

In the evening J. Garden, Col. Heckman, Major Dr. Gibbon, Wadsworth (last two Indian agents) & I were together for some time chatting. Garden returns tonight to British Columbia.

Saturday 18
pleasant

Attended the examinations. Today the candidate Hawrie for the higher examination gave up the ghost, saying that he was ^{not} sufficiently well prepared for it.

Before dinner King, Webb & I chatted on scientific matters at the Ordepa. Upon invitation, Col. Wadsworth Indian agent dined with me this evening, - he, Major Webb & I together. - The people are beginning to come to Ottawa for the opening of parliament next Thursday.

Sunday 19
cloudy

I remained in the house all day, reading etc. In the evening Mr Webb & I drove to J. Caytons and spent a pleasant evening till 10-30 P.M. Returning we sat in my room smoking & chatting till 1 A.M. Mr W. relating to me many incidents of the Red River rebellion in 1869 with which he was intimately connected at its inception, he having been stopped by Riel proceeding with his gunnery. - Shortly afterwards he, ^(Webb) organized three volunteer companies by instructions from Col. Dennis (Dunsmuir's General) who was also in the country (Dollgarry). -

Monday 20
rising
mild

Today we put the remaining two candidates at practical surveying, neither were very proficient Messrs. Buryall being very slow & G. White rather careless. - In the evening I met Mr. Reubens chief Engineer of the Murray Canal, later a.c. Webb & I went to hear "Eli Perkins" on the "Philosophy of wit & humor." The lecture was not of a very high standard, altho' besides some laughable remarks