

George M. Dawson

Private Diary

1896-98.

Chas. M. Jones  
1875-76

Saturday, Oct. 10. 96. Called on  
Auditor-General & Acting Minister  
Hon. R. Scott, this am., on business.  
A. P. Low returned from his exploration  
in N. Labrador.

Wednesday, Oct. 14. Breakfast with  
Mr. Dobell in Victoria Chambers & leave  
by C. A. Ry at 8 am. for Vaudreuil.  
Private Car with Hon. A. G. Blair, Dobell,  
C. Schreiber on Drive to & along the  
Kawadon Soulanges Canal to Coteau,  
getting train again there & back to  
Ottawa before 9 P.M. Meet Knowro, the  
Engineer, A. Stewart & others at the  
Canal works, also Hamford, from  
Montreal. Hamford & self to pronounce on  
quality of stone being supplied by Contractor  
Stewart - dispute between Knowro &  
Schreiber on this matter, Knowro  
expecting & Schreiber accepting. The  
quantity of the stone got out very large  
& the specimen a serious one all round.  
I had intended going on to Montreal  
in the evening, but hearing that the last

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Council meeting likely to occur for  
a long time would be on Friday, thought  
it better to get back to Ottawa & try to  
get some matters through.

Oct. 15. Acting minister had put off  
proposal for employment of Cole so long, that,  
as the matter in connection with mining  
work pressing, I wrote out report on  
it for Council, for his signature, & took  
it up. This he eventually signed & it  
went for through. Spoke also of the Oin C  
for payment of temporary employees  
for Sept, which still wanting. Telegraphed to  
Hemphord that would meet him at  
South Indian, for Rockland, Saturday  
morning. Everett left for Holyday.

Oct. 16. Mr A. Blue call morning  
at the Office, also call from Mr Lanson  
Wills, Hotel of N.Y. Dr Bell turned up  
in P.M., having arrived in Ottawa  
last night.

Oct. 17. Saturday. Leave by 8 am train  
on C.A.R. for South Indian Station.  
Wait there some three hours for train to

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Rockland, Messrs E. P. Harwood,  
Tideman & Allison arriving from  
the East & going in an same train. Drive  
at hotel & then to Rockland quarry,  
where examine the stone etc. Edwards  
drives Harwood & help to his mill.  
On to Montreal in the evening. Find  
there a telegram from Prof. Darcy Thompson,  
returned from Behring Sea & at Ottawa,  
asking when I will be back. His &  
opinion about stone question decide we  
to return Sunday night.

Oct. 18. Sunday, Leave by 9.00 P.M. train  
& reach Ottawa about 1 a.m.

Oct. 19. Call on Dobell & Blair  
about the stone, & read them a drafty  
note on it. Find Thompson & give the  
rest of morning to discussing the obs.  
in Behring Sea. Had lunch with Sir C. H.  
Zupfer, Gourdeau, Pelusy P.E.S. (fort.  
Council on Claims Commission for  
Sealing damages) Kuning & Prof.  
Prince to dinner at Club.

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Oct. 20. An inch or so of snow this morning. Busy making up arrears of work. Lydell got back on Saturday. Had Thompson to lunch. Various callers. Thompson leaves for Baton, Ky. etc & England.

Oct. 21. Called this am. on Hon Scott, about orders in Council for Cole's employment, & for annual increases of ~~pay~~ ~~of~~ technical officers.

Oct. 22. Informed of Ferris of his discovery of Corundum in Hastings Co. I had given him permission to go in search of the supposed locality.

Oct. 23. Asked Hon Scott's approval to communicate the above to Sir & Miss, Director Nat. Bureau of Mines. Wrote them & sent copy of prelim. report by Ferris. His report is considerable on the of probable economic importance. Call from Sir A. Carson & Rufus Pope W.P.

Oct. 27. Called this am. on Auditor, Deville & i

Oct. 28. Called on J. Pope & on

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acting minister Scott. Spoke & talked  
by orders in Council offering Technical  
work & limiting advances for travelling  
expenses. Also about news from Fraser  
that he has had to abandon the boring at  
Albatrossa Landing, has pulled Corving  
& will soon be here.

Oct. 30. Got A. Bliss's reply & letter about  
Ferrers discovery of Corandium in  
Haskings, stating that lots reserved from  
Sale for present, or suggested. Showed  
letter to Mr. Scott & handed him communication  
on subject which he might write basis of  
statement to press.

Oct. 31. Statement of above kind  
offered in Journal & some of Forbes  
papers today.

Nov. 2. Monday. W.A. Fraser turned  
up this eve. Had him to dinner &  
talked "boring" matters at length.

Nov. 3. Out all day with Helli's tent.  
Cautley & back. Looked over pits  
etc on his mica property. Pleasant  
Sudian summer day for a long drive.

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Oct 5. Called on Premier Laurier  
about a letter of enquiry, complaint  
sent to him & by him to me from a man  
named Clark, of Toronto. Refers to  
remarks made by me respecting  
Sudbury "Coal" discovery. Another  
similar letter sent down by Hon Mr Scott.  
Call on him in P.M. The trouble is  
some speculators are trying to float a  
Coal 'property' - ridiculous as it  
may seem.

Nov. 12 J. Malcolm, got back from  
Bering Sea last eve. Served up this  
Am. with Mr Barrett - Hamilton, one of  
Agents sent from England. Had Hamilton  
to dinner with me in Eveg, also William.

Nov. 14 Barrett - Hamilton & Malcolm  
to lunch.

Nov. 23. Saw Hon Mr. Scott about  
Fraser's claim for boring work & about  
Oin C. for employment of draftsman -  
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Nov. 24. Called on Hon Mr Davies,  
Minister of Marine & Fisheries,  
who came tomorrow for B.C. to ask  
him what arrangements might be  
made about Glac. party or parties  
on proposed H.B. Expedition. Purposed  
to prepare a memo. as to what our  
requirements might be.

Nov. 26. Thanksgiving day. Rain & sleet.

Nov. 27. Called on Dr S.E. Dawson  
about various matters connected  
with printing & publication.

Nov. 30. Kauline & wife turned up  
from B.C. this evening. Chd with them  
& W & Florence at Russell's.

Dec. 1. Had R. to lunch & went out  
with him to W's before returning to  
office.

Dec. 2. Left for Toronto this evening  
at request & as arranged with Prof.  
Ramsay Wright to attend meetings  
convened with reception etc of B.A.A.S.

Dec 3. Put up at Queen's Hotel. In P.M.  
Walker called. at noon, attended

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Meeting of Committee on <sup>Excursions</sup> ~~publications~~  
at Biological Dept. of the University.  
Lunch at Walker's, with several members.  
at 2.30 Meeting of Committee on publications  
& afterwards of several local committees  
to which I was elected a member. Dine  
with Prof R. Wright.

Dec 4. Leave 8.45 Am for Ottawa,  
arriving 5 Am.

Dec. 5. Telegram from Prof Macdunn  
of Toronto to say that he had recd. Colle  
from Griffiths that I had been selected  
~~the~~ president of the Geological Section  
B. A. A. S. of the Council. This  
means preparing an address, & being  
tied up in the Chair during the meeting!!  
all of which is protesting but not too pleasant.  
Pile of correspondence etc waiting in  
office when I got here this Am.

Dec 9. The Premier, Mr Laurier, having  
written a private note asking about  
succession to place of Mr N. J. Giroux, who  
died the other day & stating that he  
was anxious if possible to get some French

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Canadian expected r: I called on him  
this morning to explain matters. Someone  
in particular has written to him, I asked  
him to request the officiant to submit  
justifications. Saumer is reasonable, but  
seems to feel that French Canadians have  
been barred from the service. Could not  
tell him that in so far as the Code is  
concerned on the fact that they were not  
educated in science, or with few  
exceptions. Denied at Hoyle Reads,  
Meeting Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere  
& his lady.

Dec. 10. A mortgage for \$1500 held by  
me having been foreclosed & the  
property offered for sale ~~at auction~~  
in proper manner without bidders of  
any. Nellis asked me to deed the  
property to himself & work, to be  
sold by them & mortgage renewed  
in my name. Signed the deed today.

Dec 11. Called on Hon. Mr Scott  
about 25 cents worth of wigs etc  
which a dead beat in N.S. trying to

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writing to ministers to force us to  
send him free!

Dec 12. To Wootton, with W & F  
at evening request to dine with R &  
wife Dr. Train an hour late, bringing us  
in at 9 instead of 8 P.M.

Sunday 13. Wootton

Dec. 14. Return this am., again  
with W & F.

Dec 16. At Albany Concert with  
W & F.

Dec. 18. Called with Hayler Reed  
upon Auditor General respecting  
the sum of \$500 which it had been  
proposed to give to B. G. A. Entomological  
Committee for Indian Dept. - It seems  
that the way this was put in the  
interim was wrong & that the money  
cannot well be used - unless devoted  
distinctly at next session. Long call  
from Hon. W. Wood & a Dr. Volney of N.Y.,  
about ampursus arsenical pyrites &  
where it occurs.

Wells tells us that Wootton in my  
favor on the late property loss

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been recorded. offered to send the  
Wentzke tree as he & work on the  
Wentzkes, but told him it would be  
quite satisfactory to me if he told it  
with others of mine they have.

Dec. 21. Call from Hon. Mr. Foster  
about report by A. J. Hill on some  
mining property in B.C. Was told a  
reputable & trustworthy party. Said I had  
every reason to believe him to be. Private  
note from Sir R. Cartwright enclosing  
report on a mining property in Rainy R.  
district & asking if as described  
it was likely to be correct. Talk with  
Hon. Dr. Wentzke at breakfast about  
mines in Caribou between L. Seppien &  
L. of Woods as to mining possibilities.  
With the tele & print Cabinet seem much  
interested in mining!

Dec. 24. To Montreal this evening  
for Christmas.

Dec. 28. Return this morning from  
Montreal.

Dec. 29. Called on the new Minister,  
Mr. Sefton, about Seppien's scheme,

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which is again being advanced, mentioned  
various other writers. Mr H. Warrington  
Smyth, from Liam; Son of Sir W. Smyth,  
my old Professor at R.S.M., Collected this item.  
Also Hon Mr Foster, with a specimen of  
Supposed Comendium. Received Mrs McCullough's  
Summary Report in Eng.

Jan 1. Call at Gov. Gen's. levee, with  
William. Also at Samier's. W. Cumber  
with me.

Jan 4. Call from Papsley & Donville Reg.  
Colly returned from B.C.

Jan 5. Called on Hon. Mr Davies  
to bring to his notice basis expressed  
by J. Anderson of Colonial Office  
on Behring Sea matters - chiefly that  
he wished Malcolm could go over  
to consult with Houston respecting  
reports. - Importance of identical  
reports etc. Also took occasion to  
mention our (G.S.) possible cooperation  
in connection with proposed H.B. Expedition.  
Wrote Hon. Mr Sifton asking if he  
would get Mem. of P.W. to instruct

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one of his staff to make sketches for  
New Museum building. This in  
consequence of talk yesterday with  
Watts, who has already brooked  
out some rough sketches of plans.  
Sent Summary Report - W.S. to printer.

Jan 8. at Fogou club this Evg. where  
introduced the subject of 'Methods of  
field work' Telephone from last before,  
Govt. House, just before dinner, asking  
me to dine there at 8:15, but explained  
that the above engagement prevented.

Jan 9. Bernard arrived from Montreal  
about 2 P.M. here on my suggestion to  
spend a few days convalescing from his  
late severe attack of 'grip'.

Jan 13. Bernard returned to  
Montreal this P.M. Talk with  
Macoun about his fur-seal work.  
He ~~returns~~ goes to London tomorrow.  
Wrote J. Anderson, Colonial office,  
on same subject.

Jan 14. Prof. Mavor, from Toronto,  
turned up this morning & occupied

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Much of time. Had been with Prof. Peirce, with whom he is staying, for lunch at Club.

Jan 15: Another call from Prof. Peirce. Dined at Govt. Home. Party for the Executive of the Women's Council.

Jan 16. Saturday. Dined with Sydney Fisher, A. H. Russell, Laurier, Davies, Sifton Ladies & others.

Jan 20. Had talk with Bell about maps & reconnaissance in Godsway Basin. Called on Minister Sifton & presented to him several items of news. — Permitted H.B. expedition arrangements, Bell's report for last 93 mos. (of which Bell informed me today), Question of appointment to the staff. Drafting of plan for a new building etc. Deposited Heller's check for \$900 (odd) dollars, being the amount closing up Wilkins' work, which he (Wilkins) is paying off.

Jan 21. At meeting of Canadian Scientific Societies here where spoke, introducing subject of explorations recently made in Canada. Followed by Hall, Dyrnell & Bow. Their excellent present

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Jan 22. With McAra to see the  
gypsum works at Chauveine, this Pen.  
Capacity about 3 tons per diem at least.  
a sort of experimental plant. To go on club  
meeting tonight.

Jan 26. Called on Mr Sifton, Chief  
about Dr Bell's application for  
3 mos. leave. Got the report for Council  
signed.

Jan 28. Asked Dr Bell today, with relation  
to his absence on leave, whether he would be  
prepared or wished to assist in H.S. exploration  
of the decided on upper lines I have suggested  
- i.e. good exploration of Coverts. Said emphatically  
that he would like to take part in it.

Jan. 29. Called on Mr Sifton, leaving  
with him copy of letter respecting amendments  
to C.S. Act. sent to auditor general. Showed  
him tabulated statements of applicants for  
appointment to Technical Staff, on which I had  
already had a cursation. He said he had  
received letters about Mr Brock which fully  
satisfied him. Approved of Mr Brock's  
appointment. This satisfies me very well,

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as the Bank seems to be altogether the  
best qualified of the applicants & they will  
qualify. Dr Bell left for England this P.M.

Feb. 1. Call upon Dr Bourinot. His  
object seemed to be to ascertain whether  
there was to be any pay for contributing to  
Brit. Assn. Journal. If not he declines  
to write. I am somewhat surprised at  
his attitude.

