

took a walk seeing the new buildings in course of erection, principal amongst which is our new Town hall and Mechanics' Institute.

Saturday 6
pleasant

A great change in the temperature this morning. There must have been quite a precipitation last night altho' we got little so cause the thermometer to fall so much. At nine a.c. it showed only 67° & made life bearable. Emil, Leila and Ichilo came from Hamilton this evening. - Musias, the children & I had a musical at home in the evening.

Sunday 7
fine

Doing nothing etc. We spent the latter part of the afternoon & evening at Mother's. I entertained them by reading extracts from "English as she is taught".

Monday 8
warm

In the afternoon I inspected the Mechanics' Institute building with M. A. Atty for the purpose of giving my opinion as to the colors of paint to be used.

At 5.30 Emil drove me to Gall, Okauchulu going along, I leaving by C.P.R. for Ottawa to attend the meeting of the Board of Examiners for D.L.S.

Tuesday 9
pleasant

Arrived in Ottawa this morning. I attended the first afternoon session of the Board of Examiners. I was sworn in by Judge J. H. Strong.

We had to refuse two candidates - Quebec P.L.S.'s who through the ignorance of our secretary in not knowing that Quebec no longer reciprocates with the Dom. Law Surveyors in Examination had allowed them (the two) to make application and receive it. No member of the Board knew of this change till a few days ago, altho' it was assented to 21 June 1886. We have only two other candidates. The other members of the Board present were O. M. Smith, Dorin, A. C. Webb.

August and W. F. King. The Surveyor General was in a short time.

Wednesday 10
hot
close
sunny
night rain

Attended morning and afternoon session of the Disputaminers. The questions prepared by me are completely up to the other members of the Bd. — We have now only two candidates & they are for the first. They are Char. F. Seymour & Mr. Bourgault, the former apparently well informed, the latter the reverse. —
About the only green spot that I have seen ^{in Ottawa} since I returned from Port Arthur is the green lawn on the Parliament Grounds. Of course in it, as well as elsewhere, much attention has been lavished.

Thursday 12
cloudy
rainy

A long looked for rain came last night, and at last moistened the parched lips of suffering Nature, — and reduced the tropical heat which has reigned supreme for fully two months. —
Attended the examination. I do most of the marking of papers.

Friday 13
fine, clear
cool

Attended examination. — One of the candidates, Mr. Bourgault who has been running along the ragged edge of the precipice stumbled at the rock of "Disciplines" and was "plucked". — Poor fellow, — but we can not give ignorance a commission. —
W. F. King has luncheon with me today. —
A. C. Webb & I spent the evening at J. Clayton's pleasantly.

Saturday 14
fine

The air is beautifully clear since the rain and decided by frost. Attended the examination. There are four examiners, ^a secretary and only one candidate, apparently hard on the candidate, but as one of the examiners facetiously remarked, "our sympathies are not so depressed now, and his