

in the mountains last year and his knowledge of this section we both remarked that I was well passengers did not know what dangers they are subject to, and how they have to run the gauntlet. — Midnight found me in my adopted temporary home.

Thursday 8
pleasant

My lumber did not arrive till noon when I immediately commenced work. No carpenters being obtainable either here or in Port Peshage I was left to my own resources of muscle, to increase the demand upon the latter I was only supplied with an old saw that never knew of the existence of a file, and a hammer. The only available pipe being on the side of a hill, I had to do considerable digging to get somewhat of a level spot. Next I laid the joists and then found to my dismay that the boards had not been cut to the proper lengths altho' ordered and especially paid for so doing, telling the foreman at the sawmill at the time that I had to build myself and make do to lessen my labor. There being not a sufficient number of boards being enough for the roof I was obliged to shorten my joists. Night coming on I went to bed tired, meditating upon the repose of one soul at least in purgatory for an indefinite time. —

Friday 9
fine

For the placing of the upper joists I had to wait till noon when the section men came in and held them in place till I had nailed supports at the corners. — Accidentally the operator came out and assisted me in nailing on the boards (flooring). Yesterday I did considerable puffing when working (Kugawotat uacht Blasen) but today that is already overcome and the work proceeds well under a steady stream of perspiration. — A few words about the section house and its occupants. The building was originally put up for the engineers during the construction of the railway, and now does service as section and section house.