Feb. 2. Called on Hon. Mr. Scott this evening  
in reply to his request. He wants to know  
whether certain cases etc in Walkers bankrupt  
stock, would not be of use for the museum.  
Promised to go & see them with him, next week.

Feb. 3. So went out this afternoon to attend  
meetings of Federal Institute of Can.  
Mining Engineers.

Feb. 4. At meetings & dinner in evening  
prolonged to 2.30 P.M.

Feb. 5. Called on Pemberton this A.M. At meeting  
in P.M.

Feb. 6. Saturday. Back this A.M. to Ottawa.

Feb. 11. Long complaint from Dr Alms about  
his position, salary etc. He certifying has



been somewhat suppressed in the  
matter of describing new forms etc.  
Large part of the 'West Block' of  
buildings burnt this evening.

Feb. 12. Called on & afterwards a Call  
from the Decree of Windsor H.S.  
about information on gold mines.  
Called on Auditor General, with  
reference to appointments to technical  
Staff, woods & etc.

Feb. 16. Called on the Supt. about  
Brooks' appointment papers, Exhibitions in  
which we are asked to take part, (Philadelphia  
& Brussels) Estimates for coming year,  
fire protection for building & various minor  
points. Supt. & find that he rather seems  
to wish to drop taxing operations. Prophecy it  
seems is the defeat of the 'offensive  
partisan' during last election.

Heard yesterday from Montreal that  
Father had had another & very alarming  
head attack on Friday evening. Today  
Anna writes that he continues to recover,  
but everything in the circumstances is very  
serious.

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Feb 24. J. Maccom returned from England  
where he has been on Bering Sea seal question.

Feb. 25. Interview with Mr Lytton today  
about necessity of working arrangement for  
H.B. Exped., if we are to participate in it, looks to  
be built etc. Explains delay in getting preparing  
leaves, on having objections refused - due to  
Communications with France. Suggested  
Richard's promotion into Second class, but  
thinks he would entertain no promotion at  
present. Mentioned wish to get small sum of  
disposal of Boas & Dr Newcomb for  
purchase of Indian curios. for museum next  
summer. This approval of. The total sum  
mentioned by us \$300.

Call from W. this ev. before 6 P.M.  
Feb. 27. Saturday. For Montreal, spending  
Sunday there & returning Monday  
morning. Father recovering from his late  
attack, but not so well as before.

March 2. Call from Mr Macfarlane of  
Inland Revenue. On the old tack of  
getting job. & send some representation to  
Int. Geol. Congress at St. Petersburg  
next summer. He naturally is the one  
of one of them. Call from Mr Ewart &c

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of Public Works Dept, about  
getting the requisition for fire protection  
for this building.

March 4. Called on Minister this am,  
about Estimate for boring & other interests,  
H.B. work, application of one  
Hobart to succeed Brophy, who is to  
be 'fired' for opinion political party work.  
O in C. for advertising. B. T. G. Hall's  
application for contributions to mining  
Innocent in Montreal.

March 8. Visit from Sir C. Tupper (Senr)  
asking about Merritt & Hardman as  
mining experts.

March 12. After several unsuccessful  
attempts to see Minister, got an  
interview today about boring operations,  
H.B. expedition etc.

March 16. W. A. Fraser turned up, in  
response to my etc, today, about 10 am  
& occupied much of time. Got an interview  
for him with the Minister at 6 P.M.

Evening arranging terms of new contracts

March 17. Again spent part of day with  
Fraser.

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March 18. Wel W & Florence at CRR

Station at 4 P.M. & to Montreal  
to be present at golden anniversary of  
Titterton & Watters wedding tomorrow.

March 19. In Montreal. Quite a large  
unarranged-for reception on the  
occasion, addresses, numerous  
telegrams from graduates & receipts etc.  
Gifts, flowers etc. Dined in the eve,  
with family & Mr & Mrs Taylor.

March 20. Return to Ottawa this am.  
at office in P.M. got letters from the  
Minister about H.B. Expedition &  
instructions re how to ready them  
for H.B. on Monday to get a couple  
of Suitcase books filled.

March 23. Tried to see Minister  
today, unsuccessfully. Went Hon. Mr Scott,  
by appointment & went with him to the  
port of Watters' old flambogg stock.  
He is anxious that we should purchase  
some of it. Promised to send Mr  
Broadbent up to call out what we needed  
tomorrow. In P.M. visit printing Bureau

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to decide on paper for next volume of  
the report. &c.

March 25. To state Minister & Reception  
at Fort. House, opening of parliament.

March 26. Long visit from a Mr Muirhead,  
Agent of Lord Aberdeen's estate.

March 28 Sunday. Spent part of P.M. in  
editing long report by Tyrell.

March 29. Called at Minister's office &  
by good luck saw him. Lister M.P. has  
been speaking against France as a driller.  
Wrote Lister asking him to call before contract is  
signed. Called at Sir D. Smith's house  
in order to see him about proposed

renewal of provision of same sort in India,  
at request Sir R. Cartwright. He had not  
arrived from Wootton. Supplication of  
delegation from Pitt Arthur much of P.M.,  
Dinner at Speaker Edgar's

March 30. Called on Sir D. Smith  
by appointment this am. & had quite  
half an hour's chat with him on the  
subject of information for London office.

March 31. Hon. S. Lister C. of Ag.  
Called by appointment about

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specimens for proposed exhibit at  
Stockholm. Looked over old stuff  
here. Sent for Muras who had previously  
handled the exhibition stuff & engaged him  
at \$1.75 per diem for a few days.  
Call by appointment & long talk with  
Mr Lister and about France & boring  
operations, casing, contracts etc. Complaints  
had been made to Lister by Messrs  
Wolfe & Co & Mr Sifton had asked me  
to discuss the matter with Lister. In the  
end he appeared to be satisfied with the  
arrangements made.

April 1. Made two attempts to see the  
Minister about France contract, but  
failed.

April 2. Called on Minister by  
appointment this am., showed him proposed  
contracts etc. Discussed purchase of  
Casing.

April 7. Called, but missed seeing  
Minister. Called on Bourin at &  
discussed Ethnological Survey Quarterly  
work & proposed circular.



April 8. Interview with Ministers. Fraser  
Contracts, Young as assistant to Low or  
A. Boyer as asst. to Bell. Ministers  
oppose of three. Has had to let the Young  
vote down to \$7000, but thinks possibly we  
may get some in the supplementary sets. Anyhow  
I may go on.

April 13. Received cable from Keltie,  
Sec. R.A. Soc., announcing that Council  
had awarded me Royal Wedd.  
Asking if I could attend anniversary  
meeting in May. Altogether a very  
unexpected honor on my part.

Apr. 14. Announcement also in Montreal  
Star, copied into Ottawa paper next  
day. Numerous congratulations!

Replied by cable to Keltie, regretting  
that impossible for me to attend meeting  
in Jerson.

Apr. 16. Good Friday. To Montreal  
this evening.

Apr. 17. In Montreal. Call at Howland's  
letter-press, and maps.

Apr. 18. In Montreal.

April 13. Received from the  
see the list, amounting to \$100  
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Apr. 19. Return to Ottawa this am.  
A holiday, but worked on correspondence  
etc in office. Call from Capt. Deville  
to discuss proposed explorations in  
Yukon region, the route to Inlet etc.

Apr. 20. Wavy several calls. Afterwards  
clearing up arrears of correspondence etc.

Apr. 23. Called on Queen's Printer to  
ascertain about Winterer's delays  
with new Dominion Map.

Apr. 26. Saw Newcombe & Courtney  
about W.A. Frazer's power of atty in  
favor of W. McLeod. Courtney advised  
that as ~~some~~ cheques were to be made  
payable to Frazer as due, no notice  
in particular need be taken by the  
Dept.

Apr. 27. Called on Stewart, Dep. M. of  
Int. who has now succeeded Burgess.  
Drawing his attention to method of  
dealing with publications i.e. not  
for gratuitous distribution except to  
institutions etc or by way of exchange.



Apr. 30. Mr Boulton comes to  
dropping office to accept resignation  
on D.L. Survey on Alaska Boundary  
Region.

May 1. Mr Brock, recently appointed by  
Sir C de Gironx, arrived this  
am.

May 2. Spent some time on working up an  
'address' for the B.A.A.S. meeting.

May 3. Dr Ball arrived from England.  
Lowe returned from leave. Talk with  
these gentlemen about the H.B. work.

May 5. Called on Auditor-general about  
his objection to words of Brock's appointment.  
Saw minister on same subject, on  
amendment to Geol. Survey act, on Lofgren's  
appointment to represent Canada at Geol.  
Congress in St Petersburg. The latter's presence  
was forced on minister by Hon Fitzpatrick  
& he does not appear altogether to be  
very enthusiastic about it.

May 7. Had to go to the House at 11 P.m. & to  
6 - again all evening to nearly midnight  
as Estimates on. E.S. Estimates passed

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at last without question.

May 8. Colled on Minister about  
Bells with Stone Brook for acct. etc.

May 11. Visit from the Commission  
appointed to look into Records &  
Safely from fire in various  
departments. Courtney, Mc'Donnell,  
& Pope. Spent more than an hour going  
over the building.

May 12. Dr MacCollum from Toronto,  
interested in preparations for  
Brit. Assoc. meeting Colled. Talk  
with him & had him at dinner in evg.  
with Saunders, from the Exp. Fair.  
Asked Bourinot & Duvell, but they could  
not come. James Wolcott leaves  
for Pelly off Islands via San Francisco  
tonight

May 13. Saw Lewis for Halifax  
to prepare for embarking on the  
'Diana' for Hudson Strait.

May 14. Talk with Bell about  
his work etc Give him cheque for  
\$1000 advance, & Letter of Credit for same  
amt. Ask him what he is doing about

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an assistant, rather urging him  
to remain alone. He says if he  
cannot get Brock, he thinks he will  
do without one. Call on Lewis's Printer  
about Down. Map, chiefly.

May 18. Got a note from Hon Mr Sefton,  
dated 15th, again referring to Dr Bell's  
wish to have Mr Brock as asst. Called  
at once on the Minister & represented the  
wishes of him. Mr Brock would do work  
in A.C., extension of which would collect  
for. Bell has been invited to select any  
other asst, but has not done so. Now,  
absent at that moment, again calls for  
Mr Brock. Cannot well spare him.

Minister said he was satisfied to have  
the matter in my hands. On return  
sent for Dr Bell & explained him that  
Mr Brock would not be available, but  
would be glad to assist him in any  
way in securing another asst. He says  
he thinks he will take another man &  
do without an asst.

May 19. Dr Bell leaves the Pen. to  
Jern de 'diana' at Halifax.

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May 21. Called on Mr Lipton about  
field parties, disputation, assistants  
etc. He is very reasonable. Marked a  
couple of applicants to be taken care of.  
Asked about estimates (supplementary)  
for buying purposes. Replied he would  
not like to ask for any.

May 22. Would have gone to Montreal,  
but had been unable to get out of accepting  
invitation to dinner for this eve.

May 26. Telegrams from Bell & Low  
about securing Capt. Eaton, in Halifax,  
as asst. to the former. Called on Col.  
Dwyer at Militia Dept. Seem as if it  
could be arranged. Call at office of Gen. Smith in eve.

May 27. Further telegrams on same subject,  
but without being informed by Dwyer that  
General's funds let us cannot be spared. Wrote  
Bell to that effect. Talk with Fletcher, Ellis,  
Acme, abt. work in N.S.

May 28. Lost about an hour this  
am. waiting to see minister without  
success. Telegram late tonight from  
Frank about situation for buying war, Victoria.



May 29. Spent some time at Dept. of Int. &  
at Surveyor General's office looking into  
question of lands raised by Travers.  
In Montreal this P.M.

May 30. In Montreal

May 31. Return to Ottawa this am.  
Chalmers leaves for field.

June 1. Call on Hall - Sec. of Returns,  
about return on petitions for new  
warrants etc. Also see Courtney on  
same subject. Macoun, Ellis, Fletcher  
& Amie leave for field today.

June 2. Called & by good luck  
managed to see Hon. Mr. Sifton today.  
Spoke about the sum proposed to be  
given to send Soflaurie to Geological  
Conference on the West of Canada etc.  
He promises to try & get a separate  
vote.

June 9. Called on Minister about  
possible increases for some of temporaries  
- some admissible. Asst. for Snyell's  
Section - Approval of W. Smith.

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June 14. Send off Pres. & address for  
Sect C, Bank Association, to Griffith,  
the Secretary, also titles of papers &  
abstracts, so far as received, sent  
at Mon. Mr. Dobell's.

June 16. In Amherst, with aunt. Boyce,  
set off for field. Receive part supply of  
bound vol VIII of Survey Reports & send copies  
to the House for distribution. At Home this  
evg. to see Mr. Sifton about my proposed  
trip to Nova Scotia etc.

June 18. Got away this Am. at 4 oc  
for Halifax via C.P.R. & Stat Line, to  
attend R.C. meeting there. Whitman also  
goes & Dr. Harburn left in charge of  
office. Saunders & family, Mrs. J. Fletcher  
& others on the train. Selwyn joined  
at Montreal.

June 19. Fine day & rather warm at  
times; travelling Eastward. Reach  
Halifax at 10.30 & to Halifax Hotel. See  
Ells & Ami at Truro in passing.

June 20. Sunday. Cold gloomy  
day, with showers in Am. Nothing

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particular doing. Trying to remember  
when I was lost at Halifax - it must  
have been I think in 1872, on return  
from School of Mines. Scarcely know the  
place.

June 21. P.S.C. meetings evening &  
afternoon, in Province buildings.  
A fine day.

June 22. Had arranged to go to Woodville  
Gold mine with Gilpin & Prof. Bailey, but  
arrangement made through Gilpin fell  
through. Went with Dr Burgess, J Fletcher  
& Mrs Fletcher to the Jubilee parade, which  
passed off well. Had declined the Archbishop's  
invitation to luncheon as I had  
proposed to be out of town. Read proof of  
article for the Brit. Assoc. Handbook.  
Excursion by steamer on the Harbour, to  
Bedford Basin & afterwards up N.W. Arm.

