

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.D. Dennis, G.M. Martin & I met this morning & I drew up two articles for the "Free Press" & "Journal" correcting misstatements in their issues of yesterday regarding our D.I. meeting. Then I called on Mr. E. Deville - 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 I. D. was with him when I sent in my card yesterday. —

King, Dennis, Brooy, Opilvic & 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. Dennis met & I drove to the C.P.R. & off for Toronto. The car was crowded. I made the ac-

acquaintance of Mr. Barron M. P. from Lindsay. —

Saturday 23
very cold

We were nearly three hours late in Toronto & I had just time to rush up town & buy a ^{few} circulars for my good friend & off again. At Hamilton having to wait & call on Emil & at 3-45 the family & Miss M. McDonald & I left for Port Hope, arriving home at 6-30 P.M. glad to be with my dear family. — Marie was a little under the weather with a bad cold. I was kept busy the evening relating the events of my 2 weeks absence.

Sunday 24
-18° F. 6 a.m.
Cold

Busy writing &c. In evening we all took tea at father's. —

Monday 25
-16° F. noon
Cold
fine

In forenoon I drove home to Galt, returning I took Libby & Marie to the station. Busy writing and reading proof of Mr. Edwille's paper or book on Photographic Surveying. — Mr. & Mrs. Pattinson were with us in the evening. —

Tuesday 26
cloudy
after. snow

Busy in office. — At 5 P.M. left for Toronto to attend annual meeting of P.L.S. Association. — Arrived at 8-30 P.M. but not feeling well I did not attend the evening session. After the meeting I met in the Rossin House A. Kites, Stewart, Gaville & Bolger; the first three & I spent an hour or so in my room chatting.

Wednesday 27
mild
little snow

Attended P.L.S. meeting in forenoon and read my paper on "Descriptions". It called forth considerable discussion and I was universally complimented on it. Prof. Gibson was the only one who thought a definite distance could & should be given for the distance between two fixed points.

In the afternoon we were received by the reception committee of the Toronto City Council at the City Hall and then driven to the Park improvements, then to the reservoir going by picturesque Rosedale. A luncheon was served us at the reservoir then we drove down Yonge Street & Bloss Hill.