

April

to convey is very pertinent. —

At noon we were at Kamloops, my destination. I fortunately found very comfortable quarters at the Grand Pacific hotel near my observatory. —

In afternoon & evening I was busy working, unpacking etc. — The dust here is terrific, but a light rain this afternoon allayed it somewhat.

Kamloops is an Indian name, and as such names are always significant I don't doubt but that Kamloops means the "house of dust & wind."

Saturday 14
fine. warm
after. cloudy

Busy setting up transit etc. Night was cloudy & work impossible. — By chance I found out that the observatory I occupy is not the old one whose longitude we determined, but one put up by King last fall because the other had been burned into an outhouse — what desecration — observatory & privy. — Being a mere shell during our absence it had been broken open and thus defiled. As Upper Town of Kamloops where the ^{old} observatory stands has been built up since my absence I was a comparative stranger here and thus not noticed the different position of the one I occupied. —

I have written letters to Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon J. White Minister of the Interior, A. M. Burgess his Deputy, & to Dr. McFayson M.P. applying to be appointed one of the Commissioners on the Alaskan Boundary, assuming that this matter will soon take definite shape.

Sunday 15
cool
cloudy

Busy computing occultations. — For the first time now I am really diving into the theory of eclipses. I find that studying a subject like this without applying it is not only how work