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A PROMINENT VISITOR.

Dr. G. M. Dawson Inspects the Le Roi and War Eagle.

Dr. G M. Dawson, C. M. G., LL. D., F. R. S., and director of the Geological survey of Canada since 1868, paid Rossland a hurried visit, arriving on Monday and leaving for the Boundary country yesterday. After he has completed the inspection of the Boundary country he goes to East Kootenay. He is one of the great scientists of the world, and has explored British Columbia from its southern, eastern and western boundaries to its northern confines within the shadow of the great Arctic circle. He also explored the Northwest Territories. He was one of the H. M. Bering Sea commissioners in 1891, and connected with the Bering Sea joint commision in 1892. He was decorated for services in the Bering Sea commission.

Dr. Dawson took luncheon with Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, and spent the greater part of Monday afternoon with him discussing mining matters. Yesterday the Le Roi Mining company invited him to examine the Le Roi mine, which he did, accompanied by Mr. D. J. Macdonald, the well known mining expert. Mr. John M. Long, the superintendent of the Le Roi, extended all courtesies. Dr. Dawson spoke highly of the magnificent showing of ore in the Le Roi, and remarked that it was a triumphant vindication of those who, in the early days, believed in the vastness of the mineral deposits in the vicinity of this city. Dr. Dawson also visited the War Eagle, and was much impressed with what he saw there.

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Private Diary

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Oct. 28. 1899. Saturday. To Montreal by afternoon train.

Oct. 30. Return from Montreal by am train. Get first car load of Exhibits for Paris Exhibition off today.

Nov. 2. Meeting of Paris Commrs. at noon, in Hon. Mr Fisher's office. Again at 8.30 P.M., lasting till past 11 P.M.

Nov. 6. Called on Hon Mr Scott, who is acting for Minister during his absence, abt. employing draftsman. Also in reply to a phone. from him about some photos. of falls wanted by J.C. Keefer. Call from Hon. Mr Foster in P.M. wanting information about Tete Jaune Cache Mica Mine.

Nov. 11. Leave this P.M. for Montreal, arriving 6.45. Father has been quite unwell for the past week, since Sunday, & is very low a week

Nov. 12. Sunday. Montreal. Left Rem. in Rue Wed Prof. Bovey by arrangement of his laboratory to discuss arrangements for model of N.S. mines. Met Sir W. Macdonald & others there also.
Nov. 13. Ready to leave this morg. by 10 A.M. train, but Father seemed so unwell that I decided to wait till P.M. & see Dr Blackadder. Got off at 4 P.M.
Oct. 17. Reports about Father very bad all this week & tonight Anna informs me by phone that Dr Blackadder has practically stated he will not rally. Got William to go down on Thursday (yesterday) but Father was unconscious & did not recognize him. W. returned today.
Had an interview with Queen's Printer today about reports etc in hand.
Oct. 18. Telephoned to Montreal & found that all hope in regard to Father's recovery abandoned. His life now only a question of hours. Leave by P.M. train.

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as result of arterial sclerosis
as cause of death.

Found him still unconscious & sinking in sleep. Soon after midnight – Early on Sunday morning – he passed away.

Nov. 19. Busy with arrangements of every kind all day.

Nov. 20. Monday. With Bernard to the undertakers & other places in town. Then to the Cemetary to select & mark place for grave in plot. Principal Peterson & the College authorities arranging for a service in the old library, from which the funeral is to start.

Nov. 21. The body removed at noon from the house to the library, where it lay till 2 P.M. when the service took place. Hall filled with College people, representatives of various bodies & friends, & avenue lined with students & others – all showing the very greatest amount of respect & sympathy. Many of the College people & friends accompanied us to the Cemetary. A fine but dull day. William, Florence & two boys down for the occasion from Ottawa. Evening, addressing papers to friends.

Nov. 22 & 23. In Montreal attending to various matters connected with Potter's affairs. Called on Fleet about property arrangements etc. Morning of 23rd.
Sir William Macdonald sends a cheque to College for foundation of a Dawson Memorial Chair, the interest to go to Mother during her life.
Nov. 24. Back to Ottawa by morning train. Dr Selwyn also on board.
Nov. 27. Called on Capt. Deville & H. Topley about transparencies for exhibition.
Dec. 5. Dr Bell came in about arrangements to be made for Max Bell's work next summer & during the winter. Wants to write at once instructing him. I said it would do by a later mail & asked him memorandum for a memo. of work done, left in hand, stores, arrangements already made etc to submit to Minister.

Dec. 9. Saturday. To Montreal this evening.

Dec. 10. Sunday. Montreal.

Dec 11. Left for Ottawa by 4 Run train. Occupied while in Montreal writing acknowledgments by letter, arranging booklet for printing etc

Dec. 12. Frances turned up this morning. I had asked him to come to consult about means of stopping gas at Pelican if necessary. Occupied a good deal of time & lunched with me.

Dec. 19. Had W. to dinner tonight to consult about Christmas offices, chiefly.

Dec. 21. To Pushing Bureau to see if Report can be hurried at before close of year. W. called in this evening.

Dec. 23. Saturday. To Montreal for Christmas.

Dec. 26. Call on Prof. Bovey about Goldenville Model.

Dec. 27. Back to Ottawa by P.m. train.

Dec. 30. Tried to see Minister yesterday unsuccessfully, but called again this am & had a short interview on various departmental matters. Question of attempting to stop flow of gas at Pelican R – nothing had better be attempted till spring at any rate. Increases proposed for some temporary employees.

Jan 1. 1900. Attended the Gov. Generals official reception this am. P.m. at office.

Jan 2. Meeting of Exhibition Commn. at Minister of Agriculture's office & am to 2 P.m.

Jan 3. Mr J. Tyrrell came in with Capt. Deville. Had a talk with him about his proposed survey work E. of Ft. Slave L & its possible connection with work to be done by Max Bell, now wintering on the Lake. Mr Lillicum called at office this day.

Jan 5. Had a short conversation with Sydney Foster last night at Club about men from Surrey to go to Paris in connection with the exhibition. He promised to see Sifton this am & did so. Called on Mr Sifton on his phoning me, showed him the various applications &c. Recommended on the whole that Fenider Williscroft, Faribault should go for first half of time, Lowe for second half. He agreed & as Sir Wilfrid also agreed the matter was left that we should communicate with the men. Mr Sifton also gave me file bearing on Crow Nest Pass Coal lands to report on request of Company to have certain tracts they particularly require exempted from possible selection by the Govt. when it chooses its 50,000 acres. Promised report at once, to go before Council today. After looking into matter as well as I could, reported that the exemption of these lands would still leave plenty for Govt. selection. This is all I could do & all I fancy that is required.

