

in Winnipeg for sake of my chronometer which is very valuable fluctuating much with the temperature. In Winnipeg I can compare it daily & hourly with the clock which I put into the hands of the Clergymen to keep it at any even temperature. - That it is most desirable to put in Prince Albert this year I know & am only too anxious to do it, but in astronomical work where it is the "bread and butter" that we need to determine it is most unwise to sacrifice quality for quantity. We can not observe for personal equation when our body is chilled and hands cold, besides my chronometer will go to the "devil" in rate then. A fort can have a survey made but no fort can have good astronomical work done at an unpropitious time. - King wholly agrees in my views and wired me so. -

Saturday 8
fine

Busy Computing. In the afternoon I had a visit from Pée Dauphin who is in charge of the A.C. mission here. In the evening I had a visit from Rev. J. Taylor & Mr. Angus McKay H.B.Co. I took them into the observatory & showed them my instruments also transits of several stars.

- The night was unpropitious for work, in my first set of stars I missed one thru clouds, then came the exchange of signals with Winnipeg which were very good, but the second set of stars I failed getting, the sky being completely overcast.

Sunday 9
little rain
cool
cloudy

Mr. DeCarra & I took dinner at Mr. G. H. Dennis's, where were also Mr. Chickskill of Bellefleur, Rev. Taylor & Mr. A. McKay H.B.Co. of Fort Pitt. - Yesterday the Indians assembled at the agency for a pow-wow, but Mr. DeCarra sent for Sergeant Hall N.W.M.P. who paraded with revolver buckled to his belt up & down before them, when they dispersed. It is forbidden for the Indians to gather at the agency for any pow-wow, and the Indians know it. - One must be firm with the Indians & they must know that Law is ever supreme. -

- Observed and got my first set but when the time for exchange of signals came I found that the line was grounded