June 23. Attending Sectional meetings  
during most of day. Evening at  
reception given by Governor & Mrs Daly.  
Great crowd. Many people I knew.  
Met Mrs Bayne, formerly Anne Poirer

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Wks I have not seen for many years.  
June 24. Start including sectional  
meeting, then with Dr Burgess, Prof.  
Bailey & Ellis to Point Pleasant  
park, where walked for about an hour.  
In P.M. stood with others in a crowd  
in front of the Currier Building for a  
couple of hours during unveiling of the  
Coburn Memorial. Everything passed off  
well. Evening with Burgers &  
Archbishops Presidential address, in  
Apleton Hall, also addresses by  
Bristol delegates. - Rather troubled by  
managing committee - no means of  
showing photo slides which had been  
prepared a long time for half of the  
matter to be communicated. William, who  
arrived here yesterday, off again today  
for West. Ellis & Annie who have  
been attending meeting off this P.M.  
for Boston.

June 25. Very fine weather ever since  
Monday morning, & beautiful again  
today, although with rather high wind

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a turning operation in evening. With Selwyn,  
Bailey, & Council several for Holy to  
the Worsley district. Ferry to Dartmouth,  
Rail to Worsley. Spoke over the East  
Worsley mine under guidance of Mr  
B.C. Wilson, one of owners. Barrel  
quartz. Drove a couple of miles to  
Windsor Junction & back by rail to  
Halifax. Evg. at reception given  
by the Historical Society of Nova  
Scotia in the Old Province Building.  
Mr & Mrs Smyley receiving.

June 26. Dr Oliver called this am.  
according to arrangement. With him  
to Dartmouth ferry, where met Mrs C.,  
Mr Franklin & a Miss Mitchell.  
Had promised to go with them to  
look at an occurrence of Worsley,  
on lake behind Dartmouth, supposed to  
have been discovered by Miss M. Had  
a very pleasant pillow talk of it, the  
day being fine, but found of course  
that the Worsley deposit is a kind of  
some kind. There certainly is a little

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Mercury the found in places in  
five fathoms in the water & earth near  
the surface. How it got there is hard  
to tell, but there is nothing natural  
about the occurrence & I fancy that  
Miss M. may know more about it  
than anyone else. Company evidently  
disappointed that I did not regard the  
find favourably. Left by 9 P.m. train  
for Furo, arriving there at 10.50.  
To Seamount House opposite station.

June 27<sup>Sunday</sup> a fine day. P.m. for a  
walk in the park with Miss.  
Very prettily laid out in natural  
style some fine walks bridges etc,  
in a little reserve with waterfall.

June 28, Monday. Leave by train at  
7.45 for Riversdale, with Miss.  
Spent the morning down along Black  
River & return. P.m. up Colony  
Brook some distance & then to a  
few cottages beyond Riversdale on  
the Railway. Day generally fine,  
cool & pleasant. A few light

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Stovers. Return by 7.45 - Run  
train to Luro.

July 29. Drive out in country N. of  
Selwan R. Went of day with ami,  
looking up contact of Carb. limestone with  
older 'Union' beds. Leave tonight for  
St John N.B.

July 30. Reach St John early this  
am. Meet Prof. Bailey & spend  
most of day in boat with him about the  
city, looking at Laurentian rocks etc.

July 1. Being a holiday, Wotton was  
free from his Customs work & kindly  
spent the whole day with me, driving from  
place to place & inspecting the Unverskelle  
Cambrian, Etcheminian, Huronian,  
Laurentian & Devonian assemblage of  
fossils here. Day very fine, in  
contrast with chilly rain yesterday. Run.  
Leave by night train for Little Metis, 2.

July 2. Arrive at Metis this am. Met  
at Station by W. & Florence &  
distressed to learn that Father had the  
night previous had one of the fainting

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or apoplectic attacks from which he  
now suffers. Found him wonderfully  
calm, but not strong & far from well.

July 3-5; at Methu. Fine weather &  
in this place very warm on Monday,  
Tuesday July 6. Leave Methu for Ottawa  
at 10 am. On reaching Lewis Cross  
& Quebec & take boat for Montreal.  
Very warm in train but cool &  
pleasant night on the water.

July 7. On arriving in Montreal this  
am to Duane's hotel for breakfast. Then  
take 9:50 train for Ottawa, arriving  
before 2 P.M. Very hot.

July 8. Am 9:30 in shade today. Looking  
after accumulated business.

July 9. Call on Hon. Mr. Sifton about  
various matters. Discussed our meeting  
for the purpose of surveying of Crown West Pass  
of coal lands to be located there by  
E.S. as per act of parliament & Railway,  
Minister Councils & Sawls being sent  
to New York to collect & to inspect & report on  
bearing operations.



July 11. Sunday. Spent a very busy day.  
Afternoon temp cool with rain.

July 15. Prof. H. A. Miers of Oxford  
Recorder of Sect. C. B. C. & S. turned  
up. Devoted part of day to him &  
had him, Mr W. Gray & a Mr Farby  
from W. Australia to dinner.

July 16. Called at Dept. P. W. about  
the adjoining Barkerville bldg. a fitting it  
for storage. Called on Auditor-General  
about aunts. due to survey etc.

July 17. Called by request of Minister's  
Office & Rev. where found Messrs.  
Lipton, Mulock, Scott & Fielding,  
also Mr O. Klotz. Questions about  
Yukon & recent developments  
briefly considered & in preliminary way.

July 22. Telephone from Hon. Mr Scott  
to visit him at 3 o'clock. Found that he  
wished information respecting Yukon  
& entry of Canadian goods etc.

July 23. Telephone from Mr. of Sect.  
a want to see him. Request for  
Chalmers to make private surveys in

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Beauce District. Minister  
refused declining. Had a short talk  
also on Yukon matters. In P.M.,  
visit from a Mr Scroggie, who had  
word we had wanted & also came  
about Yukon. Interview with Capt.  
Deville who came about question of  
route for mails etc to Yukon. Interview  
with ~~Mr~~ Chief Provost of Fire Brigade  
about fire protection of buildings. Call  
from Clerk of Works & went with him  
& Baskerville to examine etc adjacent  
building. Telegram from Seattle for  
50 Yukon Reports!

Aug. 4. Left tonight for Toronto to  
meet MacCollum & Griffith & attend  
meeting of Local Committee.

Aug. 5. At Queen's Hotel. Toronto.  
To University. Lunch at Club with  
Prof. Moran. Working out a scheme  
for western excursion then to  
Committee meeting. Leave for Ottawa  
& P.M.

Aug. 6. Badly rushed with people  
att. all sorts of business today &

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Several newspapers <sup>articles</sup> ~~articles~~ about  
Yukon.

Aug. 9. Prof. Benck of Vienna & Prince  
Kropotkin turned up this Am. Had  
to spend some time with them & had  
them to dinner in Evg.

Aug 10. Kropotkin at Experimental  
Farm this am. Am. got information  
for him about maps - He is expiring  
in interests of Elie Reclus, who is  
to erect a huge globe at Paris Exhibition.  
Had him to dinner again tonight. He is  
an interesting man, from his experiences.

Aug 12. Called on Minister about  
proposed diversion of Collection prepared  
for Stockholm to Immigration objects.

Explained plans alt. Brit. Am.  
He approves of my going west with  
the excursion of geologists etc.

Call from Capt Denkle about  
route from Edmonton to Yukon.

Also groups of Spanish frontiersmen  
P. P. de Uthyon etc, interesting  
themselves in Canadian mines.

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Much of time taken up. Have to  
come back to finish work in Eng.

Aug. 13. Call on ministers at 12.30 with  
news. on proposed trail Edmonton to  
Klondike (Deville had called yesterday  
& suggested that I should propose, as  
they were concerned with County than he.)  
Found W.S. Jennings & J. Southwood (atiff)  
with him & had a long conference on  
Yukon subjects. Back to office in Eng.  
& went Phillips at 8 P.M. He had  
been instructed to get interview on Yukon  
for London Chronicle.

Aug. 14. Saturday. Long talk with Jennings  
this P.M. on Yukon matters. It  
seems that the Govt. intends sending  
him at once to investigate route Etah  
& Teelin L. Back to office in Eng.

Aug 17. Group of 20 or 30 B.G.A.S.  
people turned up today about  
noon. Showed them round the Museum.  
Managed to get matters settled up  
to date & got away by 10.25 train  
for Toronto. Train late in starting

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d a long one, with a lot of  
B.G. people on board.

Aug. 18. Arrive about an hour late,  
& am. To Queen's Hotel. Then to  
University Buildings. Committee  
meetings etc. Running round with  
Prof. Coleman about excursion  
arrangements. Evening at President's  
address - Sir John Evans.

Aug. 19. Got my Presidential address  
over in Section C. (Geology) It took  
about an hour to read & seemed very  
technical when I got to reading it.  
Sir John Evans on the Platform, words  
a lot of thanks, seconded by G. K. Gilbert  
W.S. Geol. Surrey. Second work,

Aug. 20. Committee meetings, section  
meetings etc etc. Section in  
Wreny Hall by Roberts - Curten on  
'Canada's Metals'. Good experiments  
but lecture somewhat disconnected.  
I had been defeated to write a vote of  
thanks - did so, seconded by  
Gen. Fremantle.





Aug 21, Secluded & Carewless weeks,  
etc, etc.

Aug 22, Sunday, Boarded yacht  
'Choptra' at 10 am, on invitation of  
Mr Blackstock. Had Sister, his brother  
Mr A. Sister (mycetozoa) Mr Griffith,  
Capt. MacMahon & several ladies of the  
party. To Queenston, across the lake, by  
Electric Car to Niagara & Chippewa.  
On U.S. side to find new fauna houses.  
Had Sister & party then to Clifton Ho.,  
while Blackstock & some of the rest  
return to yacht at Queenston & sleep on  
board. On way up the gorge in car,  
had Prof. Gilbert & geological party &  
let the Prof. to give a short exposition of  
the gorge in our car for benefit of  
fishers.

Aug 23, Yacht off about 6 am.  
& cross the lake to Toronto, getting  
a good towing on the way. Arrive at  
9 am & have to go straight to  
Section C. after a rather hurried  
breakfast.

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Aug. 24. Committee Section & After  
lookups all day. Conversations of  
the University in the evening. Rain  
after dark interfered with the arrangements  
which were fully in order previously,  
but the following successful enough.

~~Completed work~~ Completed work  
of Section C. This morning Mr. Clapton  
taking the Chair was of the time &  
looking we to get through some correspondence  
etc. ~~xxxxxx~~

~~xxxx~~ Aug. 25, Wednesday. Joint  
meeting at 10 am of Sect C & Sect H,  
(Anthropology) to discuss traces of  
Early man in both America.  
Putnam & Claypole read papers of  
great length, considering the importance,  
(importance.) Discussion rather  
short & perfunctory in consequence.  
Banquet at the Pavilion in evg. to  
Lord Kelvin, Lord Sista & Sir John  
Evans etc. Good speeches & very  
very successful except arrangements for  
getting coats at termination.

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Aug. 26. Spent the morning writing  
letters & catching up with business  
which has accumulated during the  
last few days. Rem. to University;  
talk with Macollum etc about  
excursions & complete arrangements.  
Yesterday Mr B.E. Walker through  
Mr Bain, the Treasurer, gave me  
cheque for \$500 to use in connection  
with party B, which I am supposed  
to conduct. To C.P.R. office & back to  
Hotel. While at dinner, Mr John Leslie,  
A.D.C. asked me to wait a few  
minutes. Met him at Station, & Rem.  
on his leaving for Ottawa. He is  
anxious that his way is possible &  
whether excursions to way visit his  
place at Coldstream, B.C.

The 67th annual meeting of the  
D.A.A.S is now over. It is the  
second held outside the British Islands,  
the first having been in Montreal  
in 1884, altogether it has been a  
great success. The number of



members & associates of Course less than in large cities of England, but many representatives & some persons were, both from England & (a few) from the U.S. The celebrities & the Camp followers (useful because of their subscriptions) now depart on their several ways. I am booked to conduct "Party No 3" to the Pacific Coast, leaving tomorrow. From a distance this office looked like a pleasure trip, but when it comes to arranging the eating & sleeping by the way it seems to continue the difficulties of the meeting itself.

Aug. 27. To Bank of Commerce & Cashed cheque for \$500 given to me by B.E. Walker for expenses of party by the way. Got some fruit & expressed it to Walter at Metis. Left in Sleeper 'Chaudiere' at 12.55, with all the party except Prof. Magnus who it seems has been poisoned by poison ivy. Pleasant trip to Sudbury, picking up Barlow (to whom I had telegraphed) Prof. Wm. Davis & assistant

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Boston (who had gone before) by the way.

Party is composed as follows. —

Mr Sawpleugh, Prof Miers, Prof. A. Penck  
(Vienna) Dr J. Scott Keltie, Dr Mill &  
Mrs Mill, Dr Blanford, Sir George S.  
Robertson, Dr H. O. Forbes, Prof J. H. Seare  
& Mrs Seare, Prince Krapotkin,  
Prof H. E. Armstrong, Prof. Cheeman,  
Mr W. E. Hoyle & Mrs Hoyle, Col &  
Mrs Bailey, Prof A. Harden, Prof. Le Neve  
Foster, Mrs & 2 Miss Fosters, Prof. Hantke  
(Breslau) Roberts Austin & Mrs Austin as

for us Sudbury.  
Aug. 28. Mayor of Sudbury & a deputation  
called early & after being introduced to  
members of party led us to a couple of hotels  
where breakfast ready. Then taken by  
special cogive to Copper Cliff mine. after  
inspecting the & smelting works, party divided,  
some of us going to 'Deming's mine' & others  
to see anthracolite deposit etc near  
Vermilion lake. Former lot, with which I  
went, took Soo train for some 16 miles,  
then waggons along a very rough track, to  
Sudley Lake, which crossed in primitive

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boat. Then walk through the woods to mine, where by starty & camp lunch. See Sperrylite & colours of gold washed from gossan to the great satisfaction of some members of party. Day quite hot. Back by same route. Evening a dinner given by Sudbury people with short speeches. All rather primitive but visitors appeared to enjoy the novelty highly.

