

May

promised me to the hotel, and thereafter to the station as I was leaving for home. He appears to be greatly attached to me. He promised to assist himself in the Alaska Survey already alluded to. - It appears that G. M. Dawson of the Geological Survey is making himself very conspicuous in the matter, - Deville & King being nowhere. At 11 P.M. I was off. -

Friday 17

fine
warm

At 8 A.M. in Toronto, and immediately off for home. The country looks simply grand now - so fresh - so green - so picturesque. Although in my many years travel a great part or the greater part of the N. American continent has passed before me as a panorama, yet with all the praise of California and other parts - western Ontario possesses the greatest charms; taken all in all it is the cream of America. - Home at noon. In afternoon Maie & I were in Gall shopping. Evening busy in office. -

Saturday 18

very warm

Busy in office - proof reading &c. The boys were in drinking today. -

Sunday 19

pleasant - cool
little rain

Read &c. In afternoon Maie & I croquet with the boys, and then enjoyed some sketch that Maie had made. - In the evening Maie & I played cribbage with the boys. -

Monday 20

warm
Some rain

In the turmoil of housecleaning - as my library was under treatment I removed all the books myself as also the safe, the latter no small job for one man. - As we are going to have it papered and the walls & ceiling had been oil-soured they had to be washed off, a dirty job. -

Tuesday 21

Cold, cloudy

My exertions yesterday, unfit me for work today, having brought on my old complaint in a severe form - haemorrhoid. - The office is being papered today I felt homeless, as it was too chill to sit in any of the other rooms - unless I wanted to about. - At night the room was finished, & Maie

May The girls I replaced shelves + books. - It is now very neat and cozy & far excellence the room of the house

Wednesday 22 In forenoon I was at Galt for additional wall paper. In afternoon busy at Computing the British Columbia railroad belt of twenty miles. - The problem connected therewith appears simple but in reality it is a very difficult problem in surveying - to compute the position with reference to sections, townships & course of the railway belt limit. -

As my office roof is being covered with galvanized iron there is an unpleasant pounding & thumping overhead while I am at work. - This evening the tenders for the school were opened and great was my anxiety with reference to the result. It is human nature that when a man has lost all confidence in another, he mistrusts such person's every move, even when there is apparently no outward reason for so doing. Such was my position today. G. A. Clare, whose sense of honor is so infinitesimally small as shown only too frequently by his acts, is the person of whom I had such mistrust. As he was at the last meeting of the Board exposed by father as a liar I was satisfied that he was capable of doing anything to frustrate the whole of the building scheme, the fact of the Lucas Dowd heating & system to be introduced and not the Clare furnace substituting largely into Clare's motive of frustrating the scheme, besides opposing father. Should the scheme be frustrated, Clare would undoubtedly try to have father defeated at next year's election & get in a man whom he can manipulate & then put up a school with the Clare furnace. - Recklessly I waited at mother's for the result of the tenders but without avail. After eleven, having been at home, I returned when the meeting of the Board was over & father told me the proceedings. All so far has gone well, altho' no tender was accepted, the meeting being adjourned till tomorrow evening. Clare acted at the meeting in harmony with the others. - Geo. Pattinson who is an intimate friend of mine in fact the only one in Polston, acts in the matter between father & Clare in a very shabby manner today the least. He has on many occasions shown his high mind for