

July
 The ^{weekly} mail came in this evening - there were two horse con-
 veyances - one was loaded almost exclusively with "pu-
 nts" - 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 suckers." 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. Bloo post at La La Bicho and was 24 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.