

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, Sauff 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

on a horizontal plate -

Wednesday 12 It seems to me if my memory serves me rightly that
 cool, cloudy we are having more cloudy weather at present than
 is usual at this season of the year. -
 The night was tolerably good and King & I finished
 observing for Personal Equation, and we immedi-
 ately began packing our instruments. - King had
 ein wenig zu viel geschickelt nach der Arbeit so
 dass ich ihn auf sein Zimmer begleitete. - Vor
 einigen Tagen erzählte mir der Hotelier ^(Brown) die Ursache
 King's Knöchel-Verrenkung vorzugehen Juli; und
 stand mir die Haare zu Berge als ich so hörte. Der
 tiefen Rausch war er aus dem dritten Stock
 zum Fenster heraus gefallen auf das Trottoir.
 (sidewalk) Der Fall brach die Platte.
 Dass er nicht getödtet wurde ist ein wahres
 Wunder. Da er auf die Telegraphen-Linien
 fiel dass den Fall brach wurde wohl sein
 Leben gerettet. Wie er aus dem Fenster kam
 ist selbst ein Räthsel denn es war nicht hoch
 offen. Seine Gesellschaft W. Betty & 2 andere
 waren toll voll und schliefen im Zimmer.

Brown said that when he went out after hearing the thump, found King leaning against the building, & when Brown went up to him King said "For God's sake let me pass" & Brown told me he picked up about half an hour.

Thursday 13 Busy packing. King & I are together doing
 for. Curious various errands, we meet J. Dupre who has
 cloudy just returned from his journey of Lake Winnipegosis.
 I spend the evening at Let's do where Mr. Fox
 Mr. Cox & I play cribbage, just I washed
 them body.

Friday 14 I met Mr. Walter H. Kivley of London Eng. who is on his
 office way across the continent. - Busy working up my
 business. In the morning see King off for
 Kamboja where he takes lunar observations
 in connection with Gilvic on the Yukon