

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. Bourqueau, 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. Bourqueau 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