Jan. 8. Meeting of Paris Commn. took up all Am. Chiefly on matter of fixing allowances for men going to Paris.
Jan 10. Called on Queen's Printer, abt. following index work for Exhibition & Progress of Dominion. Wrote. Telephone from Ministers Office wanting Estimates immediately. Called after lunch & waited a long time. Got his assent to proposed Ests. Gave them to Marshall who got the whole pamphlet shape & sent up to Courtney about 5 Pm. Call from Prof. Saunders & Mr Hay abt. decorations at Paris.
Jan 13. Spent Am at Summary Report. Gardiner looked in to state that he would probably leave in the spring. Prospects of promotion too slow. It will be a pity if he goes as he appears to be the working of a good man.
Jan 14. Sunday. At Summary Report mostly afternoon.

Jan 16. Got another large Col of packages shipped off to Paris today. Call from Mr P Dwyer & had some talk with him about specimens he has brought back from Skeena etc & propos of new Geol. Wks, Dined at Club with Sir Adolph Caron who wanted me to meet some mining friends, not particularly interesting.

Jan 17. Made another unsuccessful attempt to see the Minister this Am.

Jan 18. Accomplished a short interview with the Minister this Am.

Jan 19. A sort of half holiday today, everyone flocking out to see the inspection of the mounted rifles, from the West & for Halifax & S. Africa.

Jan 22. Had Mr Fitzmaurice of U.S. Coast & Geod. Survey who is here to consult with King abt. boundary matters, for lunch at Club today.

Jan 24. Called on Capt. Deville & to see Foley about transparencies.

Jan. 25. Called this morning on way to office on Mr Sifton in response to note recd. yesterday, referring to question of selection of Govt. lands (coal) from Crows Nest land grant. Act of P. directs should be selected by Director of G. S. Had felt some apprehension in the matter, feeling sure that the parties interested were pushing the Minister to have Govt. lands selected immediately, while the information in our possession is insufficient to enable this to be done in conformity with the objects of the act. Found that this was the case, but Minister not inclined to be pressed in the matter if unreasonable. Explained the conditions to him, work wops. Called again at 2.30 P.M. in reply to phone. Minister had evidently been urged in the interim to get the selection made at once. He suggested that an exam. might be made in winter, but I considered this practically impossible. He very properly said that he did not wish me to comment

to see anything wrong in the Walter or to do so himself. Asked me to be ready to meet Sir G the Lieutenant at 5.30 if required, but I heard nothing more of it. Had W. to dinner at Club tonight.

Jan 27. Called this am at Ministers Office but after long waiting could not see him. Go Montreal in Pm.

Jan 29. Return from Montreal this am. Call at Ministers Office, but he in Council. Talk with Robertson abt, Ami's work.

Jan 30. See Minister this am. & suggest to him that a memo. in regard to Crow Nest Coal field might serve the alleged purpose of the Co. in inspiring confidence in Value. Told him I had blocked such a memo. out & would if he wished send it to him in draft form. He asked me to do this & I completed it had it typed & sent up in the Pm.

Call pm St John, about light thrs of his article on Canada for Encyclopedia Brit. Talk with Ami about his work & relations to Petersons.

Feb. 1. Parliament opened this P.m.
To state dinner at Govt. House this
Evg.

Feb. 5. At meeting of Exhib. Commrs
this am. Minister of agriculture's
office.

Feb. 6. To Field Naturalists Club this
evg. & said a few words, with others,
in occasion of 21st anniversary
of the Society.

Feb. 8. Had J. Fletcher & a brother
of his who has come out from England
at dinner tonight at Club.

Feb. 13. Meeting of Exhibition Commrs.
Called for 10.30 am, but Minister
(Foster) could not attend. Back to meeting
at 2 P.m & there till 3.30. Minister
instructs that Civil Service Est. for Geol. Surv.
should be so altered as to give $50
increases to only one-half those eligible.
Would visit this with Wardroll & send
up revised estimates before 6 P.m.

Oct. 15. Messrs. Faribault, Jas. Macoun & Wallworth off for Paris via Halifax today.

Oct. 16. Had Cecil Selwin, who is here on his way back from England to Manitoba, with Percy S. & William to dinner at Club this Evg.

Oct. 26. Spent a good forty Min waiting in Minister's room Hse Commons for chance to see him, but without success as debate on Yukon Matters started. Returned at 8 Pm. & had satisfactory talk about various office matters. Minister goes west tomorrow & then to England for some time. J. Sutherland is to act during his absence. He (Sifton) wants Mr Cornwall's report on Yukon brought out at once. Arrangements to be made for surveys in Crow Nest Pass early in spring. Has heard nothing more from Crow Nest People since he sent Jeffery draft of my proposed report. They evidently wanted to rush us into a selection of the Govt. lands

Feb. 27. Called on Lewis Pentey, about the work, more particularly the Dunway & McCorwell's report. Got promises.

March 7. Dinner at Mr Dobells – Mr Murlock & miss Biglow from Ny.

March 10. To Montreal this P.m.

March 12. Monday. Returned from Montreal this A.m. streets of Montreal at present almost impossible from Snow, worse than I have ever seen them.

March 16. Interview with Jas. Sutherland now Acting Min. of Int., chiefly about continued employment of draftsman Lebebvre. Evening to supper at Dobell's to meet Prof. Short of Kingston after his lecture.

March 17. Had W. to dine with me at Club tonight.

March 19. The Governor-General unexpectedly visited Museum this P.m. Spent half an hour showing him round.

March 27. After some unsuccessful efforts managed this afn. to see Hon. J. Sutherland now acting Minister, about Reid Collection & transfer of Boyd from Finance & Mines dept. to Temporary staff of G. S.

March 28. At annual working of Rideau Club this afn from one 2 hours.

March 29. Called on Capt. Deville this eng. about arrangements for Surveys in connection with Geol. work in Cross West Coal Fields.

April 6. Visit from Pentallow this eng. between 5 & 6. Had talk about Ethnological Survey Committee matters.

April 7. Call from Dr Macallum of Toronto on his way to the train this afn. Talk with Gwillim abt. his remaining on Survey. He is in doubt. Promised to do what I could to meet his views. He wants leave for a couple of weeks in May & leave for a couple of months next winter with

day, if possible, to go to England.
Completed & sent off note to Hon. Mr
Mulock in regard to need for new
building. He is now acting minister
of Public Works.
April 10. Call from Macfarlane of Toland
Income about a friend wanting surveying
work. H.F. Nuelson about ~~sal~~ clay
specimen he left here. Treadgold, just
before 6 O'C with letter from acting minister
asking questions in regard to his
scheme of supplying water for Klondike
workings. Letter from Van Hise,
suggesting Conference & excursions in
Summer in regard to Archæan nomen-
clature or relations of formations.
Great fire about 11 Pm. Howe's block
entirely consumed.
April 11. Saw Smart this am. abt.
arrangements for Crow Nest Coal fields
Survey. Caught Sutherland, acting
minister & had conversation with
him abt. the survey, abt. the proposed

Apr. 14. Yesterday & this am. occupied partly in getting a memo. from Mr Carroll cbl. Yukon & Wolf Joffe working a letter to Acting Minister to accompany memo. & getting the whole typed.

purchase of Price Collection. Field arrangements comprised on 3 or 4 of usual men not being available (at Paris etc) Possible employment of Parks. The report asked for in Treadgold matter etc.

