

March who was also on his way to Ottawa to attend the annual meeting of the L.I. association. -
We chatted till after midnight. -

Tuesday 13
Very stormy
Snow
Cold

This morning we found ourselves at the same place as last night at 10 o'clock - stuck in the snow. A strong wind began blowing last night, snow falling & the thermometer in low spirits. We are 1 1/2 miles from Lyttle a small station and in a Scott & A County. - The small buffet on the train was loaded with abundant supplies and it's larder some exhausted from the demand of hungry passengers. - The conductor forgoes in the neighborhood among the farmers who dropped a cutter loaded with coal, bread, eggs & milk to our relief. - But the cars could not be heated, the gate drove the ^{fire} snow into the car through skylights, double windows and at the door, we sat with overcoats on & frequently blankets across our knees. - There were three sleepers and well filled by judges, Senators M.P.'s, delegates &c. I was pleased to find for example St. Knauf, J. Fennell P.E.W. Mayor & J. Shantz all from Berlin on the train. In the afternoon all gathered in our car for entertainment, which consisted of recitations, speeches, games & music. - The most of the speaking was of a peculiar "choice" nature, among its best exponents were J. M. Daly & Judge Macpherson. A country lad was found on the train who had a mouth organ, he was brought in to our car & discoursed music by the yard the whole audience joining in singing well known airs. - Our principal diet was eggs. Many a one said "If I'd a just thought of it I'd a brought something to drink along" Not only were we in a Scott & A County but we were had the original R.W. Scott (Senator) on board. - Several prayers were offered on his behalf. - Through the blockade we made mutual acquaintances which otherwise would not have come to pass. - I met Judge McKenzie of Larnia, Judge Venables of St. Catharines, D. W. Haven of Odessa, H. A. Cook M.P., Senator Turner of Hamilton, J. Ryker M.P. of Lalla M.P. &c. - Fast the snow was piling up around us in the cut in which we were. -

Wednesday 14
Stormy, cold

Still here, and the variations in life were a repetition of yesterday, with this difference, the storm abated this afternoon & a number

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of us went to supper & there got in the section house, a good warm meal, which all thoroughly enjoyed, as an agreeable change from two days on hard boiled eggs & bread. - A snow plough that came to our relief ran off the track; the snow being packed so hard in many places & very deep, shoveling had to be resorted to. -

Thursday 15
mild
cloudy
after fine

Some of the passengers left us today, driving to Whittby 10 miles & proceeding by Grand Trunk. - In the afternoon the snow plough reached us & we were off at 4 P.M., we anxiously awaited the arrival at Peterboro whether we had telegraphed for "liquidation", & which were happily received & soon a small knot was collected in our smoking room, all lauding the turn of fortune. - Games were open between the librarians & a merry night passed. - We presented the steward with a handsome purse & the conductor with an address. -

Friday 16
cloudy

At 8 A.M. in Ottawa. In forenoon at meeting of A.S. Association & all glad to see me. - Routine business, dinner in afternoon, when I refused the nomination of president. - In evening I read my paper - Electrical apparatus in longitude work, having two chronometers & the apparatus there in working order. I was much applauded for my paper & complimented thereon, a number personally thanking me. -

Saturday 17
fine
cold

In morning saw Mr. Deville Surveyor General, asking him about my going to British Columbia for observing occultations in conjunction with Mr. Wilson on the Yukon for the purpose of defining the 141st meridian. His answer as usual was indefinite - "I don't know what the minister wants to do about it." So I said if he had no objection that I would see the Minister, he said that he would be very glad if I would and get a definite answer as he could not. So I went taking nothing along. The Minister was very busy with delegations &c so I went to the Deputy Mr. P. M. Burgess & within 3 minutes had his consent, and left, returning to Mr. Deville & telling him of my success. - I said to him "I suppose it is not necessary to get special instructions" - "No, just go on and observe as Mr. King did." How I was