis leaves for field today. Got Court etc of proposed purchase of casing etc for boring cut slope. Called on Minister at his house & obtained his consent. Telegraphed Tracer in Montreal to go on.

Brunell informs we do not finally decided to ~~accept~~ leave Survey, the offer of position in geophysics work to be established here having been made to him.

Heads in written resignation.

Call from Mrs Ann about Lewis' sick leave. Log all offices for sick leave.

Shipped case of works for Int. Geog.
Exhibition at London, by express today.

May 28. Day full of miscellaneous
business.

May 29. Barlow asks if he may employ
Mr J. H. Johnston as Caravan, in
addition to his ant. Cole. Told him to
do so if at Caravan's wages. Cole to
pay his own expenses up to Mattawa.

May 30. Conversation with ministers
about Dr. Small's resignation. He thinks
the best way to avoid political troubles
will be to fill the place from the present
permanent or temporary staff. Johnston
& Darling suggested. Both very definite
arrived at. I am to get the matter in
as concrete form for consideration as
possible - general position of staff etc,
Fairbank suddenly turned up today
passing through on his way to work in
U.S. He certifying for we do inspection
but he had some to field some days ago.
He has been away 'on leave' sometimes,
but being set his field advance etc
this is decidedly irregular.
Back at office this evening.

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May 31. Barlow off today.

Consultation with McLevy about his work. Went over maps with him etc. Short talk with Taylor about Brewell's resignation. Brewell wanted to know if he might consider being free taxman. Told him I thought so, although technically of course not till the 1st in C^o has applied for it passed.

June 1. Saturday. Intended going to Warrick, but find I could not well get away. Decided then to go on paper on floeiden of Sw. Alberta. Log. to the Lord Stuart's garden-party in aid of old men's Home.

McCormell & Russell off to the west today.

June 3. Sent off Asbestos specimens to Imperial Institute.

June 4. ask Mr. Johnston (Laboratory) whether in event of Brewell's vacancy being filled in same line (Statistical) he would wish to be a candidate. Says he would, finding no prospect before him in Laboratory.

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June 5. Called on Dr. Dawson (Printing Bureau) to urge some progress on printing a kind of work was in hand there.

Mr. Am. Campbell (Perth) called, somewhat disappointed at not being sent out with MacLain, but I explained matters to him. He is very anxious to explore for relics some Indian works arranged that he might do this - expense not to exceed \$20 till he finds out whether anything can really be got. He is then to communicate, before going further. (Mr. Daly suggested that he might be allowed to do this)

Conversation with Mr. Daly at lunch about exploring works in office, about Stanford & photos of Sir W. Logan's old work.

at 10:00 "in honour of H.M. Birthday" at Fort. Home tonight.

June 6. Mr. Ewing off for work today.

June 8. To Montreal this P.M.

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June 10. Return from Montreal
this am. Lohr & Woster coming up
as far as Mont Bello, where they are to
stay a few days with the Popincans,
Wed. 1st day.

Teletype off today for Nova Scotia.

June 11. Discussed work with Van Soren
& decided that he had better employ
summer in Lake St John sheet, as
originally proposed. Thinks he can
finish work in hand & leave about 20th.

June 12. Suppl. Estimates for fuel during
a boring went through some last night
O.K. Discussed work further with Dr Bell.

June 14. Called on Dr Bourinot about
translation of reports & suggested arrangement.
Spoke to Minister about Tyrrell & Soren's
work. Tyrrell to go into field. Told him
so & discussed work with him. Suggestion
that Soren should fill the gap between his
two lines in Labrador. Soren away
on leave till tomorrow & cannot settle
this.

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June 15: Minister away in Toronto
& cannot see him about Low's plans.
Dr Spencer turned up today,
looking for books etc.

June 16 Sunday. Had Spencer to
dinner this evening.

June 17. Call from McDonald W.P.,
McDonald, Alexandria & Senator
McMillan re the boring at Alexandria
in search of water. Cannot hold out
any prospect in improvement of water in
quality or greater depth. Is our fault
too saline to use.

At lunch, caught Minister, with Mr
Burgess & discussed proposed work
in Labrador by Low.

June 18. Spent talk with Minister
on raising salary of Soleris in
application for 0 in C for reappointment
of temporaries for next six months.
He says it is useless to try at
present to get D. Selwyn's salary
raised. Might try Eaton & Russell.
Mentioned Walter of appointment vice
Brumell. Could get no definite

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replied to Lou's work, but
after meeting of Council Ministers
stated. down that he had letter for
Labrador. if expense can be covered
by our vote. Replied that it could,
but would mean taking about
\$1000 from printing. Suppressed Lou's.

June 19. Lou leaves this eve.,
with Eaton.

June 20. Had a talk with C. E.
Finney, introduced by Mrs Shaughnessy
& C. K. & who is going to Korkanie
with purpose of establishing smelting
plant there. Gave him letter to Mrs W.
Connell.

June 21. Saw Dawson of Printing
Bureau on Translation, books,
printing etc.

June 22. Saw Minister about
translation etc. If the translation
can be managed under Bourinot
& supervision of H. C. translators,
we paying for it, he has no objection.
It appears we must continue to pay
for it.

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June 23. Sunday. Got in a few
hours quiet work.

June 24. Call from Mr Joseph Nelson
of 'Hudson Bay & Pacific Ry.'
Called on Bourinot about French
translation & on Small & Lowe
of Dept. of Agriculture on Jessop's claim
for travelling expenses to Ottawa about
Oppenheimer's gold specimen. Cholmer
returned from field preparatory to taking
short leave in New Brunswick. At
office in evg. When Ferris came in to
ask whether I would recommend
his getting leave in Autumn to go to
Germany to study. Told him we had
very poor experience of such leave in
cases of Cortis & Lawson. Asked him
to put his proposition in writing & also
to prepare a memo. showing state of
work. Application from Barry for
more pay to be recommended from July 1.

June 25. Telephoned for by Kingston
deputation on Iron Manufacture to go and
then to Minister. Agreed to go, & after hearing
Minister handed the petition etc. for report.

Jan 23 Sunday. After a very
long and cold winter
I have just from the bank
of the river and a large
lot of the same and about
the same as in the winter
of last year. The water
is very high and the
ice is very thin. The
wind is very strong and
the weather is very cold.
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weather is very cold.

Rees, Wright, Mayor of Kingslee & two others came in to talk over the matter & look at Museum. Indian Chief & interpreter from Jordan R. came in, having been sent down to look over Museum. W. Kelly, Marmona, came in to inquire about specimens of allopathic stone he had sent here some two years ago. Mr. Pugsley, Kings Co. N.B. came in to ask for information & examination of brines, for which they are being used for the manufacture of salt. Result of the whole that I got very little done all day.

June 26. Dr. Bell got away this am. asked Mr Cholmers to see Pugsley (or Russell) & arrange if consent to visit his Salt Springs while Mr Cholmers is in N.B. Cholmers goes on leave this am.

June 27. Call from Mr. Sabiston about litho. work. Wants work to keep dealer going. Promised to inquire about Copper plate engraving if that thought best for future work.

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Prof. Crosby, from Boston, with class
of students turned up in Am. Spent
Sat. time going over Museum with
them.

June 28. Home. From Chisholm that
Minister writes a place found for a
man on same pay in N.B. Called &
Saw Minister & arranged that the
young fellow in question, ^(Finney) might join
Faribault for a month, without pay,
expenses to be paid only. Call from
Mr. Joseph Nelson.

June 29. Call from Senator Poirier,
wishing information on Athabasca oil
barings. Dr. Ellis came in from the
field, & returning tonight.

July 1. Dominion day. - Unwinding of
statue to Sir J. Macdonald. Did some
work at office in Am. Burke much
excited over Conduct of Sagner, his
asst. - Has been wolyring Burke,
refuses to attend on Sundays etc. Promised
to see about it, but seems hard that
cannot even get fault on holidays or
the office hours.

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July 2. At Burke's suggestion, got him
to ask a priest who has cognisance of
facts relating to Gagne family & interview
me. Did not expect to learn much,
but believed him as a peace-maker
between Burke & Gagne - the matter is
largely a quarrel I think - & then told
Burge that he must give Gagne another
chance, after I warn him of Burke's
poor behaviour. Dr Spencer turned
up again today.

July 3. Saw Gagne & talking to.

July 5. Paid off accumulated bills
today to amt. of about \$4492. This
possible now that the Supplementary
Estimates are available. Should be able
to begin new fiscal year now without
debt except for some improving work
actually in progress.

Tyrrill leaves tonight for Country Party
L. Winnipeg.

July 9. Interview with Dawson (Evens
Printer) about work, prices of water etc.

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July 13. Minister sends a note, to give
me Wraith's Employment to H. Cameron,
whose services had been dispensed
with some time ago.

July 14. Sunday. Today & yesterday get
some good progress made with bulk
of Kamblocks Report, now so much
belated.

July 15. Note from Hon G. F. Fortes Sec. to
meet Fortes at 2.30. Interview on
ores etc to be covered by Silver-lead bonus.
Prepare stat mem. on same in evening.

July 16. Mr Wilson returned from
assisting Dr Ellis. Miss Barry
made a rather lengthy & persistent
request for increase of pay this Am.,
breaking in in middle of my Report
work.

July 23. Interview with Queen's Printer,
about printing.

July 24. Sent Kamblocks Report to
Printing Bureau - over 700 pp glass.
Willmott returned from the
Ottawa County County where he has

July 13. Arrived in town at 5 PM.
The weather is perfect for the summer.
I have been here for some time.
I will stay here for a while.

July 14. Sunday. I was a member of
the first church here and this
is the first time I have been here.
I will stay here for a while.

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July 18. The first time I have been here.
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July 19. The first time I have been here.
I will stay here for a while.
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been collecting minerals.