April 14. To Montreal this Pm.

Apl. 15 & 16. Sunday & Easter Monday. In Montreal. Called on Adams at his office, saw Barlow & Prof. Porter.

Apl. 17. Back this am to Ottawa, finding a lot of things waiting, proof etc.

Apl. 18. Stayed part of am at Club reading proof. Called on Fisher abt. exhibition matters.

Apl. 19. Met Sir C. Tupper at Club & invited by him to lunch with some others to meet Mr Jameson M.P. from Ireland, occupying more of the day than I could well afford to lose.

Apl. 20. Call on Queen's Printer abt. work notes etc

Apl. 25. Called on Surveyor General abt Surveys in Crow Nest Pass

Concurrent with Mr. Gray's Surveys.
April 26. Call from Mr. Obalski today.
All the afternoon & evening terrific fire in Hull & Western part of Ottawa. Scarcely any one at the Office & all business practically suspended.
April 27. Prof. H.F. Osborn arrived at 11.20 from N.Y. at my invitation to see our Laramie & Cretaceous material. Gave him my the morning to rest & had him with Whitaker & Lambe to lunch at Club. Call from W. who tells me he proposes going away to tide-gages tomorrow.
May 2. Interview with Hon. Mr Sutherland abt. field work etc. Approved parties for B.C. & Yukon as arranged.
May 5. Call on Surveyor-General abt. Cooperation in Surveys of Crow's Nest Pass Coal field.
May 19. Interview with Acting Minister Sutherland this a.m., chiefly in reference

to Tarte's proposal to him that Faribault should remain in Paris instead of being relieved of Lor in July.

May 18. Called this am on the Premier to remind him of urgency in Walker of Museum building. Est involved in a deputation waiting on him re grant to art school. Called on Stewart about arrangements for Crow's Nest Pass topog. surveys.

May 25. To Montreal this Pm. to pay another visit before Worter, Anna & children leave for Wales on June 1.

May 26. Saturday. To town about printing of Exhib. pamphlets etc. Lun Pm. with Worter & Secretary about Monument there.

May 27. Spend much of day looking over old letters for any of Foster's that may be of interest.

May 28. Back to Ottawa this am.

May 29. To Royal Society annual meeting at Normal School. Then to to office between 12 & 1. Dr J. J. W. Burgess to lunch, & then again at meetings. Dr Adams to dinner & some talk with him afterwards.

May 30. To office & then to East block at 11 am to join R.S. deputation to Premier Laurier re new Survey Museum building. A very influential deputation & representative, including President, vice-president & two officers (or members) from each section, besides Sir Sanford Fleming & self. Met to R.S. meeting. After lunch to office & again to meeting. Dennis called at club in eve. to consult me about an offer made to him by parties going to Hudson Bay prospecting etc.

May 31. To office & to R.S. meeting, concluding session at 1 Pm. Had G. Murray of Montreal to lunch. Pm. Consult with Adams & Young

about work near St. St John, which Young is to finish. Evening dined with Hon Ian Fitzpatrick, to meet Prof. Howard from Washington & others. Great rows in sheets over Jamieson & Pretoria news.

June 1. Talk with Parks about work he is to undertake in Muskoka. Rain. Call from Dr McKay of Nova Scotia.

June 2 Sunday. Drove all in Pen to Experimental Farm. Stayed for tea with Fletcher & had a very pleasant look round the plantations & gardens full of flowering lilacs. A beautiful Summer day.

June 5. Had W. to Dinner this eve. & talked over various family matters.

June 6. Called on Minister this (Saturday) this am. Went over the G.S. estimates with him.

June 12. Visit from Collier, Minister's private secretary & a Mr Pearson

who is connected with & has been
engineering some extensive grant of
mineral lands on E. shore of Ht. Bay.
Wanted to see assays of iron ores.
Mr Pearson seems to be a man of a very
doubtful style & limited acquirements!
Met Hon. Mr Costigan today & talked with
him about his protege Mr Thériault, who
has been acting somewhat unreasonably
abt. employment offered to him.
June 13. Talk with Mr the Revs. about
his work, particularly the taking up of
the final working out of the assay
material.
June 19. Call from Dr Weldon, late
M.P. & Mr Winter of Manchester, interested
in Yellow Head Pass Mica mine.
June 20. Called by agent of Russell
to see Mr Bell Smith's model of
country near Ellicottville glacier.
Prof. Porter from Montreal called at
Club in evening. Had a chat
with him.

June 22. Attended funeral Mrs Rae of Mr Whitcroft's youngest daughter. Looking & waiting for Acting Minister this Eng. & in Eng. of the House, but without success.

June 23. On another trail for the Minister & on business in various departments. Important to see the Minister as Suppl. Ests. are now under discussion. Got took up a position in the lobby of P.C. Entrance & at last caught him. Had satisfactory interview re Estimates. Mentioned my plan of going to Eng. next week to the Geol. Meeting. Told him Dr Bell expected next week. I propose that he should go in with Mackintosh work & not go on tour to Yukon as he made to Acting Minister in the Spring about. Acting Minister agrees to my scheme. I promise to write him Stockholm. explaining it. Letter from Yates announcing Rankine's arrival.

June 25. Dr Bell returned today from England. Left by 4.20 Pen train for N.Y.

June 26. Arrive early in N.Y. & go to Majestic Hotel which had been designated as head quarters for A.A.A.S & other societies meeting. Met Fairchild Sec. of G.S.A. & others & then breakfast at the Columbian University when the meetings took place. Sat in the Chair as President of G.S.A. Morning & afternoon. Evening at a reception in Am. Mus. of Nat. Hist. Address by Gilbert. very hot weather.

June 27. At meeting in the morning, the G.S.A. meeting being closed & the Geol. etc papers continued in meeting of Sect. E. of the A.A.A.S. Council meeting of G.S.A. in afternoon. An excursion to Bronx park etc (Geol.) to which I did

2nd for. Excedingly hot & close day with some storms. Left on return to Ottawa by 6.25 Pm train.

June 28. Arrive in Ottawa 11.20 am. Bath & change. To office after lunch.

July 5. Talk with Dowling today about my wish to throw as much as possible of prov. grading etc in connection with repairs on him subsequent to his increase of Salary. Thought it as well to have this understood before the Com C goes through

July 6. Hon. Mr de Boucherville came in to talk about possible arrangements for isolating the Museum by acquiring adjacent houses etc to escape danger of fire. He intimated omission of anything in the Estimates for a new building.

July 7. Had A. Blue Esq. Bureau of Mines to lunch & afterwards for an hour in the Museum etc.

July 9. Another visit from Mr de B. this morning.

July 11. After a couple of failures & some waiting, managed to secure a short interview with Mr Sifton in his room at the House. Arranged various current matters of business abt O's in Council etc. Could not get a decided opinion whether Bell should go to Nicaragua or not. I am in favour of his going there & as soon as possible.

