

## Daily Journal for 1910

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### Memorandum from 1909

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January

Saturday 1

Winnipeg, Fort Osborne, Barracks, Broadway.

Up at 7.30 AM. Maye and children to church. Minnie also. Temp min 0° zero. got colder as the day went on. A reception by Lieut Governor. I proceeded to Govt House with the majority of the officers of the garrison. A great many people called Sir Daniel asked me to stay with him. Bob Rogers (the Hon) Minister of p.w. did also. I went home when all was over all of the officers called on her. She had a nice spread there. Max. 6°. above zero.

Winnipeg,

Sunday 2

353. Broadway.

Up at 8.00 Temp. Min 10° below zero max 8° above zero. Wrote all day. Got into a bad temper and said very severe things about the children and annoyed poor dear Mays, the dearest truest and best of women. God never made a better woman than my dear little Mays.

Monday 3

Up at 7.20 Cold day. 28° below zero last night max 3°(?) ~~below~~ zero yesterday. I had a long talk last night with dear Mays, admitted my fault I have made up my mind not to give way to bad temper any more. May God forgive me for the pain I have given my dear wife, and for my outbreak at the poor dear children. Major Carstairs called last night. Mr Vibert and the boys called too, the boys skated with Harwood. The [sic] left at 10.30 Vibert a very nice man. Carstairs amused us all about Billy Griesbach and the Boosiliers, as he named the 101<sup>st</sup> Fusiliers.

Winnipeg.

Tuesday 4

353. Broadway. Up at 7.20 A very cold day. 32° below last night, max. 2° below yesterday. Busy all day. Left office at 5.30 Wrote Chas. Lewis Shaw. about reminiscences of Life in west. Carstairs called and left at 11 P.M

Wednesday 5

353 Broadway. Up at 7.45 Temp. Min 30° below min at 8.45 2° below zero, snow falling Busy all day, arranged for the transfer of the option obtained by Captain Kitchen for the govt put in his own name. This had to be done. Ketchen in the first instance was instructed by me to get the option lest it would leak out that the government wanted that land and the vendors would put a

higher price on it, I am glad it has been arranged and that the price is satisfactory It will be a grand rifle range I am sure. Max. 8° above zero,

Winnipeg,  
Thursday 6

353. Broadway, Winnipeg, Man. Up at 7.30 Mays and the girls to school church. Mays will receive to-day and the officers call who are at present, going through courses at Ft Osborne Bks. Temp Minimum 4° below zero last night. Busy all day until four. Mays received the officers and forty or fifty ladies. Mrs Ashdown called to see her. The officers took well. Major Carstairs rode my horse at drill. Max. 10° above zero,

Friday 7

353. Broadway. Up at 7.10 Min. Temp. 6° below Max. 10° min at 8.00 AM. 0° zero Harwood up smarter than ever yet. A watch makes a great difference to a youngster. Busy all day in the office. Wrote letters to Gwynne yesterday but did not mail them decided to see him later on. Major Carstairs rode my horse. says he shied several times. Carstairs came to play whist, sat up until 11.20 I wrote Jarvis a letter, the novelist It would take well I am sure Wrote a long one to Major Dixon, gave him all the news,

Winnipeg. Man.  
Saturday 8

353. Broadway. Up early (7.00) usually but there was no need for it to-day. Temp. Min 4° below. Max. 10° above. 0° at eight o'clock. Busy all day. Wrote in the P.M. Read to the children

Sunday 9

Up at 8.00 Min. 10° below zero. Max. 12° above cold wind last night. Did not go to church at the usual hour. Mays and I to the Homer-Dixons to the christening Tea. Revd. Mr. Hesketh proposed the health of the child and then suddenly called upon me to respond to the toast, the least he could have done was to have given me a hint. I was quite taken by surprise but managed to face the situation I must say I was annoyed at Mr H<sup>s</sup> action. Chester Davis called. He reports to the adjutant, CMR tomorrow. Poor Mrs Henderson called accompanied by Mrs de Veber. Mays and Mrs Mac talked a blue streak. Mrs de Veber called to see Mays and Mrs. Mac and Mays. Mrs Henderson came too

Winnipeg, Man.  
Monday 10

Up at 7.00 Temp 8° below min - 15° max above Busy all day. Wrote a lot of letters. Carstairs called and stated that the officers on the short course were not well treated in the mess and that Russells behaviour was not satisfactory. I phoned Ketchen. I must look into this. Went to bed late Sandow as usual.

Tuesday 11

Up lat. 7.30 A. Temp, Min 4°. below zero. Max 20° above. Max. 25° Busy all day Davidson called to report at Dist Hd Qrs He called on the ladies later on and stayed until midnight. I gave him pointers on the whole matter. Mailed a photo to a young man in the 7<sup>th</sup> Hussars, Aldershot Camp.

Winnipeg.

Wednesday 12

Up at 7.15 AM. Sandow, as usual. Temp. Min. 8°. below, Max. 14° above. Colonel Hosmer called. an ex member of SH also called and asked for a certificate of his discharge from 2<sup>nd</sup> CMR in which he had served after S.H. He wishes to get a second land grant. Hosmer talks of graft in the departments of govt. does not mention names. Dr Good dear old chap called to say goodbye. He always does the right thing. Sandow as usual.

Thursday 13

Up at 7.15 Sandow as usual. Temp min 4° below. Max. 14° above yesterday. Major Young called to see me and we had a good chat on the American invasion Max. 14° above. This is [*caret*: not] our wedding anniversary. What a fortunate man I have been! I wrote letters all day. Tomorrow is our anniversary. I bought a little present for Mays. Mrs. Macdonell likes it very much.

Winnipeg.

Friday 14

zero last night. 14° above. Went down town. My entry of yesterday should have been to-day except temperature. Strong south wind blowing all day. Went down to Birks to buy a present to give to Mays tomorrow, Poor darling. I wish I could afford more. Wrote several people. Vowell who sent me a nice photo of the Eyrie his home in Victoria, BC. Wrote Jack Kerr Perth, for sketch of Gabriel Dumont. Major Young called at the office, we had a good chat over the affairs of the Militia, the western immigration the British elections etc. etc. He is a nice man. Went to the rink to bring Gertrude home Mrs Strathy had a childrens skating party at(?) fed them up well. They then had a dance. Her husband is one of the Barrie Strathys. We had a chat. I met a Miss Simpson, who is a decendant of Sir George Simpson, one of the Governors in fact the most noted of the HBCo. She is a charming girl, and wishes to call on Mays. I told her to-do so by all means. Carstairs called to see Minnie Macdonell. They are engaged to be married. Lady MacMillan had a ball for young folks tonight Martin went to assist the Butler. I got to bed at midnight.

Saturday 15

Up at 8.00 overslept myself. Temp min 14° above zero last night, Max. yesterday 14° above wind sou-west. Busy all day. Sandow a lot. All anxious about English Elections, Bagnall and Eunice(?) our servants man and wife are opposite in politics, Angus de Belefeuille the opposite of the rest of us. Socialistic and labourites, are no doubt at present his sides. He will change. Nice Tea and hockey at mess. First time done properly. Officers served the ladies. Ladies used to pour Tea. I chatted with the officers of the short course. Sandow.

Winnipeg

Sunday 16

Up at 8.00 Mays and children to church. Read all day. Could not write. Major Carstairs and Capt Davidson to supper the former interesting in the descriptions of the life in the African Rifles and Nigeria, the Gorilla which came to attack villages, stole women away and raped them. He destroyed them of course. Temp. Min. 4° below zero. 24° above max. Fine day. Sandow

Monday 17

Up at 7.00 Temp Max. zero 2'5 twenty five above. Minimum. 0. zero- Fine day. Bad news Colonel Lessards private letter states that the 100<sup>th</sup> cannot be organised for a year as there is no

money. The Q.M.G M.G. of Ordnance wires to say they cannot arrange with the banks about a loan to pay for the rifle range (new) rest of Sturgeon Creek. A.G. Does not know who is to command S.H. states that I am to be in orders for it then seconded to D.O.C. Told Mills about 100<sup>th</sup> regt. He is much disappointed. Wrote A.G. privately to ask him to gazette the officers anyway. I also wrote officially to same effect. No Sandow. M. and I. to theatre, Max. 24° above min 8° below zero. remounts gaining ground.

Winnipeg  
Tuesday 18

Up at 7.00. AM. Temperature Min 8° below zero Max. 16° Manseau and John Clark called to see me at the office. Busy until 1.00 Wrote at home after that. Some of the officers of the course have passed and gone away home. Sandow a lot.

Wednesday 19

Up at 7.00 Min last night 6° below. Max. 16° yesterday, Max. to-day 32.° Min. 6° below Busy until 6. PM [*P written over A*]. writing wrote Colonel Jarvis about 1874. Lt. Col. Thompson called to say goodbye He ~~was~~ is off on a trip. Spent evening at the Ptolemy's and met Mr Hope there.

Winnipeg  
Thursday 20

Up at 7.00 Sandow. min 6° below max. 24 above. All the short course officers called to see me at 4.15 P.M. a good lot Reid and Armstrong from Med Hat. Wrote Gwynne. and mailed him Griepenkerl. and let him have the name of the author of Cavalry in Action translated by John Formby Lt 3<sup>rd</sup> Batt, the Liverpools.

Wrote a few pages of my yarn. Play whist after dinner, Major Carstairs came and played a game or two, then went to the mens ball.

Friday 21

Up at 7.00 Sandow. Min. [*caret: below*] 4° Max. 14(?) Dined at the D.C. Camerons. Hugh Sutherland & and his amiable spouse. Mr and Mrs Anderson. Mr Sloane. Mrs. Moffatt, the Homer-Dixons Mrs. Evans, a singer from Servia who is living in Winnipeg name Savine He sang well. Mrs Evans very stiff. Mrs Sutherland I have met a dozen times. The people here have no idea that if they meet in a gentlemans home introductions are not needed.