July 25. Secured an interview at
last with the Minister, who is going
away to B.C. & on request of
City of Kingston for Sewerage of this district
Troutman & Am. to arrange for
inspection by Lyell & Self in part
if possible.

Discussed Alberta being. Minister
expresses wish that I should go
there during summer to see that all is
right, dealings fair, etc.

Brunell's leave will expire & resignation
take effect at end of August. Minister
wishes matter of Effingham & Howard
tile to return.

Minister undertakes to see Whyte
about C.P.R. claim against Delmore
will let for \$150, when in Winnipeg.

writes me to write to Public Works
Dept. to get Est. for new building
in for next session so that it
may at least come up for discussion
in Council. To see Chief Architect
Fuller. - if any plan has been sketched.

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July 27. Spent the whole afternoon
sorting out & going over maps, specimens
etc in office. - a very tiresome job!

July 29. Called to see Chief Architect
Fuller to ascertain if anything had
been done about plans for new
Museum etc. Fuller away. - Saw
Ewert, who showed me several
proposed projections etc but nothing
definite. No estimates taken out.

Vicars look much too ornate &
not the thing at all for a Museum.

Saw Ray, Secy of Dept of Public
works & later wrote him a vote
transmitting Mr Daly's request
that something should be put on
coming estimates for the work.

Aug. 5. Have promised, as arranged
with Mr Daly, to go to Kingston
with Ingoll & interview Civic authorities
about iron boom, which they are trying
to get up. To arrange for surveys by
Ingoll in Freetown, Leeds etc
of iron properties. Making arrangements

July 21. Spent the whole afternoon
working out a map of the
to the office - a very narrow path
July 22. Called to the
Foster & Co. to see
how they would like to
purchase the building for
the museum. They will
buy it for \$10,000.00
The building is a
two-story brick building
with a small porch
at the rear. It is
situated on the corner
of the street and
is a very good
location for the
museum. The
building is in
good condition
and is a very
good investment
for the museum.
July 23. Had a meeting
with the board of
the museum. The
board decided to
purchase the building
for \$10,000.00
and to have the
building altered
to suit the
needs of the
museum. The
alterations will
include the
removal of the
porch and the
erection of a
new entrance
at the front of
the building.
The alterations
will be completed
by the end of
the year.

for this & continuing the borehole
task of clearing out accumulations
in Room. Call on Dr S. E. Dawson
about centered delays in printing.
One year & a week since Home rose
& still no proof. Proof will now
probably begin to tumble in when I
am away!

Aug 6. Leave Ottawa at 3 P.M.
with E. D. Lyall for Kingston via
 Rideau Canal.

Aug. 7. Arrive Kingston 8 P.M.

Aug. 8. Visit School of Mines. Conference
in Mayor's office with the Mayor &
other members of Committee on Ore.

Aug. 9 Leave 7 A.M. with Lyall & Michael
Grady for mines along K. & P. Ry
occupied visiting various mines till
Aug. 13 when left Madawaska for
Ottawa & arrive same night.

Aug. 14. At office clearing up arrears
of Correspondence etc.

Aug. 15. A Civic Holiday & quiet in
consequence. At office.

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Aug. 16. Called on Zucco's Printer
about printing which shows little
sign of progressing even now.

Call from Mr Brunell in reply to
note written by me. On receiving a letter
from him promising to complete his
report, handed him his last salary
cheques.

Aug. 17. Noticed Mr Cameron still in
the office & told him that his month's
promised employment was up & that
there was no way of paying him for a
longer time. Had already written to him
at beginning of month stating that the work
for one month only.

Aug. 18. Sunday. Dr. Ellis returned
last night from field, on visit. Had a
talk with him this Am. about his work
& arranged that after finishing what he is
at now, he should next revise S.W. corner
of S.W. sheet 2. J. map.

Aug. 20. Tuesday. Leave Ottawa
by 1.50 Am train for the west, on visit
of inspection to boring going on at

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Atabaseca Landing, Lind Fred, White,
Controller N.W.M.P. on board & Mrs. Mather.
Long crowded train, filled with harvest
hands going to Manitoba on Excursion
rate. At stations beyond Ottawa crowds
waiting for the following 'sections' into
which the train is divided. Two more
sleepers added at ~~from~~ Fort William, with
passengers of steamer (including Principal
Grant & Hon. Mr. Hardy.) Several
Japs, one Russian & various Indo-
Europeans etc. on way to catch S.S.
from Vancouver. At Regina Col. Herchumov
joins. Train very late out of way, but
nearly right again before reaching Calgary.
Had intended stopping at Calgary, but
finding that no train thence for Edmonton
before Monday 26th, decide to go on to
Banff, as being better place to spend the
two days, also to see the 'Museum'
there, to which we have been sending
specimens. Arrive at Banff 9 am.
Aug. 24. To C.P.R. Hotel, wash &
breakfast. Find a lot of people skaw

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Hon. Mr. Daly & Chistolen his Secretary,
Dr Kimbrell of Washington, Joseph Nelson,
St. Gov. Mackintosh, Payne of Geological
Service etc etc. Morning inspect the Museum
with Stewart who is in charge of the park.
Practically nothing done beyond putting
in the specimens & Cases sent up by the
Geol. Survey. Dined with Mr & Mrs Daly,
Harper of N.W. M.P. & Mackintosh in
evg. In afternoon drive to Anthracite
with Daly & Otus. Five four-horse team
belonging to Police.

Aug. 25. Sunday. To 'Museum' again
with Mr & Mrs Daly & for a stroll to
N.W. M.P. grounds etc. Drive to the 'Cove'
& afterwards back to hotel. Rem. for a
short walk. Took train about 9 P.M.
for Calgary, arriving there between 1 & 2
A.M. To Alberta Hotel.

Aug. 26. Monday. Leave by 8 am. train
for Edmonton, arriving late p.m. & Rem.
Part of delay caused by holding the train
while the foot party drove to Indian
Reservation & back. The private car Ottawa

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attached to the train, Party comprising
Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Hon Mrs Daly,
Hayden Reid, Fred White, Mrs Daly,
Col. Kercheval & several others. Had the
advantage of using the private car &
getting lunch & dinner on it. On arriving
at S. Edmonton drove over to N. Edmonton
& put up at Queens Hotel. Found a note
from Fraser dated at Lake Louise
Aug. 16th to say that the boring was then
down 1350 feet.

Aug. 27. Feeling far from well this am.,
Headache & generally out of sorts. Occupied
morning with several little matters not
amounting to much. Arranged with one
Macaulay to get a team to the Landing &
back, leaving Thursday morning. Examined
bank near the town & one of 'cool' mines.
Had Camera (which had gone wrong)
overhauled at photographers. Had an
interview with Cowie & two other gentlemen
of Board of Trade, chiefly on boring question
& in relation to boring at Egg Lake on
at Edmonton. Endeavored to show them

March 1870
The weather was very cold
and the wind was very
strong. I went out
with my gun and
bag and shot a
few birds. I also
went to the mill
and saw the
millers. They
were very busy
and the mill was
running very
well. I also
went to the
store and saw
the goods. They
were very good
and I bought
some. I also
went to the
school and saw
the children. They
were very happy
and I saw some
very good work.

that our object the same & that the main
object is to strike petroleum somewhere
in the first instance. The Premier &
Party driving out to Stony Plain &
St Albert. On their return to town received
by two brass bands & a concourse as
large as the town capable of producing
Public meeting in the evening. Interviewed
in the afternoon by numerous people, chiefly
in the matter of minerals, oil, gold
working etc etc. The town has grown up
since I was here last via Pacific Coast
& Peace R. in 1879. One wide street,
very good shops, electric light & generally
all sorts of changes from the old stockaded
port & few straggling houses

Aug. 28. Drive over to station to inquire
about casing shipped from Petrolia on
the 17th, but get little satisfaction. Then to
H.B. Co to arrange about teaming out
the casing to Landing. Then down the
river a couple of miles where collected a
quantity of ironstone for school collections.
In P.M. got the specimens kugged up for

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shipment, arranged numerous other
little matters, outbored ictus. Spent
about an hour with photoduplex in
dark room trying to get Camera in order
- the dreadful red-holder always going
wrong in some way. Compared barometer
with mercurial etc., etc.. Hope to get away
about 8 am. tomorrow for Altafosa
Landing.

Aug. 29. A real gloomy warning & so
much the appearance of a wet day
that very doubtful about starting. Found,
however, that another rig with Secord (a
free trader) Wilson of H.B. Co & a young
man named Brick, going out & other
company some consideration. Much delay
about getting the rig ready, but eventually
got off at 10:45, before the others. Stopped
for lunch by the way & found the others
at Sturgeon Crossing, they being gone by another
& shorter road. Day turned fine in P.M.
& so on to Camp at little stream
about a mile South of Vermilion R.
Got there after dark. Supper & spread down

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bedding on the ground, with out any tent.
Today's drive is called 40 miles.

Aug 30. Up at daybreak, in a dense
mist. Sharp frost in the night & the ground
covered with hoarfrost. Just before dawn a
pack of Coyotes yelling in harmony or
discord a mile or so away. Off by 8 am.,
stopping twice to rest & feed the horses
by the way & lumbering ourselves each time.
Part of the road heavy, sandy, rocky &
filly & all the horses pretty nearly
played out in the end. Eventually passed
Secord's team some 4 miles from the
Landing his horses being got to such
a state that they could go only by short
stages with frequent rests. Got down to the
Landing at dark, found Mr Seely, wood of
H.B. Co who very kindly pressed me
to stay with him. Strongly, however, that
I had better go on to site of boring since
half a mile farther & did so. Found that
Foster had a tent pitched for me &
after a short chat turned in. Boring
is now down some 1500 feet. Along the

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1872
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road jammed several parties of half-breeds
& Indians with waggons etc Camped
out very picking - at the very season they
should be attending to their Crops! A
very fine day & beautiful Clear night.

