

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 guilty 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 went 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.