Winnipeg.  
Saturday 22

Up at 8. AM. We were so late last night max. 36° min 0° Busy all day. Wrote a great deal got complimentary letter from Hd Quarters re my office and the methods of same. Mays Mrs. Macdonell and the children went to a matinee at the Walker. The Circus girl.

Sunday 23

Up at 8.30 A.M. Mays and the rest to church. Max. 26°. above zero. min 10°. above zero. Wrote all day. Went to Charlie Bells in the evening Came away at 11.30 P.M. Beautiful day. Sandow

Winnipeg.  
Monday 24

Up at 7.00 AM. Sandow- Max. 22 Min. 10 above zero. Busy all day. Major Macdonell came to see me about the rations, that he had arranged to have the slight change in the messing suggested by the cook viz 2<sup>cents</sup> two cents per diem to be paid in for some extras that the men want. Major Carstairs gave the officers a night at the Winnipeg theatre. It was very good indeed, the girls on the stages in this country do not compare with those on the stage in England, only one really pretty girl was there last night. She danced well. Went to bed at 12.30

Tuesday 25

Up at 8.00 Max. 28. Min, 22. above zero very fine day. Attended Burns banquet, a very jolly well conducted affair the speeches good. The songs much above the average. Not back home until 1.30 am the 26<sup>th</sup>

Winnipeg  
Wednesday 26

Up late 8.00 max. 32° min 10°. above zero. Did not get home from Burns banquet until 1.30 AM Busy all forenoon. Did not feel well in the P.M. Played bridge with Mays, Gerty and Mrs Macdonell. To bed at midnight. Sandow a lot.

Thursday 27

Up at 7.30 max. 28°. Min, 12°. above. Busy all day. A lot of bother with two officers who have such thin skins that every official mistake is made a personal matter, Vaux and Macdonell. Vaux in fault this time. Strange things told me about the relations between v & w. and H of Londons. Flagrante delicto, enraged hubby. Three thousand and a trip to Europe. Another fuss and a surgical operation. Retirement into private life of the subject. Sandow. Spent the evening at the O'Lones. Pleasant time. Minnie and Carstairs like two turtle doves. We got home at 1.20 to be at 2. PM [sic]

Winnipeg  
Friday 28

Up at 7.30 weather fine. Sandow Max 20° Min, 8° above zero. very fine day. everyone pleased. Major Vaux reported Major Macdonell for his visit to the hospital on Saturday last I sent for Major Macdonell and enquired into the matter. He states that he did not visit the hospl as an inspecting officer, another charge was that he had no short course officer with him as alleged This had nothing in it. I cautioned both- I have never had such worry. I think Macdonell means well but loses his temper Vaux is naturally a stickler for petty and narrow regulations these two officers had likewise a misunderstanding about a prisoner who had to go to hospital. Major Carstairs came in the evening and Mays Mrs Macdonell and I played bridge – Sandow. I must say that in all my experience I have never had so much worry with a command than this. Lt Col. Bliss Majors Vaux and Macdonell are the limit of a disturbing element.

Saturday 29

Up at 7.20 Sandow. Max 20 min- 8° above zero. Fine day. 60° in bedroom at 8.30 AM. Unionists [blank] Liberals [blank] Labour [blank] Nationalists [blank] Busy all morning Officers who had passed their examinations came to report and say good bye. All expressed great pleasure at the way the course of instruction has gone. I asked about lectures on ordnance Pay, etc. and as they had not received any I gave orders that there should be lectures on those subjects after this. Mays and I went to tea at Mess. Miss McPhillips went and Mrs Macdonell.

the latter asked Mr Vibart but he could not come. I think he did not on account of not being asked by May. He was quite right I think as Minnie has nothing to do with the service

Winnipeg

Sunday 30

Up at 8.00 Sandow. max 28° min 8° Did not go to church. I must have a seat I cannot be planting myself in the one occupied by others who have attended the church since they started Mr Vibart and Angus de Bellefeuille called to spend the evening. Mays and the children attended church. I wrote a lot of letters.

Monday 31

Up at 7.00 Sandow a lot. Max. 44°. Min, 16° above zero. Busy all day at organisation. Major Carstairs went to theatre, took Mrs Macdonell with him. Flora did well at sums given to her by her mistress at school. Wrote Gwynne a long letter to give him an idea of what we have to contend with. He wants a course but forgets the trouble about getting leave to take him(?). It thawed to-day, wind in nor east.

February

Winnipeg.

Tuesday 1

Up at 7.30 Max. 30° min. 4° ~~below~~ above zero. Busy all day. Colonel Irvine called to see me and also looked up Davidson who is here for a course to qualify for the adjutancy of the 79<sup>th</sup> Highlanders. Wrote to a Mr. Ward about Sgt Richardsons V.C. Sandow a lot. Fine day

Wednesday 2

Up at 7. AM. Max. 8° Min 2° above zero. Sandow Busy organizing. Wrote, Laurie, Weyland and others. Half holiday. With Mays Mrs Macdonell went to the Strathconas Horse dance at Fort Osborne barracks with Mr Vibart and Winnie Morris as guests. They enjoyed themselves. I took little Miss Horne there (escorted her) She was Mrs Ketchens guest so I found it no trouble to oblige her. She is a charming little girl, born in Winnipeg and educated or finished in England. She likes the English and said that she found them such solid friends, less shallow than people on this side. I escorted her home and left her at the gate. I thought afterwards that I should have seen her to the door although it was only about fifty feet but there is a dark veranda to the house. Vibart enjoyed himself much. Sandow a lot

Winnipeg

Thursday 3

Up at 7.30. Max. 28° Min. 6° above zero. Busy. Wrote a lot. Got good news for Ruttan and Mills viz that the 100<sup>th</sup> regiment is to start, is to be organized in Winnipeg and I am to be ready to send recommendations as to nomenclature etc to Head Qrs Gwynne rung me up long distance from Grenfell about his cadets wished me to go there on the fifth but I could not do so on account of the opening of the provincial legislature. Sandow a lot Mays Mrs Macdonell and Carstairs went to the Genest(?) to spend the evening got back at 1.0 AM the 4<sup>th</sup>

Friday 4

Up at 7.30 Max. 30° Min 8° below. Sandow a lot. Busy Wrote letters to Gwynne and Andrew Miller of Weyburn all re Militia. Wrote many officials Little Wetten(?) called and I paid

him for his book. He wished me to act as Chairman to a lecture on his experiences in SA War. Angus de Bellefeuille called. Mr Vibart came to play whist (bridge) He and Mays beat Minnie and me badly.

Winnipeg.

Saturday 5

Up at 7.30 Max. 24 Min. 0°. Busy until 11.30 in office and wrote at home in the afternoon. Carstairs came at night and played bridge. Sandow a lot,

Sunday 6

Up at 7.45 Mays and Minnie with the chicks to church at 8.00 back at 9.00 Weather fine. max. 26° min, 8° above zero. Stayed indoors all day and read With Kitchener to Khartoum. I think it is an accurate account but a lot of bosh in it in comparing previous expeditions to it. The writer entirely over looks the fact that Kitchener had the enormous advantage of seeing what had gone before. To compare the attempt to relieve Gordon with slow and methodical advance of Kitchener is simply bosh One the first was a matter of life and death the other had no such object. The conquest of the country was what required in Kitcheners case and it did not matter if it took a year or two. In fact there was time to create an army for the conquest and build a railroad. Sandow

Winnipeg

Monday 7

Up at 7. bMax. 28°. Min 8°. above zero.

Busy all day at reports of inspections of 98<sup>th</sup> and arrangements in connection with the new institute (military) that is to be commenced. Cpts Grey and Affleck are busy at it. Colonel Lindsay called in the afternoon about it. There is great enthusiasm in connection with Military matters.

Tuesday 8

Up at 7.00 AM. Max. [blank] Min. 20° below zero went to office as usual. Busy writing reports on 98<sup>th</sup> and other correspondence. Did not come back to lunch. Feel better for it. Mays Mr Vibert Miss McPhillips took to skating carnival and treated to the show. It was nice some very good costumes. Minnie came too and young Mr McPhillips looked well after us, a nice young man Miss McP is a dear she has a nice accent and was so kind to us. Mr Hazlett and I had a chat over things in general He has travelled a good deal and lived in London for years which to a Canadian means much, a great deal more than going anywhere else. I met Mr and Mrs Rutherford whose daughter teaches Harwood. They are nice people and having had Harwood at the house to a party have formed a high opinion of him. Got Butlers Great Lone land again well written but wrong about the militia the only contemporaries of the Red River ex are so partial if they are among officers to the regular troops when we all know that they were in no sense our equals for such work. Sandow a lot

Winnipeg

Wednesday 9

Up at 8.0 as Mays and the rest went to church. ~~Max 24° Min~~ Max 0° Min 24 below with a strong wind blowing at night.

Busy until noon on a board for examination of Capt Pousette C.A.S.C. for his Majority. Davidson called at night and spent the evening. He seems to like his billet of adjt 79<sup>th</sup> which I got him at 1500.00 for two years.

Thursday 10

Up at 7.15 Strong wind and 22° below zero. this A.M. Max- 4° Min. 19° below zero. It was cold all day legislature opened at 3.00 I went with the governor had a large staff. The place was full of ladies. Bob Rogers acting Premier. Poor Roblin is not well has to go south. State dinner last night. 53 sat down. A reception in the P.M by Lady MacMillan after the banquet. Arrangements as usual most satisfactory indeed. Met many friends. Everybody shook hands with the ladies. I(?) strange proceeding. I sat inside the Hon Dr Montague and the American Consul was on my left. I also had a pleasant time Montague very amusing.

Winnipeg

Friday 11

Up at 7.15 Max 14° above. Min 14° below zero. Busy in the office. Dr Inglis called and asked me to write a letter to him on the question of racing and betting on race tracks to go before the committee of House of Commons. I wrote it. The Sergt. typed it very badly, but I got it off in time. Read at night.

