

August

ables and drinkables. Having expropriated a reasonable quantity and it being the last evening that we would be together as I leave for Ottawa tomorrow, it was deemed but meet & proper that an especially jolly time should be had for which each of us (4) was in proper trim too. Laughter, soup & snitch were happily blended. Toward midnight I was decided to associate Mr. Dispel - Paulina's old music teacher. Accordingly we wended our way clothed with various head gear to his garden & there after a minutes intense shifting of laughter we found forth to the pale rays of the silvery moon the soft strains of the "Loreley" & "Ein Strausschen am Stube" winding up with a "Good night." -

A similar greeting we found forth at Father's, he Jacob & D. Fosyth were still up, & after being entertained to a glass of wine returned home where again some Pilsener was enjoyed ere retiring. -

I had not been in bed 10 minutes when the fire bell rang, rapidly dressing & going to the street I met the fire engine which I helped drag to the fire, & all were disappointed so to speak than an old lumber down by stable was the cause of the alarm not worth ten dollars. The owner, ^{Peter Pantler} made an ass of himself by virtuously refusing about trying to save the worm eaten logs. -

Saturday 10
fine

Took the 11 a.m. I was off for Ottawa, Paulina & husband going in same train to St. Catharines to visit Carl & then the Falls of Niagara. - In afternoon attended to some business in Toronto, after tea called on Mrs. Dyer & at 8:45 P.M. took the Steamer for Ottawa, meeting thereon Prof. Saunders & a Mr. Allison - mining contractor from Ottawa.

Sunday 11
Cloudy
Cool

When I awoke this morning in Ottawa I found train decidedly chag. About the station a quietness reigned that was painful, not even a cat was seen so that I had to walk to my hotel - the Russell. - In the hotel too there is such a dearth of people and other that one

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klotz, of Preston, will celebrate their golden wedding to-day. They will have the pleasure of seeing four generations around their table.

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might imagine himself in a cemetery, the pillars of the
columns serving as tombstones & monuments. -
I busied myself reading & writing. - During the
Session (Parliament) all is still here in the hotel
(save Sundays) but a redeeming feature about the
summer months is that there are can obtain
good & commodious rooms which during the
winter is almost an impossibility. -

Monday 12
Cloudy
w. little rain

a.c. Webb arrives this morning. After breakfast
we proceed to the Board room to begin the examina-
tion for D.L.S. Colburn Magrath, W. F. King were
the other examiners present, Mr. Deville the
Chairman coming in for a few minutes. - We
found no candidates for final although two
sets of papers to examine for a special ex-
amination held in June by Mr. Deville.
A candidate for the "preliminary" presents
himself. We get to work. -
After King takes luncheon with me.
After 4-30 King, Webb & I chat at the Lodge.
- Mr. Deville called me into his room today
and told me that I am to proceed to Alaska
soon, to take a cruise along the coast with
a chartered schooner to gain information in
general and especially to ascertain what the
American Govt is doing in survey matters
relative to the Boundary question.
Further details I am to receive at an
interview with him with Mr. Purpus
the Deputy Minister. -

Tuesday 13
Pleasant

Sat at Board meeting, examining papers.
As they are all in French with which Webb
& Magrath are not conversant, & King gene-
rally busying himself with problems, the great-
er part of the work falls to me. -