

The line was working well judging from the sharp clicks in the relay. For an hour he proceeded away (24)
to call for Du'Appelle and disgusted I had to abandon further work.

Saturday 7
fine

Busy during day at my principal observations of June. In evening Mr. A. Taylor was down to adjust relays for working with Du'Appelle and I was in hopes that a successful night would follow but was again disappointed altho' I got the first set of observations, but it was the telegraphic connection that failed, my operator as he says could not break Du'Appelle. — — — If I will do much more latitude work I'll learn to operate myself & thus avoid having a superfluous man, who as a rule only know the letters - can read and write - but about the instruments knows next to nothing.

Sunday 8
fine

Busy at computations. — What has struck me during the past week at midnight is the bright sky - twilight in the north, and always more ~~east~~ east of north than west at or a little before local midnight. — In '84 I was as far north in July but it never struck me so as now. — — — Last year there was much want or starvation amongst the halfbreeds in this vicinity. They had invested their all in freighting outfits and killed little or no land. Unfortunately there was little freighting to be done and hence winter found them without means & unprovided. — The Government in consequence issued rations to them 1 1/2 lbs bacon & 5 lbs flour per head per week. Mr. Casey Inspector D.V.M.P. who issued the rations told me that by Thursday evening everything would be eaten & two days of starvation would follow. The halfbreeds like the Indian has little idea of economy - eat as long as it lasts.

In the afternoon the steamer Northwest arrived from Winnipeg or rather from Grand Rapids where she took the cargo of the Princess from Winnipeg. The steamer belongs to the Hudson