Saturday 12

Up at 7.10 Max. ~~30°~~ 22° min. 4° above zero Busy all forenoon. Wrote Gwynne and advised him to take a course at signalling and the use of the other course I persuaded him would not amount to anything. Wrote Henry J. Morgan "Office of Canadian Men and Women of the Time" and enclosed a ten dollar bill to pay for the engraving of same in the book. Mays Minnie and I went to the Hornes to spend the evening and enjoyed bridge a splendid lot of people Mr Castles. Colonel and Mrs Chambrè Miss Laurie lately from England, Miss Horne Mrs Horne. Mr Horne and Mrs. are a model couple. Major and Mrs Macdonald of the Strathconas Horse. Sandow 22° above.

Winnipeg

Sunday 13

Up at 8.00 Did not go to church. Prepared to leave for Grenfell tomorrow A.M. Temperature. Max. [blank] min. [blank]

Monday 14

Up at 6. AM. Left Winnipeg at 7.50 AM Reached Grenfell at 4.30 Met at Station by Colonel Gwynne, who put me up at his house Mrs. Gwynne and Evelyn very kindly recd me. Temp at Winnipeg taken by Pte Martin Min 10°. below zero. Max. 30° above zero Had a long military chat with Gwynne.

Winnipeg. Man. to Grenfell

Tuesday 15

Grenfell, Sask.

Up at 7.00 Inspected equipment of the Hd quarters. In excellent order. Inspected cadets in the afternoon. A nice lot of boys. Gave good answers in musketry and well disciplined could not



see them at drill, hall too small weather too cold. They did good triangle work at target, and a few did sword drills.

Tea at 5.P.M, Revd Mrs Stewart at lunch came to see me. Mrs Peele and several others were at Tea. Gwynne indulged in some "chaff"

Temp at Winnipeg, min 11° below zero Max. 21. above zero.

Grenfell.

Wednesday 16

Inspected clothing of D. squadron and condemned same. Serges red 68. Pantaloon 68 overalls blue. 68. Caps naval pattern not fit to wear Black puttee leggings worthless It appears to me to be unreasonable to charge the O.C. regiment with nosebags issued to squadrons and addressed to same. Nose bags should be left with the corps at squadron headquarters Timmis sent them to camp Q M did not take them over as they were addressed to O.C squadron The clothing of 16<sup>th</sup> should be condemned. Regt Staff clothing in good condition O.C wished issue at the same time as the rest and will make it last four years. Horses of Cherry and Atkinson OC will not recommend payment.

Whitewood troop horse killed or died Evidence taken by a board under Captain Conger at Whitewood. Horse died at home. Alleged to be swamp fever.

Temperature in Winnipeg to-day. Min. 21° below zero Max 10 above zero.

Left Grenfell at 4.30.

Winnipeg to Regina via Grenfell

Thursday 17

Up Regina

Up early. Left Grenfell at 1.30 The Belsons lunched at the Gwynnes and were very nice The parson Mrs ~~Charl~~ Charlton and wife there. More chaff about Mrs Peel(?) an old friend daughter of Archdeacon Sergeant or perhaps Deane.

Gwynne saw me off. Rev Mr Stewart came on at next station and sat with me he takes an interest in cadets. Arrivd at Regina at 8.30 An ex fusilier helped me off ~~the~~ to the hotel carrying one valise said he knew me by sight Got good room at Kings hotel. Lt Colonel Forde called to see me We sat up until 11.30 PM and talked over artillery. Cold, Temp at Winnipeg 22° below zero min, Max. 18° above zero,

The above is an error should be the 16<sup>th</sup>

Inspected and transferred C. Co 95. Toft to Lieut Ross. Called at the Woods,

Regina. Sask.

Friday 18

Up early Sandow bath. Wrote out form of transfer of C. Co.95<sup>th</sup> to Lieut Ross from Major Toft. Called at the Woods and on Mrs. Forde. Met many at club. At 5.30 Met Mrs Mitten(?) at the Woods and had a chat with her.

Min at Winnipeg 23° below zero Max 11° above zero.

Regina to Winnipeg.

Saturday 19

Up early. Max at Winnipeg 20° below zero. 1° above zero. on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Lunched at the Woods. Hunter called to see me about the artillery. Charley Wood was anxious to go into the artillery.

Sandow max 1° above min 20° below. Left with Forde for here arrivd 7.00 AM Pte Martin met me at the train. Talked over artillery with Forde. He would like to see Wood on Battery but he is afraid of the antagonism that exists between Wood and Calder the Minister of Education. I got on train at 6.10 and arrived here next day. Betty Osler on train.

Regina  
to  
Winnipeg  
Sunday 20

Up early 6.10 and got into town at 7. Martin met me at the station.

Max. 19 above. min 19° below. zero.

Wrote up diary. Changed clothes and bathed. Mays and children getting ready for church when I arrived. Colonel Forde called and had Tea. Mr Lillie(?) called and stayed to supper. Capt Donnelly called in the evening. Mays worried by the children going into the kitchen and quarrelling with servants. I must put a stop to that. Sandow a lot. Min. 26° Max.

Winnipeg. Man.  
Monday 21

Up at 7.10 cold. Min ~~22° below. Did not record max.~~ Min 22° below Max 0° Got an enormous stock of letters could not get through them all. Got Dawson from Winter Red River expedition, most extraordinary the difference between Wolseley and Dawson. The latter seems to have been requested to write against Wolseley The whole trouble was the dreadful state into which politics have brought this country. John A afraid of the vote of a certain portion of our population got arch bishop Tache to bribe Riel to fly and not fight the troops. Consequently as Wolseley and the others were not in the plot the arch bishop was suspected of being a conspirator. A bad state of affairs The controversy about the boats was serious. and it is hard to say who was right. I am under the impression that Dawson has a good deal on his side. The putting the regular troops ahead of the volunteers had to be done but it was a pity that it had, Huyshe(?) statement making the regular troops do the work of repairing the roads and do all the hauling of the boats up the Kaministiquia was incorrect.

Tuesday 22

Up at 7.00 Max. 6° Min. 30° below zero. Busy all day. Young McMeans complained that Major Macdonell had given him too severe a "telling off" for what he called a minor offence. I pointed out that it was not a minor offense in fact that there was no such things for officers, and that no doubt the Major did not mean to be too hard upon him, and that he should not have interrupted Major Macdonell when he was talking to him. Wrote a great many letters. Have many worries. This is a hard world Thank God I have always appreciated and endeavoured to alleviate the troubles of others. I took no lunch.

Winnipeg.  
Wednesday 23

Up at 7.30 AM. Did not sleep well last night. Max. 14° Min. 24° below 0. Busy all day writing and interviews of the officers Col Cowan and others. Had a long talk with the latter. Sandow as usual. Played bridge at night,

Thursday 24

Up at 7.30 A.M. Max.  $20^{\circ}$ <sub>A</sub> min  $20^{\circ}$  below zero Dined at the Waughs enjoyed ourselves. Mays and I went The Fred Bridges were there. Ladies played bridge and Waugh made me tell yarns of Charcoal the Blood Indian. The Cowans came to tea in the P.M. and we had a long talk. The weather was cold in the morning. Cowan came to the office and we talked over the 18<sup>th</sup> MR.

Winnipeg, Man.

Friday 25

Up at 7.30 Max.  $20^{\circ}$  Min.  $1^{\circ}$  below. Busy all day at the office came home to lunch wrote notes of Dawsons report must finish them soon Mr Bourget, Secretary of the lieut Governor called to see me and had a pleasant chat. He spoke of father Hugonnard of Ft Quappelle as an old friend of mine and also of father LaCombe.

Saturday 26

Up at 7.30 Max  $20^{\circ}$  A<sub>E</sub>, Min.  $20^{\circ}$  B<sub>W</sub> zero Busy all forenoon. Afternoon wrote and took notes Captain Davidson called to see me at 7.30. Signs of the old enemy plain Minnie saw the same. It is lamentable. Wrote a remonstrance. Painful,

Winnipeg,

Sunday 27

Up at 7.15 AM. Max.  $16^{\circ}$  above zero. Min  $2^{\circ}$  2 above zero. Major Bell and Davidson called to see me about gazetting the 79<sup>th</sup>. Pointed out that they need not worry about it that the authority is here Davidson expressed regrets for last night. Mays sang last night all were in the drawing room. Mays and the rest to church in the AM I have a bad cold.

Monday 28

Up at 7.15 A. Max.  $34^{\circ}$  above 0 Min.  $10^{\circ}$  above  $16^{\circ}$  above at 8.00 AM. Could not go to the Masonic banquet had a hoarseness which prevented me. Major Carman called upon me. I wrote Ottawa again asking for leave to put my annual camp on the spruce reserve south of Sidney. It is impossible to camp at Brandon with such a large force. I also asked for the 22<sup>nd</sup> to take that camp too as they have been anxious to do so for a long time,

March

Winnipeg

Tuesday 1

Up at 7.00. Max.  $34^{\circ}$ . Min  $8^{\circ}$  above zero. Busy all day wrote a great deal arranged about the uniform for the Strathcona's Royal Canadians. Paid a number of bills,

Wednesday 2

Up at 7.30. Max. 38 above Min  $2^{\circ}$  below-

Busy all day wrote letters. Arranged to recommend a 16<sup>th</sup> Lancer rig for the officers of the regiment, and the men too. I hope we can get it of course it is only in the colour of the tunic that it will be like the 16<sup>th</sup> and in the breast pad used there The girdle will be different, and there will be a brass helmet

#### Thursday 3

Up at 7.00 Max. 52°. Min 22° above zero

Mays received today had seventeen callers nice people. Busy at a very large mail Capt Ketchen DSA has his hands full. All of the clerks busy early and late. Work has trebled since I came to take charge of the district. New Regulations better than before re courts martial

#### Friday 4

Up at 7.30. Max. 36° Min 24°- above zero. Busy at a large mail all morning and until 5. PM Then went to a lecture on the naval battles of the British Empire by the Hon T. M. Daly. It was good. The short course officers headed my(?) Major O'Brien 18<sup>th</sup> MR attended Lady Macmillan was present and was very pleasant we had tea Miss Mackay the Secy She was a school Teacher in Africa I had a long chat over the duties of the daughters of the Empire. Got home at 6.15 Spent the evening at the J.B Mitchells very pleasant and amusing. I did not play bridge the others did and gambled none at all I am glad to say it is rare in Winnipeg. they play for fun

#### Winnipeg to Stoney Mountain

#### Saturday 5

Up at. 7.45 Max. [blank] Min. [blank] Busy until 4.00 then home to get ready to go to Stoney Mt. Left for there with Mays and Harwood. Manseau met us at the gateway of the Station and rushed to meet us with warm welcome. Had sleigh for us. We then struck out for his place. Mrs Manseau met us at the door with hearty and cheery manner, making us feel quite at home. Father Beliveau put up there too on his weekly visit to the Penitentiary. Terrible wind all night from the South west then turned north west and gave us a blizzard.

