

October

Some prominent government official or minister, & was much interested in my astronomical work, having had something to do with similar work in Australia.

As soon as I was in the Queen's I felt myself almost as at home, here I met Ed Bray, A.S.D. and also Frank Winkas formerly of Preston. —

Later King came to see me and in the afternoon I or we set up my instruments. In the evening we went to the observatory but dense clouds covered the heavens. — I was glad to get to bed as I had slept none for the past 36 hours.

Saturday 8
cloudy cool

King had as he says a "scheme" on hand, and that was that I should accompany him to Kentrops & assist him in getting started with his lunar observations, & as there is a cheap excursion to the coast next week he thought the expense would not be objected to by the Government; I did not look at it in this light, but from principle & declined to go unless sanctioned from Ottawa. — He is slow about getting anything done. For instance he has had an equatorial mounting made for his telescope but the support for the polar axis is wanting yet — I immediately devised something and then went with him to a carpenter to get the triangular block with iron plates made. At night we attempted again to observe but with no better success than the preceding night.

Sunday 9
cloudy
cool

In the afternoon called on Dr. Skelton and there met Mr. Thom-White, I remained to tea. — In the evening King & I went together in my wagon & as soon as it cleared we went to the observatory. After adjusting my instrument in azimuth we began our observations for precessional equations, but after getting to stars it clouded completely again. The latter called on Chumuckas mutually in circuit & got each cup of tea. —