Aug. 24. Car picked up in the night & carried boat. Fine day on the whole, with good views along Lake Superior. Fair William after dark. Rather fine Aurora.

Aug. 30. Monday. Arrive Rat Passage 10.13, where met by Wagon Curry & others, a token to try hired for the occasion. To Sultana mine, stopping by request at some Indian graves. Sandwiches etc in a grove at the mine. Examine stamps mill etc. on return visit typical agglomerate of the Huronian & stop also at an Indian village. Supper at Hilliard House, some sleeping at the hotel.

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Aug. 31. Many of the party got up early  
 & went on foot or by ferry to Keewatin  
 to see the Laurentian & Huronian &  
 the flour-mill. Leave at 10.13 & on  
 to Winnipeg, arriving 3.30 P.M. Had  
 telegraphed for special electric car to  
 make the round of the City. Hamilton,  
 C.P.R. Land Commr. met us. Got  
 back in good time for train & on west.

Sept. 1. Travelling w/out all day. Had arranged  
 at Winnipeg, if possible, to get our car  
 detached at Calgary to be taken up  
 through foot-hills by daylight. On  
 getting to Medicine Hat saw Nitlock's  
 substitute who said no freight would  
 suit, the only one on live spring west  
 with new engine, could not say when it  
 would arrive at Calgary, much less  
 reach Banff etc. Asked if he could  
 not give us special engine. Said would  
 cost \$100. Agreed to this, but soon after  
 having got telegram saying that he had  
 miscalculated & that it would be \$154.  
 Could only reply that would pay this, as

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all arrangements meanwhile made.  
Sept 2. Car put off at Calgary & all  
hands up early for breakfast at  
Alberta Hotel. Engine & Colosse leaving,  
arrived we left about 8 am. Five views  
of the Bow Valley & foot-hills, stopping  
half an hour at Kananaskis falls.  
Arrive Banff town, Omnitibus or  
down to meet party as arranged. To  
Hotel. Met H.E. Walker & Macoun.  
Lunch. Then some climbed Sulphur  
Mts, others drove to Tunnel Mt.  
Cave etc. Back to Car at 9 P.M.  
except a few who stayed at hotel  
overnight. Met James Macoun on  
out-bound train on way from  
Behring Sea to Ottawa, & had a  
short talk with him on platform. His  
news of seal observations not very  
reassuring.

Sept. 3. Car tackled on this morning  
& continued west. Breakfast at  
Field. Partly Cloudy today but good  
views of the mountains as a whole.

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arrive glacier in P.M., where Car.  
set off. Lunch & then walk up to  
the glacier occupying rest of P.M.

Everyone very much delighted. Weather  
fine except showers in evening.

Dinner & then drive to Car & stay  
to hotel & bed. Hotel is pretty full  
now & much travel on the line  
also, both East & West.

Sept. 4. Showery morning & various  
proposed climbing expeditions therefore  
called off. Fine views of mountains  
between the clouds & snow, & party  
went for short walks. Took train  
in P.M. & continued west. Showery  
but in several good views down  
Illicillewaet & across fold Range.  
Staid up till Kumbloops, about  
midnight.

Sept. 5. Breakfast at North Bend.  
Good views, though partly clouded,  
down Frazer Canon. Heavy rain  
afterwards, clearing at Vancouver  
& fine clear crossing of Strait to

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Victoria. In Picard House & after  
some delay & confusion all managed  
to get rooms.

Sept. 6. Great meeting of Brit. Assn.  
people here of all parties. Trying  
with Saunders & B. E. Walker to  
arrange groups for Coldstream  
Cunch & Kodanac excursions.

Met numerous old friends. Sir Henry  
Crease, Col. Baker, Crew Baker,  
Dr Helmsken, Senola Woodruff, Deport  
Mara & many others. In P.M. the  
Wagers & others took the party in  
carriages to Oak Bay & for drink  
through various generally. Evening  
dinner at the hotel given by members of  
party 3 to myself & Dr Coleman.  
Dinner very well managed & good.

Sir George Robertson in the Chair & Dr  
Keltie in vice Chair. Short speeches.

Sept 7. Wagers & others with various  
Victoria friends took the whole party  
by train to Nanaimo & return. Lunch  
at Nanaimo & speeches by Wagers &

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Victoria & Nanaimo. &: Very fine  
day & enjoyable trip.

Sept. 8. Nothing particularly arranged for  
today, viewing the town etc. Personally  
talked to a great number of so many  
people that I have had a weariness of  
myself. In pm with Dr Blanford to  
Museum, to see Aaronson's Indian  
Collection etc. Then out to Sei Hleasie's  
& to the O'Reilly's, paying calls.  
Glad to get on board "Charmers" etc in  
the evening, for Vancouver, with party for  
Coldstream etc of B.A.A.S. people.

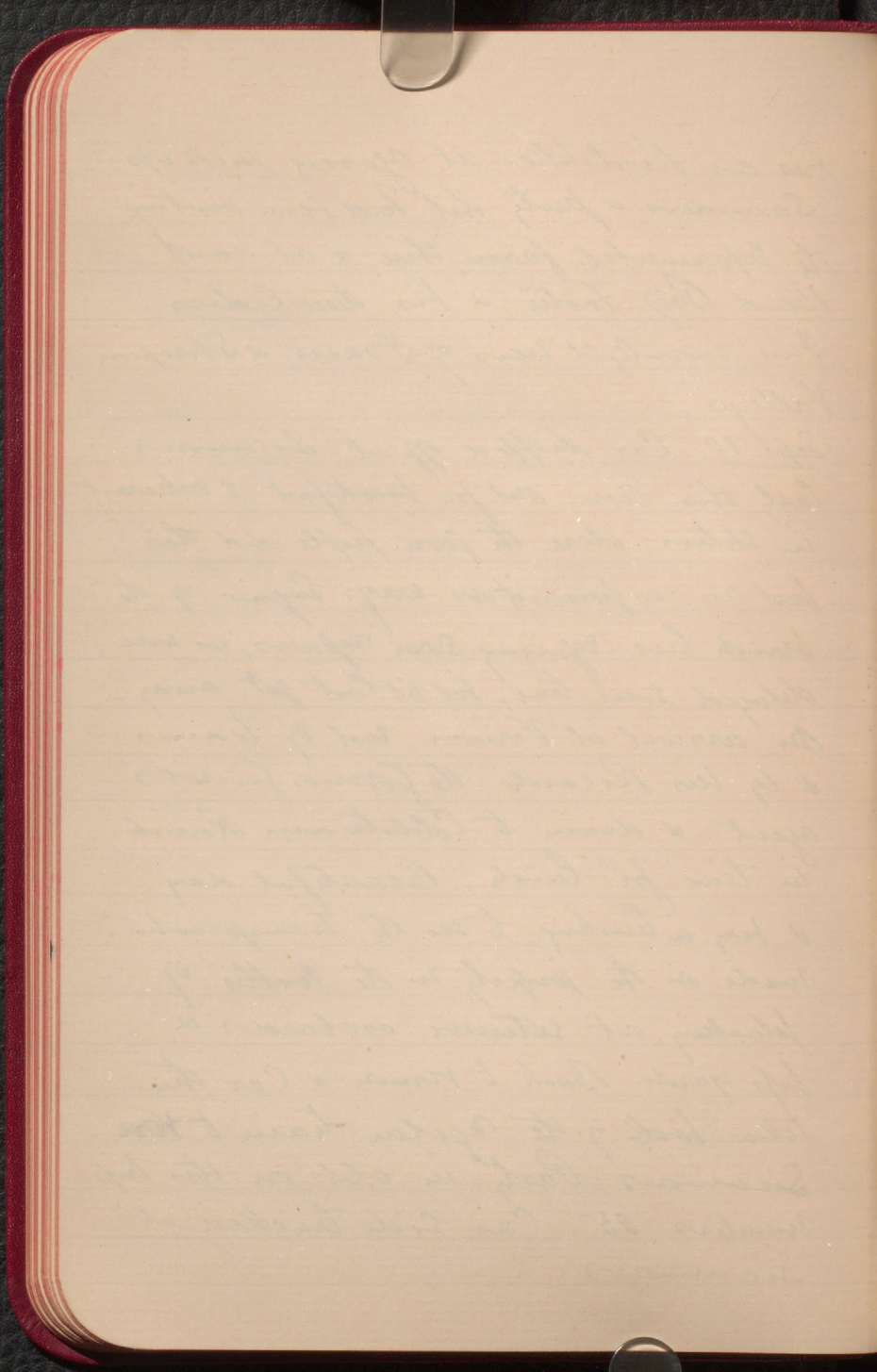
Sept. 9. Steamer leaves at 1 am. or  
thereabouts. Vancouver before 9 am. To  
Hotel Vancouver for breakfast. Arrange for  
Carriages for B.A.A.S. party for Stanley  
Park & then to C.P.R. office, seeing  
Marple & others about arrangements for  
party. Leave Vancouver 2 am in sleeper  
"Colombo" attached to regular train.  
Arranged that this car to go with  
party to Sicamous & down branch line  
to Vernon, then back to Vernon & on as

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far as Revilstoke. at Agassiz pick up  
Saunders & party that had been visiting  
the Experimental farm there & at Harsh  
Bend Prof. Foster & his three ladies.

Fine moonlight views of Fraser & Sturgeon  
Valleys.

Sept 10. Car dropped off at Sicamous  
Early this am. out for breakfast to restaurant  
in station, where the good people did their  
best in a primitive way. Engine of the  
branch line requiring some repairs, we were  
delayed some time, but at last got away.  
On arrival at Vernon met by teams  
& by Mr Ricardo the Governor's agent  
& driven to Coldstream Ranch.  
in time for lunch. Beautiful day  
& very interesting to see the transformation  
made on the property in the matter of  
planting out extensive orchards &  
hop yards. Back to Vernon & Car then  
taken back by the regular train to ~~the~~  
Sicamous. Party in all on this trip  
numbers 25. Car side tracked at  
Sicamous.





Sept. 11. Car attached to the Eastbound train early this Am. Breakfast on the dining car before reaching Revelstoke. Some members of party went thence east on the train, others, stopping at hotel as new groups bound for Kootenay. The Kootenay party are as follows. — Self, B.E. Walker & son, Derbyshire, Sir G. Robertson, Dr Keltie, Dr Mill & wife, Dr Blanford, Prof. Beare & wife, Prof. Crookshank & wife, Sir Borden Leech, wife & daughter, Prof. C. Le Neve Foster, wife & 2 daughters. Leave for Arrowhead after arrival of west-bound train & there board the Stern Wheel steamer Kootenay, an excellent new C.P.R. boat. Good week. Down the lake by night, calling at various places with the aid of a couple of search-lights playing along the shore.

Sept. 12. Got an early luncheon on the steamer before leaving her at Rossland. Special engine & car put at disposal of party by Mr Gray of Smelter. To smelter & all over it. Then on to Rossland, with Mr <sup>213</sup> Arthur of Board of Trade.

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met by the Mayor & others & escorted  
to Hotel Allan. For a short walk before  
dinner with various inhabitants of Portland  
to get general view of the 'Camp'. Persecuted  
all evening by interviewers, prospectors,  
miners & others & really very tired in  
the evening.

Sept. 13. Early breakfast & then out to  
mines. Most of party with Mr Durant  
to 'Centre Star' mine. All through the  
workings, which laid out for development  
& others yet for shipping. Little or nothing  
stopped. Then on up hill to see surface  
croppings & buildings & plant of 'Le Roy'  
& 'War Eagle'. Back to hotel, lunch &  
leave about 2 P.M. by train back to Trail  
& steamer 'Kootenay'. Back up the river  
to Robson, where party finally divides,  
some going direct to Revelstoke & out, others  
to Nakusp & in to Sandon. Self with  
B.E. Walker & son, Sir G. Robson, Prof. &  
Mrs Crookshank & a Mr Speak, another  
member of B.A.S. who has joined us, take  
train for Nelson. Cheered by the remaining

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party on leaving the boat. Arrive at  
Kelowna about 9 P.M. & to Hotel Phair.  
Just as usual by the Mayor & some  
prominent citizens. Also find McConnell  
& Brock at hotel. He <sup>McC</sup> has just come in  
& has just got the telegrams by which I  
had been endeavoring to find him  
for some days.

Sept. 14. To swell this am & storm on  
it by the new manager, Mr. Headley. Leave  
by steamer 'Kokanee' for Kaslo. Pretty  
sail up the arm, but rather rough & cold  
wind on the lake itself. Arrive at Kaslo  
about 8 P.M. Mr. Buchanan of that  
place on board & took general charge of  
us, introducing the civic representatives  
& showing us the way to Kaslo Hotel,  
which again a surprise on account of  
its comfort & clean appearance. In fact  
the presence of this thriving little town  
said to have 2000 inhabitants on a  
secluded bay of Kootenay Lake seems  
scarcely real. Travelling now through  
the district after having made a preliminary

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Survey of it in 1889, when mining  
had just made an uncertain beginning,  
I feel as though I had passed over a  
generation or so - almost as though one  
had risen from the dead to revisit  
former scenes. Slocan Lake & all the  
country between Kootenay & Arrow Lakes  
was only known by uncertain report at  
that time, but now traversed by railway &  
dotted with mines many of which are  
already working large shipments of ore.  
Told that some \$10,000 worth of ore  
reaches Kaslo for shipment every day.