#### Stoney Mt.

#### Sunday 6

Up at 8.00. Went to church with Manseau a strong blizzard blowing all day, but fortunately the temperature did not get very low. Had a pleasant day in the house. After church Father Belliveau spent the day at church.

#### Stoney Mt to Winnipeg

#### Monday 7

Up at 8.00 Father Belliveau took the first train for St Boniface. Colonel Irvine shewed us over the Penitentiary. Mays first visit to it. Left for Winnipeg at 2.40 Manseau came with us as far as the Hudsons Bay stores. I went to the office until 6. P.M. All correct. Ketchen says that the Highlanders want Sergt George for SM. I refused. They have had enough

#### Winnipeg.

#### Tuesday 8

Up at 7.15 Max. 1° above zero min 30° above. Busy all day. Rattray called re the 20<sup>th</sup> Border Horse. He seems keen is energetic and should succeed. He will set a good example. Lieut Percy Shaw asked Major Macdonell for sick leave for ten days Could not get it except through Ottawa he therefore applied for Ten of ordinary leave and left before it could be granted. He went to Dominion city. I gave orders to wire for his immediate return to the barracks. He is a young fool, I cannot understand him. Sandow as usual.

#### Wednesday 9

Up at 7.30. Max. 22° above zero. Min. 48° above zero. Busy all day re horses, organization and other details. Percy Shaw not back here again. He was reported to have left for Dominion city. Major Macdonell received a wire to the effect that that [sic] he had left for Winnipeg, but he had not located him. Sandow as usual.

#### Thursday 10

Up at 7. AM. Max. 44° Min. 20. above Min. at 8.00 AM. 30° above. Busy all day at routine. Wrote General Macdonald and the Secretary Militia Council Ottawa asking for the O.C. quarters here. Went to the Old Timers banquet an immense gathering. Dr. Montague. Controller Waugh and Geo Ham(?) spoke all well. Montagues speech was a masterpiece and most tactful. Got home and to bed at 1.30 A.M 11<sup>th</sup> Sandow as usual.

#### Winnipeg,

#### Friday 11

Up at 7.30. AM. Max. 50° Min 30° Busy all day. Lennon Horse dealer called to see me about selling some Asked him to bring his up Monday next. Dr Mary and Miss Crawford came in the evening and the latter played bridge with Mays Mrs Mac and me. Nice girl. Fine day. muddy streets Sandow a lot.

#### Saturday 12

Up at 7 AM. Max. 60° Min 26°. above zero. Busy all day. In office until 1.30 The rest of the day at home. Captain Barry of the army called. Gave him a letter to Ruttan re adjutancy of the 100<sup>th</sup> regt. Wired all Colonels to find out if the annual drill would do as early as the 14<sup>th</sup> of June so that Sir John French could inspect the western militia. He has to leave on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. It is absurd that when an important matter of that sort is to be attended to a sufficient time cannot be spared Sandow. Very fine mild day. Mays was at a matinee with Mrs. Bury and enjoyed it. A. nice play without the usual trashy actors so often seen in American troupes.

#### Winnipeg. Man.

#### Sunday 13

Up at 7.30 AM. Max. 32° Min. 14.° above 0 A very fine morning. Wrote all day Chester Davis to supper. Mr Russell called in the evening Mays and Flora sang in the evening after supper. Chester Davis has passed his exam and goes home tomorrow. He has worked well. Sandow a lot.

#### Monday 14

Up at 7.30 Max. 38° Min. 24° above 0. Busy all day in office Mays had some friends to "bridge" in the evening. I saw Mrs Donnelly home. Fine day streets getting cleaned up. Took off the guard. Sandow

#### Winnipeg

#### Tuesday 15

Up at 7.00. Max. 50. Min 28° A. Busy at off until 1.00. Major Winkler called and had a chat about camp. Does not think that the camp could be earlier than the 22<sup>nd</sup> without being inconvenient to the farmers. Wrote all afternoon on my book, Mays & Mrs Macdonell went to the Catholic club gymnastics etc with me.

Winnipeg 16

Up at 7.30 Max. 44°. Min, 26° above 0. Temp. 30° above at 8.00 Busy all forenoon at office Wrote all afternoon. Wrote Andrew Miller asking him to take a Squadron at Weyburn. Got nice letter from Sir Robert Colleton, Bart, G.O.C. Pretoria. He states that the best fighters are playing the game as always they do anywhere.

Thursday 17

Up at 7. Max. 40° Min 24° At Dr. Pennefathers to his usual St Patricks day dinner Guests were four sons. One the Inspector RNWMP, one a Dr one a C.P.R. and one a merchant Guests Hon Mr Turgeon of Saskatchewan, Major Macdonell, Dr Simpson, Mr Henry Grattan O'Lone, Capt Mills, Major of the 90<sup>th</sup> Retired, a pleasant time was spent. I got out and arranged for glasses for myself in the afternoon. Had lots to do in the morning notified Major Macdonell that his quarters might be needed for someone else

Friday 18

Up at 7.30. Max. 62° Min 30° Busy all day. In forenoon got letter from Macdonell to the effect that my gazette to the command of Strathconas Horse was going keep back the promotion of the rest of the officers himself included I sent for the other officers and read that portion of his letter which dealt with this. Pointed out to them that the appointment was only temporary that Major Thacker will have to be considered as he is the senior officer of the Corps and must come for a term of regimental duty anyway, that I was simply holding the place until a regular C.O. was appointed that it gave me more duty and no more pay. in fact was the opposite of advancement. I then asked what they thought of it and told them not to be influenced by any hesitation on their part and they one and all severally and alone stated that they had no such opinion as Major Macdonell had stated. The cause of Major Macdonells complaint does not lie in the matter of promotion for I told him with my own lips that Thacker had to be considered.

Winnipeg.

Saturday 19

Up at 7.00 Max. 60°. Min 26 above zero. Busy all day Wrote many letters. Belcher Carstairs Reg McGillis, PA Moore re adjutancy. Wrote some pages of Red River expedition of 1870. Nothing else to-day except that I forwarded Major Macdonells complaint that my appointment would be a block in the way of promotion if I were to be gazetted to the command of Lord Strathconas Corps now named Strathconas Horse, Royal Canadians. I think that there will be a rap over the knuckles for him if not I cannot see what we are coming to in these days. I had some saddles for boys priced down at the Great West Saddlery Company Sandow as usual,

Winnipeg

Sunday 20

Up at 6.30 Wrote all day. Mays and the rest to church. Max. 56°. Min 36° above. Frank Steele wired is on train from the east. Sandow dumb.bells.

Winnipeg.

Monday 21

Up at 6.30 Max. 65, Min. 26° above zero, 32° above at 7 AM. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Frank Steele and wife and child came to see us on their way home to Pincher Creek from England where they at(?) spent the winter. They had much rain there in fact they had only a few fine days whilst we have the finest for years. Sandow. I met Frank and family at the station but did not see them in time.

Came up thinking they were coming by the West(?) train to Winnipeg. They phoned. Glorious weather, farmers sowing out on the land.

Tuesday 22

Up at 6.30 AM. Max 58° Min 33°. Busy until 1.00 At three drove Mays Violet and Frank around the Fort Rouge section. Frank and Violet admired the city very much. I wrote Weyland and others. Wrote a lot about Rifle associations signed many papers in that connection. We played bridge at night and later sat up until 12 with Frank. Glorious ~~wet(?)~~ weather, farmers out on the land. Last year the farmers were not on the land in Manitoba until Mays [sic] yet contrary to my expectations the crops were splendid.

Winnipeg,  
Wednesday 23

Up at 6.30 Max. ~~28~~ 70° above, Min 28° above. A warm magnificent day. Sent Major Macdonell west to buy horses, calling at Maple Creek first, then Medicine Hat Calgary and Macleod dark bay with black points if possible. If he cannot get 15.\_\_\_\_ he is to get four year olds of fifteen hands, they will grow to 15,2. Frank Steele called and met a lot of Ketchen and Davidson who were nice to him. Told Macdonell that he might get a Brown or two if bays could not be got. Sandow. Saw Frank and the wife and child off by train for Pincher

Thursday 24

Up at 7.15 Max. 34° Min 28°. Busy, wrote many letters. Colonel Hosmer and Major Dyer called to see me and discuss military matters, such as armouries, camp. Wrote Stedman, W.VB (?) about horses. Asked him to see to getting good ones for Major Macdonell who went up yesterday to purchase. Wired Major Med Hat to go on to Macleod for horses. Wired Stedman. Ordered a letter to be sent by S.A. The weather changed to a cold ~~N.E~~ W.W. wind, with snow and rain.

Winnipeg,  
Friday 25

Up at 6.45. Max. 58° above zero. Min. 22° above. Busy in the office until all mail which was large was disposed of. In the afternoon I wrote up Red River Expedition in part. Played Bridge with the children in the evening. Very fine day. Sandow,

Saturday 26

Up at 6.45 Max. 60. Min – 30. Nice bright morning. Max in the sun at 7.00 48° Busy all morning and had a call from Capt Barry late 19<sup>th</sup> Hussars. He is to be the adjt of the 100<sup>th</sup> regiment. Wrote all day at the official mail. Have authority to take O.C. house.

