

October

J. A. Woods formerly of Quebec and his wife are at present stopping in the hotel. He has retired from business and is looking for some pleasant place to end his days in, probably in California where he goes after visiting, Banff and Victoria. Knowing father very well he introduced himself to me. —

Monday 10
Cool

I took Frank Winters to the observatory this afternoon. — W. F. King received a letter today from Mr. Deville wherein he says that the "observatory building (Ottawa) is in a worse muddle than ever"; he states his views and scheme for the immediate future and if King & I concur in the same, suggests that we make a joint report to the Minister thereof, in order to strengthen Mr. Deville's position. — Regarding closing my longitudes from the west with some ^{celestial} point in the east, he suggests that King observe at Ottawa & I at Cambridge and Winnipeg, by this means we would eliminate personal equation Cambridge-Winnipeg, and avoid Montreal which the three of us wish to do, we do not want McGill observers connected with our work in any manner. — As I am going down shortly I will probably see the Minister and talk the matter over with him.

The night was clear and cold and we got good observations, altho' about midnight it clouded and we lost four stars thereby.

Tuesday 11
Pleasant
little windy
night rain

Busy copying observations. — After waiting some time at the observatory in hopes of the clouds disappearing we went to King's room where I copied a number of his observations, which I intend computing. His instrument being of somewhat peculiar construction and not a transit - a further unknown - feature of the axis (at the end of which the telescope is attached) enters into the computation, and the azimuth is also different for clamp east and clamp west as his instrument revolves