

re this lot. The remainder of the evening I spent with Mr. & Mrs. Levitt lot. —

Saturday 6
five

Snow is still lying here, but no drifting. — I was very busy all day. First to the Registry office to search the title of the Gov't lot, I found everything save that the Gov't owned the lot, rather a serious missing link. I then interviewed Mr. Penrose who had been for years caretaker thereof — i.e. he used it without paying any rent, he gave me a satisfactory history of the lot. Then I twice called to see Mr. G. M. Knicker re the lot but he was not in, then I proceeded to Mr. Wheeler Dom. Land agt, he knew not as much as Mr. Penrose about, but promised to hunt up the deed for it. — In the afternoon I called on Mr. B. S. Jenkins Manager C.P.R. telegraph lines & made satisfactory arrangements with him for the summer's longitude work. Then I unpacked the case containing the shafts for our new transit. — Then went with Mr. Hespeler to the club for a short time. — After dinner in the evening had a chat with consul Taylor, then W. Clarke & J. Doupe all business. At 9 P.M. left & spent the remainder of the evening with Mr & Mrs. Hespeler.

Sunday 8
six

Busy writing. — At 11 P.M. I dined at Mr. Hespeler's, and spent the afternoon pleasantly till 5 P.M. — Spent part of the evening at Levi Lot's. — I met R. Haudisty St. B. Co. Chief Factor, and was Secretary also, — I had a chat with him, I also met his wife & daughter.

Monday 9
five

In morning made arrangements for clearing up our Government lot & sold the Gov't building thereon, making a good bargain. I then called on J. Wrigley, Commissioner of the St. B. Co. Our conversation immediately turned over to Alaska, in the boundary question of which he takes a most lively interest. In speaking

of the Commission that will undoubtedly be appointed in the new future he said "You should & I hope you will be one of them." - It is a pleasure to me to find that he thinks so well of me, I was sensible to accept one invitation to his house.

In afternoon went to see A. McDonald, carpenter, re moving the observatory re, but he was not at home. Next I called on G. H. who afterwards had dinner with me. In the evening J. Drape, A. McDonald & R. Shaw called on me re observatory & pier, after talking the matter over we looked over the ground, to inspect the position for the observatory. I then called on Mr. Mr. Kessler & had there a view

Tuesday 10
frost five, mild

It was pleasant to start on my journey west - Handbooks on such a fine mild spring morning. - Outside of Winnipeg the prairie was still covered with snow but as we approached Portage la Prairie scarcely any was visible while when Brandon was reached a cold wind blew and it was still winter, sleighs being in requisition. As travelling companions I found an old acquaintance Lawrence Ketchum, now Commissioner of the N.W. Mounted Police and Dr. D. M. Eackman with both of whom especially the latter I had interesting chats. -

Wednesday 11
pleasant

Morning found us through the Côteau and in a different climate again, mild & no more snow save that seen in the distant Cypress Hills. At Maple Creek Dr. M. Eackman left us, here Indians always meet the train & offer pairs of polished buffalo heads (1 dollar a pair) to the travellers. I am sure we whites can not conceive of the grief that now embraces the Indian heart, for he certainly has a heart & feels as we do, for within the short space of 15 years, his pursuits his life, his very life has so radically changed. In the time of the usefulness of railways, telegraphs, factories and all machinery taken away from us, and now were seeing them as toys or curios to some strange ^{overpowering} native whose character was totally antagonistic to ours, then we would