Aug. 31. Tracer is occupied repairing
& overhauling today & particularly in
changing form of under-reamer to
work on hard land below present
position of casing. Dine with Mr Leslie
Wood this eve.

Sept. 1. Long talk with Tracer about
the work. Called at Woods in evening.
Several boats with miners arrived
from up river today. There has been
a regular stampede from Edmonton
to the Athabasca because of reported
Cass earnings in gold on the bars. The
disappointed miners or would-be miners
now returning here to go back to
Edmonton, 'broke' for the most part &
selling off their flour etc for what they
can get for it. Took a few photos
today.

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Sept. 2. at Athabasca Landing.
Showery in am. & strong cool wind in
Am. looking progress of work at boring,
which now consists of reaming out the
hole to let the casing down. Got log
of boring from Fraser & discussed it
with him. Also discussed prices for
further work & plans in order to
come to an arrangement as definite as
possible. Prepare leaving early tomorrow
for Edmonton.

Sept. 3. left early & after breakfast
with Fraser & the men, off at 6.50.
Call at our woods for mail, & having
to wake the household, detained till 7.20.
Make three stages along the road
southward, with a very unwilling team
& camp eventually with some freighters
we had caught up to, on the Vermilion R.
Day showery & cool & evening decidedly
cold. Moon eclipsed shortly after rising.
Beautiful starlight night & a good
chance of studying astronomy from
our beds on the bank of the river.

Sept. 2. At 11:30 am started
down in rain & stayed last night
The following papers of interest were
sent me from the University of
the City of Chicago. It is
a long paper about a disease of
the brain which is caused by
further work & shows in some
cases that the organism is spread in
France, Italy, Spain, and
the United States.

Sept. 3. Left for a field station
at 8:30 am & the road up to
Camp of the woods in which a long
to make the number, about 100
back to the station at the
backwoods, and to see something
a camp station and some papers
in the Camp of the University
Boy shows a lot of young
with some papers about the
beautiful study with a
class of the University
and the University

Sept. 4. Up at dawn, breakfast & off again Southward, stopping from 9.30 to noon at the Crossing of Sturgeon R to rest the horses. Then on to Edwinton getting in about 5 P.M., after stopping at two places en route to see 1. Reported oil spring 2. Well in which prospect of gold said to be found. The 'oil' spring Scleria & Sclipturus with black mud, no oil. The well unsatisfactory, as the man who dug it is away & the stuff taken out all spread about in a farmyard.

Attended to some commissions of Francis's etc before dinner. Day very cool, with occasional sprinkles of rain.

Sept 5. Had thought I might get help of today to visit a gold mining locality some six miles up the river where they are drifting into the bank. Anxious to see into what formation they are drifting.

Snow in the morning & cold, making the roads barely muddy & altogether an unfit day for any such expedition. Looking after various matters, particularly

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Endeavouring to find out what has become
of the casing lost shipped, for which
transport is impatiently waiting here &
which Trorer may want urgently any
day now. Found the agent difficultly in
this, but finally informed by the operator
that it has arrived at S. Edmonton.
Cleaning in the evening, looking we to
get a couple of photos.

Sept. 6. Left at 8 am, breakfast &
dinner on S. Edmonton to get the
train for Calgary at 8. Found at the
Station that the casing had arrived.
Asked the agent to further try to locate it
& were we on the train, but got no
word from him. On arrival at Calgary
went at once to the freight agent &
found that the car had been located.
He promises that it will go up without
fail on Monday's train. To Alberta
Hotel & dine. Day cold, cloudy &
with a light shower of sleet & snow
in the evening - not unseasonable
weather?

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Sept 7. Leave by train for the East
at 1 am. Evening as far as Regina.
Day fine but cool. Pierce & Dennis
of Ont. Dept. on train as far as
Woosejaw. Lady Stowman & 3 daughters
in special Car.

Sept. 8. Telegraph to Mr Ahn at
Rat Portage that I would stop there
to see some of mines. Arrive at
6 Am & to Hilliard House. Meet
Mr Ahn there & also Mr Blues
of Ont. Bureau of Mines, who is
inspecting mines in this district.

Sept. 9. Mr Ahn arranges to take
Mr Blue & myself to his mines by
train & after some delay get off. Mr
Blues's son, Mr Chopy & a Mr Donnelly
of the party. Land & walk about a
mile to the mine. Drive & then examine
the Gold Hill. In pm, walk by a
back road about two miles to Black
Jack a Winnipeg Consolidated mine
neither of which are working. Reach
the store again at the last mentioned

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mine about dark. Build a fire
& wait for the top, which is to fall.
After dark some time the top appears.
Embark & run back to Rat Portage
through a maze of islands in a
rather surprising way considering the
difficulties.

Sept 70. Mr Ahn had promised to
take us to the Soltawa mine today,
but could find no top. After waiting
some time, made an effort in the
same direction myself, but with a
single top crumpled in the place.
Then ~~tried~~ tried for some other means
of conveyance & eventually got a
row-boat & two men. To Soltawa
with Mr Blue, spending part of the
afternoon there & getting back with
very little time to spare to catch
train for the east. Hurried away
from the hotel & caught the train.

Sept 11. Travelling eastward on the
C.P. Ry.

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Sept. 12. Traveling Eastward. Reached
Ottawa at 4:30 P.M. For office
& got some letters etc.

Sept. 13. At work at office on
various affairs, letters etc. Calls
from Mr. Keefe (Jr.) about Sandstone,
Mr. Leo Norman & mining report
from Sweden on way to B.C. Mr.
Wences Smith about Ry. route N. of
St. Winnipeg, & Mr. J. Frick about
Wegenerite deposits.

Sept. 16. Mr. Whiteaves leaves this P.M.
to spend a few days with Dr. Ellis in
the Montreal region, in revising outlines
of rocks there for the E.T. Maps.

Sept. 17. Call at Printing Bureau
about printing & binding, which
going very slowly.

Sept. 20. Alterations going on in office
all this week interfering a good deal
with comfort & work. Do some writing
at rooms to avoid disturbance.

Sept. 21. Thought of going to Montreal today,
but hearing that weather not to leave

Matis tells next week, just gave visit.

Sept. 22. Sunday. In Run for dinner with
Welles.

Sept 23. Call from A. J. Klock, applying
for a position in the Laboratory.

Sept. 24. A Civic Holiday. Reading report
of Kamboups report etc. Called to see if
Florence wished to go to exhibition, but
found she had been yesterday. Whiteover
returns from short stay in the field with
Ells.

Sept. 25. Called the morning of Sept. 9
Public works to require whether any
sum had been set in estimate for
a new museum. Had already
suggested this by Mrs. Dohy's instructions.
Mrs. Gobeil informed we nothing done yet.
Referred we to Chief Architect Fuller
for estimate to be made. Fuller
promised to come down tomorrow &
look over ground on Major's Hill Park.
At office for a while in eve.

Sept. 26. Fuller did not turn up. Low
detained from vicinity of Three Rivers.

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Started Amie off for Collecting tour in
N.S. Rapid Call from Sir J. Grant
& Duke of Warburton. Sir J. much pleased
The Duke a week looking me. Talk with
Mr D.J. Hambury, introduced by Sir W.
Van Harne & wishing to explore in N.W.
Very vague idea of where he wants to go.

Sept 27. Called at Fuller's office &
went with him to look over the ground
at the back of Mayor's Hill Park &
near the Printing Bureau. The vacant
space immediately E.W. of Bureau &
between it & the Cliff seems the best.
Had Hambury at dinner tonight.

Sept 28. To Montreal by 4:40 Am train.
Found all book from Wales & all well.

Sept 29. Sunday. In Montreal.

Sept 30. Just before leaving on Saturday,
Lepoll had telephoned from Perth
about iron ore specimens from Senator
McLaren, wanted in haste (array) &
about his return here to Council. Told him
he had better come in. This Am. telegraphed
to Hoffmann about the array. Called at

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Bullards & Sobisters about works in progress. Looked over Museum with Foster with reference to plan for Museum in Ottawa. Anna & Bernard to tea. Leave at 9.10 Run train, but did not get away till ten after time & arrived in Ottawa at 2.30 am!

Oct. 1. Deyoll returned. Had half an hour talk with him about work. Decided help him to take additional time to examine other occurrences of iron ore. Called at Minister's office, but missed him. Office pretty well in order now at least!

Oct 2. White & Saylor returned from field. Called on Minister & discussed boring with him. Her approval of arrangement made with Mr. Fraser. Also question of vacancy caused by Brewell's resignation. Approval of nominating Johnston for this. Johnston to serve either in Laboratory or Mining Branch as way seem best. Also talk on prospects for new building. Wishes to have

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provision made in plan for fishery
Collection & the Art Gallery.

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Oct. 3. Called at Peck's Bureau to
try to urge on the printing & binding
operations there.

Oct. 7. Mr. James & Russell return
from the field. Dancer to visit Gov. Potters on, at

Oct. 8. ^{clock tonight} Visit this am from Sir John Poemphlet
& the Earl of Westmeath at Museum.

Oct. 10. Visit from Am. Bergers at office
this evg.

Oct. 11. Called on Mr. Fuller, Chief Architect
& discussed plans of new building
with him. Left data in his hands.
He is to prepare a plan & promise to
see that something is placed in Public
works cabinet, so as to bring the matter
of building up in Council, according to
Hon. L. M. Daly's wish.

Oct. 12. Saturday, Dr. Ball turned
up this am, with his own & pay
off. Gave him advance Cheque of
\$500 for this purpose. He reached
Ottawa yesterday evg, it seems.

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Oct. 15. Long talk with Dr. Hall today about his exploration to James Bay. He states that area of Huronian is much larger in that direction than had been supposed. Manshall leaves today for his holiday.

