

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. No 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. McPherson 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

he knows

but a *plena* often inspires, a thing which he really does not, but in practice this error is soon discovered, and then necessity compels one to understand what he is doing. — Whatever work the Department should ever assign to me even if I had never done ^{the like} — I will do it. — O, Perseverance you are a charm.

- Monday 16
Cold
night 28° F. Buoy computing occultations, also working them out graphically. — At night got transit fairly well adjusted by star observations.
- Tuesday 17
Cool, cloudy Buoy computing. Began observing at night but Moon clouded.
- Wednesday 18
fine Buoy computing. At night observed transits for time.
- Thursday 19
cloudy
pleasant Buoy computing &c. Cloudy at night.
- Friday 20
windy cloudy
pleasant Buoy computing, & working out occultations graphically. Late at night it cleared somewhat & I got transits for time. I am anxiously waiting for my new equatorial, so that I can observe the phenomena of Jupiter's satellites. There is a good upright piano in the house, & I occasionally pass some time in a musical soiree.
- Saturday 21
pleasant Finished my computations of predictions for occultations. In afternoon spent some time with Dr Furber at his office, chatting, smoking & enjoying a bottle of claret. While there Mrs. M. took care to see the Dr. — I retired — ~~When~~ the Dr. recalled me, she remaining for some time & drinking a pot of porter. She is to my mind a woman of ordinary calibre, ~~and~~ ^{and} with some good dash, and copies to higher regions — but also — and will