

- August
I was quite dark when we stopped and camped on an island about three miles below Middle Creek. -
- Wednesday 1
pleasant
after. windy
Shortly after 4 a.m. we were off and in a dense fog that we could not see 10 yards ahead of us. Any approaching danger would have made itself apparent by the noise of the water. A two hour run brought us to Frog Creek + rapids, shortly afterwards to Vermillion Creek, ^{a good sized stream} on the South Side. Hereafter the current was rather slack and sandbars showed here + there above the water, a month hence when the water will be considerably lower they will be more numerous. In the afternoon a head wind sprang up so that very little progress was made, hence recourse was had to the oars, I aft + steering. Towards evening we were discussing and guessing as to our whereabouts with unsatisfactory result. Finding that the straight stretch of the river was very long probably 10 miles or more I was satisfied that Fort Pitt must be near the turn of the river to the north + such it proved to be. Just after turning to the north the mosquitoes came out in myriads; we were then beginning our supper. When Charles gave me my soup they began falling into it and faster than I could fish them out so that I tried thereof + ate soup + mosquitoes. There is a great deal in imagination, altho' I knew to be eating mosquitoes + many of them, I certainly never tasted them, yet we ate our soup with a fly in it. It was quite dark when we pitched camp. Hereafter I hunted up the H.B.Co. post + its officer Angus Mackay to procure a conveyance for taking me out to the de' Quilal mission. At the post I met him as also Mr. Hart of the H.B.Co. Rev. Mr. Taylor of the Assiniboine Indian reserve, Mr. P. McDonald the telegraph operator here + a Mr. Lefevriere from Prince Albert. All were sitting around a stove outside as the mosquitoes were very bad + worse in the house.

Thursday 2
cool
windy

Fort Pitt by daylight revealed the buildings of the H.B.Co. + the governmental telegraph office beside a few huts as constituting the town made noted by the late rebels.