July 16. Call from Curtiss who has just returned from spending a few days with Barlow in Central Ont.

July 18. Parliament prorogued at last after a session extending over 5 1/2 months!

July 19. Made attempts morning & pm to see Mr Sifton, in order that I might get business finished up in time to leave tomorrow pm. for Quebec, but failed to do so, he being so much engaged & so many Mss etc

waiting their turn. Considerably disappointed as had made all arrangements to leave tomorrow.

July 20. 1900. Called again this am, but again without success & only in pm at last got a satisfactory short interview. Chief subject which it was necessary to settle Dr Bell's work. I had advised choosing what left my season to completing Michipicoten sheet, getting back early & finishing belated reports during winter. Suggested this also to Dr B. when he first returned from leave more than a month ago. He made no objection but has made no move since. Mr Sifton now opposes my this. Had a talk with Dr B. later. He has several objections & wants to go down one of the rivers between head of Ottawa & James Bay. His season is too short to do any good in this way, however. He then asked to have this assigned to him next season, to which I consented, in so far as I can control the work ahead.

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July 23. Left by 9. am train for Petite Metis, arriving there shortly after Midnight.

July 24. Found Jaggy waiting at Station & drove down to the village. Received by Rankin & Worthington after 1 Am.

July 24 to 31 At Petite Metis. R. has been revising & reading over the MS of Foster's autobiography & one main purpose of my visit is to do what is necessary on proofs with this. Thus kept pretty steadily at work, in an easy way, while there. R. has been here for abt. six weeks. Anna, Bernard & family also here & William, arriving on the 24th also here

July 31. Drove up to Station with Worthington & left by 4.25 Am train.

Aug. 1. Breakfast in Montreal & reach Ottawa by C. P. Ry. at 12.25. Belt & change. Get

MS. of biography put in hands of type-writer & take phot. camera to get films developed.

Aug 3. Called on Queen's Printer this am abt. work, & before lunch on Hon. Mr Sifton. He had written me a report on Mr Willmott's conduct which caused Mr Taft to dismiss him from Paris Exhibition. Explained that I had no information on which to base a report. Had only private letters from Willmott & Hartwell relating to the occurrence. Minister said he had heard that W had previously misconducted himself at Chicago Exhib. I had also heard of this, but there was nothing on file or official about it. Minister said the matter had better be dropped in that case for the present at any rate.

Aug. 8. Call on Queen's Printer this am. about various printing matters & an acct. presented by

Denis for translation of Exhibition literature.

Aug. 11. Saturday. Surprised to get a wire this am. before leaving rooms from Charles Russell, who has just heard of the death of his father Lord Russell. Found him at hotel. He had been at Sturgeon Falls on the C.P.R. on business when the news came & felt he would like to go somewhere for a day or two. Gave nearly the day to him, having him for luncheon & dinner & in am for a drive to the Exp. Farm. Pope whom he had hoped also to meet here is away. It seemed a relief to him to have someone to talk to who had known his father.

Aug. 12. 1900. Sunday. Had another chat with Russell this am & saw him off again for Sturgeon Falls by the 1.25 train. Found James Fletcher going W. on the same train. Quite cool today after the heated term.

Aug. 14. 1900. Called at Minister's office this am. & referred to advisability of my going to Crow Nest Pass to see about & arrange work by McEvoy & Wheeler abt. Coal field Survey there which important should be completed this Autumn. Minister fully agrees. Settle a few other items of business. Then to Surveyor General's office & arranged with him in regard to Wheeler who is in his Branch

17 Aug. ~~14~~ Rankine arrived this morning from Metis, to stay a few days in Ottawa, mainly to revise 'typed' copy of Porter's autobiography.

Aug. 18. ~~Saturday~~ Sunday. Spent some time during the day to work with R. To Rockliffe by Electric car before dinner.

Aug. 19. ~~Saturday~~ Sunday. R. & I. continued work with R. Then to Aylmer, where we dined. Another chapter or so before going to bed.

Aug. 20. ~~Sunday~~. Monday. Able to give partly day again to biography work. Evening to Britannia before dinner.

Aug. 21. Had arranged to set out for Crow Nest Pass today, but postponed it till tomorrow to complete biog. work etc.

Aug. 22. Closed up work in office this am, & left for the West by 12.5 Pm train. "Imperial Limited". R. mailed corrected typed copy of biog. to Metis today. At station to see me off. Had ~~too~~ written last week to Anna asking her to accompany me on my trip west & telegraphed afterwards, but she finds it impossible to come under the circumstances, which is a great disappointment to me. On train found Mr Lecky, going to Sudbury & McGrath of the Lethbridge Coal Co. on way to Lethbridge. W. J. Jennings joined from Toronto at N. Bay. Fine & rather cool day.

Aug. 23. Reach Port Arthur & St William this morning. A little rain in the morning

Aug. 25. Had a chance of seeing by daylight today the remarkable cuts, chiefly in drift, along new part of Ry. W. of Lethbridge, particularly in descending into the St. Mary Valley. The banks stand at angles steeper than 45°. Much evidence of old slides, which have carried deposits down to various levels, apparently complicating the section & confusing it. Undisturbed beds at a below prairie level appear to give key to the whole. Great thickness, 10', 20', or perhaps 30' in places of stratified silts, whitish or light buff. Stratification often undulating, but not much false bedding. Layers generally pretty clearly defined & a few inches thick. Rest often on an uneven surface of what is with little doubt the "upper" boulder-clay. In places, below I can make out strat.

& fog on the lake, but fine & becoming warm in Rm.

Aug. 24. Passed through Winnipeg early this Am. & reached Moose Jaw just before dark. Crops already largely cut & in stook, but very thin from drought in early part of Summer. Later rains have, however made the prairie generally very green for the season

Aug. 25. Lost a couple of hours somehow at Medicine Hat last night before getting off on the Crow Nest branch & thus late all the way & in arrived at Fernie. Sleeper starting from Toronto now runs through to Kootenay landing by this line. Day cold & showery on the prairie & after getting into the mountains very heavy cold rain. Found McSwey & Keele at Fernie & a letter from Wheeler who is to be at Crow Nest station tomorrow. Fernie much improved & changed since I was last here 2 years ago. To Royal hotel. Eve. called at Mr Wilson's office & had a chat with him. He is managing the coal mines now.

interglacial beds, below which a bluer coloured probably "lower" boulder-clay. The interesting point is the persistent silt deposit, in this part of Alberta perhaps not sufficiently appreciated before, indicating wide-spread, moderately tranquil water subsequent to b. cl. time, covering all this prairie region. (Compare the silt & 'jumbo' deposits noted 2 years ago along Sy. west of McLeod & near Pincher Ck. & compare levels.)

