

In the afternoon I called on Mr. C. Van Schoone Vice-President & Messrs of the C.P.R. of several matters I wished to speak to him - 1^o of their time service with the view of probably getting control of it (i.e. our Department) should be built an efficient observatory. 2^o On the names of the mountains in British Columbia along the C.P.R. that they adopt the names as given in my official report, & 3^o of a pass for train to Spruce Victoria in case I go there next spring in connection with the determination of the boundary line of Alaska. I had scarcely mentioned the last to him when he said "That's all right I'll fix that".

During our conversation he sat astraddle of a chair, cigar in mouth. I was much pleased with the courtesy he showed me.

At the hotel I met J.P. Casgrain D.D. he is there with wife child & nurse, there are very few surveyors who could stand such an expenditure. A rich wife is a pleasant appendage.

At 8:30 I left for Brockville where I arrived at 12-43 a.m. & put up at the Revere House.

Sunday 28
fine

While at breakfast J.G. Christie called on me to take me to his father's place. So visit him I had come here, our acquaintance dating from the time I visited Norway House in 1884. At the door of Edgait Place I was welcomed by his mother and immediately thereafter her husband W.D. Christie warmly extended his hand to me, glad to make my acquaintance. With them on a visit was Mrs. Alex. Christie, a widow of a St. Paul officer. In the afternoon, accepting the invitation of Mr. Ryan for a short cruise in his private steam yacht, we steamed down the Lawrence River miles to Ogdensburg in New York State. The remainder of the party were Mr. Mrs & Miss Ryan, Miss McDermott

Mrs. Keeper & Mr. McCullough. The weather was delightful and the trip enjoyable in consequence. Of deinstburgh has about 10,000 of a population and the surrounding country is mostly devoted to dairying interests. — After an hour & a quarter stroll about the town we returned to Brockville, ^{at 5:30} — In the way I learned from Mrs. Alex. Christie that Mrs. Keeper expressed herself as highly delighted with my conversation (travel). I was told her husband is 78 years of age while she is 50 years his junior. — The two Mrs. Christie attended a social for an hour or two while we three gentlemen chatted, Mr. Christie being in his element when relating of his 40 years service in the Hudson Bay Company. As I know so many of their past & officers we could speak of common friends. Later the ladies joined us. I had to play for them on the piano. — At midnight I again left after having spent a very pleasant day.

Saturday 29
cold
cloudy

At 8 A.M. arrived in Toronto, where I remained till noon doing some business; I also called on Mrs. Cha. Lyon at the Queen's Hotel. At 2 P.M. I was in Hamilton where I dined with Emil, and finally reached home at 5:30 P.M. where Marie & Oscar awaited me at the station. Busy in evening writing.

Sunday 30
fine
but cold

Very busy writing - correspondence. — In evening chatted with children & we all played cross-cross - a favorite game of mine for the children, for it teaches them to think, to spell properly and the meaning of words. The game consists of taking any word & forming of the letters the greatest number of words. Each one writes his own. After a given time we stop, when Oscar begins reading off his, all those