Sept. 15: Leave Kaslo by train on the narrow  
gauge line at 8 am. with Mayor Green,  
Mr Buck, Mr Eaton of the 'Whitewater' mine  
& others. Stop at Whitewater station, where  
several 'hotels', & a number of houses going  
up. Climb by a fairly good road to the  
'Whitewater' mine, about 1000 feet above  
the station & go through some of the  
levels & stops with Mr Eaton. Beautiful  
views of the mountains. At the 'Camp'  
get a rough luncheon & then back to the

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Station just in time to meet a special  
car & engine sent out from Sandon  
for us. On to Sandon, crossing the  
Summit at Bear Lake & then running  
nearly on a level along & round a  
spur of mountain which near Three Forks  
must be 1000 feet above the valley below.  
Wheels shrieking round curves & rumbling  
over trestles, a narrow precarious looking  
track cut along cliffs & crags - altogether,  
for a short distance, the most striking  
'mountain' railway I have ever seen.  
At Sandon to the Goodenough Hotel -  
again a very comfortable house. Visit the  
'Club', very creditable, & then take trolley  
to the 'Ruth' mine on the slopes high  
above the town. The town itself high up  
in a narrow gorge. Examine the  
workings & then back to hotel before  
6 P.M., after a rather long day. Evening  
writing etc. With the trails now made  
to the various mines there is no place  
where one may more easily reach high  
mountains above the timber line, as seen

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from the 'Ruith' the buildings of the  
several mines perched very high upon  
steep impassible-looking slopes is  
very striking.

Sept. 16. It was proposed to ride up  
to the 'Payne' mine this am, but decided  
that it would be better to see the 'Noble Fir'  
concentration, up the valley at Cody. Walked  
there with Prof. & Mrs. Cookshaw, then  
Walker & son & Mr. Beck. Return to  
hotel & leave at 2 am for Nakusp, via  
the C.P.R. line, fine day & beautiful  
views of Slovan Lake. At Nakusp to  
Hotel Grand, much more primitive in  
style than most of these in this district.  
Chilly evening.

Sept. 17. Leave at 8 am on steamer  
'Lyttan', an inferior boat to the 'Kootenay',  
on which we went down the lakes. Arrive  
Aerodrome & after lunch on board on by  
train to Revelstoke. Telegrams received  
from Ottawa & Lambton at Victoria N.S.  
Sundry to show that no immediate cause  
for return, decide to go west again to



Vancouver & to make some stops by  
the way going East. Train en route Colo,  
but got away about 5 P.M. Found Miss O'Reilly  
of Victoria on the train, on her way back  
from England - also a couple of other  
ladies I know. Pleasant journey Eastward.  
Pass near North Hill scene of bad  
accident to a couple of freight trains  
that happened a few hours before.

Sept. 18. Mr O'Reilly met his daughter  
at Vancouver. After saying good bye, to  
Vancouver Hotel. Looking for photos. of  
reunis & attending to other matters in  
P.M., a evening. Beautiful weather & quite  
hot today.

Sept. 19. Drive in Stanley park this  
am. with Mr Sheak an outside  
member of the B.C.A.S., but who has  
been with our party in Kootenay for  
some days. P.M. writing up notes,  
repacking stuff etc. Another remarkably  
fine day.

Sept 20. Monday. Colled on Mr Hill -  
Told about Ethus collections. Met Mr

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Watermann & got some information  
about Big Bend. Enquiring about notes the  
Cash Cheque for \$100 through hotel. Leave  
for Eastward by train at 2 P.M. H. J. Cambie  
on the train. Keeping track of probable content  
of Tertiary rocks en route, with a view to  
Correction of new general geol. maps. Got off  
at Garrison Station & drive in by stage to  
hotel at Harrison Hot Springs - 5 miles.  
Hotel very fairly comfortable, but very empty  
& the few people here not at all of an  
interesting kind.

Sept. 21. No boat up the lake today, but  
promise of one tomorrow. Fine weather, but  
practically nothing to do. Did nothing.  
Read most of the Wartians - not at all  
equal to other books of De Maurici's.

Sept 22. Up at 7 am. & off at 8 in  
little steamer with large saw attached,  
for head of lake. Anxious to see general  
character of lake & particularly if  
Bowman's Cretaceous area can be  
defined for maps. Misty in morning  
& clouds concealing higher mountains

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almost constantly. Strong wind springing  
up caused the Coffeins to seek shelter  
behind a point with his precious gear  
for a couple of hours. Rumble ashore,  
Then on to Tjepella at head of lake.  
Sopped the a town site. Two or three  
Stanties & a sharp curved immurely  
swaps. Walk to a pretty full bear by.  
Supper in one of the Stanties under the  
auspices of a Chinaman. Elected to  
sleep on board the little steamer &  
got a stoke down on a bench for  
that purpose. Striking glimpses of jagged  
mountains today. Five straight Douglas  
firs & Cedars, some quite 200' high,  
at edge of the Tjepella clearing. The  
'town site' is being rather thoroughly 'cleared  
up' by fire - several Douglas fir  
logs 3 to 6 feet through being part  
of the rubbish to be destroyed to make  
way for Stanties!

Sept. 23. Slept on seat in steamer  
last night. Ashore for a rough breakfast  
a then back down the lake. Cloudy

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morning, with mountain peaks again covered until far down the lake when it cleared & looking back all the higher mountains seen. Back to hotel in time for lunch. In Am stage to Agassiz again & take train Eastward. Hunter, the engineer, on board. Turn in for part of night & rise at 3 am to get off at Kamloops. Hotel full & conducted in consequence to an outside room at some distance away.

Sept. 24. Mr Wood called this morning & kindly offered to accompany me to the 'mines' on hills behind the town, which it is my object to see. Wood has been relieved of his office as Indian agent by the present Govt. & has devoted himself since to mining & assaying. Got a very rough-soring horse at a livery stable & spend the whole day on the hills visiting claims. In evening meet various Kamloops people. Another very fine day.

Sept. 25. Boarded the East-bound train again at 3 am. Light rain in the morning but soon clearing & got a magnificent view of Selkirk's about glacier. Spend much

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of time noting heights of terraces with barometer  
along route. Loose mostly 'sleepy' passengers  
at Bauff.

Sept 26. Find Col. Henshew. N.W. M.P. on board  
train this morning, he having got on at Colberg.  
Chat with him about Yukon & folios there etc.,  
a beautiful day & very warm. Pass a freight  
train with Car load of dogs en route for Yukon.  
This is the third Car sent out by the Police  
for carrying mail in the winter. Dogs collected  
from various places, broken to harness. This  
let from as far East as Missinabi & White  
River

Sept 27. At Winnipeg call at P.P. Ry & see  
Mr Jones about money paid for engine service  
on way out. He will consider reimbursement if  
the Committee should prove to be short of funds.  
Met Mr Walker (of Fort) & son & others  
at station in Winnipeg. Col. White, late  
Deputy P.D. Dept. going east.

Sept 28. Eastward by C.P. Ry. Fine views &  
beautiful weather along Lake Superior  
shores.

Sept. 29. Reach Ottawa. & Rem. Bath &  
chape. In office. Girth new from

Jack with Prof. Beuhallow  
abt. Ethnographic Committee work.

all at home. Found I have just  
missed Rankine, who after visit,  
has sailed again for England.

Oct. 1. Called on Capt. Deville. Long  
talk with him abt. Wops, compilation  
of information on Rev. etc.

Oct. 4. Monday. Low & Laube  
returned from field. Chalvers turned  
up for a day

Oct. 9. To Montreal this evening.

Oct. 10. Sunday. In Montreal

Oct. 11. Remained here this am. having  
made an appointment with his Mailland  
Kerrey of N.Y. to meet him. Found that he  
wanted several folders about B.C. mining  
letters, proposing to go at three pm. Catch  
Captains - including Mackay & Rothchild.  
Herich. He has letters from Van Horn &  
Governor Wookintook. Intended returning to  
Ottawa this Am, but Father had an  
alarms attack & decided to stay till  
tomorrow.

Oct. 12. Return Ottawa this Am. Found  
Dr. Bell back again from field.

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Oct. 13. Call on Capt Deville at  
Guthrie works etc.

Oct. 14. Call on Courtney & at Dept. of  
Justice etc. Had debts owing to same, etc.

Oct. 15. Spent more than hour at Printing  
Bureau today with Queens Printer,  
Wortman & his letterpresser, endeavoring  
to arrange means of completing the new  
Dem. Gen. Wks. Telegram from Boston to  
say that Foster progressing well but slowly.

Oct. 18. McInnes returns from field. His  
asst. Boyer also turns up. Wants to be  
employed during the winter. Cannot give him  
any assurance on the subject of this winter  
He returns to Montreal. William has returned. <sup>with him on the phone.</sup> ~~Folk~~

Oct. 19. McEvoy & Brock return from  
field today. Call on Capt. Deville & have  
conversation on a in & relating to boundaries  
of districts in the north & is waited on by  
Hatchison M.P. & a couple of aldermen  
about increase to McKinnon's Salary,  
which they advocate.

Oct. 23. Saturday. To Montreal by  
afternoon train.

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Oct. 24. Sunday. In Montreal. Much disappointed to find that Foster is still so weak & rallies so slowly from the last attack.

Oct. 25. Return to Montreal by morning train. Evening call at W's to give some account of state of matters in Montreal.

Oct. 26. Call at Queen's Printers about printing etc.

Oct. 27. Call at Courtney's office & at Surveys or several. Mrs. Rudolf & son George turn up at office. Went with them in eve. to call on W. & Florence.

Oct. 30. Induced W. to go to Montreal today to spend Sunday with Foster & mother.

Monday, Oct. 1. Holiday. At office most of day looking after various matters. Addressing a lot of letters to correspondents, & send several papers of my own which have accumulated. Meet Sir S. Davis by appointment, with James Macoun, Vennings & Dep. Min. Jourdeau re the latest Behring sea complications. Long talk at Sir Davis temporary rooms, Victoria Chambers.

1871. June 1st. Sunday. In the morning I went to the  
church and attended service. The weather was very  
warm and sunny. I was very comfortable.  
1871. June 2nd. Monday. I went to the  
office and attended to my business. The  
day was very warm and sunny. I was  
very comfortable.  
1871. June 3rd. Tuesday. I went to the  
office and attended to my business. The  
day was very warm and sunny. I was  
very comfortable.  
1871. June 4th. Wednesday. I went to the  
office and attended to my business. The  
day was very warm and sunny. I was  
very comfortable.  
1871. June 5th. Thursday. I went to the  
office and attended to my business. The  
day was very warm and sunny. I was  
very comfortable.  
1871. June 6th. Friday. I went to the  
office and attended to my business. The  
day was very warm and sunny. I was  
very comfortable.  
1871. June 7th. Saturday. I went to the  
office and attended to my business. The  
day was very warm and sunny. I was  
very comfortable.

Great pressure being exerted by U.S. to  
Coerce Canada via London to recant  
resolutions. Prof. Darcy Thompson in  
Washington dancing to Foster etc. Dorris,  
Macoun etc to go there next Monday.

Nov. 2. Ferris returns from the West,  
decided to leave the Survey & take up  
commercial (mining) work. W. G. Francis,  
Contractor for borings in Nev. turns up.  
Had some talk with him in P.M., but he  
is terribly long in explaining matters &  
reports on borings are not wholly satisfactory.  
Meeting with Jas. Macoun & Keuning at  
office in evg. about facts wanted for Sci. &  
Dorris on Seal question. Drew up  
myself a short 'line of argument' in 23  
Paragraphs.

Nov. 3. Finish business with Francis this  
A.M. At 8 P.M., meet Sci. & Dorris, Keuning,  
Macoun & Dorris private Secretary at  
Dorris rooms, Victoria Chambers. Spend a  
couple of hours discussing 'line of argument'  
& other matters connected with opposing  
'Conference' in Washington. Glad to see that  
Minister seems inclined to take a strong line

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Offered to purchase prepared of Sealers  
rights by us, while ready to accept  
anything possible in form of seal.

Nov. 6. Saturday. To Westport by P.M.  
train. Found Foster somewhat better, but  
still very feeble.

Nov. 7. Sunday. At Foster's particular wish  
called this morn. on Dr Blankner  
to discuss his case. The Dr. can of  
course not hold out any hope of anything  
like a complete recovery to former vigour -  
the trouble is chiefly ages.

Nov. 8. Back to Ottawa by morning  
train.

Nov. 9. Snowing & blowing all day - The  
first storm of the season of the kind  
& after a most beautiful autumn.

Nov. 11. Called at Dominion Lands office to  
see Fopley & Capt. Deville. Met MacArthur  
just back from Chilcot region. To  
Dept. of Justice about bad debts & to  
Auditor General on same subject. Found  
Mr Cameron of Calgary at office anxious  
to show photos. of Rocky Mts. etc. In

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Rev. ~~James~~ Colled at Queen's Printers  
about Yukon reprint etc. Back to  
office in evening, getting through a good deal  
of work.

Nov. 14. Monday. Hear from Anna that  
Father has had another bad turn - not  
discouraging.

Nov. 17. Talk this eve. with W.S. Jennings  
who has just returned from Stikine & Teslin.

Nov. 18. With Jennings before a talk  
with Capt. Deville on maps etc. Jennings  
called at office in evening.

Nov. 20. To Montreal by Rev. train.

Nov. 21. Sunday, at Montreal

Nov. 22. Return to Ottawa. Dine at  
~~Dundas~~ Club with Hon. Mr. Fisher &  
a couple of friends, one the Bacteriologist  
at Joseph farm.

Nov 23. Call on Surveyor General  
about name of Labrador -  
Question raised by Prof. Dixon  
writing to His Excellency. Calls from  
Brennan, (England) Garcia & Clarke  
(N.Y.) on Klondike. Also Kelly  
local member for Kootenay.

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Nov. 29. Cole, who has been for  
some time working under Suggs,  
informs me that he is about to  
resign, having got a much better  
paid appointment in B.C. Constant  
difficulty of this kind in endeavoring  
to run office with professional men at  
starvation wages - most detrimental  
to good work.

Dec. 2. Her letter telephoned asking me to  
dine at 7.20. Then Mr S. got back from  
West Coast. - Sir W. Van Horne, 2 English gentlemen  
interested in mining & several ladies.

Dec. 4. Saturday. W. to lunch at Club. Left by  
4 P.M. train to Montreal.

Dec. 5. In Montreal. Letter seems just about  
as before but worse but no better.

Dec. 6. Back to Ottawa. Call upon Mr Van.  
Brydelle in P.M. Visit Quinn's printer  
about printing. Interviewed by a Mr Jackson  
of McClure's magazine (?) at Club, promising  
me for some time from getting back to  
office in the evening.

