

Tuesday 4
Pleasant

Busy copying observations & sealing the tape &c. -
The night began clear & fine but later on clouded so
that my transits were incomplete & unsatisfactory.
Our exchange of signals took but a few minutes & all
worked admirably. -

Wednesday 5
Pleasant
rather cool, cloudy

Busy copying, sealing tape &c. - The night was
good altho at times a slight haze yet I got all the stars,
our signal exchange was very good; this making our
fourth night of mutual observations I decided that this
would suffice altho' I would have preferred another good
night as the four are not all good, but I fear of the
cold freezing our batteries & then we would be ditched, further-
more we want to observe for personal equator yet &
Murray must begin to make lunar observations in kam-
loops by the 18th inst., so no time is to be lost. The proximity
of the observation to the track - within ^{about} a chain is detrimen-
tal for transits if a train be just passing as I found out
to my regret with one star tonight, altho' there is no dis-
placement (permanent) of the level after the train has
passed, otherwise it was with the zenith telescope, there the
delicate level was at right angles to the track instead
of parallel as in the striding level. -

After finishing I commenced packing my instruments.

Thursday 6
fine

Busy copying, packing &c, - preparatory to leaving
Halifax, not sorry for the change, altho' as before stated
in a small place like this I prefer to be, being able to
do more work than in a city where I am in an hotel.

The night was somewhat long to me as I had nothing to do
but wait for the train till 5-20 a.m. For a short time
I played with the operator cards - he not knowing any game
which I knew and they are few, he showed me "Justice-Sept - a
French game. It is very simple - The train arrived on time &

I soon found myself in the sleeper, and four hours ride brought
us to Winnipeg. On the train I met G. Hess from Listerdale & he
introduced me to John Forest from Adelaide, Australia, he is

Friday 7
cloudy, cool