Winnipeg  
Sunday 27

Up at 7.30 Max. 60°. Min 30° above.  
Wrote all day and made fair progress.

Monday 28

Up at 6.30 Max. 60. min 38° above. Sandow. Mays and I went to the club Alpine banquet. Nice time and nice people. I spoke to the army and from that, brought in connection between

mountains, mountaineering and soldiering Mentioned Hannibal, Napoleon Scipio Macdonald the Marshal, Over South African Mts.

Colmer called about Andrew Miller and S.H. history, was catechised about it, and him, and informed that I only gave Miller the diary which was the usual bald statement of the services of the regiment.

Winnipeg  
Tuesday 29

Up at 7.30. Max. 40° Min 30° above. Busy until 6.00 PM. Young couple from England called and had a chat they were introduced by Miss Dora Brooke Clarkes card to me. their Bailet(?). He is French she is English. Sandow a lot.

Wednesday 30

Up at 7.00 Max. 40°. Min 24 above zero. Busy in the office all day. Inspected from 8.30 to 10.30 the last class of officers who are going through for the 79. and 90<sup>th</sup> regiments. Every officer had to do a portion of the drill, Major Bell commencing it. All with few exceptions were nervous as my visit was unexpected. After it was over I gave them some more good advice, to enable them to handle their men.

I had to pay back the cost of my family from Calgary to here. It was a mistake in the pay department which first allowed me passage and then took it back so cannot be helped.

Winnipeg.  
Thursday 31

Up at 7.00 Max. 60. Min, 36°. Busy all day finished the monthly returns Saw Mr Howe of Dom Lands office for Manitoba and took my affidavit for pension. Wrote Many letters. Mr Howe very kindly got my papers made out for Mays to sell some lots to Colonel Belcher of Edmonton, lots are situated there.

April

Friday 1

Up at 7.00 Max. 60° Min, 36.

Busy all day. Wrote many letters. Letter from General Otter asking to have the camp on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June ~~im~~-possible I wrote and gave him full particulars and the fact that none of the farmers could come at that date. I also gave him and the A.G. my opinion as to camps at Brandon and other. Brandon is a nuisance a perfect bother always pulling wires to get something for itself regardless of the comfort of the rest of the Militia ~~or~~, the rest of the force. or their efficiency I have given preference to the Spruce reserve, next to that Winnipeg. Mays sold some lots at 500.00 to-day poor girl. We need it times are so expensive. I hope that the Almighty will enable me to clear of debt soon. Macdonells move into the house that I should have got has cost me at least fifteen hundred dollars out of my salary. A man came from Simpson & Mitchell to take down the storm windows at the same time that we have no fire in the furnace owing to repairs of the boiler.

Winnipeg. Man.  
Saturday 2

Up at 7.30 Max. 60° min. 34° Fine but windy from the Southeast then south Did a lot of writing until 6.00 PM. Wrote Rattray to say that the transfer of the squadron was taking place



from 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Border Horse. I named the latter corps with consultation with anyone and they like it.

#### Sunday 3

Up at 7.30 Max. 60 Min. 34° Mays and youngsters went to church. I have no time to go just yet. Wrote all day nineteen pages of Foolscap completing the narrative of the Red River expedition. It will have to be typed but on account of the chances of one or to(sic) repetitions. Pain in small of back great thirst at night must see the Dr. Telegram from deputy ~~ng~~ minister to the effect that there must be the sale he first stated

#### Winnipeg

#### Monday 4

Up at 7. AM. Max. 38. Min 26° Busy at office until six. Great trouble to get recruits here. The A. Squadron Sergt Major has been busy all last week and the week previous at the station None but loafers offer to serve with us. It is an insult to a mans intelligence to ask him to serve at fifty cents per day. Wrote the P.M.G. and Gen. Macdonald about this DOC, Quarters, and the question as to whether there had been any right of the CO. to them in the past, also whether it would be worth while to go in the P.MG I asked about the allowance for qrs that he intended to make.

#### Tuesday 5

Up at 7. AM. Max. 50°. Min. 30° Busy all day. Wrote a great deal. Wrote Colonel Clark and others. Wrote Gen Otter re the small ground for a camp and asked to have the 20<sup>th</sup> ~~Light~~ Horse train. Fine day attended meeting of Red River veterans at request of George Black Secy. Colonel Scott in the chair. Present George Black. 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt, O Rifles C N. Bell. 7 Co 1<sup>st</sup> Ont forces. corpl. No 2 1<sup>st</sup> Ont Rifles. George Fulthorpe No 4. Co 1<sup>st</sup> Ont Rifles, R. McGwin(?) late NoComSergt (?) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ont Rifles Dan Madigan(?) No 5. 1<sup>st</sup> Ont, Rifles, SBSteele Corporal No 4, 1<sup>st</sup> Ont Rifles, Capt. Nash late Lieut 1<sup>st</sup> Ont Rifles, Colonel Scott, late captain 1<sup>st</sup> Ont Rifles, Corpl \_\_\_\_ late No 4 Ont Rifles, Capt Allan late 2<sup>nd</sup> Q Rifles

#### Winnipeg

#### Wednesday 6

Up at 6.30 AM. Max. 58°, Min 36° Busy all morning. Gave letters of introduction to Belcher for young \_\_\_\_ and to Drs Harwood(?) for him also to him for Major Sanders DLS. Telegram from Brigadier General Macdonald to the effect that I will not move into barracks or to postpone the move until ~~tomorrow~~ I got his letter on the subject. Wrote all afternoon William Black called to see me, from Orillia on his way to Vancouver to settle. He has Mrs Black and family with him and the \_\_\_\_ of the family Two sons are settled in Vancouver on the principal street. Max 58- min 36° The upper entry belongs to yesterday. have corrected(?) both.

#### Thursday 7

Up at 6.40 Max. 55. min 26° Busy in office un(?) 4.30 then in house writing Mitchell phoned to ask about Lord Kitchener who is at Frisco. I suggested writing about the matter to him. They want him at the club Canadian to address them. It is useless to ask him to speak as he is travelling incog. I am worried about the date for camp.

#### Winnipeg

#### Friday 8

Up at 7.AM. Max. 64° Min 28°

Busy all day. Wired the whole of the OC Corps re the date for camp asking that the [sic] inform me that date they should come at the earliest. The replies were the 13<sup>th</sup> in one case 14 in the rest. Colonel Hosmer also stated that the 14<sup>th</sup> was best on account of the Summer(?) following. I wired Ottawa to that effect. We must have Sir John French see us at once.

Saturday 9

Up at 6.30 AM Max. 60. Min, 42.

Busy all day no answer from Ottawa re the camps. I do not know why the delay so. These matters are absurd. Centralization is all right but there is no more sense in it than there would be to direct from a thousand miles how a battle can be fought. Mays had a nice quiet bridge party present the Hornes, the Crawford sisters, Mrs Hamilton, Mr and Mrs O'Lone Dr. Mackay (Capt 79th C.H.) Colonel and Mrs Chambrè Miss McPhillips, Poor Mrs Horne was quite seedy and did not play

Winnipeg.  
Sunday 10

Up at 7.30 Max. 60° Minn 28°

Wrote until 4.00 then went with Mays and Minnie to tea with the Forests Mrs Forest is Capt Cottinghams daughter. a nice young lady. Mr Forest is a cousin of Major Forest late 90<sup>th</sup> W.P. Rifles, and of Colonel Forest of Quebec

Monday 11

Up at 7.00 Max. 52. Min, 28° Busy all day and wrote General Otter in reply to his re the camps the spruce reserve etc. Wired to the effect that the 21<sup>st</sup> would do for the camps as they desire it then. Wrote Hon Frank Oliver about the pine or spruce reserve, asking him to consider the letter confidential and pointing out that no damage would be done by manœuvring [sic], over it and that we would not camp on it. Shackleton the explorer in town. Gen Benson in town.

Winnipeg,  
Tuesday 12

Up at 6.45 Max. 58. Min, 38°.

Temp at 8.00 40° deg Busy. Wired Stedman that I would ask the department for authority to purchase horses. (In reply to his that he has 20(?) good ones. Wrote Hodson. Spent evening at the Forrests on in Ft Rouge. Got to bed at one thirty AM. 13<sup>th</sup> Temperature as above.

Wednesday 13

Up at 7.45 It rained in the early morning

Max. 66 min, 44° Temperature at 8.20 44° deg. Sent of [sic] annual report. It is more voluminous than most of them, and is rather strong on the question of pay on account of the difficulty of getting recruits. A Mr Gilbert came and I arranged to get the armourer to repair an old sword which was an heir loom in the family and which he wishes to hand down. Played bridge in the evening. Rained all night.

Winnipeg,  
Thursday 14

Up at 7.00 Max. 60. Min 28° Rained all night. Busy until 5. P.M. then wrote. The Paymaster came in and informed me that the pay I draw will be that of Lieut Colonel of a regiment.

Inadequate certainly for respectable living here. As DOC I should get more money. Raining all day with intervals and all night. Most disagreeable day.