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Dec. 7. Sent for by Minister the Pen.  
to arrange about maps, publication of  
information etc for Yukon District. Met  
Ogilvie at his office. Chat with W.S. Jennings  
this evening on maps & routes etc. He  
has new plan of his work & photos.

Dec. 9. Call on Surveyor General about  
fixed points in laying down Jennings  
plan N. of Stikine, about final definition  
of boundaries for provincial districts.  
About publication on Mackenzie Basin.  
Call on Courtney about Auditor-General's  
stoppage of wages increase of \$50. Talk  
with Low, who produces copy of letter to  
Sifton from Charlton M.P. about  
promotion for him. He met others much  
discontented with position - particularly  
the cessation of annual increase of  
\$50.

Dec. 10. Talk with Bell about the  
amt. owing by him for Sunday report  
extra copies, also about the work  
in way of reports etc he should do.  
Sunday report to begin with.

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Dec. 14. Called at Hon. Mr. Lefron's office  
this morn. about 10 o'clock - Discussed  
Ferrer's resignation & mode of filling vacancy,  
Malcom, application for appointment, Low  
application for promotion, Selwyn case &  
others pressing for more pay or recognition.  
Explained that dissatisfaction several because  
of doing away with \$50 annual increase.  
Minister presumably owes to the increase  
being put in estimates for approved cases, for  
promotion for Malcom as present list &  
for Swelting to be added to Selwyn's salary.  
Repayment of Selwyn's unpaid & non-  
payment of 4 months salary scarcely possible  
in circumstances.

Call from Mr. Pratt in Am., also  
Wilson (active) about Labrador &  
where power state. Horrible wet day, rain  
& slush.

Dec. 17. Call on Sawyer of several &  
Spence nearly stable morning with  
Jen & others in his office, revising  
names of places for Yukon District.  
Dr. Bell came in by office this p.m. in

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Reply to my letter of yesterday. Her  
now seems inclined to pay the amt.  
standing against him for printing &  
binding of copies of Sudbury Report.

Dec 20. Spent a good deal of time  
with Mr Jennings who arrived from  
Toronto in connection with Yaker's Dist.  
works etc for the Minister.

Dec 21. Jennings had made an arrangement  
that we should meet Mr Sifton this morning.  
Called at office shortly after 10 & afterwards  
to Sawyer Jewels office. There is a  
good deal of difficulty in steering clear of  
unpleasantness by apparently interfering  
with the proper functions of the S. G., although  
my connection with the woollen business,  
apart from our own works, is not a  
voluntary or desired one. Had W. to  
dinner at Club tonight.

Dec 22. Called on Minister shortly  
after 10 AM & had satisfactory  
interview re estimates for Dept,  
brewsters etc proposed. He is very  
willing to take recommendations proposed, but



Cannot guarantee that they will all be accepted by Council. ~~Had to do~~

Dec. 23. Told Bell that we could not find any official letters in books about Sedbury riot - this in order that he may be or cause to make 20 payment of sum due by him.

Dec. 24. Left this morn for Montreal to spend Christmas etc.

Saturday Dec. 25. Christmas. Dinner with the Harringtons & Mrs Carpenter.

Father of course unable to present & Mother also staying with him.

Dec 26-27. In Montreal.

Dec. 28. Meetings of Geol. Soc. Am. open this afternoon in Peter Redpath Museum. Evening, Presidential address by Prof. Orton & afterwards to supper with Prof & Mrs Peter.

Dec. 29. Meetings continue - Reception in evening at the new Chemical & Mining Building. Drive with Mr & Mrs Fleet previously Mr W. Woodruff there but would not go to the reception.

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Dec. 30. At Worky, in morning.  
At 4:55 - Run leave for Ottawa with  
Dr W.B. Scott of Princeton, Mr D. White  
of Worky, & ~~Dr~~ Ami. Scott is  
ancient tree and vertebrate collections  
& I have induced White to visit us  
& look over with Ami the plant & the  
remains from Carb. or Devonian  
of N.S. & N.B. Spent the evening, after  
arrival, at the Club.

Dec. 31. Devoted most of morning  
flocking thru Mr Scott & seeing  
had he gets a chance to examine  
collections. Had Scott, White, Ami &  
White over to lunch. - A mass of  
stuff of one kind or another has  
accumulated during my absence  
& requires working off, but can  
hardly get at it for numerous  
interruptions.

Jan 1. For Gov. General's reception in  
Senate. In pm. Call at Laurier's  
Seymour & Davis. Also call in on  
W & F.

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Jan 3. very busy with Correspondence  
etc which has accumulated during  
holiday time. Call from F.B. Taylor  
of Ft. Wayne Ind., the 'terrace' man.  
Had him to dinner at the Club.

Jan 4. Call on Minister about  
estimates, renewal of temporary  
employees, etc. Then call on Deville,  
Lacey or several.

Jan 5. Call this pm on Mr Ewert,  
Chief Architect about plans for  
a new Museum Building. Had  
previously arranged to see sketches made  
by Wotts, but he soon after left the  
Service. Ewert expresses himself  
willing to take the Wotts up at once,  
I am to take my rough sketches,  
previously in Wotts hands to him.

Call on Mr Courtney about Wotts'  
Case & objection to paying him  
\$80 annual increase made by  
Auditor General.

Jan ~~10~~ 9. Call on Minister about  
W.A. Tracer turned up. Talk with





him about varying operations. Letter  
at Hon. Mr. Dobell's.

Jan 10. Call on Minister about renewals of  
temporary employees, advance to Mr. Smith.  
Probable success to Cole. Further talk  
with Frazer in evening.

Jan 11. Boyer, who is leaving to take  
work under Public Works Dept. Came in  
to say good by. Received post paid of January  
Report for 1897.

Jan 13. Called this morning on  
Mr. Ewart, Chief architect, taking sketches  
for new Museum & office & some  
printed matter relating to this subject.  
Talked hours over briefly with him &  
he promised to get some one on the  
work of drafting.

Jan 14. Had W. to dinner with me at  
Club.

Jan 15. Mr H.S. Poole of Stillerton N.S.  
at lunch. In pm. no less than five  
Callers, 2 about Yacon, taking up most  
of this Saturday afternoon

Jan 17. Monday. Had received on  
Saturday copy of O in C. reemploying

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Selected at old rate instead of at  
increase as arranged by Minister. Called  
on Minister this am. to explain this. He  
seems to think there must have been some mistake  
& is to Enquire. Spoke of new building but  
Minister does not hold out any hope for this  
year. Also of possible work next season in  
Yukon Dist., by McCrindle or other. Surprised  
to find that he does not think it necessary, or even  
desirable!

Jan 20. Call on Minister obt. further  
information asked for by Treasury Board  
in connection with Estimates.

Long talk with Jennings & Kersey in  
evening, at Club, about Yukon, routes etc.

Jan 21. Calls upon Jennings, Kersey  
& others taking up much of time today.

Jan 22. Clara Harrington operated on  
for Appendicitis at Montreal General Hospital.

Jan 26. Call on Whitehurst about  
ades of routes in Yukon district.

Jan 29. For Montreal this P.M.

Jan 30. Sunday. In Montreal,  
Call on Dr Blackadder at his

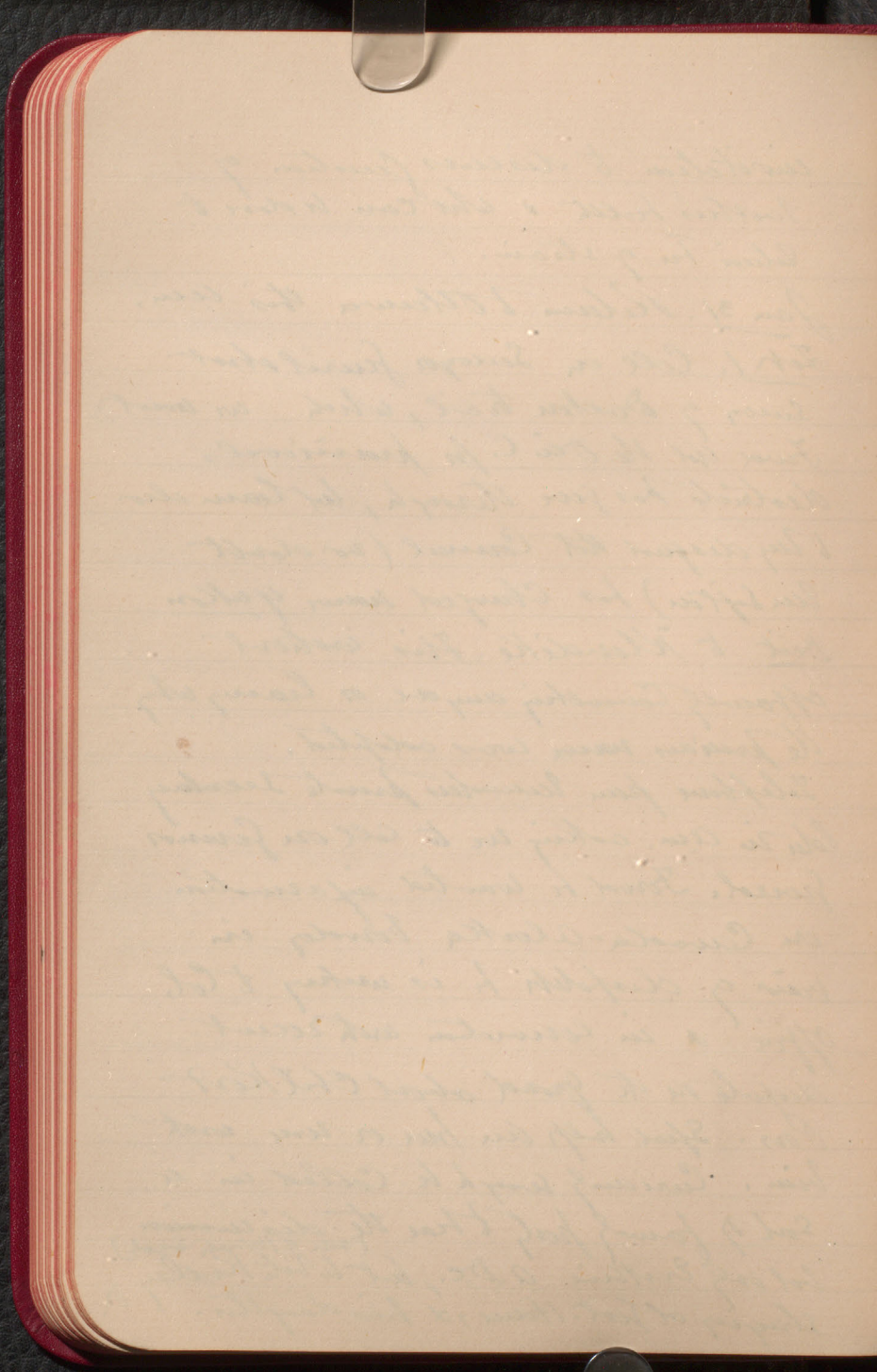
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invitation to discuss question of  
Nash's health & what can be done to  
relieve her of strain.

Jan 31. Return to Ottawa this am.

Feb. 1. Call on Surveyor General about  
Survey of Dalton trail, which we want.  
Found that the Div. C. for provisions,  
destructs has gone through, but learn also  
they desired that Council (no doubt  
the Staff) has changed name of Yukon  
Dist to Klondike. This without  
apparently consulting anyone or learning why  
the previous name was adopted.

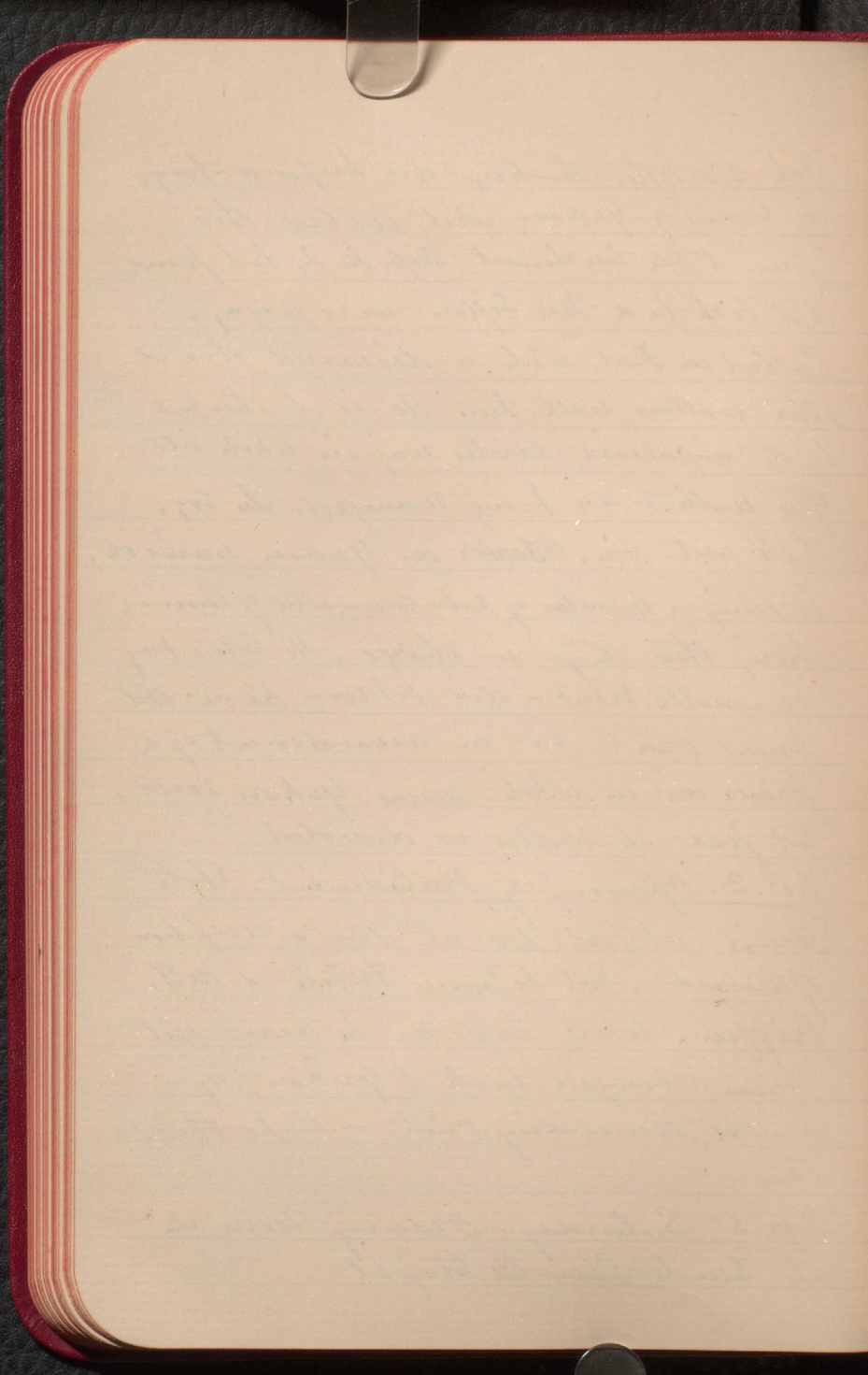
Telephone from Vancouver private Secretary  
Coler in am. asking me to call on General  
Spicer. Found he wanted information  
on Canada-Alaska border in  
view of dispute he is making to Col.  
Office & in connection with recent  
dispute on the ground about Chilkoot  
Pass. Spent half an hour or more with  
him. Curiously enough he called in a  
squad of family party to hear the discussion  
(son of Home, Secy)  
but only Erskine, A.D.C., but White, Ridley  
staying at Fort. Home, & his daughter.



