

Thursday 24
cloudy
cool

Queen's Birthday. The usual holiday with festivities was observed by the public. — After luncheon Major Bultin & I had a lengthy chat in my room. He was formerly a member of the 100th Regiment & served ten years, but sold his Captaincy Commission for \$12,000 — got married — speculated in Nova Scotia gold mines — and in one year was bankrupt — a natural sequence of wealth acquired without work & by a man who had never learned to earn a dollar. — '69 brought him to the North-west, he went thro' both rebellions — is a farmer by adoption and necessity — a debater in politics by choice — has been defeated in a political contest — has written newspaper articles from Dan to Beersheba — and now poses as "The great Unrewarded". — Showing me an article in the "Daily Observer" which was unwritten undoubtedly "unsolicited" by the editor, I asked — what office or gift has the government which they could give you — well — they could call me into the Senate & take me into the cabinet or they could make me Lieutenant Governor. — Great Scott — there's nothing like aiming high. — I was sorely tempted to laugh at his cool self assurance. — A man that never sat in the House — has no record — is a success at nothing — a Cabinet Minister or Lieut. Governor. —

Major Bultin

He'd dole me

Reward of a grateful Government

Motives sinister

Cabinet Minister

He'd be a Governor Lieutenant. —

Busy Computing. I took a walk in the afternoon & strolled into the Victoria Gardens — and found the name more attractive than the grounds or the people there, a ten minute stay sufficed me.

Friday 25
fine

Busy about observatory lot. I spent the evening at Levi H. H. J. J. Lathbridge's charming with me & spent an hour in my room.

Saturday 26
pleasant

Busy about observatory lot. I spent the evening at Mr. H. H. J. J. Lathbridge's. —