

Monday 15
cloudy

With the 11 A.M. train I left for Ottawa. The afternoon was spent in Toronto leaving there again at 8-45 P.M. -

Tuesday 16
rainy

In Ottawa. At 10 A.M. call at the Department, and W. F. King & I see Mr. Deville - Surveyor General together and talk over the past season's work. I then call on Mr. H. H. Smith - Commissioner of Dominion Lands who is at present acting as Deputy Minister of the Interior during Mr. Bump's absence, he being on leave of absence thro' sickness. After luncheon I call on Mr. E. Dewdney - Minister of the Interior, this being my first interview with him as Minister for last spring when I left the late Mr. Thomas White filled that position. Mr. Dewdney received me kindly and while listening to me made numerous notes of what I was saying & the information I was giving. The Council meeting at 3 P.M. my interview was cut short. - After 4 P.M. King & I had a chat & smoke at the Bodepa. After dinner I spent the greater part of the evening with King at his house.

Wednesday 17
cloudy
& little rain

In forenoon called on Mr. Dewdney again, but as Rev. Père Gendreau desired an interview I had to give way - being an official - to him. This is the man who was at Orin Lake while I was there, he inspects the Indian Agencies, to enquire into the grievances of the Indians &c. - To me it seems extraordinary that a Catholic priest should be commissioned on such an errand for the Government, for the unexplained grievances are mainly brought about thro' the machinations of the priests - the arch disturber being Père Létour. - I then went to the Geological Museum & had a chat with Mr. R. de la Connerie who has just returned from an 18 months' absence on the Mackenzie river & Yukon. There I also met A. Low.