

testing apparatus for chairs in the Indian Revenue Department for Mr. Johnston, the Commissioner. In the afternoon I called on Mr. Deville & King and then drew up the operating memorandum which both signed. — King & I then went to his house & took Freddie for a walk; we then proceeded to McCaffrey for a short time, there met W. Wapner & J. Reid, then we went to my room & discussed the British Columbia matter &c. — Mr. Woodburn proprietor of the "Journal" addressed me today saying "I hear you are to be the next member for your riding", and Siripulaby Knight J. Reid repeats the same thing & asked "we surely are all glad to think that we will have a man in the House" &c. — From whose fertile brain this stuff evolved is a mystery to me. — At 11 P.M. left for home.

Thursday 28
fine evening
after pleasant
cloudy

at 8 a.m. at Toronto where I met Jacot; left at 12-20 P.M. again, on train met Jennings C.P.R. engineer & chatted with him to Hamilton, he was for many years in British Columbia. — Having two hours at Hamilton I took luncheon at Euclid's. Arrived home at 5-30 P.M. being met at the station by Marie & Lulu.

In evening after children were in bed told Marie of my plans for this spring, of my probable going to British Columbia again, and of taking her along, and our probable visit to California from Victoria. — I can not say that she exhibited much joy at the idea of such an extended trip and tour. At this place I have been scheming for the past year, affording me pleasure in anticipation of the pleasure & joy in there for her, but feel at the moment somewhat mortified that my efforts receive little recognition —

Friday 29
cloudy

for Mr. Burgess
Busy working a report on the contemplated survey of Canada by the Royal Military College professors & cadets

night rain
 morning attend Ft.

Saturday 25
 raining
 Hazing is disappearing. Busy at latitude work.

Sunday 26
 stormy
 snowy, cold
 Busy at latitude work &c. —
 Marie most indiscreetly tells Augusta about all my plans of our trip, which may be upset yet, as I have no instructions yet for my work &c, for which reason I expressly told Marie to keep it to herself.
 — Pubescer. —

Monday 27
 very cold
 stormy
 At 6 a.m. I drove Marie & Augusta to Gall where they took the C.P.R. for Toronto, Marie to buy various dress goods for the contemplated trip to the coast. In the evening I went to Gall again and met them on their return. —
 — Busy at latitude.

Tuesday 28
 cold
 cloudy
 Busy at latitudes.

Wednesday 29
 mild
 Busy at latitudes. — Today the distinguishing day of leap year. In afternoon made a small survey for J.W. Geol.

March
 Thursday 1
 windy
 Busy at latitudes. —

Friday 2
 sleety
 Busy at latitudes, also prepared some examination question for D.S. There is considerable commotion in Ottawa in certain quarters since the late examination on account of J.F. Ritchie being promoted. All blame is attributed to me as being informant. This in a degree I consider complimentary, & as a new member in the Board to be able to pull it is undoubtedly flattering. It appears that an influential politician Aloups Wright has taken his part, and is now on the warpath and after my death. But such fighting me not, neither politician, money nor my ^{business} can induce me to pass a man who is not