

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

July

ministered, and were there no disturbing influences would
 be better to remain as she is, but when we see the
 Jesuit cracker shop & steel eating even into our fair
 Province, and we ^{above} unable to fight the Python - as it has
 the support of the politicians in the Dominion Govt
 we are driven to seek relief elsewhere, and that relief,
 although thereby we will be forced by our opinion to lower
 our political morality, is annexation to the United
 States. To me it is an undesirable change. My patriot-
 ism would never allow me to barter my country, patrio-
 tism aside I consider Ontario a more desirable country to
 live in than the United States, although the clever &
 "smart" do not accumulate money so rapidly here as
 there, however what we are deficient in money we
 retain and recapture in ^{our} neighbourhood. — However a
 calm and impartial view of the situation, looking at
 the question whether we shall prosper as an Anglo-Saxon
 race of the 19th century or whether we shall be
 slowly drawn toward darkness & mediocrity,
 leads me to adopt instead his hand to the
 big brother to the South. — Geographically & topo-
 graphically, there never was a union between two countries
 that was so natural as would be the one between
 Canada & the U. S. — — — as for imperial
 Federation - to me it is a dream — I abhor the ex-
 penditures for arms & navies and in consequence do
 not want to pay any farther taxes, which undoubtedly
 would follow Imperial Federation. There is too
 much sentiment about Imperial Federation
 & not enough of common sense. My an-
 selves with all corners of the globe and have a
 customs wall between us & our neighbors
 looks to me unreasonable.

bearing the
 French Canadian

Friday 5
 pleasant

Busy computing.