

Monday 16  
pleasant

Busy computing. Captain Casey had dinner with me this evening, he was anxious to get a good "feel" of beams + he got it. - Donald McLeod with Messrs Stewart + Ransom were at the observatory and saw the moon, Jupiter etc. Later I observed + got a <sup>good</sup> night's transit.

Tuesday 17  
warm

Busy computing. Dr. McInnis, Houston, Major McInnis were at the observatory. Later I observed but when the time for signal came I failed to "raise" Qui Appelle or Winnipeg and thereby lost a splendid night.

Wednesday 18  
hot

Busy computing. - In afternoon took a walk up town for the first time since I am here, my errand was to get my hair cut but the barber was out doing duty as a paperhanger. I met Mr. F. Oliver the editor + proprietor + printer of the Edmonton Bulletin, a weekly sheet about the size of a handkerchief. It is the only paper here. About 6 P.M. we had a very heavy wind storm, so that I had some anxiety about my tent but fortunately it withstood the heavy pressure. - To my dismay I learned today upon enquiring why we could not "raise" Qui Appelle last night that the agent there had received no instructions to switch the government line onto the C.P.R. + give me this connection to Winnipeg. For the past week he has given me the connections + now his conscience strikes him + stops. He asked over the wire "who pays for all this". - I was annoyed + immediately wired Mr. Jenkins the superintendent to instruct the operator to give me the required connection. - It was my negligence I think of Mr. Jenkins not to have done so before as he promised me he would ere I left Winnipeg. Observed at night but towards morning it clouded + in consequence I missed several stars.

Thursday 19  
warm, no sun in

Busy computing. The forepart of the evening was cloudy with a little rain so that I lost several stars, but afterwards observed + had ex-



July

change of signals as usual,

Friday 20  
five

Busy camping. — I have here probably as fine a camping ground as ever I had. Situated on the high bank of the Saskatchewan with a good view East, South & West; water is hauled daily to camp by the N.P.C. man — Mutchers the dwarf Indian, & I can have whenever desired, lettuce I lately have daily from Capt Casey & frequently radishes also, Charles my cook keeps me well supplied with fresh veal from his garden at St. Albert 9 miles distant, whether he occasionally goes at night, not for the veal particularly but more especially to enjoy the rights of a husband. For this latter purpose he is somewhat noted, and I was informed thereof by the N.P.C. when I enquired of him, that in consequence of this infirmity the kitchen may be made to pay the pipes in case forbidden fruits are backed with squaws or halfbreeds. — It will be seen that I do not fare badly at camp, the salad gives me zest for my noon breakfast and evening dinner. My desires are few and my wants easily satisfied, so that work going well fields are a happy man.

A telegram from King informed me that the Surgey General forbids my coming to the August examination at Ottawa. — Now I was reflecting on the trip for the purpose of visiting home & yet my conscience told me that it was not right to travel 5000 miles simply to attend the examination of one or two poor devils of candidates for D.L.S. — The only plea my conscience had was that I know of greater waste of time & money by the Government and why can't I enjoy a little of such waste. Personally I do not feel dissatisfied at not going because I can work up my observations and give me thereby more leisure time next winter, but for Maie I feel sorry — poor woman — she has had a load of work on her hands this summer in the house & garden, and I know that besides the pleasure of my presence our being together it would have been a great pleasure to her to show me the success of her efforts in our new large garden, & seeing