

upst 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.

Thursday 1
 March
 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 Elouise 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

March qualified. -

Saturday 3
cold, windy
snowy

Buoy at my paper "Electrical apparatus for long-
hude work" for our D.S. association meeting. -
I was somewhat astonished today to receive
from E. Deville a letter requesting me by request
of the Deputy minister to express my approval
or rather concurrence or the reverse in a mem-
orandum re observations at Ottawa which Mr.
Deville had sent to Mr. Burgess, the latter re-
turning it to him to be sent to me as stated
above. - Here I Surveyor General I think
I would feel somewhat offended at this proceed-
ing. Furthermore Mr Burgess already knows
my views on the subject having stated them
verbally and by letter and coincide with Mr.
Deville's. - However I feel flattered that
the Deputy thinks so well of me as herein
shown. - Today J. Guffin was buried # 69.

Sunday

He was one of the best residents in Preston, and probably one
of the richest if not the richest. He never took an active part
in the general welfare of the municipality, being extremely
selfish so that there is not that general sympathy and grief
which otherwise would be due him. I was at the funeral
i.e. only at the house where two persons undoubtedly
used for their text "De mortuis nil nisi bonum," &
hence talked (in Guffin's case) considerable Black. -
In evening I was a short time at Father's, where were
also Webster, Jacob, & Abbey; we discussed Guffin &
his estate & put a probable value of \$50,000 thereon.

Sunday 4
cold

Buoy at my paper. In afternoon a short time at mother's,
where Webster told us Guffin's will, & were we very much surprised
at its contents, especially at the small value of the total, & again
at his bequest to his wife, as Father & Webster said - "mean to the
last." - In evening Marie & I played with the children
games. -