

troupe, for which I was rather thankful as I got little sleep last night. —

Saturday 30  
fine  
warmer

Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Lehen, Marie & Maa walked to Current river, and it being warm were somewhat exhausted when they returned. — In the evening the above Mr. Lehen & I went out for a row on the lake, and it would have been most injurious had Mrs. L. not placed so much fault with her husband's rowing, whereby he aggravated the cause. — I obtained tonight. My wire No. 2 was down so I had to be switched onto another one which caused some delay. I had hoped to finish Lucifere work tonight but being a poor or bad night in Winnipeg I will have to take another night.

Sunday 31  
fine

In afternoon sealed & copied last night's work, shortly after going to the observatory in the evening a heavy thunderstorm began; not having a lightning arrester on my wires the display of the electric fluid was rather too vivid for me, besides I could not observe so I returned to the hotel. The pain passed and the thunder rolled. Two flashes and clashes were co-incident and very sharp and short both Maria & me. —

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Monday 1

We went to the wharf in the morning to see the arrival of Geo. Patterson and at noon Harry returned from Winnipeg so that we have Preston well represented at present in Port Arthur. Marie has had pleasant companions in Mrs. Lehen & Mrs. Zimmerman in the hotel, especially the latter who has become quite attached to her and regrets not having known her so well when she went to Winnipeg with her husband (Capt of C.P.R.) in his private car, otherwise she would have asked her to come along. In the afternoon Marie, Maa & I went out for a row, we visited the breakwater and then rowed to the

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large C. P. R. elevator which we inspected, then leisurely returned, finding Geo Pattinson waiting for us, shortly afterwards Max went with him & Mr. Bishop to Fort William on the Kikabeka.

In the evening Geo Pattinson & Mr. Bishop came to the observatory but unfortunately it was very cloudy, but nevertheless I managed to catch a 3<sup>rd</sup> magnitude star and show it them to their great delight. It surprised George when I said to him now look in & if it is not too cloudy you will see a star moving across the field and he saw it. — Later I began observing it still being cloudy but clearing, but also when the time for signals came I found that it was very cloudy in Winnipeg & looking out at the observatory at all.

Monday 2  
fine

In forenoon did my packing, as I returned to finish dressing little was packed in the observatory, my chemistry I took to Mr Bishop's. — During our last meal at the hotel we had a bottle of wine with our friends at table Mr. Max, Geo Pattinson & Mrs. Finlayson, who accompanied us to the steamer dock. At 3-30 P.M. we steamed out on the Athabasca waving her farewell to friends on shore till dimmed by distance. Our party consisted of Mr & Mrs Geo Pattinson & their daughter, Harry, Ed, Marie, Max & me. — For some time the purser's & steward's offices were besieged, but our <sup>berths</sup> ~~rooms~~ being secured we were indifferent and waited till last to get the keys. The steamer is a model craft. The most striking difference between it and the best of the Beavers that I have seen is in the staterooms, being larger, having a sofa lengthwise which can be used as a bed also. The dining tables are placed crosswise, also an improvement whereby small parties can sit together. — We showed the ladies the huge double compound engines & dynamos for generating the electricity for lighting purposes, in all of which they took an intense interest.