

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 less on 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.

when the whole household assembled as an audience, & to their delight I pumped some tunes out of the squeaky "organ."

Saturday 10
fine

The day was well spent hammering & sawing away at my building. - Last night there was the first heavy white frost. - In the evening G. A. Bayne S. L. I. of the C. P. R. came in, I had met him years ago in Winnipeg. We chatted of our Hudson Bay trips, he had been to St. Churchill making an exploratory trip in '83 for a projected railway that still shimmers and will do so for many years to come. -

Sunday 11
fine

The men ceased their labors for the day of rest & donned their Sunday clothes and some of the Norwegians with white shirts, cuffs & collars so looked very respectable being of good physique. For me there was no Sunday, I worked hard and by evening finished my building and transferred my cot, blankets & baggage into it but first shaking and ventilating the same for fear of undesirable companions. - Mr Bayne who had spent the day in Winnipeg with his family returned in the evening & spent a short time with me. I felt comfortable & at home in my observations, & my first writing therein was directed home.

Monday 12
cloudy
rainy

Busy writing & arranging things

Tuesday 13
rainy

Busy reading astronomical works and preparing the programme for longitude work. - At night it cleared and I adjusted instrument approximately in azimuth by Pelau's using my chronometer correction plus rate & difference in longitude of Port Arthur. -