Feb 2. After thinking over proposed change  
of name of Yukon Dist. Called this  
am. to see Mr Stewart, Dep. M. J., but found  
that both he & Mrs Sifton were away.  
Called on Fred. White & discussed this &  
other matters with him. He is disturbed  
by the impulsive erratic way in which all  
these matters are being managed. In evg.  
talk with Hon. S. Foster on Yukon name etc,  
he being a member of Sub-Committee of Council  
having these things in charge. He takes very  
reasonable view - did not even know that  
present Bill C is in amendment of a  
former one in which name Yukon used,  
but fears the matter is decided.

Feb. 3. Opening of Parliament. Spoke  
again at Fort. Ho at 7:30 & reception  
afterwards. Sol between F. White & M. J.  
Griffin. White tells me he hears that  
name changed back to Yukon, by  
another amending Bill C. - Hope this is  
true.

Feb. 5. Saturday. Drawing room in  
the Senate Chamber tonight.





Feb  
~~March~~ 9. Lunch with Hon Mrs Dobell  
today - a large party in  
honour of Sir Montgomery Brown. Bad  
break in day's work. Evening papers  
had telegram reporting father's serious  
illness. Got W. to telephone to Montreal  
& ascertain what there was no  
foundation for this - his health  
much as usual.

Feb. 10. Call at Surveyor General's  
at Wj. Topleys etc.

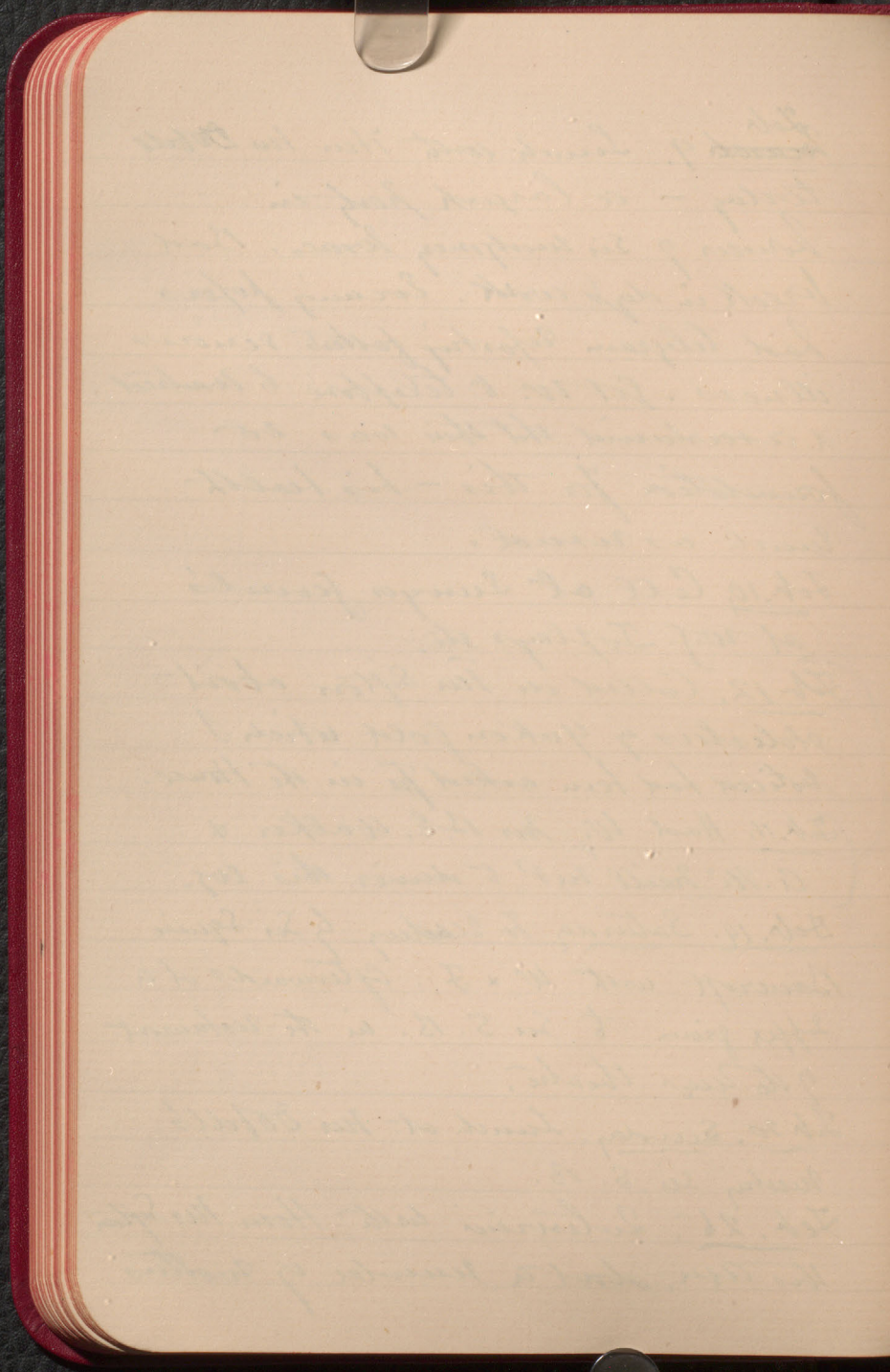
Feb. 12. Called on Mr Sifton about  
statistics of Yukon gold which I  
noticed had been asked for in the House.

Feb. 11. Had W. Mr B. E. Walker &  
A. McNeill M.P. to dinner this eve.

Feb. 19. Saturday. To Meeting of Sir Squire  
Bancroft with W & F. Afterwards at a  
supper given to Sir S. B. in the restaurant  
of the new theatre.

Feb 20. Sunday. Lunch at Mrs Dobell's  
Meeting Sir S. B.

Feb. 25. Interview with Hon Mr Sifton  
this am, about a number of matters



connected with office. Permission  
to engage new assistants if they  
can be found suitable. Work in Yukon  
in view particularly of what the U.S. S. is  
going to do in Alaska. Amendment  
to the G.S. act. 12

The Council informed me yesterday  
that he had recd. offer from B.C. to  
take position of Provincial Mineralogist,  
resigned by Carlisle at \$4000. Informed  
the Minister of this privately.

Feb. 28. Further talk with Mr C about  
his leaving. Told him I thought he  
had better call on the Minister before finally  
accepting. Wrote private note to Minister  
saying that it might be well if promise of  
supplement to Mr C's salary would keep him  
to do so. At A.M. Burgess' funeral  
where a large turn out of Ministers  
officials etc.

March 2. Left in P.M. for Montreal  
to attend meeting of Canadian Mining  
Engineers.

March 3. At meetings morning &  
afternoon & at dinner in the Evg.

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at Windsor Hotel, getting away  
about 1.30 am from terribly prolonged  
junction. Said a few words in reply to  
toast 'our guests'.

March 4. Back to Ottawa this am.  
Dined at Club with Senators McSweeney  
Pérez, Osler & Ferguson of Hamilton.

March 9. W.G. Fraser arrived. - Had a  
talk with him about preferences for  
coming operations - necessity of an early  
start etc.

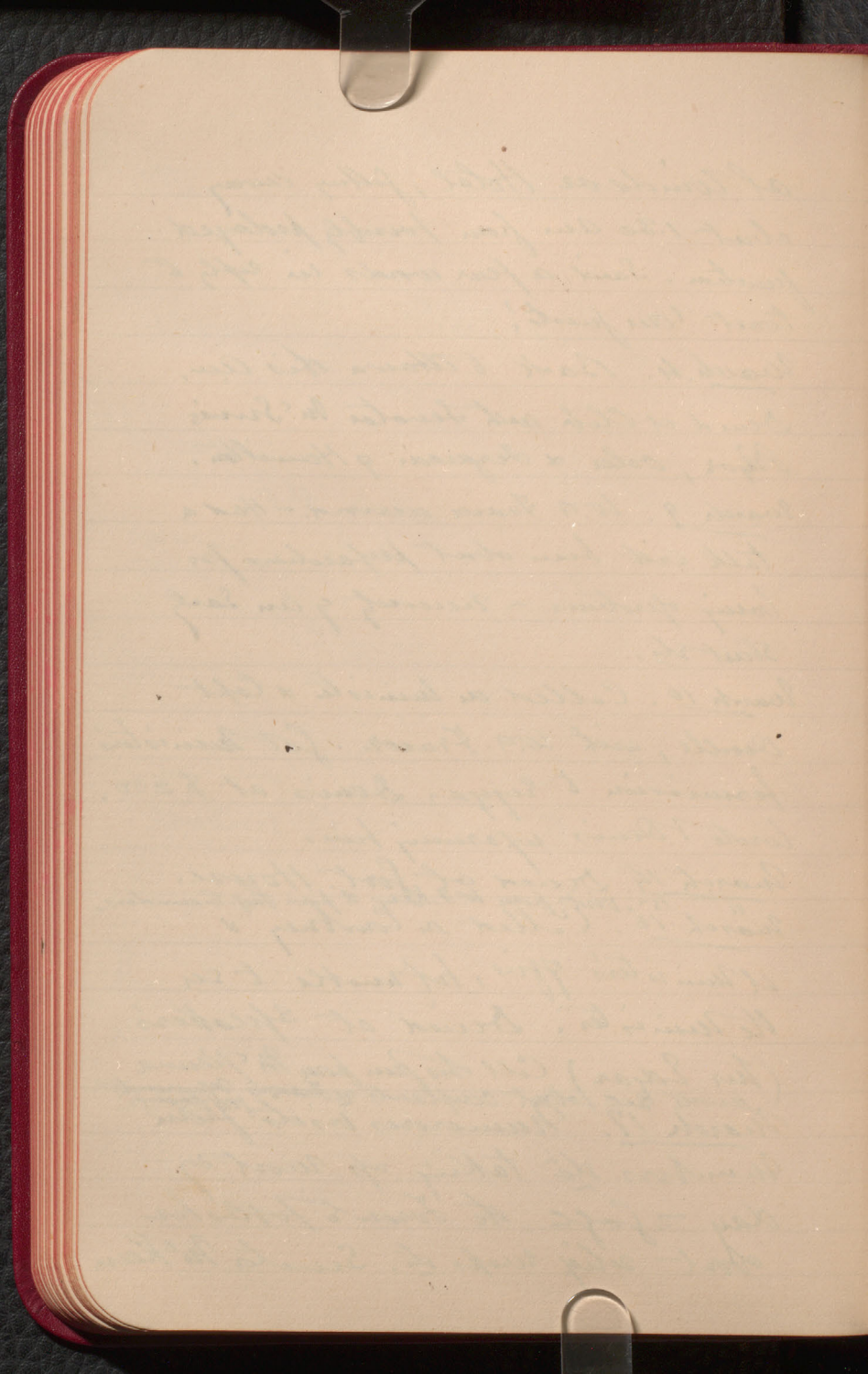
March 10. Called on Minister & Capt  
Deville, with W.G. Fraser. Got Minister's  
permission to engage Denis at \$2.50.  
wrote to Denis informing him.

March 14. Dined at Fort. House.

" 15. Visit from W.F. King & from Rep. Saunders.

March 16. Called on Courtney &  
at Minister's office, but unable to see  
the Minister. Dined at Speaker's  
(Mr. Edgar). Call this pm from Mr. Penna  
private Sec, about complaints re dress's <sup>referents</sup> <sup>proceedings</sup>

March 17. Numerous visits from  
Members etc taking up most of  
day - gave the Forum's Foblesker  
about relief works etc. Senator McKeen



Dined with De Fauconrol, Belgian  
Consul General, to meet a Mr Meyer  
who is opening mine at Colomnet Id.

March 19. Called on Minister des Min.  
about disagreement between W.G. Traver  
& Messrs Mackenzie & Milne re supply of  
Caring. Latter seem to be using political  
'pull' to dictate to Traver what he is to do.

Communicated with by D.C. Traver & R. L.  
Borden <sup>in P.S.</sup> about Faribault & evidence  
wanted in gold mine case in N.S. next  
week. Tried to refer requests to Minister  
in P.S., but could not find him.

Long confab. in P.S. with Fletcher &  
Ami re Classification & mapping of  
the beds of disputed age in N.S.