#### Friday 15

Up at 6.20 Max. 4° Min 4° degrees above 0

A wretched day sleet north wind, snow at night. Poor Doidges(?) funeral put off until later, Red River expedition veteran who died near Vienna on train very sudden. Fine man of our No 4. Co. R.R. ex a Sergeant He came from the Q.O.R and had the uniform on when he joined the expedition. I was busy all forenoon. Wired that it would be convenient for the inspection of range to be taken by Major Maunsell Miserable day. sleet snow, and north east wind

#### Saturday 16

Up at 6.30 Max. 4° min 4° above 0°. N.E. storm of wind snow. and sleet. Busy in the office. gave orders to the adjutant that the RC. would attend church parade at the usual hour 10.30 A.M. Wrote all day. In the afternoon private correspondence. Cars did not run to the barracks except to go along Main to River Avenue along River Avenue to Osborne, along Osborne to Broadway. along Broadway to Main then north to St Johns. This is the usual route for Fort Rouge Cars. Broadway cars west did not run,

Major Vaux spoke to me of a young man late RC. Regt who is with him as a visitor and asked if anything could be done for him. I said I would have a talk with him if he would come down in the evening. I would do all I can to advise him as to his course. I am kept pretty busy looking after the duties and my DOC work. Lt Shaw is ordered to break the bronchos. One of them died of heart trouble. Angus de Bellefeuille called and took the children to the theatre matinee they enjoyed it. Angus is a very generous young man, almost too kind. He came in the evening and played bridge with<sup>us</sup> Minnie ~~and~~ Mays, and me. Left at 10.00 He was very tired,

#### Sunday 17

Up at 7.00 Max. 26° min. 20° Mays Mrs Macdonell and children to the church at 8.30 AM. Cold day. Sleet and cold wind. We miss the storm sashes. It takes a lot to heat this house Vaux and Davidson called. Got a letter from AG. to the effect that the Spruce woods could not be got for manoeuvres. Letter by telegraph. Repeated on(?) Ketchen and asked him to phone Col Clarke Brandon and ascertain cost of necessary ground for camp there. He replied that he would do it at once.

#### Winnipeg.

#### Monday 18

Up at 6.30 Max. 38° min 22°

Major Maunsell called and we had a talk over the rifle ranges and camp grounds. Several people. Two ladies to get musical ride for the hospital Did not promise anything of the sort. They asked for a wild west show managed by the military and to have a procession of Highlanders, floats etc what an idea!

Ex Sergt Major of the SAC with letter from Colonel Edwards called to see me. I tried to get him a billet, called up Major Snider. Saw Lieut Morris about him. He promised work and would wire. The Vauxes called with the young lieutenant late R.C.R. who is to try and get a start out west. Letter from Edwards of 101<sup>st</sup> asking for Docherty. He will not go so I invited to send Mr. Thompson. We are to see the rifle range to-day.

#### Tuesday 19

Up at 6.30 Max. 44° Min 30°

Went to Rifle range accompanied by Major Maunsell and Captain. Mauunsell [sic] much pleased with it and arranged for plans. We drove all over it, a fine range no doubt. and lots of room for barracks in addition to that. Went at 2 PM. got back at 6 P.M. M. seems to be a nice fellow, a gentleman at all events.

Mays and I went to the exercises at Havergal a nice lot of people there. a very nice lot indeed One girl fainted, but did not change colour.

Winnipeg

Wednesday 20

Up at 6.30 Max. 60.° Min 42° Busy at office about camps. Saw an account of the \_\_\_\_ in paper, read it to Mays. Minnie and the chicks got a rating for not playing with "Maws" child. They did their best. A man named Godson ex. Sergt Majr of the S.A.C. came to see me about place at Mrs Morris at Latchford(?) near Lloydminster. O'Grady called about the regiment, and stated that if he got the 90<sup>th</sup> he would do his best with it and spend a little money. I wired A.G in reply to his about the size etc of the land we can get at the Sewell station, CPRy east of Brandon Wrote Mrs Macleod about Blackfoot treaty and then Sitting Bulls commission. Major Maunsell went home to-day. At four he called on Mays and said that I was a favourite at headquarters, Ottawa We took Donnelly's Bells, CN. the Kitchens to the play. A very good one, Miss Piple of New York. Mays, Mrs Macdonell and the children were with us. All enjoyed themselves. Fine but strong north wind, glass falling.

Thursday 21

Up at 7.00 A.M. Max. 52° Min. 20° Flakes of snow going on at 8.20 Busy all day wrote Gwynne. Mailed him French General Langlois report on the Territorials in England on loan. vety Surgeon [blank] of the 18<sup>th</sup> called on me. a pleasant man. Wired military council that the land we wanted off the spruce woods reserve is sections [blank] to [blank] and sec. [blank] to [blank] Tp.

Winnipeg

Friday 22

Up at 6.30 Max. 34° Min 16°  
Busy all day in office.

Saturday 23

Up at 6.30 Max. 36°. Min 30°

Busy until two P.M. Wrote several letters. Paid bakers bill and wrote him about his man not delivering his account to me and instead leaving it in the kitchen. Then grumbling about more payment. Went up to the mess and had a chat with a couple of the officers in for a course.

Sunday 24

Up at 6.30 Max 54°. Min 42°. Fine day 90<sup>th</sup> had church parade in honour of Fish Creek Strathcona Cadets went to All Saints. I went to All Saints and got a seat at last Mr Trew called and I gave him a paper to the American Consul asking him to let him cross to see a man in Virginia who wishes him to take the man a present(?) of some farms over there. Captain Davidson called to spend the evening,

Monday 25

Up at 6.30 Min. 42 Max. 72°

Temperature at 8.00 50° deg Busy all day Figured out my living expenses and find that with all care necessary it needs a thousand a year or more than my pay. It is simply outrageous that people cannot be paid properly for their services. If I had used the same ability in a private company. say the CPRy I would be getting now double the amount or perhaps far more. Very fine day

Spent evening at the Dr Pennefathers.

Winnipeg,  
Tuesday 26

Up at 6.30 AM. Max, 56. Min, 44°

Max at 8 AM. 50° Busy all day. Met several people. Wrote Colonel Edwards re the new adjutant Captain Thompson. Wrote Gwynne. he will be here tonight. Walked out with Harwood to Armstrongs point. Lent Majr Macdonell the book on the Tactical fitness exam. Got a bad report of the Kitchens of the corps-and gave orders to the Sergt Major to see to it being done properly. Fine day. beautiful weather Brig Gen Macdonell approved of the rent of my house being paid by govt. and deduct allowance. This is a help but not enough to help us along properly.

Wednesday 27

Max. 58. Min 36° up at 6.30 Busy until afternoon Then went down to see if we could get chairs for the men in barracks as it is high time they ceased to have to sit on benches. Gwynne called and had a talk over his shortages of last years camp. Capt Sullivan reported to have to go on sick leave I wrote Gen Macdonald privately, asking that conductor Timmis be transferred at once and relieved, also that an officer be sent to take charge and Sullivan to come back here when well. Wrote Manseau. Spent the evening at the Bells, CN. Came home at 11.30 Fine day. East wind made it cool but pleasant for walking gave orders about the cook houses being cleaned and kept so. Told the adjutant to caution young officers.

Winnipeg  
Thursday 28

Up at 6.30 Max. 64° Min 40° Busy all day in office. Discharged a man who had proved to be lacking in intelligence a nice looking man too. The men must not fool with the recruits, it is a new world quite a new situation Lt Colonel Gwynne came up to see me His little affair is all right, the department will not charge him with the waterproof sheets lost. Mrs Donnelly came and played bridge until 10.30. AM.

Friday 29

Up at 6.30 Max. 44° Min 38° Busy all day in office. Wrote Jarvis and others

Saturday 30

Up at 6.30 AM Max. 66° Min 20°

Fine day. got cool in morning. Major Called and had a chat with him. He is a very sensible man. Told me that the 12<sup>th</sup> was kept at ceremonial drill last year in spite of orders to the contrary. I told him that we would have nothing but realistic work in camp this year. Busy in office Mays and I invited to a bridge at Dr Pennefather. I cannot go as I have to proceed to Regina about the rifle range there, and see the comr-RNWMPolice. I arranged to get tickets.

The Davidson family arrived. Foley Bros and Larsons' by(?) wholesale store burned last night. Sandow. It snowed a little last night

## May

### Winnipeg to Regina,

#### Sunday 1

Up at 7.30 Sandow as usual. Max. [blank] Min. [blank] Up to office for papers re Rifle Range. K. wired Colonel Forde of Regina to have room and wire me the hotel. Some flakes of snow at 11.20 A tedious journey to-day. Should have taken night or early morning train Arrived at 1.35 went to Kings hotel and to bed a cold room on third floor. Up at 6 A.M and after breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. met Dolphy Graham there I also met James Sutherland Did not speak to a soul all the way up. Sandow a little,

### Regina.

#### Monday 2

Up at 6 AM breakfasted at seven o'clock and in rotunda met Mr Graham Indian agent at File Hills and James Sutherland old friends. The former Mrs Clarry(?) Steeles niece, the latter an ex-Mounted Policeman who is in the Indian department Mr Graham I told about my object in coming up, viz to meet the Comr of the Mounted Police to see about the rifle range. and as a man has purchased the half section beyond so as to "hold up" the militia and police departments Mr Graham suggested that as the Industrial school a mile further out with all its fine buildings is to be abandoned we should get the dept of Interior to hand over the ground and get the school section west of it. I made up my mind to do this and started at once for the barracks Met Perry lunched with him and after seeing the horses, stables etc he drove Next over the police range then to the Industrial school. Went over the buildings and then drove over the ground. Excellent buildings in good state of repair a pretty place and found the school section. Decided to see about getting it Perry drove me back to barracks and made sketch of the ground with the school section and Indian land, and his teamsters drove me up to the hotel. Intended to leave for Winnipeg at once but had to see Forde. which made me late I then dined with him and Captain Forde being in quarantine went to bed at 11.30 and Sandow first.

### Regina to Winnipeg. Tuesday 3

Max. 60. min. 20. up at 5.00 and left by local. Met Colonel Baker. RO. who is agent for Confederation Life and had a pleasant chat about Big Rory(?) McLernan(?) and brothers. I also talked of Boy Scouts and said I would send him a book and write the governor of Saskatchewan about him and he promised to talk up the Movement. Met by Colonel Gwynne at stn Found all well at home. All in Harwoods room. Angus Pennefather.