Oct. 16. Visit from McGrath of Selkridge, about Coking Coals in that region for mixing with Selkridge coal. Gilt & Riopel, about Delara mine Marwood - wanting to see plan of. McConwell returns from field.

Oct 18. Showed the Minister telegrams exchanged between W. A. Fraser (now at Calgary) & myself. He approved of instructions in my telegram of 16th. Call from Grady, who had been with me along K & P Ry. He seemed disposed to stay all day. Call from Waters. Persons ^(in England) in treaty with him about mica properties had led him to believe that I had been asked to designate suitable man to report on mines. This I informed him was not the case.

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Sept. 19. Lytroll returns.

Sept. 21. Call from Harrison Watson, Curator Canadian section, Sup. Inst., who afterwards lunched with me. Call from F.B. Taylor of St. Wayne, Ind. He has been looking up terraces west of S. Superior. Call from Alderman Cook, relative to hard rock for use on the streets - where it can be obtained. Annie returns from W.S. about 50 tons of drilling received from W.A. Fraser. Made a cursory examination of some of this, which seems to show that he has not got into limestones, but is in Charvolet shales. Telegraphed him to Edmonton.

Oct. 22. Called at Minister's office & discussed various matters with him. - Affidavit from Sir C.H.J. in favor of Eaton's promotion. Baring operations & plans etc. Estimates for following session mentioned.

Another call from Mr H. Watson.

Mr Ewing returns from field.

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Oct. 23. Visit from J. C. Keefer, about
Gabriola Id. stone, sent here by Fuller,
in which he is interested. Cholmer's returns
from field.

Oct 24. Called on Haylor Reed, Ind.
dept., about grant asked for by
Folter notice to print Carrer Dictionary.

Oct 25. Small preliminary edition of
Seine R. Sheet received. Sent copies
to list of persons in the district, prepared
by Mc Sweeney, to Blue, Kirkpatrick, White
& Coleman in Toronto. About 50 in all.
William dined with me tonight.

Oct. 26. Reminded Dr. Bell that his acct.
for the summer & survey report, desirable,
also that report to accompany French R.
Sheet, now existing, would be required.
Reception of new principal, Peterson, in
library at McGill tonight. Had intended
going to Montreal on visit, but did not
want to go to the reception & so postponed,
although urged to go by Folter & Anna.
Unfortunately, as Folter & Anna are going to
Boston on the 29th & I shall have no more
chance of seeing them before.

Oct 25. Went from the office about
10:30 AM to the store, saw the people
in which is what the children etc.

Oct 26. Called on the boys then, did
not, about 10:30 AM, saw the
people there about 10:30 AM.

Oct 27. Small gathering of people
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Oct. 27. Sunday. For drive in P.M. with
hells.

Oct. 29. Called on Minister about proposed
increase of Salary to men on temporary staff.
Attack on the basing operations made by a
nameless writer in Edmonton Bulletin, which
Minister said might be let alone. Opposed
of Blue's getting Seine R. maps at cost of
printing for 1000 of the Bureau of Mines desired.
Reminded Minister of sum needed on
desired for the projected new building.
Call from Prof. Dargy, from Montreal.
From Prof. Prince. From Miss Scheneck
about bringing a class of girls to museum
tomorrow.

Nov. 5. Called on Minister about
several little matters. Drew his attention
to report 2 maps furnished by Dr Bell
evidently, of his last trip, & save
my paper.

Had some conversation of a cautionary
kind with Ferris on the necessity
of keeping a very strict line between
his private collecting & museum work

d that of the Survey. He seems impressed
with this, but always some trouble
between him & Hoffmann. In Dec. he
brought & showed us some new minerals
obtained by him from Lycite at
Quebec. Then he wishes some time to
describe. Told him I could see no
objection to this if he would do a
research of his own by private time &
means.

Cold which I have had for more than a
week seems to be improving at last.

Nov. 8. Talk at Club with Mr. Rogers
about the D in Q. fixing boundaries of
districts in the North. - very imperfectly drawn
it seems true.

Mr. White announces the arrival of his

For *Diphtheria*. He must stay away from office.

Nov. 11. Dr. Bell offers me his Summary
Report, but without geological matter
which he says will occupy a few pages at
the end. Suggested to him that he might
keep it till finished, as this he said
would occupy only a day or so.

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Nov. 12. Call from Mrs. Wollers, who
wished to know if some one from Sunny
could be got to Certify to accuracy of a
Report on Nica Mines. Told her I did
not see how this could be done. Minister
sends down reply from Bell to an enquiry
of his about premature newspaper publication
of exploration. Returned to Mr. Minister
with a short comment.

Nov. 13. Lunch with Howland at the Club.
Short Conference with Minister about
Estimates.

Nov. 15. Called at Minister's office with
copy of Estimates, but unable to discuss them,
so left with Christopher for Minister's inspection.

Nov. 16. Mr. Duloth of Buckingham who
has been in B.C. came in with gold
specimens & occupied about an hour in
tactful conversation.

Nov. 18. Fraser turned up this
evg. Had a talk with him on the
morning & made an engagement
for further discussion tomorrow.

Nov. 19. Morning talk with Fraser

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Then called with him at Burgess' office & had lunch. Ran. Had further talk with Fraser, Dr Selwyn etc etc in fact wasted nearly the whole day in talking. Dr B. came in about 3 P.M., bringing sketch maps of his route, but not drawn to scale or from plotting.

Saturday, 23. Nov. To Montreal by R.N. train. Spent Sunday & stayed over Monday to consult Dr Berkett about throat. Eva & Rankine writing home about cabled report of my death. Cable referred to Dr Lawson of Halifax. Obituaries to me.

Nov. 25. Back to Ottawa by 6 P.M. train, getting in before 11 P.M.

Nov. 27. Had William to dinner tonight. Florence is still in Montreal.

Nov. 28. See Minister about Selwyn's increase, which it seems by amended Civil Service act must take place before Jan. 1. if at all. About McKinnon's proposed promotion, & other matters. See Mr Burgess on various topics. —

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Revising descriptions of new territorial boundaries. Both Minister & Bayers
western prepared H.B. Expedition, & I
promised to discuss our position it with
Deputy Smith.

Dec 2. Talk with Dr Bell about his
work & propose again that he should
compile a synopsis of minerals of Ont.
Lyrrill mentions his candidature
for professorship at Toronto - wants
a certificate.

Dec. 3. Called on W. Smith, Deps. Min. of
Marine & Fisheries to consult with him
about H.B. Expedition as instructed by
Mr Daly. Saw Vining about Behring
Sea matters, Fuller about plan for
new building. Looked in on William
at his office - all this P.M.

Dec. 9. Called this am. on Minister
who has just returned from Edmonton
in N. Ontario, spoke of Percy Selwyn's
position & account of increase of pay before
the amendments to C. S. Act came out
for Jan 1, Hudson's Bay exploration.

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scheme & our cooperation in it,
Boring at Albatross. Vote lapsing at
end of year & a vote of the Palace.
Amendment to C.S. Act & its bearings
on our work. Also saw Burgess on
letter print.

Dec. 10. Call from Mr. Johnson,
Geographer of Dept. of Int., about his
new index maps of New Districts.

Dec 11. Called on minister about
possibility of getting over C to increase
Selewyn's pay. Left draft with him to
ascertain what prospects were before sending
it in. Spoke about possibility of getting
Sevell grant for B.S. as an E.C. Engineer.

Dec 12. Went to see Ben from Mr. Jennings,
the Engineer, about maps of B.S., hydraulic
mining etc etc.

Dec 14. Some time ago, when sending in estimates
for 96-97, instructed by Minister to recommend
Mr. Kinn (Weninger) for promotion to 3rd Class Clerk,
I do not think the wife or cannot see what
use he can be to us as a clerk. Recommended,
however, to minimum of Class \$400, somewhat

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less than what he is in receipt of. yesterday
^{arrived} letter from Dickenson asking whether food
bills not accounted to same as now, or this
had been done in other cases. Today saw
minister who approves. I feel no pleasure in
supporting this approval, owing to the circumstances
a the fact that it seems sure political pull
in K. finances could for ever than any
real utility to the dept.

Dec. 18. Hoffmann in this leg. with strong
complaints against Ferrier, interfering with
mineralogical work etc but nothing definite or
trouble. Got Survey Report off to printer,
sending also Dr Ulls' report in SW. sheet of
2. Townships.

Dec. 19. Called on Sir Charles Laffer (Secy)
this PM, and had a short chat with him.

Annual dinner of Logan Club this evg.
at the Russell, passed off very successfully.

~~Logan Club~~

Dec. 20. Had Adams & J. Fletcher
to dine with us tonight.

Dec 21. William lunched with me.

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Dec. 23. Monday. Left for Montreal
this Rev. Tuesday, shopping etc. Wednesday
Christmas. Father, Mother, self, the
Harrington family & old Mrs Carpenter.

Dec. 26. Back to Ottawa, by train leaving
at 9.50. Horvath in charge & send
her on by same train to Arnprior, when she
goes to visit Mc Sachlins.

Jan 2. ¹⁸⁹⁶ Stole dinner, consequent on
opening of parliament, at Govt. House.

Jan 9. In Montreal in Rev, attending
meeting of business association in the
Evening, before going home.

Jan 10. In Montreal.

Jan 11. Return to Ottawa by morning train.
Attend 'Drawing room' in Evg, sawamped
with proof, the extra staff of printers for
session being low have been put on, with little
extra printing so far, owing to the political
crisis.

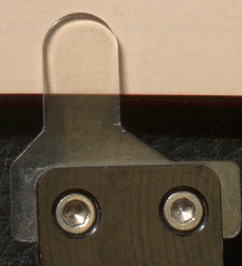
Jan 13. Called at Bureau this Am.
impeding printing etc.

