

In the time being, as he would not put the motion. Thereafter he resumed the proceedings of the programme carried out. — Mr. Lightfoot a visitor said that the proceedings of the House of Commons weren't a patch to this. — After the meeting I called on King at the granterium, he was in his night gown + about retiring. C. Humphreys who was with him was already in bed. He insisted on my staying — so I told them of Knight's visit, + we chatted away for an hour over the medicine "Cinacosa" which I as Dr. had prescribed —

Tuesday 21
pleasant

Attended Board meeting + finished all business by noon having picked the 3 D.F.S. candidates, present Pritchard on the "limited la." + Geo. St. White for D.F.S. After 4 PM. I called on the Dep. Sec. Gen. A. C. B. Jones and remained with him till 6 PM. He fully told me his plans of laying the foundation of combined geologic surveys — of driving the thin end of the wedge, that he had to proceed quietly and cautiously. The first step had been taken by making W. F. King — Chief astronomer, and now he proposed to take me into the civil service, but he said "you will have to make a considerable sacrifice." — How much has your salary been — well it has been about \$2200 = (\$6 per day). He then said that he began with I would receive only \$1600 =, King getting \$1800 =, I said it was a shame that King didn't get more. — He continued and said that I would not be required to remove from Pretoria, and that my living allowances would be worth something, although he was not very explicit as to the field allowances otherwise they are \$3 1/2 per diem. — Upon questioning him he told me that my official title would be "Astronomer." — What made his proposition at all acceptable to me was that it would not necessitate my removal to Ottawa. (W. Filvie is also to be taken into the civil service.)

February

When questioning him about the coming season's work he said that something may be done regarding the Alaska boundary, but that no definite line of action had yet been laid down. — I have \$200 per annum struck from one's salary (altho' he said I'd get an increase of \$50 per year) is no small affair, on the other hand as I well know & he impressed upon me too was that the permanency of the appointment (to life-annuation) was well worth taking into consideration, whereas as now I am always at the mercy of circumstances.

— I may say I left with a glad and sad heart, but hoping that the near future would ameliorate the financial consideration. —

— A.C. Webb was rather jolly by dinner time & as he was going away I packed his clothes for him. He said to me - "Klotz give a brick - if my wife ever meets you she'll hug you". He, Brooy & I had dinner together, Webb furnishing a bottle of champagne as a finale. Webb & Brooy left for home.

Late in the evening E. Painbooth, G.M. Martin & I sat in the private office discussing the Lake association affairs.

Friday 22

cold

snow, wind

With J. Dennis, G.M. Martin & I met this morning & I drew up two articles for the "Ice Press" & "Journal" correcting misstatements in their issues of yesterday regarding our D.I. meeting. Then I called on Mr. Edwille - Survey General but he in his usual hyper-cautious way had nothing to tell me, neither did I ask him anything, he knew undoubtedly full well that the Deputy had told me all, as L.D. was with him when I sent in my card yesterday. —

King, Dennis, Brooy, Opilvie & I chatted away at home, then King & I adjourned to the Bodeys & discussed my proposed entrance into the civil service as also the Alaska work. King has already been told that he would probably be sent, in which event he desires that I go too. —

— At 10-30 P.M. J.A. Dana met & I drove to the C.P.R. & off for Toronto. The car was crowded. I made the ac-