

July

a year in civilization, I might just as well have been at Hudson's Bay - for I remained at home and computed preferring such to witnessing falls and other excesses. The boys went out picnicing across the river with a few companions and had a healthy day's enjoyment. —

Tuesday 2

Busy computing. —

cloudy, rain

pleasant

Wednesday 3

Busy computing. — Strawberries are not so plentiful on account of the frost in June, — they are now in their prime here — 10cts per quart. —

very warm

Thursday 4

Busy computing. — This is the natal day of our neighboring republic, and I believe that the day is not very far distant when Canada will join in celebrating that day, for in our present condition we can not continue much longer, the Government is virtually in the hands of Rome. Quebec is French-Catholic and anti-British at heart, which is unmistakably expressed at their gatherings such as St Jean Baptiste, — the late unveiling of the Cartier Breboeuf monument at Quebec &c. — When a Quebec politician speaks at Toronto he invariably vaunts his British loyalty and tells how they fought side to side in defending their common country, but my own observations lead me to believe I might almost say know that the French Canadian's loyalty to the Union Jack is only skin deep, he is only loyal when it serves his purpose — and his purpose invariably is the furtherance of the Catholic (Roman) Church and the interests of the French Canadian — their language & customs. The Province of Ontario as far as a spot as is in this wide earth is well off in every respect — her people are prosperous, her treasury is well filled, her people are peaceable, have a higher moral status than those to the South, her laws are good and are well ad —

pleasant  
shower in afternoon