

Thursday 13
Cloudy
little rain

Commenced packing the instruments. - In the evening Mr. Mann & boy Gump were at my camp. I had left the telescope unpacked & showed them the moon, Jupiter & the stars - especially to Gump's delight. Afterwards we spent an hour or so in the farewell chat.

Friday 14
fine
warm

Being our day of departure I rose earlier than usual. By eleven the teams had arrived from St. Pitt for me, the last work to be done was to connect the telegraph wire again which a half hour's work sufficed to do. After seeing everything loaded Mr. Macara & I drove ahead & took dinner at the Indian agency. Mr & Mrs Mann have been very kind to me and apparently enjoyed my company too. - Bidding farewell to the few acquaintances of Orion Lake I turn my back upon the wilds that have served me but for a scientific purpose. Two hours drive brings us to St. Pitt where I pitch camp for the night. From the houses of the wahman the Saskatchewan besides the poor current from the immenseable sandbars. I concluded that it would be advisable & economic to drive to Battleford instead of using the unwieldy scow, & thence drive to Swift Current to the railway. When I told Charlie that I intended taking him with me to Swift Current & then sending him to Calgary by train, from the latter place to find his way home 200 miles for chance, he was delighted with the idea. Previous thereto I had told him I'd leave him at Battleford & to return home by river. - About an hour after I had told him he came to me and asked me if I would sell him one of my camp stools when we got to Swift Current, I asked him what for - So that I can have a good seat & then smoke on the train. - I laughed & told him that there were good seats in the train, this surprised him but he was satisfied. He said he thought only the rich people got seats. -

I arranged with Mr Angus McKay to transport me to Battleford, I intended that he