Jan 20. At large Parliament day dinner
Govt. House.

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Jan 21. Interview with Newcombe,
Dep. Min. of Justice as to amending
Civil Service or Govt. Survey Act.

Jan 24. Mr H. Fletcher returned from the
field (Cape Breton) Call from Mr Stupart
Director Waterological Service. Erection
checked with prof of Miscellaneous matters.

Jan 30. Took a cab & paid three calls
Mrs Rev. Courtney, Canon, Pope.

Jan 31. Visit from Mrs a & Bernard M P,
& one ward, with them, from Spokane.
Dolls.

Proof, interruptions, various. Visits to
Newcombe, Minister etc about amendment
to G. S. Act, etc, etc.

Feb. 6. W. to dinner at Club tonight.

Feb. 7. W is looking for a new home. went
by appointment with Tim & Florence to see one
in Sandy Hill direction, this P.M. - Got
first lot of proof of Survey Report for 95.
Had Dr Burgess of Montreal to
lunch with us today.

Feb. 8. Sent in Supplementary Estimates
to Finance Dept. today.

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Feb. 12. Gene Wellman cheque for \$1000
as a loan towards his prospective
purchase of a house.

Feb. 14. Visit from Senator Peely, about
school collections for the N.W.

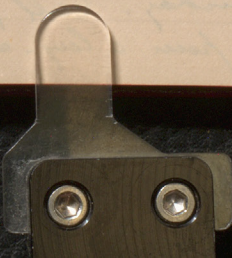
Feb. 17. Call from Rev. G. O. Stringer, from
Wesleyan R. County. Called on him in the
about estimates etc & saw him for a few
minutes. Result of having money to go in Suppl. Eds.
for 1895-96, was sent in. Money asked for
Price Collection, anything for H.B. Expedition, to
in Suppl. Eds for 96-97. Erect fancy-dress hall
by G.S. in Senate chamber tonight - rejected
declined.

Feb. 18. Telegram from W. J. McFee, Washington,
asking me to give lecture in Geog. Societies course
on Canadian Flairs. Replied that it was
impossible. Call from Jennings of Toronto,
about maps of route (Ry) to James Bay.
Another call from Stringer. Russell came in
to inform us that he contemplated resigning
G.S. for employment offered him in west.
Not quite certain about it.

Feb. 19. Ash Wednesday. Call from James
Fletcher. Flew from a long-undisturbed man



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washing lantern slides for his wife to
 exhibit to Sunday Schools, leaving me little
 time to do anything in the morning.

Feb. 20. Call from Dr F. D. Adams &
 consultation with him on field work for
 pathology, serum etc. Call from F. J. Deane,
 representing 'The Promise' of Victoria. Call
 from Speaker Peter White, with sample of gold
 ore. Conversation with Hon. Mr. Daly at
 lunch about Campbell, Amendment to G.S.
 Act, method of voting schedule for payment of
 Temporary employees etc. Call on Auditor-
 General about two total prints & then on Jenkins
 (Sec. Mining Finance) on the same. Minister
 of Finance wants to drop proposed amendment &
 to put ~~some~~ needed provisions in the
 paragraph voting G.S. appropriation. Numerous
 other distractions & little solid work done all
 day.

Feb. 21. Deputation of about a dozen, down
 here from Port Arthur, called to represent
 that someone had forged Survey or authority
 for statement that gold-bearing veins of Raring L.
 etc, were not true fissure-veins etc. Could not

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find at how the idea arose, but endeavored
to pacify them as well as I could.

Feb. 22. Call from the Chan of Rat Portage.

W. David with me in evg.

Feb. 23. Sunday. at office in Am. & evg.

doing a little work & writing reports for press.

Feb. 24. Mrs. Daly left hurriedly for the West
today - presumably in connection with Manitoba
School question. Got him of club as he was
leaving. If anybody hears of Sam to refer it
to Sir C. Tupper. Senr.

Feb. 29. Usual continued rush of
small matters, interleaved with patches of
proof of Seaway & of various reports in
Vol. VII. Printers now active.

This am. Senator's Poivice, & Almon, about
Judicial misdeeds at Fair Lake N.S. & Coal
oil boring at Actabasca. D. Cameron M.P.
about collections for some religious
institutions in Montreal. Whatever with
discussion of strained relations between
Laurier & Amé. Had intended going to
Montreal, but concluded it would be
better to stay & get through accumulations 25

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that further prog of Summary report was to
promptly read. Telegraphed Locker to that
effect.

March 3. Mr Daly returned from his
visit to Winnipeg. Call from W. this eve.
Called on Burgess, about Quetelet Bowdler
description & map. Asked him to dine
with me & afterwards to office - prog.

March 7. Saturday. Called on Mr Fuller
Chief architect, respecting plans suggested to
be in hand for New Museum, but found
that he had got done nothing. Mentioned the
desirability of getting something put on the P.W.
Estimates in order to bring the matter up
at least before Council. Called on Dep. Min.
Smith about H.B. Expedition (prepared)
He seems like warm about it & is very
doubtful whether anything will be done this
year. So went to see Mr. P.

March 9. Back from Montreal by
evening train.

March 12. Long talk with Col. Grogg
of a sawbuck lot about copper at
Cocheston C.B. What he wants is a

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Subsidy from the Govt. for working
refined copper.

March 13. Sunway Report for 1895-
received & I believe 'told' today
by the Minister.

March 14. Prof. Ramsay airtight arrived
from Toronto & spent the morning with
me discussing 'Handbook' for the
Brit. Assn. Meeting of 1897. Had
Saunders, & Keefe to lunch with him.

March 17. Called on Auditor-general &
then upon Min. of Geol., about Employment of
Cole, payment of Cameron etc. Also Fraser &
bearing preparations. &c.

March 18. Dine at Collingwood Schreiber's
this eve.

March 20. Call from Sidney & Rowell
Foster about Sherbrooke Gold mines &c.
Matter discussed with Fairbault.

March 24. Call from Van Kerming, about
proposed scientific SE information to
be obtained year by year on Sealing.

March 30. W. A. Fraser arrived this eve,
from Toronto, about resuming his bearing?

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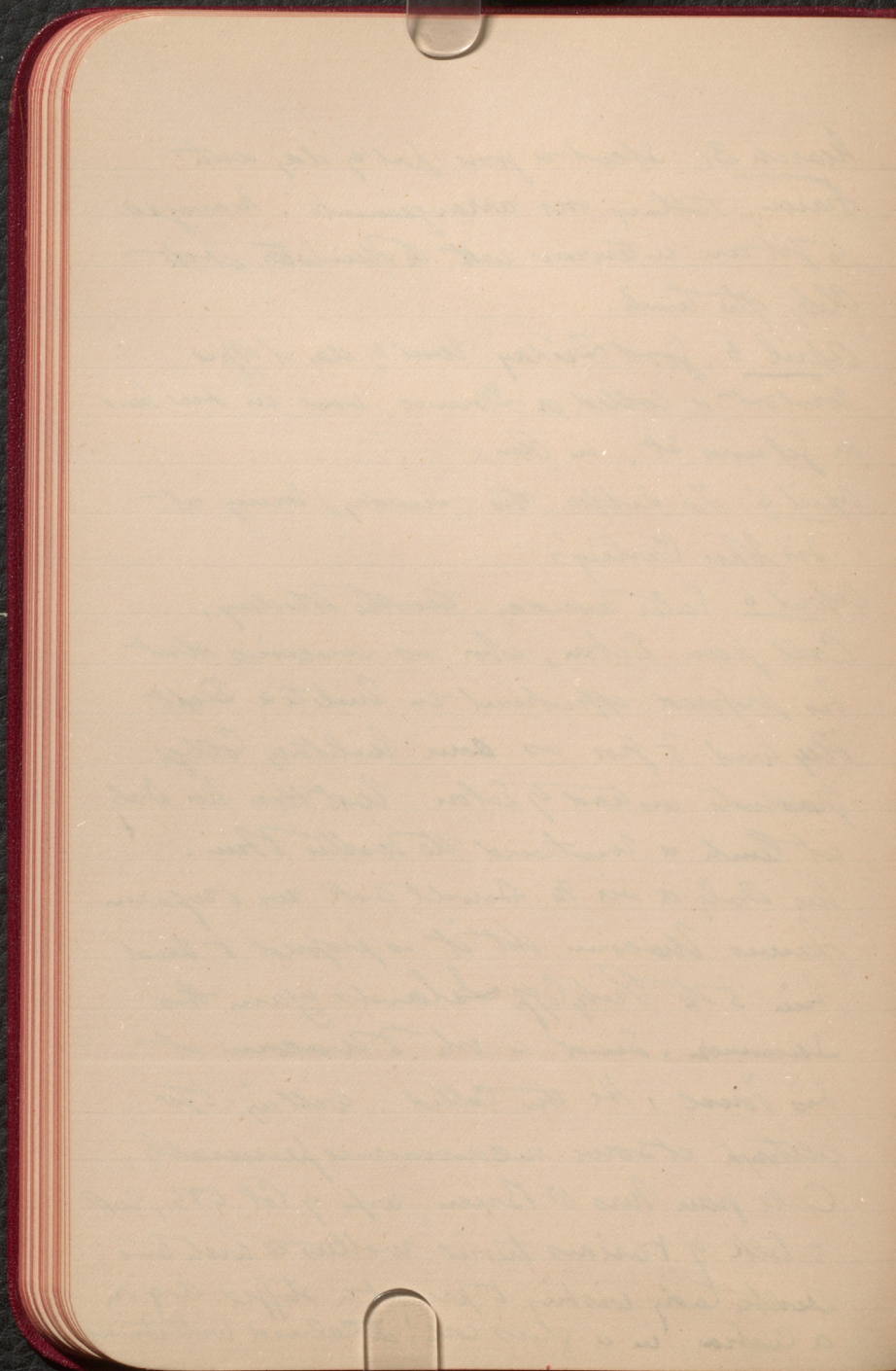
March 31. Spent a good part of day with
Fraser, talking over arrangements. Managed
to get an interview with the Minister of the
Club, after lunch.

