

September to the east. This surprises me very much and for this reason - the line was working this afternoon, St. Pitt 14 miles east has a main line battery of 22 cells, there has been no storm here this afternoon from which I infer that the line is up between here & St. Pitt yet we don't get a vestige of current, which I think should be the case were the ground east of Pitt, hence I conclude that the ground is in the Pitt office. What strengthens my belief is that I know that the operator McDonald has a "permit" so that probably being Sunday he is now careless and through carelessness put or left on the ground. Thus another good night was lost through some one's non-compliance with that precious word "duty". -

Monday 10
cloudy
raining
Cool

Busy Computing. We had a fire in the tent during the day, hitherto we only had it at night. - The sky was totally cloudy till 10 P.M. when it cleared as if by magic & I hurried to the transit, two stars had already transited, I got the next three, then again a cloud hurriedly appeared & obscured my polar star, I got the four succeeding it. We got exchange of signals but learning from King that it was cloudy in Winnipeg & impossible to get his set I thereafter stopped observing as the observations must be mutual.

Tuesday 11
pleasant

Busy Computing. - Observed at night. - A peculiar and unexplained occurrence happened to me tonight - the night was clear & I got my transits well but after setting for star 317 Pr. Jahn. of Aquarii I failed to see it - I hurriedly looked at my setting that was all right - but no star. - I believed at the moment that a cloud obscured it but as my next star 524 came on in a few minutes I had not time to go outside to verify my belief, after 524 had transited I went outside & there wasn't a cloud to be seen anywhere and thereby made a mystery of the occurrence. Tomorrow night if it is clear will solve the mystery whether the star is there or not. The fault lies possibly & probably with me yet stars have been known to disappear from the heavens. -
- I was much surprised during the hours set apart for exchange of signals that the Winnipeg operator let me