Aug. 26. Sunday. Telegrafted to Mr Wheeler of Dom. Lands Survey at Crow Rest Station this am., asking him to come here as arranged with Capt. Deville, Surveyor General. He turned up in the afternoon by train, when we had, with Mr Cory, a general discussion of the work on Crows Rest Coal field. Wheeler was staffed to close his work at end of August, but found that he requires to Sept. 15th to complete the needed area as outlined by Mr Cory's work. Authorized him to continue that date & finish work, as had been arranged, if necessary, with Capt Deville. Evening wrote to Capt. Deville explaining circumstances & telling him of arrangement arrived at. Glad I came out here, as otherwise the work would not have been satisfactorily completed, as desired by Minister, this Autumn. Today cold, but apparently clearing.

Aug. 27. Mr Cory left early with Mr Smith, Engineer of Coal mines, to look over

general section of seams near Morrissey, down the line. At 2 P.m. I went up to the Coal mine, up Coal Creek with Mr Wilson the Manager, by the workmen's train. Spent the afternoon there & took a couple of photos. Coming, with Mr Lory, called at Wilson's office & saw the working plans of the mine. Feel inclined to go up to Michel with Wilson tomorrow & see the developments there.

Aug. 28. Leave with Mr W.R. Wilson, manager of the Coal mines, for Michel Station on 12.23 train. Showery weather, but mostly fair in P.m. Spent the whole afternoon going round to the several openings in this part of valley & had supper in the 'Trunk house' managed to collect a few fossil plants & got a good idea of the several aspects of the work. Quite a little village of miners' houses has now been erected here & a long stretch of the valley has been cleared. It is intended to erect a number of Coke ovens here

before long. The present work is largely prospecting & running experimental drifts.

Aug. 29. Very comfortably housed for the night in one of the houses built by the Company & apparently seen by a lady on her own account as a sort of private stopping place. Spent the morning chiefly in collecting fossils from the rocks & 'dumps' in the immediate vicinity, getting a few interesting things in plants & one insect wing! Worked some time at the same place, but could get no more insect remains. Took a couple of photos. Left by train at 1.30, Mr Wilson going as far as Fernie. I continued on to Cranbrook, or as it used to be called when I was here last in 1883 'Joseph's Prairie' — now a town of 1000 or so & a divisional point on the Railway. Beautiful bright day, & interesting to get back to the open pine woods & larch of the Kootenay valley after so many years, & but more interesting after all when camping & travelling with horses — when it was all very remote & one was so much younger.

Putups at the Cranbrook Hotel. Quite a number of people know me in this part of the world. They too come here from various parts of B.C., but most of them are grey!

Aug. 30. Train supposed to go out on the Kimberly branch at about 6 a.m. Up at 5:30, but soon found that train not to leave till 7. Got a slight hurried breakfast just before 7 & travelled up to Kimberly in the 'Caboose' behind half a dozen box cars. At Kimberly hired a buggy & with Mr C. Estmere, who has a mining brokers & estate office, drove to North Star mine, about 4 miles & all up-hill. Found Mr M. McL. Curran, business manager & a Mr Brown, mining engineer & after introducing myself was shown by the latter all over the workings, which are not yet very extensive but quite complicated & somewhat dirty. Mrs Curran gave us lunch at his house, introducing us to his wife, who also lives here. Magnificent outlook over the great Kootenay Valley, although somewhat misty & uncertain light today. Back to Kimberly, where

Lunch & had a chat with Mr Frank Robins, manager of the North Star, who had just arrived. Dinner at a very ambitious little hotel in this very new little town, & after some delay got started again for Cranbrook in a crowded Caboose, arriving there after dark.

Aug. 31. All day at Cranbrook till train for the west arrived at 5.25 Pm. & pretty hard to kill time. Had the sleeper all to myself the whole way to Kootenay Landing about 9.30. Interested in seeing this bit of line along Moyie R & Lakes which I have never before seen. At the lake transfer to steam steel steamer & on toward Nelson.

Sept. 1. Reached Nelson very early in the morning, but remained on board, sleeping as far as varied noises would admit, till about 7.30. Then to Phair hotel, where I had stayed before when here in 1897 with some members of the British Association. Unexpectedly met W.W. Leach, Brooks assistant in Surveys here. He is on his way to Crawford

bay on E. side of Kootenay Lake. Visited the Smelter & looked over it with Mr Hedley the manager. Great change for the better in helpers since I last saw it. Many substantial brick buildings, streets tidy & some of them are actually being macadamized with crushed granite. Car electric ry., zig-zagging through the town & up the hill. Some neat little gardens with really luxuriant growth of flowers. In 1889 the town site was a hopeless looking barren waste of stumps & sticks, recently burnt over, scattered earth seed with granite boulders. Now green shrubbery everywhere, even where only the natural growth.

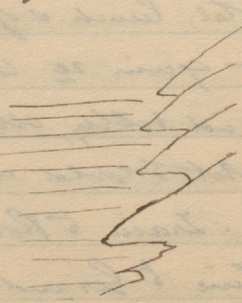
Sept. 2. Left by train at 3.30 for Rossland, seeing the railway from Kootenay L. & the Columbia for the first time by daylight. Columbia R. crossed by steamer. Then train again to Trail & climb up by zig-zags to Rossland. Horse & other races today at so-called 'park' between Trail & Rossland. Extra cars taken on at Trail & a great crowd from the

race track to Rossland. Two engines & seem often much difficulty in pushing train up the steep grades. Arrive at Rossland half an hour late, about 8 P.M. To Hotel Allan. A beautiful day.

Sept. 3. This it appears is Labour day & a public holiday. Wakened very early by noise of nailing up bunting & other decorations. Main street gay with flags & evergreens, crowds about in their best clothes, races & other games in the main street & a labour parade. Saw a number of people casually, but not possible to do any business or see anything of the mines. Lunched with C.H. Mackintosh (late of Ottawa) saw Hon. J.M. Daly & many others. In the evening H.J. Cambie of C.P.R. & Marpole, with Hall, late sec. of Int. Dept., arrived. A very orderly celebration in which I did not see even a single drunken man

Sept. 4. As arranged, Mackintosh sent a rig to take us to the Le Roy Mine, sending also Mr Macdonald to accompany us. Met Mr Long, Supt. of the mine & with him & Macdonald looked over the great new surface plant in course of installation. Then went down to 'Black Bear' tunnel, at the third level. Walked in to intersection with new shaft & visited 5th, 6th & 7th levels by cages, already working (electrically) in one compartment of new shaft. Most notable feature is greatly increased width of ore, in some places at least, lately discovered. Stoping is in some places over 100 feet wide. Afterwards called on Mr Blackstock at the War Eagles. Back to hotel, lunch & after interviews with Ferrier – again re conditions of petroleum in Flathead valley, although I S had already told him that I scoled in the warning – got away. Train to Robson & then on by the new line to Grand Forks, arriving at Run & putting up at the 'Yale'.