March 21. Called on Commr. of Customs  
about Wolcotts application for Customs  
licenses for his parties going to Alaska  
via Yukon Dist. Called on Mr of I  
abt. Faribault & his going to N.S.  
<sup>to give</sup> evidence in Goldenville case.  
<sup>heard</sup> Called on Capt. Denille about  
possible construction in work in  
Yukon Dist., to which he is quite

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Favourable. In Pm Call on Queen's  
Printer about printing etc a brief plain  
Not I had written a stray note to  
M. J. about delays in Survey printing.

March 23. Long rest from Sir J. Carling  
this am., wanting to talk over notes  
to Yukon etc.

March 26. Saturday. Mr. Ewing Chief  
architect called this pm, by appointment,  
with sketch plans for new geological  
building to be placed on Majors Hill  
park. Looked over these rather carefully  
& in the evening with help of W., who  
dined with me & afterwards came down to  
office.

March 28. Rather bothered with influenza  
or something of the kind today.

March 31. Call from Prof. M. Seod of  
Montreal, who has come up to  
see if he can get something in  
connection with Alaska Boundary Commn.

Apr. 1. Have been so poorly all the  
week & so much time practically lost  
that decide to ask Dr Wright to

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Call, which he did. He had scarcely  
left Chambers when Prof. Bates of Montreal  
turned up. Took him to Lunch &  
then down to office, introducing him to  
men etc.

Apr. 2. Phone from Florence to say that  
Mother is coming up from Montreal  
this evening.

Apr. 3. Sunday. Mother called with W  
at Victoria Chambers this am. A very  
cold black day. Stayed about Club.

Apr. 4. Heavy snowstorm nearly all day.  
To Sister's office at 70 am, by appointment,  
meeting Saunders & Robertson. Talks  
about exhibitions - particularly the  
Trans Mississippi Exhibition in which  
Canada is to participate on a small  
scale. In P.M. Capt. Beecher called  
at office with his project of a polar  
Expedition, waiting a good deal of  
time.

Apr. 5 Mother called at office this am.  
& spent some time looking over museum  
etc. Left by 3 P.M. train on her return

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to Montreal.

Ap. 6. Called on Capt Deville this am,  
abt. possible cooperation in Yukon Dist.

April 7. Attempt to see Minister  
but unsuccessfully. Mr Obalski

Called, also Capt Bernier again  
with his North Pole project. In P.m.

Call from Mr Arthur about proposed  
Cooperative work in Yukon dist. Could  
not discuss the matter as I had  
no mandate from the Minister.

Ap. 13. After repeated attempts manage  
to get an interview with the Minister this  
am, Mr Swart also present. Manage  
to arrange a lot of matters, more  
particularly as to Yukon work. Call  
on Capt. Deville on same subject.

Spoke to Tyrrell about taking up the  
work & advised him to call on Deville  
& Mr Arthur. Told the Minister some  
extra money would probably be needed  
for this work & ~~if~~ asked if it might be  
taken out of Accts. already in Estimates  
for special surveys. He prefers that it  
should be asked for in suppl. Ests.



Apr. 14. Instructed Syrell to see  
the Sawyer General & McArthur  
about plans & cooperation in part of  
Yukon Dist. alt. Dalton Trail etc.

Call from Dr H.S. Smith, on his way to  
B.C. with letter from Dr Boas. He is  
going out again to excavate Shell-heaps  
etc.

Apr. 15. Had to give some time to Dr Smith  
today & various besides by Collins &  
all sorts.

Apr. 16. Saturday. Further consultation  
with Syrell all work & conversation  
with McCrell about his leaving  
Sewy & take up fort. work in B.C.  
He is still undecided.

~~Apr. 17.~~ Dine at Speaker Edgars - Simple  
& very pleasant party.

Apr. 17. Sunday. At office part of  
P.M. - Supper with Dobells.

Apr. 18. Called on Ewart, Chief  
architect with his plans for building  
& my notes on them. <sup>Apr. 19</sup> Bernard  
Turned up this P.M. from Montreal

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on his way to inspect quarry for a Stewart  
at Rockland. Had him & Prof. Beudant  
to dinner in evg.

Apr. 20. Beudant & Prof. Mc Bride to  
Lunch today. Call from Adams, &  
some talk about work to be undertaken  
by him.

Apr. 21. Mr Cornell informs me this  
evg. that he has finally secured his  
release from any promise he may have  
made to work for the B.C. Govt. He  
elects to stay, although at Swollen  
Salery.

Apr. 22. Had Mr Cornell & appointment &  
called on Capt. Deville to talk over  
plans & see to what extent cooperation  
with St. Cyr may be possible in  
work proposed in Yukon Dist. Short  
talk with Fletcher & Ellis on exp of  
the disputed N.S. rocks.

Apr. 23. To Montreal this Am.

Apr. 25. Monday. Returned to Ottawa  
this Am. Call from Mr Bryant, who  
was with letter from Colver.

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Apr. 26. To Commr. of Customs  
& C. P. R. Freight agent about Casing  
& barney tools en route via Smiths  
Falls from Reading Pa & Petrolia. Call  
from Dr. Haleb, who comes with letters  
from Sir A. J. Kirkie.

~~Apr~~ 28. Very busy day, with numerous  
Callers. Jennings up from Toronto.  
Senator Bolton came in in P.M. about  
evidence which it is wished I should  
give before Senate Committee on Yukon  
Evidences. Up in eve. to Senate with  
Jennings & had a preliminary talk with  
Senators Carling, Boulton & Woods. Recd.  
& rather peppy note just before leaving  
office from Minister, objecting to two men  
who had been engaged by Tyrrell &  
instructing that one of them should at  
once be recalled by wire. Communicated  
with Tyrrell who undertook to do this.

Apr. 29. Intended giving warning  
to looking up facts for Senate Committee,  
but time wholly occupied otherwise.  
Visit from Jennings before lunch. In P.M.



went with Jimmy to Senate & explained  
that impossible to write satisfactory  
statements on such short notice. Senate  
Committee could not get together as House  
sitting & everybody satisfied to postpone.  
Ap. 30. Interview with the Minister  
this am, about field work & assistants,  
Sufficiency estimates etc. Letter approved &  
all apparently very satisfactory.

May 2. gave evidence before Senate  
Committee on routes & Yukon etc this  
evg. at 8 Am.

May 3. very busy all day. Spent <sup>all</sup> most of  
evening correcting short hand report of  
evidence before the Senate.

May 4. W. A. Frazer arrived. Had several  
talks with him during the day & had lunch  
lunch. Saw the Minister just before  
lunch - complaint (unfounded) from a  
couple of members of the Staff that Mr. Connell  
is being persecuted over their heads. Hon. Mr  
Patterson in Minister's office, somewhat excited  
because a man named Mackenzie had not  
been taken on as field ant.

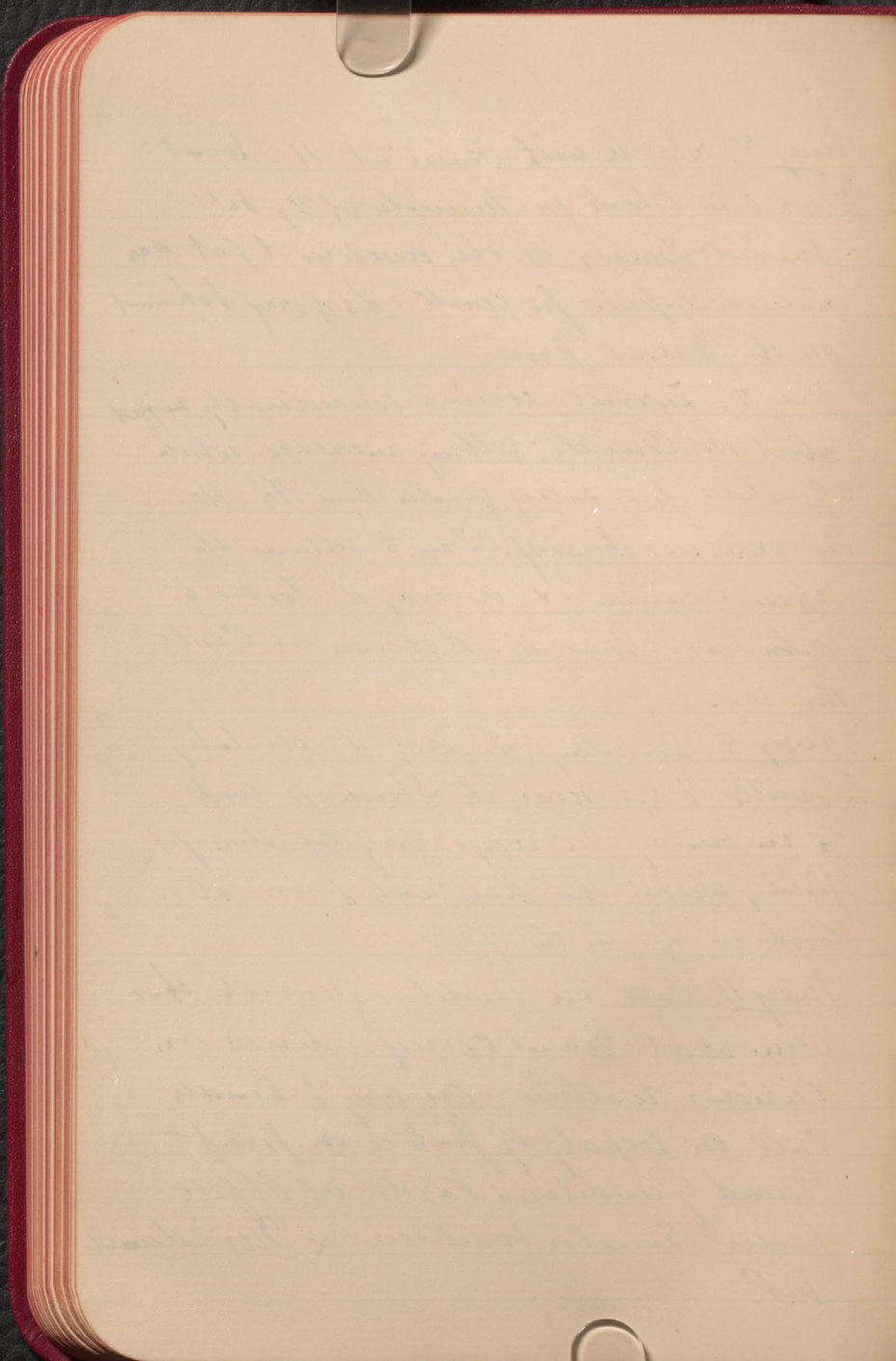
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May 5. Talk with Frazer at 11. Went  
with him to look for minutes at 2, but  
found Frazer is very anxious to get an  
increased price for work. Is going behind  
on the present price.

May 7. Zyrnell seems considerably miffed  
about McConnell getting increase which  
wakes his salary greater than T's. He  
so expresses himself. Try to explain the  
special cause & the way it looks to  
outsiders. Had W. to dinner at Club.  
the 20g.

May 8. Sunday. Finding it absolutely  
impossible to get near the Steamship wharf,  
& in view of Mr. Ewings early departure for  
field, spend the forenoon with him at  
work on it in the office.

May 11. Call on Auditor - several times  
Am. about recent correspondence on  
various matters. On way to lunch  
Call on Deputy of Justice on front  
Quint & Auditor. Visits at Office  
from Senator Mackeen & Mr Edwards  
W.P.





May 12.

Called at Minister's office this am & wanted tile be arrived. Discussed the Auditor's objections to payment of temporary technical employees, also the work in Selwyn's Core. Referred also to Jones & his difficulties in boring work. Could the contract be altered. — Minister thinks that we had better leave him to do what he can as arranged. If he fails, time then to consider next work. Lyrell left today for Yukon det. McConnell got off Cal night — the first parties away this year.

May 16. Call by Mr Hamburg, who I thought had left on Saturday for the west, occupied some time. He proposes going via Winnipeg to Churchill, to Chuteaufield inlet & thence to Great Slave Lake. Am., call from Messrs G. S. Albright & G. E. Wilson, with note of introduction from Prof. Lapworth of Birmingham. Eng.

May 17. Talk with Dr Bell this am about proposed work in Michipicoten, Assiniboia & unfinished part of area of His Missions Sheet.

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I have been thinking of you a great deal lately  
and wondering how you are getting on. I hope  
you are well and happy. I have been very busy  
with my work lately, but I always find time  
to think of my friends. I would like to hear  
from you soon. Write me when you have a  
chance. I am always your affectionate friend,  
John Doe.

May 18. Call on Swast about several little matters. Summary Report to be laid on table of Home today - much color than last year, owing to printer.

May 19. A holiday. - Ascension day. In office a little color than usual. In P.M., arranged with McCarty to go over Shunroop Sheet & spent the afternoon at this.

May 21. Saturday, at garden party given by Hon. Mr Fisher this P.M. Evening to Band concert in Rink, with W & Florence.

May 23. Called on Mr Sifton about Fraser & barings. Showed him telegrams which have passed, showed him copy of telegram proposed to be sent to Fraser, but about I would not send without his approval as it went outside terms of Contract. He authorized sending.

May 24. Met Sir C & Sir C H Duff in Club at lunch time & lunched with Sir C & saw friends on his invitation.

May 25. Note from Sir H Joly de Launay asking us to call his office. Did so &

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found he wants some examination  
made of land-slides in Quebec.  
Promised to see him again before Saturday.  
Ferial day of R.S.C. meeting. Lunch with  
Viktor Weber, Comal etc at Spoker's.  
Evng. at lecture or address of Wardlaw.

May 26. To Dealer's office for some  
information about the Arthur in Tyndall.  
To Auditor-General's office about payment of  
technical temporarys - To tell him  
what had been done - closed left as before.  
To office. Letters. To R.S.C. To lunch at  
West. House. Back to office. Home  
Some members R.S.C. to dine in box.  
Fletcher, Burgess, Stuart, Cox, Adams,  
Prof. Pritchett Sept. & U.S. Coast & Geod.  
Survey & Hon. R. R. Dobell.

May 27. Call on Sir H. Joly & arrange  
to meet him on Saturday night at  
Montreal.