### Winnipeg

#### Wednesday 4

Up at 6.30. Max. 72° min 38° Busy all day. Got letter from General Lake about camp and arranged to go to Sewell tomorrow to see about water sanitation etc. Wrote the Mil. Council recommending that the dept of M and Defence get a transfer of the range which can be made out of ½ sections 28. and school section 29, at Regina in short to get ½ sec 28 with all the Industrial school land and buildings shortly to be abandoned by the I.D. and hold same for military purposes. Spent evening at home Mays and Mrs Macdonell had been at the Pennefathers to a

bridge party to meet the Wades from Vancouver BC. while I was away They asked after me. Fine day.

Winnipeg to Sewell to Wpg  
Thursday 5

Up at 5.30 Max. 72 min. 32 Busy Had breakfast before 6.30 as I had to take train to Sewell. Left for Sewell by the Imperial Ltd at 7.50 accompanied by my Staff Majr Vaux, Captain Ketchen. Captain Donnelly to meet us at Sewell. Lt Col Gwynne 16<sup>th</sup> L.H came with us and on arrival we were allowed to get out although the train does not stop there unless flagged. We lunched very nicely and cheaply at the station masters home the postmaster and section boss. Eggs, nice fresh butter, good bread, lots of sweet milk cream, beefsteak, potatoes, coffee and tea. He only wished to charge 25c each but we paid 50¢ as it was little enough for what we could not get in town. After lunch we went on the wagon of a farmer to see the rest of the ground for annual training of the troops. Well pleased. Drove out to Lake No. 1. and saw four Loons there, dense woods surround the Lake. The Staff laid out the camp. I met Supt Stevens at the station and arranged with him for the chutes to unload. We found him very obliging. Left by local for here and put Donnelly on Brandon Local.

Friday 6

Up at 6.35 Max. 70. Min 36°  
King Edward the Seventh died to-day. Great grief all over the Empire. Miss Jones put off her show - poor Flora wept bitterly at the sad news of our good Kings death. It comes at a bad time Free Press and Telegram rang me up. I gave them my opinion and the short story of meeting the King of England and his presentation of the medals to Lord Strathconas Corps in London in Feby 1901 and the bearing of the King, the presentation of colours by him. I did not mention that he decorated me with the Victorian Order, but that he sent for three men next day who could not be present and in the uniform of a field marshal and surrounded by his Staff also in full dress, presented the three privates and shook hands with me before and after he gave them their medals We lined the streets at the opening of his first parliament, the Coldstream guards opposite us Wired Gen Lake that school children could not be paraded for Sir John French as late as 1<sup>st</sup> (first) of July but could be earlier if he could stop off half a day going west. Sandow as usual

Saturday 7

Up at 6.30. Max. 70. Min. 42°- Busy until two P.M. Then went out ~~of town~~ and bought some stationary Colonel Irvine called to see me others also. Colonel looks well. Is busy at the Penitentiary farming operations going on. Gwynne called and had a chat, Mr. Somerset Aikens also. Weather fine. Sandow as usual.

Winnipeg,  
Sunday 8

Up at 7. AM. Max 70 Min 34 Sandow as usual. Many churches filled to-day sermons preached on the death of the King of England. Emperor of India etc etc. good sermons most of them were. I went to church in blue uniform as usual and in the afternoon I went with Mays to the Davidsons and had a pleasant chat. Poor Mays tired as we had to walk all the way back. Not a car coming our way. Got telegram from Ottawa ordering twenty one guns to be fired and the flag hoisted to the top in honour of the accession of King George the fifth This at noon on Monday and the flag to be half masted on Monday at reveillé and remain so until after the funeral. Many have asked if decoration day is to be put off. Sandow

Monday 9

Up at 6.30 Busy all day. Max. 70. Min 32. Gave short interview with the Tribune man a young Scotchman about King Edward and his presentation of medals to Lord Strathcona's Corps in London the year he ascended the throne. Ketchen very busy. Capt Gardner and two other officers came to me at night to ask my advice about putting off decoration day until next Sunday week. I advised them to put it off as a mark of respect to our late King of glorious memory. Studied and played bridge.

Winnipeg.

Tuesday 10

Up at 6.20 Max. 63°. Min 22° Busy at office until 5.45 P.M. Letter from Colonel Fair re nephews board answered it and wrote Perry about him as he joined the M Police. Wrote well of the force. Regt busy at squadron training. Ketchen examining young Cameron on Educational [sic] fitness for the P. Force. Arithmetic weak. Our servant girls very unsatisfactory. Cool day. Sandow a lot.

Wednesday 11

Up at 6.30. Max. 52. Min 38°. Very raw day cold wind from N.E. Charles Lewis Shaw called to see me about book words encouraging to me virtually arranging affair. Busy in the office until 5.30 Lt Colonel Gwynne represented me at meeting of the Ministers re memorial Service to King Edward the 7<sup>th</sup> It is to be held on the day of the funeral. I sent word by Gwynne that he would help to the utmost and suggested a half holiday

Winnipeg

Thursday 12

Up at 6.40 Max 62° Min 44°. Busy all day. Office. Meeting at city hall re the memorial service to our late King Edward the seventh. I am one of the executive committee. I went then and looked at the church house on Spadina. It looks all right outside and has nice grass plot. It is a nuisance the bother we have about the rifle range The people demand immediate payment of the a/c which is a good sign that they can sell at once if the [sic] like of course on time. The govt view of it is foolish. I spent evening at the Pennefathers. Sandow as usual,

Friday 13

Up at 6.30 AM. Max. 76° Min 46°. Busy all day. ~~went with Mays to see Mr Rileys House. It wont do us at all.~~ It is a great bother to me. ~~Gwynne called and stayed till night, (midnight) information(?) Had a pleasant chat all the time with the~~ spent the evening at Pennefathers. Gwynne called but I missed him Sandow as usual.

Saturday 14

Up at 6.30 Max 76°. 46°. Busy all day Had a hard time of it getting things ready went with Mays to see the Riley House. It wont do. Crotty was there. I am sorry for it is a nice little place. Gwynne called and had a chat I went at 7.30. with Mr Martin and Mr Barraclough to arrange about the place for the memorial service. Decided on the Horse show building, Sandow as usual. Fine day.

Sunday 15



Up at 7.00 Max. 74. Min 40°- Fine in the forenoon rained at night. Sandow as usual. Went to church and put the usual contribution towards my annual subscription Major Macdonell back from his tactical fitness examination. I went in blue as usual. The Donnellys came to see us in the evening. It rained in torrents after midnight. I read a great deal all afternoon. Jap-Russ war Notes on tactics, Field service regulations, etc. Mr Vibart called on Mrs. Macdonell, Mays and the children chatted upstairs. Telegram from Ottawa Re salute on the 20<sup>th</sup>

Winnipeg.  
Monday 16

Up at 7. AM. Max. 50. Min 30°-

Busy all day. Met committee of arrangements for the funeral memorial services in honour of the King Edward the seventh. We then went to board of control after arranging for the printing of the service and music. The Chairman Mr Martin a very nice man 'phoned' the bishops palace St Boniface to ask him to be represented at the service which is non-Sectarian. The archbishop (Langevin) not at home and the representative desires that he understand that the Catholics cannot participate in the service on account of a portion of the prayers for the dead not permitting it. We have done our duty and extended the Olive branch so it cannot be helped. Got back to barracks after seeing the board of Control and Congratulated Major Macdonell on passing his tactical fitness exam at Brockville, Ont Got many letters. 'phoned' Lt Col<sup>s</sup> and OC of units re the parade for minute guns to be fired and asked if they could turn out all agreed to do so. I wrote a memo then to the effect that I hoped all would take advantage of the memorable occasion. At two P.M. sat as president of board on exams of Major of Captains Ketchen and Dixon, Major Macdonell [written over Macdonald] is a member, test(?) paper is the campaign of Virginia west(?) in 1862, Stonewall Jackson. Finished paper on time Dixon wrote little, Ketchen a lot, the rest goes on tomorrow morning after ten. At 6.00. I opened the military institute and said a few words of congratulation to those of the committee of management. Went to the Horse show building and met the Pres- and one of the committee there and arranged the programme of the service and places for those attending the comemoration(?) and memorial service. Wrote Miss Hughes of Edmonton re Pere LaCombe. Sandow.

Tuesday 17.

Busy all day. Board on Ketchen and Dixon examinations for rank of major. A lot of other work. Wrote Miss Hughes again re Pere LaCombe. Gwynne brought nice cup from Hutchings, for best infantry regiment in Winnipeg,

Winnipeg  
Wednesday 18

Up at 6.30. Max. 70. Min 30°- Exam of officers all day. Saw the 79<sup>th</sup> on parade. Went with W.J Maclean to do all we could to swell crowd then officers mess. Home at 11. am. Arranged for parade on the 20<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 19

Up at 7.45 Called on time but waited for Torla to get down to dress. Max 41° min 36. Attended all matters at the office and completed the board of exam. Ketchen and Dixon. Wet day. cold and raw. The last paper of the board was kept until tomorrow. Gwynne called. Finished and mailed all papers of the Ketchen-Dixon board. Rained until ten o'clock Max 41° min 36°

Winnipeg

Friday 20

Up at 6.00 Max. 52. Min. 32° Sent Martin to meet Reggie and children at C.P.Ry, a good sign the clouds breaking.

Dr. Reggie ~~called to~~ came at 7.00 and was accompanied by Tilly and the two boys all en route to England. I had given orders for a parade at the memorial buildings at 2.30 and met my staff at 2.15 PM an enormous crowd surged around the horse show building where it was held. Troops turned out well and were formed up accordingly. A good service. A large platform on which all the notables and principal Protestant Protestant(sic) and clergy were seated. Many prominent persons including acting mayor, Premier, the judges Mays, Reggie and Tilly with the boys. Minnie Flora Gertie and the ladies of the Garrison had seats on a reserved portion of the place on the left of the platform the place was packed to the doors. The societies immediately in rear of the troops. The service consisted of vocal and instrumental music and hymns. I took off my hat when there were prayers held, but not when the hymns were sung. We shd not have uncovered at all as a rule.

Fine day. bright sun not too hot.