Notable that as seen from height on this line the valley gets Columbia & lake above identical in character & slopes, except that flooded more deeply to the north. Also clear that not even the lower parts of the valley shaped materially by glacial action. Valley is trough-like as a whole, but the points of hills running down between lateral gorges & valleys are not smoothed off or flattened parallel to sides of trough, but run out in series of transverse points, somewhat sharply, dipping into the valley at steep angles, just as unaltered ridges left by erosion of adjacent transverse valleys should, thus. For ordinary



wrapping would be sufficiently close to show this feature clearly, the edges of lake & river being usually indicated by merely flexuous line, which theory might from the paper attribute off-hand to glacial erosion.

The line climbing gradually along & up the mountain wall of the west side of Columbia R & Lower Arrow L., affords magnificent views of these. A most daring & expensive piece of road. The beautiful blue waters of the lake & river often visible, winding below, for many miles. Dark often passing summit & see little or nothing of the country about Christina L.

Sept. 5. 1900. J.A. Manley, proprietor of the Yale Hotel & father of the town & City of Grand Forks, drove me out to smelter about 3/4 m. distant. Shown over the works, which seem very well arranged. Took a couple of photos. The country here is something like parts of that about Kamloops, open & dry, with scattered growth of P. ponderosa. A pretty little river & broken bold rocky hills about the wide valley. Observation peak, very steep & bold but not high, gives character to the town site. In an older country it might have been crowned by a church & resembled Le Puy, in France. As it is, a larger

red-painted water-tank has been placed some way up its slopes, into which water is pumped for the supply of the town.
Left by 9 P.m. train for Greenwood, arriving there at 10.30 & putting up at Armstrong Hotel – a large & very well equipped one for such a town as this which is not yet more than 5 years old, although boasting wide well graded streets & good buildings.
Sept. 6. Got a two-horse team & with a Mr Milleman drove up to Phoenix, about 6 miles distant & up-hill all the way. This is a very new mining town, surrounded by partly developed mines & many claims more or less opened up, but defendent at present chiefly on the active work going on upon the Old Ironsides & Knob Hill mines. These are served by a spur from the main C.P.R. line, coming in along the summit level between Grand Forks & Greenwood. Found Mr F. Hemmenway, mining manager for these mines, who kindly showed us on the surface works & took us into the Ironsides

mine. Got a general idea of the character of the immense low grade deposit upon which these mines are situated. They have now begun to ship regularly to the Granby Smelter at Grand Forks. Got some dinner at Phoenix & back to Greenwood in the evening, finding some difficulty in passing several teams on the narrow road.

Find that Wilman is a brother of Dr Wilman who was Burgess' assistant on the old Boundary Commission in 1874 & 75. Interviewed, at some length, in the evening by a man who I had seen some five years ago & then for a short time & who I had some little difficulty in placing. Last night at Grand Forks had three similar visitors. All these seem to think it must interest me very much to hear about 'prospects' & ore deposits of all kinds in all parts of the Country & one stands a good chance of being talked to death.

Day fine & very warm for the season.

Sept. 7. At Greenwood all day. The stage for

Camp McKinney etc leaves tomorrow morning, but changes have lately been made, the mail contract having been given into new hands & the service broken up into two or three lengths. Found Mr Goodgrass, the old contractor, who runs a steam laundry, here but is driving through to Penticton with his own rig, & arranged to start with him tomorrow morning at 8 a.m.

Sept. 8. Overcast & raining this morning. All ready to start at 8, but Goodgrass did not turn up till nearly 9. Got off at last & drove down Boundary Ck. valley to Midway a large town-site in the Kettle R. valley as yet very sparsely built on. Then on along Kettle R. valley to Riverside Hotel, nr Rock Ck, another town, dining at the hotel. A very heavy downpour nearly all the morning, making the drive unpleasant although through pretty scenery, with great red pines & larches scattered along the valley & up the slopes, Southerly-facing hills generally bare & clothed

(4570 by Bar.)

Larch grows quite to the Summit, W. of Camp McKinney & down the W. slope toward Okanagan valley to a level of 3000 feet. P. ponderosa does not quite reach the Summit, but soon resumes on the Okanagan side.

with much grass, & the country generally a dry one, although so very wet today. a little rain during the afternoon. Reach Camp McKinney, after a long climb just about dark. Find an old Nova Scotian who had met years ago at Trescel, running the very primitive hotel here.

Sept. 9. Sunday. Dark & cloudy all day today, but no actual rain. Leave about 8 a.m. & after climbing to summit of range, dip gradually down into the great depression of the Okanagan Valley, leaving a wooded country, something like the 'Green Timber' on the Cariboo Rd & rapidly passing into one of the warmest lowest valleys of B.C. with Purshia & other drought-loving plants in abundance. Pass beneath a very remarkable cliff of gneissic rocks about a thousand feet in vertical height, not far before reaching the S. end of Vaseux Lake. Then along the east side of that lake, where the narrow road is generally cut out of the rock or built

up from the edge of the lake. Beautiful purple asters? & a few patches of a very beautiful pink Pentamon? Reach another town-site — Okanagan Falls — at S. end of Dog L. about 3 P.m. Here the loquacious Snodgrass lives & has a store. Got some dinner hastily provided & very welcome after our early breakfast. It is a pretty place, the flat at down for Dog L being formed by a wide flat fan formed by a large stream entering the great valley from the east. The river has been forced against the west border of the valley, where it falls across a narrow low neck of rock in a picturesque chute of clear blue water. This would be easily passable by boiler but they seldom come here, being completely blocked by Indian weirs &c on the reservation south of the Boundary line. Snodgrass, the defeated candidate for the local house at last election, naturally knows everyone in this country. He comes

from Oregon & has been almost everywhere in the U.S. doing almost everything, according to his own account. He seems to have a thousand small lines of business here, knows a great deal about some things & is absolutely ignorant of many

Sept. 10. Got away about 2 P.M. & drove the remaining 14 miles to Penticton, where the steamer due to leave tomorrow morning arrived about 8 P.M. There is now a rather large & very fair hotel here, where I found Mrs Reid, wife of Senator Reid of Quesnel & Mrs Innstall, wife of Dr Innstall with their families spending a part of the summer. Got a berth on board the steamer, which starts at 6 A.M. Beautiful weather today & a very pleasant & picturesque drive along the west side of Okanagan L. Trees in small orchards at Penticton loaded with fruit, including peaches in great profusion in the Indian gardens. The peaches, however, are seedlings of a

poor land that do not open till very late. The good peaches, of which there are scores, are now all over.

Sept. 11. Steamer left at 6 a.m. & arrived at Okanagan Landing, nr. Vernon, about 2 P.m. Train thence to Sicamous Junction on the main line. Splendid day & very pleasant trip up the lake which is certainly very picturesque. Every little patch of flat or gently sloping land upon which water can be brought for irrigation is now being taken up by settlers. At Sicamous a new & very comfortable C.P.R. hotel, overlooking Shuswap L. Arrive there in time for dinner & turn in early for a few hours sleep before the train for East arrives.

Sept. 12. Up at 2.20 a.m. but had more than an hour to wait as the train was late. A very long train. After boarding it secured a berth & turned in again. Breakfast at Glacier & dinner at Field. Arrive Banff abt. 5 P.m. & to C.P.R.

hotel, having determined to stop off for 24 hours to get a proper wash & general overhaul. Another magnificent day. Find Chas. LeConte of Univ. of California staying at hotel & have a chat with him & Mrs L.C. both very venerable looking now.