April 3. Good Friday. Went to day of office.
Went out & called on Florence, now in new house
on Gilman St, in Pen.

April 5. For supper this (Sunday) evening at
Sir John Carling's

April 6. Easter Monday. Another Holiday.
Call upon Eaton, who is anxious about
his proposed appointment in Militia Dept.
They went to give us some Military College
graduate instead of Eaton. Went then to Mr Daly
at lunch & mentioned the matter to him.

Mr Daly & Sir M. Sewall ask we inform
James Macdonald that it is proposed to send
him to the Fitzroy Islands again this
Summer. Send a note to Macdonald of
his house, He then called, willing to go
although at some inconvenience personally.
Call upon Mrs O'Brien, wife of Col O.B., and
to talk of various trivial matters & waste time,
Another lady wishing to present a stuffed dog on
a cushion, in a glass case! & I calmed with thank



April 8. Called on Sir Mackenzie Bowell
(Premier) with our Am. Lawyers, to explain
respective additions to Amending Civil Service
act. Then to Dept. of Justice with Lawyers to
set the proposed alterations put in Form.

Afterwards met Willmott of his son's (the
workshop) to inspect Lepidary workshop
which has been offered for sale.

Apr. 9. H. G. Calvin & W. H. Merritt called
at Club at breakfast time to enquire
possibilities with reference to taking an
School of Mines (Kingston) prosecuting party
of students to Survey. To make local surveys
which would be useful etc. etc. Could only
reply in a non committal way & suggest that
the gentlemen who took out the party might
write stating exactly what he thought he could
do. Deane thought of Ottawa Valley
McGill graduates, to which I must join.
Have secured McDowell M.D. as my
guest.

April 10. Dine at Govt. Home, on an
unusual sort of invitation, Small
party. The first time I have met Lord
Aberdeen except at junctions!

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April 14. Visit from Capt. Deville, Surgeon
General, today, respecting purchase of photo.
materials etc.

April 23. Call this P.M. at Pruby Bureau
x see Hedden x Dawson about maps
x Newland's acct. Parliament closed
tonight.

April 25. Call this P.M. from Col. Turnbull
about mining in Cariboo, also from Grogg,
connected with Cochrane Copper mine Co., referred
to me a message from Sir C. Tupper that
he & Peters should confer with me on subject of
bonus. Told him I should be very happy, but
that the matter appeared to be one of policy.

Apr. 28. After a couple of fruitless
attempts managed to see Mr. Daly
at 3 this P.M. He tells me that in a
few days he will be succeeded as
Minister by Hugh John Macdonald, as
already announced in the press. Thinks
it better, however, to settle up as much
general business as possible first to
leave matters in order for the new Minister.
Discussed financing of field parties when

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No money available after July 1 &
probably true to the end till August next.
We have a considerable sum yet of the
1895-96 vote. He advises giving the men
good large advances & letting them do
the best they can to provide for the interest
& security necessary supplies etc early.
Says that as this is necessary for the
work no exception can be taken to it.
Approves generally of my scheme of work
as recently explained to him.

Called this morning at 12.30 on Mrs Mrs
Foster, at his request. He wants a view,
on the cost etc of working refined copper etc
such as may enable the Cape Breton Copper
Company asked for the intelligently considered.
Promised to get this as soon as possible.

Apr. 30. Called on Mr Newcombe
Dep. Min. of Justice, about difficulty
raised by Auditor in Cameron's Pay. Call
on Surgeon General, about photo-etching
Lowe's Labrador maps etc. Also touch on
Auditor General about methods permissible
of taking on the improvements for which

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which will exist after July 1. - End of fiscal year. Call upon Wood the Smelter from Spokane, who stayed some time between 3 & 6.

May 1. Called on Mr Daly at office & showed him proposed assignment of assistants & general disposition of parties. The latter had been discussed with him before & all kept a few definitely decided upon. Mr Daly is today succeeded by Hugh John Macdonald, in the new ministry. Called on Beyers about a letter to be surveyed by Down. Saw also with West Kesteven. See also visited by Surveyor general & joined named Carriere. He talks with them about gold working on Saskatchewan. Mr McArthur also along & talk with him & Surveyor general about Kesteven line. Called on Beyers again at his request & met Rayla Read about getting up a sort of address to the minister.

May 5. Called shortly after noon on Hugh John Macdonald, the new minister. He leaves for Winnipeg today. Asked money for his approval

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of plans already asserted to by
Mr Daly to send out parties
as usual, although nothing in
the way of money for a time after July 1.
He fully approves, thinking it to be
the best thing under the circumstances.
May 7. Meeting at 10 am. of Depul. Heads
about addresses to be presented to Cole Truman
Sir W. Powell. Afterwards during the morning
calls from Auditor General about ~~steel~~ County,
Pereira, Roeborough from Stationary Office,
Busland about works, Weston about his
proposed visit to Philadelphia, James
Walcott about his photo. outfit for the
Pulloff islands. Little time for anything
but weekly things as they turn up. Have been
trying for weeks to get a few hours to look
into geology of Shrewsbury Street, without
success.

May 8. Got the \$4500 of Rideau
Club bonds from Secretary Wolder today.
They are registered bonds. Took them to
Anderson, manager of Bank of Montreal
& left them there, after being returned in looks of

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bank & safety controlled by Accountant.
American business & bank coffers blocked
& depended by credit on the nature.

May 13, Mr Giroux returned to office
after his long illness. Met Hughes &
Seath to present a farewell address to
the Minister Daly, signed by all men
in Indian, Geol. & Indian Depts. Lunched
afterwards with Mr Daly at Club, Evg. at
a similar presentation to the Premier. Sir W.
Borwell by 'Deputy Heads' at Russell.

May 14. Mr. C. C. Lewis today for
west.

May 16. Saturday. For Montreal this
Ave for Sunday.

May 18. Return to Ottawa. Train late.
To R.S. Council meeting. Then to office.
Evg. Mr Peterson, brother of Principal
Peterson, to dinner, he having come up
with us in the train.

May 19-20 R.S.C. meetings - chiefs.
Father came up yesterday & returned this
pm. (20th)

May 21. Last day of R.S.C. meeting. Lunched

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at James Flecker, with several "fellows".

See G. Griffiths of Brit. Assoc. turns up this evg. at Club. On his way to Trent to arrange about the 1897 meeting. Have a talk with him.

May, 22. Call upon Mr Griffiths this morning & show him over the floor. Spoke to Dr Bell about scheme for his work ^{or} for which I had asked a number of days ago. He now informs me that he wants to send Brock (his named assistant) ahead, to follow him later & to return by Paris - say middle of August - to get leave & go to England. I told him that I could not approve of that way of carrying on the work at all, that it would be unreasonably expensive for finite results & that if necessary for him to get leave should try to arrange for some detailed work nearer home - exploratory work to be done by some one else if required. Very promising that nothing said of this while plans being drawn up & discussed with Mr Daly.

May, 25. Holiday for Queen's birthday. Much of time of office overleaving arrears accumulated during meeting of P.S.C.

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May 26. Courtney, Dep. Min. of Finance,
having asked we several days ago to call at
his office, I did so today. He wished to
caution against incurring expenditure beyond
end of fiscal year. Studying papers on the disbursements,
explained that "advances" made in accordance
with terms under which appropriation voted. That
work beyond printing the continuation of in
progress, bills of the not printed till work finished.
He then went on to allude to his real
purpose i.e. to complain of some action of Williams
connected with the candidature of his son Reynolds
for Association of Can. Soc. C. E. About
this I knew nothing whatever, but promised to
enquire, although naturally I do not hold myself
responsible for W's actions. Conference with
James Macoun this eve. on nature of
his work de records on Pubyloff Islands,
for which he is about to start.

May 27. Dr Bell came in today & says that
in consequence of my letter he had arranged
to carry out work as originally intended,
which I told him would be quite satisfactory.
Had W. to dine with me tonight.
Father & Mother left Montreal at daylight this

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warning to England via 'Little Superior'
Messrs. Low & Prop. we can leave for
field.

May 28. James Maclean leaves for New
& Washington to meet English notaries
going to Polyloff & Commander Sds. - Seal left.

May 29. Call today from Rev. A. G. Morris, Pres.
of St. Paul S., D.C., on his way to Paris.

May 30. Spent an hour with Morris this am.
Calling on Supt. Gen. of Ind. Affairs & Commr. of
Customs, with whom he had business. Spent
some time with McEvoy in Rev. on Sherwood street.

June 3. Called on Courtney & counsel him
about mode of paying for banking operations under
peculiar circumstances existing.

June 4. Mr. Fraser came down from Courtney's
office on same subject. Thought that as long as
the certificates for work were not actually dated
in July, might be paid in July - stretching a
point etc. Unaccountable, after reading Fraser's letters
had decided on plan of action, writing to him
& to Miss Mrs. Woodruff (in Winnipeg) about it
today. J. O'Connor, Commissioner wire-puller
in Ottawa, called about getting leave for

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S. Brophy, the electrician, promises doubtless.
Told him that as he had exhausted his holidays
I could not legally give him further leave. His
only plan to work the Minister's instructions
(if he can) in which case I would necessarily
follow instructions.

Mr Dennis comes for field.

June 5. Dr Tharburn leaves for England today,
on leave. Prof. Thompson, British agent
for Pituloff Islands, arrived here this morn
with Macoun, from Washington. Had a short
talk with him; He leaves, however, by 6 AM train
for Montreal.

