

July  
Monday 25  
cloudy  
eve rain

At noon Mr Deville arrived from the west. I met him at the station. He remains over for a day to take Comstock's steamer east. He is at our hotel & we spent most of our time together discussing the future of our longitude work. He lacks some backbone he is so afraid of offending the Torontoes or Mr Galt's observing authorities, - of occupying ground which they may also claim. — I met Mr & Mrs Wilson, Miss McHaren & Miss Birkin the first three acquaintances of 14 years ago. Of course Marie met them too this time. I had to play for Mrs. W., she has a pleasant recollection of me.

Tuesday 26  
fore rain  
after five

After luncheon went down to steamer with Marie, Mrs. Birkin called to see Mr Deville & other acquaintances off. An English lady with two Japanese servants attracted some attention, the latter being in their native costume. — Although a dense fog rested on the horizon the sky was clear and I got a good night's observations.

Wednesday 27  
fine

We have had on several occasions already fire in the parlour & office grades, either in the evening or on dull rainy days, at the same time the people in the west (at home) are suffering from most intense heat. — Port Arthur would be a good field for Murray Beigh to expand some of his humane efforts. The drivers have a habit of unnecessarily beating their horses, and making them yell. — The prospects of the mining industry in this neighbourhood seem to be very good at present, and this is mostly attributable to the fact that American capitalists have come in, for the existence of valuable mineral deposits has long been known. — Before dinner Maria & I took a stroll to St. V. Lee's creek. I got another good night's observations.

Thursday 28  
cloudy  
warm

Observed tonight but when the interval came for exchange of signals I found that it was cloudy in Winnipeg, shortly thereafter it clouded with me too. —