Sept. 13. At Banff. Visited & looked over 'museum'. Leave by train at 4 P.m. for Ottawa. Morning fine but P.m. cool & clouding over, becoming stormy as we reach Calgary

Sept. 14 & 15. On train travelling East. very wet stormy weather continues.

Sept. 16. Train owing to accumulated delays now abt. 6 hours late. Clearing somewhat this afternoon. Prospects reaching Ottawa abt. 8 P.m instead of 2 P.m.

Sept. 24. Sunday. F. C. Selous the African hunter turned up at the Club this afternoon, sending in his card to me. Stayed & had some dinner

Sept. 25. 1900. Prof. H.S. Williams of New Haven came in this afternoon, having been at work during summer on Devonian & Silurian fossils of Maine & Maritime Provinces. Asked him to dine with us at Club.

Sept. 26. Another Chat with Prof. Williams, who left for home this Aft. Called on Deville.

Sept. 27. Talk with Gemmill, Elias Rogers & Lewis Cox at Club about surveys in Crows Nest Pass & Coal fields there.

Oct. 1. Left at 9 Am. for Montreal, hoping to meet Hon. Mr Fisher there to consult in regard to troubles at Paris, Low in disagreement with Commrs. etc. Fisher did not turn up as promised at the Windsor. Stayed with the Harringtons

Oct. 2. Left at 10 am for Ottawa, after again enquiring for Fisher. Found him at Ottawa & in course of day had interview settling various matters. Time

Oct. 7. Call from Mr G. G. Batter of Wooler, Northumberland, who has been travelling in the West. Have him to dinner at Club.

also letter from Sam indicating that trouble has been overcome.
Oct. 6. Recd. a letter from Rankine from which I am surprised to learn that he proposes working arrangements for immediate publication of Father's biography in London. This by no means agrees with my views which is that further revision & consideration is necessary. Wrote to Mother, also wrote Reach. Received from Mattie tonight asking her if she agreed to Cable to R, also to Anna on same subject.
Oct. 7. Mother telegraphs that she has cabled to R.
Oct. 8. Call on Prof. Robertson abt. arrangements for Glasgow Exhibition & in Run on Queen's Printer. Wrote R this eve. abt. biography.
Oct. 9. W. T. Jennings from Toronto came in this am & occupied much of my morning.

Oct. 18. Thanksgiving day. Spent most of time looking up references etc for Presidential address which I have to give to Geol. Soc. Am. at Albany in December. Call from a Mr G. Sweet, an Australian geologist. Take some time showing collection to him.

Oct 19. To Montreal by Rem. train.

Oct. 20. To town & called at H. Scott's about investing some money in stocks of some kind. Rem. down to Cemetary with Walter to see about Wormwood etc. Talk later with Dr. Colby, by appointment in regard to the biographic material which he had read over. Object to let his (outside view) appreciation of it, which he kindly felt very gratefully, advising curtailment of some parts etc & particularly the addition of a final chapter giving some personal traits etc.

Oct 21. Sunday. Out again to the Cemetary this Pm with Emma

a beautiful Autumn day, with half the leaves on the ground. Decided that it would be more satisfactory in the end to have the obelisk polished off & put the inscription on again, as it is now so badly arranged.

Oct. 22. Return to Ottawa by train this morning. Met Rev. Robertson at Club & asked by him to join a luncheon party he is giving to Selous who has just got back from Moose hunting near Temiscaming.

Oct 29. Call from Elias Rogers of Crow Nest Coal Co (Forest) in reference to our mapping work there.

Nov. 3. 1900. Call from Dr Ludwig Mond of London & his son R. Mond. Here from Sudbury in connection with examining & purchasing nickel deposits to be worked by Dr Mond's new process. Interesting talk with Dr Mond although it is hard to answer his questions as

he talks so much himself. Afternoon, the town gain up to receiving Ottawa contingent from the South African war. Enormous crowd in Parliament Square. Evening illuminations.

Nov. 7. General Election today & some excitement about the Club in the evening as the returns came in. Present Govt. sustained by abt. the same majority as before.

Nov. 10. Dr Coleman from Forest turned up today. Had him to dine at Club in the evening.

Nov. 11. Sunday. Met Dr C. at museum in the afternoon & show him some fossils etc with Ami.

Nov. 14. Working up such of Paris Commrs. as are for this Rm & working in Hon Mr Fisher's Office

Nov 15. Working again this morning, taking most of our time.

Nov. 16. Call from Mr A. Blue & talk with him abt. Census matters

& Mineral Statistics. Lugall also present.

Nov. 17. Call from Mrs J. J. Healey of Klondike etc. To Montreal this p.m.

Nov. 18. In Montreal. Horrible wet day with slush. Call to see Glo. & her little girl in temporary quarters on McGill College avenue. Talk with Mother & Anna about father's biography, about which R (in London) is taking up a very unreasonable position & threatening to print against our protests.

Nov. 19. Return from Montreal. Anniversary of father's death.

Nov. 20. Wrote again to Mother & Anna about the Biography matter asking whether it might not be better for me to call to R. Telegram from Mother saying I had better do so on Nov. of 21st.

Nov. 22. Called to R. in London this am. "I absolutely insist on postponement publication until family satisfied." Had William to dinner tonight & talked over the matter at some length.

Dec. 6. Had W. to dinner this eve. Talking over Christmas arrangements.

Dec. 7. Talk with A. Blue about Census forms for Mineral Returns this am. Called to see Fisher abt. Buffalo Exhibition, which he is going to investigate. Dined him, talked him afterwards at Club. Called on J. Stuart about Minister's return, which it seems is to be expected tomorrow.

Dec. 9. Call on Nellie this P.M. & spend an hour with him. He had an accident last Thursday & had one of his ribs broken. On getting back to Club found telephone message asking me to dine at Govt. House at 8 P.M. – A very cold stormy Sunday

night I S was much disinclined to go but felt I should. Swell party for Patterson late Lt. Gov. of Manitoba a very pleasant affair after all.

Dec. 10. Had my Coat & a pair of fur lined gloves stolen from Club hall tonight. Stewart promised to notify the police.

Dec 11. Hear that the police have recovered the missing articles. Visit from Mr E. Whymper, who proposes undertaking an exploration in the Rockies for next summer. Had him to lunch & enjoyed a chat with him, but worked much of day. At Ottawa Field Naturalists meeting tonight to take over the portrait of Selkirk which is being presented to the Society.

Dec 12. At Police Court paid 3 warrants in connection with theft of Coat. Call from Jennings of Toronto in Ottawa.

Dec. 15. Received a quite extraordinary letter from R. who appears to be persisting in publishing or printing Father's autobiography in London in spite of all protests.

