

March qualified. -

Saturday 3
cold, windy
snowy

Buoy at my paper "Electrical apparatus for long-
hude work" for our D.F.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 on 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. -