

came across us across. Immediately upon the north bank is the Keelson Bay Post and police barracks. - I immediately looked up my place for observation, I invited Mr. Young the H.B.C. officer in charge to return I had a letter of introduction and then commenced fixing my camp, the carts having arrived in the mean time. By 10-30 AM, Mr. Macara & I had the three tents up & things in fair shape. I am going to have him cook for me until a regular cook can be obtained. I did not at first intend to have a cook here, but Mr. Macara says that he did not come out for that & besides it is a thankless job, altho' he is willing to do it if I so order it. - Why I didn't want a cook here is that there is not enough work for him, for Mr. Macara there is not enough of work as operator & assistant, and thus I'd have too much idleness about me, which I am greatly averse to. -

July  
Monday 1  
fine  
light shower

A good bath was the first work after arising. After breakfast (near noon) I called on Mrs. Harding to deliver a letter from her husband. She was at church but I found Miss Harding in. Busy writing. In afternoon called on Mr. Taylor re telephone line. I found him at Dr. Wilson where there was quite a gathering celebrating yesterday's election for the Legislative Council, Dr. W. being one of the candidates & supposed successful. When I opened the door two voices greeted me with "Hello Mr. Duff" they were Edin Strang an old schoolmate & P. V. Jamieson an acquaintance from Dunblair Mt, he is now Dr. Agart here. Mr Taylor came down tent & we discussed matters, later Inspector Casey & Mr. Corson called on me, they being strangers to me I inferred that part of their visit was induced by the assumption that I had a "permit". In the evening met at Mr. Taylor's a Miss Garnett who had visited Palston, one G. K. April the Jell being her brother-in-law. Mr. Beecher of the H.B.C. called on me in the evening. ~

Monday 2  
fine  
showers in after.

Unfortunately for me this is a holiday - Dominion Day - & in consequence could get nothing done towards the election of my observatory. I hired a cook Chas. Gauthier today.

July  
 The <sup>weekly</sup> mail came in this evening - there were two horse con-  
 veyances - one was loaded almost exclusively with "per-  
 mits" - i.e. gallon kegs of liquor. It costs about  
 \$9 a gallon delivered here, rather expensive drinking.

Tuesday 3  
 pleasant  
 shower  
 Commenced building the observatory. - I spent the evening at  
 Mrs. Hardisty's where was also Mr. Gordon Inspector of St.  
 Agencies.

Wednesday 4  
 fine  
 light shower  
 Dug at observatory & about finished it by evening. -  
 In the evening dined at Mr. H. Young's where I met Mr. Mrs.  
 Casey, Mrs. Leslie Wood, Mrs. Hardisty & Mr. Gordon. The  
 evening was passed chatting & playing for a time two tables  
 of "progressive snakes." After the others left Mr. Gordon &  
 I remained for a smoke & "No." - To me it was most interesting  
 to hear of Mrs & Mr. Young's experience and adventures during  
 the rebellion of '85. Mrs. Y. fled with the children from the  
 K. P. post at La La Bicho and was 23 days wandering thru  
 bush & mountains. Mr. Y. was at the time at Edmonton for  
 provisions & ammunition when the Indians pillaged his  
 post. -

Thursday 5  
 fine  
 Dug putting up my electrical apparatus & battery &  
 by evening had everything working well. At night  
 observed for adjustment of transit & time & got ready  
 for the longitude work. Mr. A. Taylor was with me  
 for a time in the eve. testing the line & my connections  
 with. - Oats are here \$1.50 a bushel.

Friday 6  
 fine  
 heavy thunderstorm  
 & some hail  
 In evening dined at Mrs. A. Hardisty's where were also Mr. Gordon  
 Dr. Mc'Denis & Geo. Hardisty. I presided at the table. Shortly after  
 dinner I returned to the observatory & began my first night's  
 actual longitude work here. (The sky was clear & good ob-  
 servations were obtained.) When the time for exchange of  
 signals with Winnipeg came - my operator of Mocaia  
 failed to raise Du'Appelle where the C.P.R. line is worked  
 on to the Edmonton line to make the connection.