June 9 Prof. Thompson not being able to
get sleeping car accommodation today,
stayed over here. Called for him after
lunch & drove out to the Esq. farm. Everything
very wet, but not raining. Had him a Puz
Prize & dinner at Club.

June 10. Prof. Thompson again this am.
also Prince & Prof. Balford Dean
of N.Y. with a couple of students
proceeding about Museum. Thompson & Macoun
for west today. Also Mr Long. Mr Brock

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Dr Bell's assistant, comes in
advance for the paper Ottawa. Mr Fletcher
leaves for N.S.

June 16. Call from Mr A. Parull of
Paris & another french engineer, with
letters from Lockwell (N.Y.) & Ahn. They are
on way out to Thunder Bay etc respecting
mining investments. Spent considerable part
of day with them.

June 19. Dr Bell leaves for the field, after
long delay & an attempt to finish his geology
for French R. spent at the last moment, although the
block proof has been for weeks in his hands.

June 22. Called on Collingwood Schrecker
about Caspitaun of new works. on
faller about plans for new building.
He has done nothing yet, but promises
to take the matter in hand at once.

June 23. General Election. The
conservative administration under Sir Charles
Tupper beaten. Rankine married in
London. Got Cable announcing, from
Father this am.

June 29. Mr Holmers back from field

Going for a few days on leave, to
New Brunswick. Dr Adams here
about his report & notes & on way to
field work on Holiburton sheet.

July 2. Called on G. M. du
Merais, M.P. "Chargé de Mission" of
the French Gov. & E. P. Anders
Ed. of the Revue Economique et Financière
Paris. They are on their way to Sudbury &
B.C., Colorado etc. Came to us with a
letter from St. J. W. Chepleau.

July 13. Mr Eaton informs me that
he has been informed of his appointment
to the Royal Canadian Legation. This
will leave us another man short in staff,
with no immediate means of replacing him.
New Cabinet under Laurier sworn
in today.

July 14. Heard about noon that estimates
of total expenses for current month
were sent in for a Gov. General's
warrant to cover. Every thing had to
be pushed through in haste for a Cabinet
meeting at 2 P.M.

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July 16. Called this am. on Hon Senator Scott, who is Acting Secy of Int., to explain to him condition of field notes etc. Doubtful whether they can tide over more than a month without further means, He expressed wish to leave matters as they are for the present, as he is only temporary minister. Saws in respect to Harry. Told him I thought it right to place state of Affairs before him, whether action or not

July 19. Sunday. Rankin & wife turned up on way to B.C. Had a telegram from him on Friday evg. saying that they would be here Sunday, but they are here a day in advance. To a stroll in the afternoon.

July 20 & 21. Spent some time off & on with R & wife - To paper mill with them etc. They leave tonight, or rather at 1 am.

July 24. Called on Mr Gobeil to ask about proposed lease of adjacent building, about repairs etc. Advised we to see Min of Pub. - Taste, but revised him. Saw Gourdeau about Malouin's

July 18. Sunday. Keweenaw. A very warm
day in the morning. The sun was
bright and the wind was light.
The water was very warm. The
birds were very active. The
fish were very numerous. The
shellfish were very abundant.
The insects were very numerous.
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July 20. Tuesday. Keweenaw. A very warm
day in the morning. The sun was
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payment while in Bohring sea.
In P.m. interview with Gen R. Scott,
acting Minister of Int. Subjects. Carrying
on temporary employees after July 31. Left
papers prepared on this with him. Estimated
Civil list a several for G.S. - Discussed
these slightly & promised to send all the
papers of the under hand. Probably he says
will not be taken up till after election of Cabinet
officers. Advised we & Ice Auditor about
advancing further money to parties from
amt. Carried on by Gen C. Asked if he
thought I might go to look over some work in
Dis. - Can see no objections.

July 27. Could not see auditor on
Saturday; found him today. He thinks
no such use as other can be made of
money. E. Leslie, with whom I had
corresponded about a meteorite weighing
about 72 lbs, found in Thurston, Ont, Colled.
Finally gave him my own check for \$175
for the meteorite. The Survey has no
available funds at present.

July 28. Called again on Auditor to
see a point connected with the Weaver in

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which the F.S. 176 is taken. On consideration
he thinks the balance way in consequence
he employed for field work. at least he
will make no objection. Having asked ministers
of his permission, therefore wrote that am to
Mr. Cowell, McEvoy & Mr. Dennis asking
if they needed further advance.

Recd. Letter from Dr. Taylor, Oxford, enclosing
Box 8. In equivalent of £100 the grant for
the N.W. Indies Committee by B.A.A.S.
Deposited the amt. as separate acct. in my
name; Savings Branch. B of M. Ottawa.
Wrote Taylor acknowledging.

May 4 have got off the P.L. for Nova Scotia
as planned, but did not get word from Annie
telling me when he is till too late.

July 29. Left at 4 P.M. via C.P.R. Spent
line for New Glasgow N.S., via Truro.
Found Sady Jaffer & family of Sewall Children
on board on way to Halifax. Very hot day
& continued well on into night exceedingly
sultry.

July 30. Arrived at Truro between 7 & 8 P.M.
& found the night too to be spent here before

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a train back day I.C.R. to New Glasgow.

Pleasant day, not uncomfortably warm.

Foggy in morning & night after passing St John. County looking beautiful. Great Sta. & Travers Marsh. Stop at Laramont Hotel. Draro.

July 31. Leave at 10:15 for New Glasgow.

Ami boarded train at Hopewell. Raining heavily after dinner for some time. Ami returned to Hopewell for his traps, getting back in eve.

Mrs H.S. Poole called. Had previously taken a look at the New Glasgow conglomerate. Drove with him to W. side Lost River to look at an unconformity below conglomerate? Fine ev. but stoney.

Aug. 1. With Ami, drove to meet Poole at Stillarton. Found that he had a good trap of his own there & sent ours back. Spent the day with him, going over joints in western part of field. In evening returned to his house & by his pressing invitation dined with him, meeting Mrs P. & children. The eldest boy Tom drove us all day & in evening brought us back to New Glasgow, when Ami immediately jumped off to the train.

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to get back to his favorite retreat
at Hopewell. A very fine fresh windy
day throughout.

Aug 2. Sunday. Reading up the district &
looking over notes most of day. In pm.
a short walk to visit the unconfirmity
W. of the bridge. Spent some time there, esp.
saw some notes etc. Day dull, cool &
showy in pm.

Aug 3. Hearing Fletcher was to arrive at
11 am. Just joined my excursion & went in
morning to Small Brook, where collected
for a while with Ami. Called at Trenton
Steel works & met Mr. Frazer, its manager.
In pm. long drive to Centward, with many
stops by the way. Crossed Southland's River
low down & drove up E. side to Park's
Mills, where got a light tea & feed for
horses. Then back to New Glasgow,
arriving at 9 pm.

Aug 4. out in S.E. part of area. Then
crossed McSellen's Mountain & back
by McSellen's brook. A fine day, not
so hot as yesterday. Mr. Poole accompanied
us. Back at 6 pm. Long talk over

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Structures, fossils & invertebrate etc with
Fletcher & Amis.

Aug. 5. Drove up East River as far
as Sunny Brae, about 20 miles, & return.
Fine day & country looking beautiful.
When Swans last familiar with this valley
in 1872, in his prospecting days, was
a remote sort of place. Now a branch
railway up it with a good deal of iron
mining going on & villages.

Examined several geological problems &:
Aug 6. Drove to Stellarton, getting Mr Poole
& going over some parts along lower part
of East River, above Stellarton. Back
to New Glasgow for dinner. Rem. arranging
various matters, packing etc. Leave by
9 P.M. train for Wets, en route to Ottawa.
Fletcher & Amis at Hopewell & will
continue looking into some of points raised
now. Find Jack McSweeney, Dr Borden
& some others I know on the train.
Aug 7. Arrive Wets 10 am. Bernard
& a couple of children at the station.
Dull day with some fog on the sea.

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Aug. 8. At Metes. Tea this evg.
at Prof. Borey's

Aug. 9. Sunday, at Metes.

Aug. 10. Leave by 1:16 P.m. train for
Montreal & Ottawa. A fine day &
called a warm one here. Bernard
& Eva drive up to train
with me.

Aug. 11. Arrive Montreal 7:30 am &
spend a couple of hours there. Reach
Ottawa between 12 & 1 P.m. Lunch & to
office.

Aug. 12. Call on Hon. Mr. Scott, acting
Minister, to report return. Also to
consult proposed vote in Public Works
Est. for a new building etc. He does
not hold out any hope that anything can
be done this session.

Aug. 13. See Auditor-General & Hon. Mr.
Scott about P. Selwyn's case. Mr. Scott
has been asked to take it up again
by the Minister Mr. Daly. Prepare another
report advocating Selwyn's payment.
Call upon Mr. McDougall h.p. Cape
Borden, obt. sulphur graphite.

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Aug. 19. Opening of Parliament.

Aug. 20. Civic & official Departmental holiday.

Aug. 21. Found Dr Selwyn & ~~James~~ Italian
Consul-General at office when I got there.

Afterwards Mc Mullan met. with 3 or 4
other M.P's. Then had Norman Bradburn
with letter from Prof Lohmann. Then took
the morning.

Aug. 24. Call from Capt. Denell

with French Reg. Legation in Turin?

Sir J. Grant & Dr — from England.

Dr Selwyn.

Aug. 25. Considerable party of morning taken
up showing Mrs Edgar & 2 ladies about
Museum.

Aug. 28. Call at Speakers (Edgar.)

Aug. 29. Saturday. Lord Russell & party
arrive at Port. Russell's Res. Communicate
with C. Russell & arrange for him to
dine at Club tomorrow. find difficulty in
making up a party at such short notice.