Dec. 16. Sunday. Called this morg. to R. "Cable before Thursday agreeing to post poinement publication until considered here, thus preventing legal injunction otherwise necessary." Wrote also to Nitha & Anna.

Dec. 17. Had an interview with the Minister this Afn., after his long absence. Set Estimates discussed & approved & sent them up to Finance Dept. in the Evening.

Dec. 19. Cable from R. this Afn. saying "Biography not being published."
Called on a Blue at his request in connection with Mineral Schedules for forthcoming Cessions. Phoned to W. to come with me this morg.

W. & dine with Lee in Cog. a
Lead long talk with him re biography
&c.

Dec. 21. Calls from C. Drinkwater &
Elias Rogers — interested from
different points of view in
Crow's Nest Coal Surveys.

Dec. 22. Saturday. In Montreal this
Pm.

Dec. 23, 24 & 25 In Montreal for Christmas.

Dec. 26. To Albany by train leaving
Montreal at 8.40 Am, arriving same
afternoon. To Hotel Ten Eyck. Then
meeting of the Geol. Soc. Am., of which I
am president this year begins tomorrow
morning. Find Secretary, Prof. Fairchild
already here from Rochester & West
Profs Clark & Merrill of Albany;
other members dropping in during
evening.

Dec. 27. Council meeting before 9 Am.
& meetings of the Society in the

Boys' Academy building, forenoon & afternoon. Evening, Annual Subscription dinner at Keeler's Restaurant. Had Hon J. Guilford Smith on my right & Prof. Coleott on my left, & had to respond to an address of welcome by Mr Smith.

Dec. 28. Council working & working of Society all day. In evening to a grand reception given by Prof Merrill. Had elaborate supper etc.

Dec. 29. Council working at 8.30 am, followed by my Presidential address which I compressed into just one hour & finished before 11 o'c. Very glad to get it over. Subject: "Geol. Record of Rocky Mt. Region in Canada." Papers till about 1.30, then working came to a close. Pack up belongings in afn. & leave for Montreal & Ottawa before 11. Had some trouble in going to wrong station etc, but got the right train

just in time. Rev. Owen of McGill in Company.

Dec. 30. Sunday. Reach Montreal after 7 am. Breakfast at Queens Hotel & take C.P.Ry. at 9.30, getting to Ottawa at 1.15 P.m.

Dec. 31. To Office. Call from A. Blue abt. Census Schedule & minerals. Called at his office on way to lunch & further revised the schedule, but told him I thought our relation to the work should be clearly defined.

Jan 1. 1901. Put in an appearance this a.m. at Sir. Laurier's reception, with William who lunched with me afterwards. In P.m. called at Laurier's & Sifton's.

Jan 2. Discussion with Sewall about the Census Schedule which Blue has submitted, this a.m. He always takes rather an obstructive view & does not help one very much. Send the Schedule with some amendments back to Blue.

Jan 4. Meeting of Poris Commrs. All morning in Office of Minister of Agriculture.

Jan 9. After two or three unsuccessful attempts, had a satisfactory interview with the Minister abt. various items of Office work.

Jan 10. Long visit from Mr Jennings this morning in relation to his cool Cards in Crown Rent Poris.

Jan. 14. Visit from Mr Sifton this morning about Case for stuffed birds which she wants to arrange. Called at room of Mr Siftons Office, but did not see him. Saw Fisher abt Glasgow Exhibition correspondence. In P.m. visit from Lady Minto, who suggests that present Govt. House might be utilized as a Museum & Art Gallery & a new Govt. House elsewhere built. Said I could not speak for the artists but that our Museum should be managed

fire-proof & strong. The existing building neither. The site might be enlarged, the only objection being its distance which might reduce the number of visitors. This I fear discouraged her somewhat.

Jan. 16. Had William to dine with me tonight

Jan 18. Called on Hon. Mr Drummond at Russell Ho. this am., in reference to B.C. exhibits for Glasgow.

Jan. 21. After several attempts managed to get a short interview with the Minister this morning on office matters.

Jan. 22. The Queen is dead.

Jan. 24. W. dined with me tonight

Jan. 28. To the Privy Council office this am with many other Civil Servants to be sworn in, or rather to take the oath of Allegiance to King Edward VII.

Jan 31. Telephoned to by Le Lièvre, one of Sir W. Laurier's private secretaries,

for Mr Sifton, whom he said was in conference in the Premier's office. Told to give Mr Sow leave to go to Cape Breton to meet Mr Nostrom of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co for conference in regard to some matters connected with his (Nostrom's) work. Went to see Sifton. He did so later & was referred to Mr Fielding who did not know exactly what Sow was wanted for, but promised to write & ascertain. All so far rather mysterious. Spent much of my own time today looking for Mr Fisher, about Glasgow Exhibition matters, without success. C. Drinkwater asked me to his room at Victoria Chambers then on my way to bed to ask questions abt Cape West Coal Caves. I told him what I could without trenching on any matters others interested had spoken to me of.

Feb. 7. Interview with Treadgold about gold streams for Glasgow

& with her Sister, this Aft.

Feb. 2. To my Surprise Florence phoned to say that Worker had arrived & had taken room in the Silverner, near them. Everything closed for Queen's funeral today.

Feb. 3. Sunday. Spent a good portion the morning with Worker & W., talking over matters chiefly connected with father's biography. Worker really came here to say that she had heard from ~~Eva~~ Eva that the book was in print. She is much distressed about it as we all are. & it is difficult to know what to do. Back in the evening & took tea with Worker.

Feb. 4. Down to Silverner in Aft & had a short talk with Worker. Then drove her to Station & saw her off for Montreal. Florence & 2 boys also at the station. Many old faces turning up & Club thro' wg. for opening of Parliament.

Feb 6. Parliament Opened today.

Feb. 8. W. to dinner tonight

Feb. 9. Dined with Sydney Fisher this evg. at the house he has now rented on Alexandra St. Hon. Mr Dobell & wife & others.

Feb. 10. Met W. & came to Victoria Chambers this Afn. & had a long consultation about the biography matter. W. had found a notice in the Times that the book was actually published by Mellentyne. I had written to Anna & Walter on Saturday suggesting that Walter might make one more attempt to prohibit R. from issuing the book, but there now seems little hope of this. W. wrote to Walter able & very courteous.

Feb. 11. Had the pleasure of telling Wilson & Denis today that the Minister approved of their appointment to the permanent staff.

Feb. 13. Called on Minister this Afn. He was very busy, but I settled a couple of immediate matters. In Afn. called on Capt. Deville abt. Wheler's progress on Crow Rest Pass Wks.

Feb. 14. W. Cave in bed was this eve. Got him to come round to the club to dinner.

Feb. 16. Saturday. Dined with Fisher at his house. St John & Jopawere Consul-General Shimazu & other guests.

Feb. 22. Call from Courtney this P.m. abt. information re assay office for B.C. Treadgold shows that he has secured gold in Skagway district. (cost $11,000.)

Feb. 23. Called on Hon Mr Fisher & saw him this morning hurriedly on a few arbitration matters.

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