

recreate the same. Luther was unwell for school & other I gave a holiday which he joyfully took. It is always great pleasure for the boys to help at unpacking of my numerous trunks, boxes &c. &c.  
 Busy unpacking & arranging matters.

Thursday 20  
 fine  
 no rain  
 Busy writing - ordering lumber for observatory &c.

Friday 21  
 cloudy  
 snow  
 blustering  
 Busy in my office. Have part of my battery working in which the children find great amusement. - Got my lumber in evening and I carry it to the place, which is inaccessible for the waggon.

Saturday 22  
 cloudy  
 cold  
 In forenoon I was in Galt on bank & other business. In afternoon began erection of my temporary observatory, & by evening had it under roof; M. A. Abbey helped me. In evening unpacked the case of Encyclopedia Britannica which I bought in Chicago the other day. This treasure I had purchased myself for some years and now feel happy that my wish has been gratified. The intrinsic value of this work we may truly say to be priceless. Here I have the brains of the whole world present and past. - Who could ever be lonely with such a companioning -

Sunday 23  
 rising  
 night high wind  
 Busy in office writing. - Yesterday brought from the Custom House Galt - the book "Hammaburg" made & compiled by our late uncle Emil - Father's oldest brother. The work is elaborate and the idealistic illustrations show great labor and to some extent art. - Pedigree in America is of little consequence or importance - here the individual worth of the man alone is recognized, irrespective of who his father was & far less who his grandfather was. - The book is to pass as heirloom to the oldest male child

in each generation, and hence after Jacob will descend by Max. —

In the evening Marie the boys & I musicked, & later Marie & I at duets on the piano. —

Monday 24  
C.W.  
Jesse Snow  
In forenoon laid the floor in my observatory. After 6 PM. Father drove me to Gall where I took the C.P.R. train for Ottawa. In the sleeper from Toronto I met Senator W. E. Sanford of Hamilton & we had a long chat together in the smoking room.

Tuesday 25  
C.W.  
In Ottawa. — I called on the Surveyor General Mr. R. Deville and talked over the series' work as also that for next season. As usual he was undecided and felt himself hampered & balked at nearly every step by the Minister (Thos. White) but more especially by the Deputy Mr. A. M. Burgess. Mr. D. lacks business tact & determination, were it otherwise he would meet with more success, for I do not for a moment question his abilities. He can plan but not build, he can suggest but not carry out.

Later I had a chat with the Deputy & also with the Minister and found them both favorably disposed to our astronomic work present & future. — Mr. D's great dilemma now is that the Minister stopped him from proceeding with the erections of an observatory. Mr. White said to me "my colleagues opposed it, so I dropped it for the present in order to gain my point eventually." — Called on Mrs. Burgess in the afternoon.

Wednesday 26  
C.W.  
Called on Mr. Deville & Mr. Burgess again, and at 4-30 PM. left for Newcastle, reaching the same at 8 PM. & then proceeded to the Windsor.

Thursday 27  
Pleasant  
After breakfast I walked to the observatory of McGill University, presented my card and was