Aug. 30. Sunday. Russell, Sir C.H. Lifford,
Sir J. Grant, J. Pope, Ass. Burgess, Mioll
to dinner.

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Aug 31. Lord Russell & Sir F. Lockwood
Called at office. Short talk about
Conditions political etc. Evident wish to
ascertain trend of public opinion on present
& other peculiar combinations of events. Rewarded
of party came in afterwards & shut book at
Luncheon. Rem. at 5.00 tea to West Lord &
Lady Russell at Lodge.

Sept. 1. Suggested to C. R., a visit to
Edgip's press mill & paper & works. The whole
party except Lord R., turned up. Spent most
of morning with them.

Sept. 4. Call on Hon Mr Scott (states acting
Minister) about Percy Selwyn's payment.
Adv. new typewriter ~~the~~ required to take
place of Miss Baldwin, warned the other
day to E.D. Lyall. Requesting been not to promise
the place till fully considered. In Rem. Call on
Courtney also about Percy Selwyn matter.
Am to dine at Fort. Home tonight & went
the Russell party.

Sept. 5. Saturday. Adams (at request) Barber
& Cholmers come in. Adams took over
proof of his report. All return to field on Monday.

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Sept. 6. Sunday. At Office, meeting Adams & Barlow.

Sept. 7. Interview Hon. Mr. Scott (Deputy Minister) & Mr. Burgess, about a notice of motion in the House by Mr. Bostock, relating to curing information etc. Motion asks that such should be collected & distributed by Dept. of Agriculture (i.e. G. Johnson, Statistician) an old contention to be resisted on our part.

Sept. 9. See Hon. Mr. Laurier, by Mr. Scott's advice, about Selwyn matter. He promises to be substantially just to see it done. Also mentioned Bostock motion to the proposition being agitated for establishment of Dominion Mining Bureau in Montreal (a meeting to be held on Friday) Call on Hon. Mr. Scott & explain result of interview with Premier.

P.m. & evening, preparing memo. for information of Minister who is to receive meeting above mentioned, & getting information in shape for estimates to be taken in charge of by Mr. Dobell.

Sept. 10. Called on Mr. Dobell about estimates at 10 o'clock. Call from Mr. J. M. Keller.

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of Post architect. Call from Mr. Bowden
of Kingston about progress of work in
Woffery or via Kanes near K. & P. Ry.
Accompanied by engineer of the road.

Sept. 11. Called again on Mr. Dobell with
further reference to estimates. Long call
from Mr. Oliver M.P. of Edmonton, about
Mr. Wilson's application for Ethnological
work & about Altabosca housing. The
"Dom. Mining Bureau" meeting figured
out. No definite proposals made & everyone
wanted something different. Syllab at meeting.
Laurier apparently dismissed the subject.

Sept. 12. Call on Fuller (Chf. Architect) & by
him referred to Walts who is making
sketch for a new Museum building. Talked
the matter over with him at some length.
Saw Sobell about lease of Bowkerville
building?

Sept. 13. Sunday. Drive to Chelsea with
Harris & call on Gilmoors.

Sept. 14. Call from Hutchison (City Member)
who came in with Dr. Horburn abt. appointment
of type-writer. Call from F. C. Laberge, of

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Montreal, about a collection for Science
Faculty of Laval, Montreal branch. Evening
scheming at dinner ~~etc~~ for a new
building.

Sept. 15. Call on Hon Scott (acting Minister)
about Schreyer Payment, which seems stuck
again. Then call on Wolffe & further discuss
basis of Plans for building.

Sept. 16. Call on Hon Mr Tarte about lease of
'Baskerville' building & necessity of getting it
in order at once if we are to occupy it. Call on
Newcombe, Dep. Min. of Justice, at his request,
about evidence for or preparation for Commission
on Claims for Schreyer Sea Damages. Lord
Russell it seems told Fitzpatrick the Solicitor-
General that S could give valuable assistance.
Willing to help, but not familiar with, & have
no ambition to enter into work on financial
side of the question. Neither could S properly
leave here at present or during winter for
prolonged stay in Victoria.

Sept. 17. Call on Queen's Printer about delay
in getting out report. Then, long talk with
H. Bostock, New Can. from B.C., about
what can be done for assistance of raising

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developments there. Call from C. J. M. S. S. S.
about lithographic stone in L. Louisiana.
Other calls, nearly all day.

Sept. 22. Call on Sir R. Cartwright by
appointment & discuss matters
connected with mining in B.C. His
object seems to be to ascertain basis of
pruning etc. of mines in W. Kootanie.
Coal prices etc. with prospective try. to
cross but Pers in view probably.
Call from Florence who has just returned
from Mexico.

Sept. 24. Recd long code telegram from
W. A. Fraser at Alta. Landing this evg. &
spent some time over it & concocting reply.

Sept. 25. Call from Dakin, Aube & another
concerned with pottery manufacture & wanting
information on Clays, sands, China-stone
etc. Numerous other calls on all sorts of
subjects. Call on Acting Minister Scott
to get his assent to directions for Fraser,
then involving contemplation of expenditure
not yet provided for by parliament.

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Sept. 26. Saturday. Mr Brock, Dr Bells' Assistant returned, having come from Waswanipi, by way of S. Kistassini & S. Stephen.

Called on Hon Mr Scott, but found him too busy & discuss matters.

Sept 30. Called, with Dr Harbour, on Hon Mr Scott to before necessity of decision about type-writer. Also referred to proposed employment of Cole in Mining Section. Minister very timid about doing anything in such Government affairs! Eng. wrote letters on both subjects, to send tomorrow. Mr White returns from field.

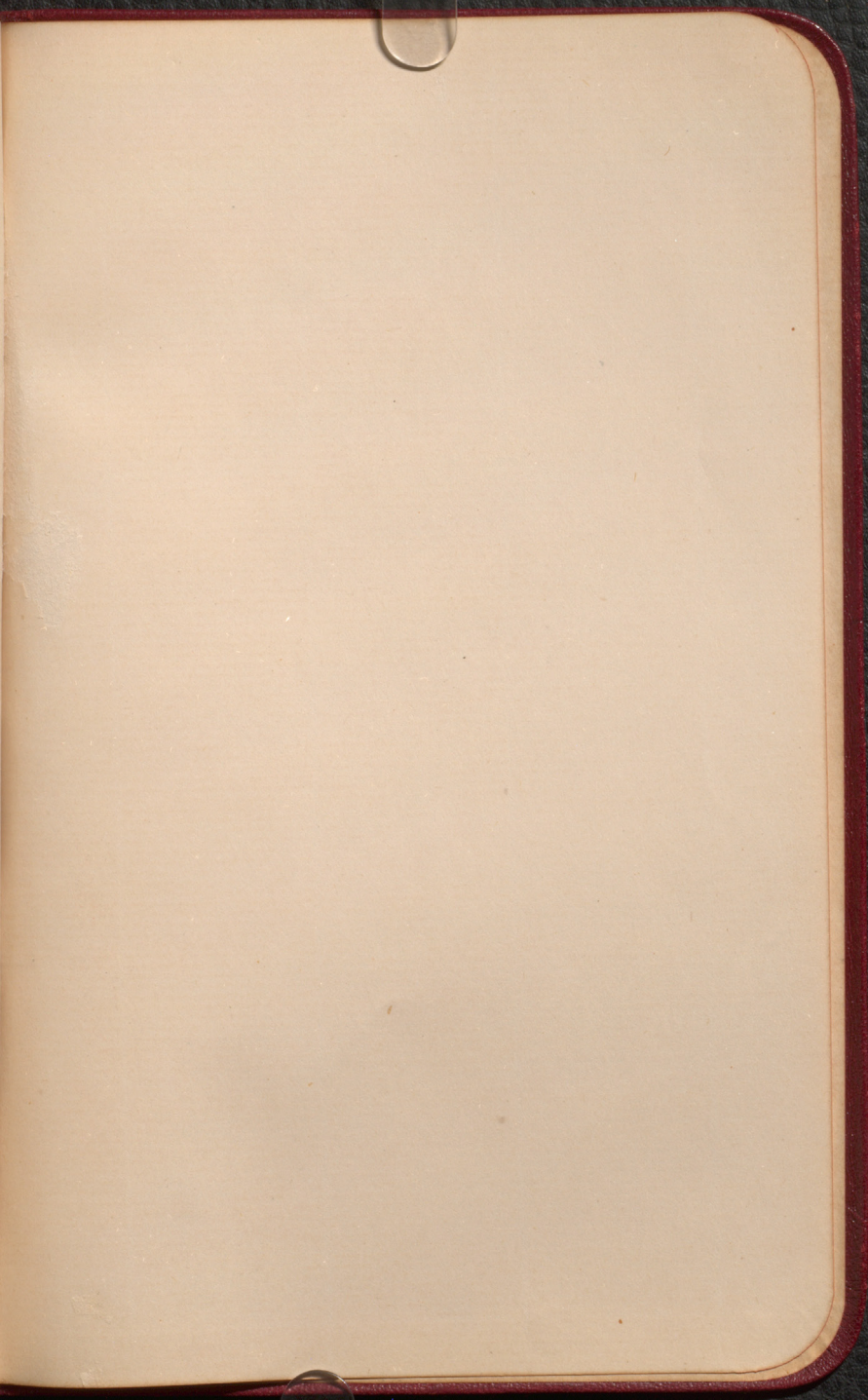
Oct. 2. Dr Ellis returns from field.

Oct. 3 Mr Baulow " "

Oct. 5. Spoken to by Hon. Mr Allan this Evg. about examining stone at Rockland Quarry, about which some conflict of opinion. Promised to go with counsel of our Minister.

Oct. 6. Saw Hon. Mr Scott, after calling several times, about various pressing matters. Arranged some of them in a hurried interview.

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