

civil service.

— In evening W. Pearce, J. P. Dennis, D. W. Davis  
M.P., A. C. Webb & I chatted away several hours.

Tuesday 12  
Snowy

Attended Board meeting, we have five candi-  
dates 3 for D.S., 1 on the limited ca. offer the  
higher ca. — J. J. Dalton appeared before  
the Board at the morning session with coun-  
sel. As the Department (Prosecutor) has no coun-  
sel the case was adjourned till tomorrow. —  
The rest of the day was spent with ca. papers.  
A. C. Webb & I had lunch with W. F. King  
meeting at his house beside his wife his mother  
and sister Carrie.

The evening I spent reading the first no. of the  
National Geographic Magazine.

Wednesday 13  
Cold

Attended Board meeting, & the day was occupied  
with the case of J. J. Dalton, the only witness ex-  
amined during the day being John Vicas, who was  
a little too wise & fresh & hence hurried & blun-  
dered & made a poor witness. —

W. F. King & W. P. Olive (the latter I had not seen since  
he returned from the Yukon) had lunch with  
with A. C. Webb & me. Yesterday <sup>King</sup> requested me to  
write a letter to the Survey General (upon the  
understanding hereby by the V. G.) of my opinion  
of Olive's capabilities of making astronomi-  
cal observations as it appears that Dr. Selwyn  
Director of the Dept. Survey upon the advice of  
Dr. Dawson has stated to the Minister that  
Dawson that not much reliance can be  
placed in Olive's work. — (Olive's  
work having been the survey of the Yukon in  
Canada, observations for the international  
boundary the meridians & survey of the  
Mackenzie river) The Gov. Gen. seems to



to be the most selfish & egotistical concern imaginable. My experience has been that any one out of their department who attempts to say anything are gobbled for the dissemination of knowledge is put upon at every opportunity by these self constituted know-all's. - And now they invade even our special domain, and in what manner - to criticize the abilities of optive to make astronomic observations. -

Of course a compliment was paid me by requesting me to compare the merits of Dr Dawson as a critic in such matters & of optive as an observer. -

- In evening I was busy writing. -

Thursday 14  
cold

Attended Board meeting. The whole day was again occupied in hearing evidence in the case of J. J. Dalton. The defence is making a good showing. - In evening accompanied H. Webb to the House of Commons & after listening for some time to uninteresting speeches by Adam Brown, Peter Mitchell & Mr Keen on iron duties, the National Policy, coal & corn we withdrew to the smoke restaurant accompanying Cochrane M.P. of Northumberland & Messrs M.P. of Northampton. M. T. King was with me at my room from 10 1/2 to 11 1/2 P.M.

Friday 15  
fine

The Board meeting was again occupied all day with Dalton's case, the evidence being all in at 5 P.M. Thereafter King, Pearce, Webb, ~~Webb~~ adjourned to the Rodeau.

In evening at my room reading & writing. Late in evening W. Pearce was in my room chatting & smoking over a glass.

Saturday 16  
mild  
eve. mist

At Board meeting and by 4 P.M. we had disposed of J. J. Dalton's case. On the first charge of corruption all the members save King & Pearce found him not guilty.