In the evening at seven o'clock and four minutes we had a parade of all the troops bands, pipers and on the barrack square of Fort Osborne. All turned out well. When the parade was formed I admitted the public. The artillery fired minute guns until sunset 8.10 PM. when the flags were lowered, and the bands after the present and "Rest on arms reversed was given by whistle played during the firing of minute guns Chopins March. The turn. The pipers Lord Lovats lament at the conclusion of the firing and on the flag being lowered. I blew my whistle and the troops presented arms then sloped arms and I read the proclamation. After that I gave by word of Command Royal salute and three cheers were called<sup>for</sup>and given for His Majesty King George the fifth. Heartily responded to by all. Then we had a march past of the Troops all looked well. My staff was large ~~Ket~~ Capt Ketchen handled the thing well and was of great assistance. An enormous crowd ~~were pres~~ was present. Sandow. My boots were new and worried me.

Winnipeg

Saturday.

Up at 6.00 to see the Dr and family off. Martin went to station with them fine day. max. [blank] min. [blank] Sandow Shackleton banquet Ptomaine poisoning - Bad

Sunday

Up early. Troops paraded for service for the dead. Raining in torrents. Got the Horse show building for the service. Canon Murray and Mr Heathcote took the service. Very nice service. After it was ~~of~~ over Capt Ketchen D.SA told me that the veterans who paraded in great strength would prefer on account of the rain to send their flowers down in a cab and not march. Captain Leech (?) afterwards told me that they changed their minds and would march. I then sent for the colonels and made it clear to them that it was voluntary for the corps as they had no cloaks and their new uniforms might be damaged. They decided not. Afterwards Major Jackson of the 90<sup>th</sup> regiment came and asked if the regiment would go I said to him that it was voluntary so they went I have heard since that he spoke over his Colonels head. I must see to it. I feel very ill. Should not have gone.

Monday 23

Still sick, insomnia, indigestion and general illness owing to the poison. Did nothing. Did not leave room. Papers full of attacks on the military for not marching to the cemetery in the rain.

anonymous letter by alleged prominent citizen of the Dominion lecturing me and the troops. I think I could settle his status as a prominent citizen, the(?) was not disguised. I seem to know it. Went to bed early

Winnipeg.  
Tuesday 24

Up early. May, Minnie and the children to see the procession. I did not leave my room, felt ill all day I had the usual pleasant visit from Major Vaux. Mr Vibert, Miss McPhillips and he came for bridge. Angus called to see me good chap Angus. He tried to console me to the effect that I did not look ill. Dr Good called and chatted about his trip to India, 75 cataracts removed in one day by Dr Smith, district Surgeon of the Punjaub and many nice people were met. No uneducated ones in the place. Went to bed at 12. Max not registered min 32°-

Wednesday 25

Up at 6.45 shaved and partly dressed suffering still from effects, digestion bad. Took Dr Kings tablets early. Fine day. Max. 70. Wrote Simpson and Mitchell about a lease of 353 Broadway Captain Davidson called to see me. A fine day. Very seedy yet.

Winnipeg  
Thursday 26

On sick list all day. Max 64° min 36°. Fine day

Friday 27

Up at 7.00 Still Sick. Fine day. max 82 min 56 Read all day. A little better. J.J. McHugh called to see me, and had a chat about his travels in Europe. Remounts etc. etc Must see me about getting the idea started. We need remounts very much. Minnie and V. to Mrs MacP to ~~see about playing~~ play bridge. McHugh left at 11.30 nice man they all think. A new servant girl came. Maggie. and Mary left. Thomposon(sic) 79<sup>th</sup> called about [sic] store room. Major Vaux called so did C N Bell and Ketchen. Not well.

Winnipeg  
~~Saturday~~ Friday

Up at 7.00 Max. 82. Min 56° Fifty six

Fine day. Gave orders that the squadron training had to be taken off and all the old formed(?) horses sent to rifle range on herd The men to attend solely to remounts, and other matters of course the musical ride to go on. 79<sup>th</sup> Marched out this evening. Col. Thompson called to see about storeroom. I asked him to Staff adjt. when all above is Friday(?) – by mistake,

Saturday 28.1910

Up at 7.30. Max 63. Min ~~44~~ [caret: 31] very. cold, some sleet cold wind all day Bad attack of indigestion. Too much medicine, felt better about 11. P.M. Donnelly called to see me.

Sunday 29

Up at 9am Max ~~63~~ min. 44°. decided not to go to church with 79<sup>th</sup> am too ill. Morning cold. Indigestion still bad but not much pain. Sick all day Donnelly called. I could not attend 79<sup>th</sup> church parade.

Winnipeg

Monday 30

Up at 6.35 Max 70. Min 40(?). Still sick miserable day and night,

Tuesday 31

Up at 8.30 Max. 68. Min 42 Still very sick. indigestion, constipation etc.

Ill all day, but towards midnight improved Donnell, Mitchell and the Davidsons called to see me.

June

Winnipeg

Wednesday 1

Up at 7.30. Max. Min [blank] Still ill but improved. Signed lease of house 353 Broadway.

Conditions that we get two months notice to quit and are not moved in the winter. Wrote many letters.

Thursday 2

Up at 7.00 Max. 66. Min 44° Sick still. Very heavy rainfall during the night. Poor Harwood got a fall in the musical ride and the horse tramped upon him and broke his collar bone Major Vaux took him to the hospital (general) where he was given ether and Major Watts. C.A.M.C. set the bone. The worst collar bone break that they had had in the history of the hospital Staff. The boy was plucky poor little lad.

Capt Davidson called he knows C. well knew him in Battleford and has a poor opinion of him. Cannot understand the arrangement and has no belief in its consummation Major Macdonell came down as soon as he knew of Harwoods fall. and as very kind about it. Mays was much cut up and went with the lad to the hospital. I sent my pension papers down to Ottawa. Ketchen came to see me.

Winnipeg

Friday 3

Up at 6.15 and dressed. Heavy rain falling all night and until 8.00

Max. 52° min 42. Ketchen Majors Vaux and Macdonald called to see me Mr Laidlaw of Harwoods (the Alexandra) school [sic] rung Mays up to inquire about Harwood was much shocked. Says it wont effect the lads promotion. He goes up two classes.

Mays went to the hospital to see Harwood he is getting on all right poor boy. Major Macdonell and Cameron went to see him A reception was held for Sir Earnest Shackleton at the Mil institute and Minnie, Flora Mrs Donnelly and Miss MacPhillips went to tea there Mays got back later Poor Minnie was too much cut up because Mays was not there to receive. Mrs Vaux and Colonel Lindsay received. Miss McPhillips thinks Sir Ernest a very nice unassuming man and very polished. A cold raw miserable day I have never seen such weather. All but myself went to the lecture by Sir Ernest Shackleton at Horse Show bldg. They enjoyed it. Major "Jim" Mitchell came to keep me company at home Major Vaux escorted the family.

Saturday 4

Up at 7. AM. Max. 66. Min. 43 Fine Sunny morning. I feel better but have got thin. Sandow for the first time since I got poisoned. Dr. Good called. Nice man Dr Mays and Torla went to see Harwood at the hospl Ketchen came to see me on duty. Major Macdonell called to see me about scouts. I went to bed at 12.00 slept well. Rained in torrents a couple of times

Winnipeg  
Sunday 5

Up at 8 PM. Max. 62. Min 38°

Not well enough to go to church but in the afternoon went to the hospital and with Mays saw Harwood who was glad to see us. Miss Chipman and Major Macdonell were there too. Major Vaux called after they left. We stayed until 5.30, from 3.30. Mays had Ian Macdonell, Alison Macdonell & Mary Aikens to supper before evening service. Nice children well mannered. Poor Ian has been very ill several times. Minnie and Mrs Donnelly went to the O'Loanes to tea. and then to church.

I wrote several letters, two to James Ross about reminiscences of railway days in the Rockies. Wrote Dr Good. etc. Wrote James Ross care of Gus. Wrote Gus to forward it to him. Day fairly fine. The first for weeks,  
Sandow—

Monday 6

Up at 6 AM Max. 75. Min 65°

Busy at office all day. Mays and I were invited by Sir Daniel MacMillan to accompany them to the opening of the Horse Show which we did. Mr Nanton came to meet them. I provided an escort to take them to the show. Mays went with Mrs Evans. Mr Nanton and I next, Lady MacMillan and Sir D in the principal carriage. Mr Nanton and I sat in front seat. A good show.

Winnipeg  
Tuesday 7

Up at 6.30 Max. 78°. Min 44° Busy at the office. Colonel Forde rung me up and asked me about the camp at Long Lake. I asked him to wire. He did so to the effect that he could not fill up the corps if they were to camp at Regina and suggested as an alternative that the companies train at Head Qrs of Cos. I wired him at once to say that the corps must encamp at Long Lake. Colonel Gwynne called.

I issued a request that the officers of the dist attend in mess uniform when visiting the horse show at night. and competitions to be in plain clothes except in military events. Mays took Mrs Donnelly and Miss Donnelly to the Horse show. I took Miss A Belcher and had a nice evening for all of them. Show fairly good jumping bad. One accident to a rider whose horse became unmanageable and jumped out of the arena and the man went over his head striking something. He was said to be insensible when we left. I wrote and invited Dr Good for Tuesday eve. Sent a note to him at the same time.

Wednesday 8

Up at 7.00 Max. 88° Min 52. Busy all day. Major Munro called to see me about the command of the 90th regt. Gwynne and Lt Col Hosmer judges on military events no time allowed for it. Lt Sifton on an Irish hunter was 1<sup>st</sup> Major Vaux on my charge 2<sup>nd</sup> the Major had full marks for equipment which pulled him through. I was against the horse taking a high place. Major Macdonell took first in trained horse class. Capt Ketchens man with his horse 3<sup>rd</sup> The show kept up until midnight. a great crowd there. Felt a little tired for the first time in very many years. Barred out Major Pattersons horse. Active Militia should not be placed to compete with regulars, and regiments should enter teams. Officers should compete except in military sports such as tent pegging and lemon cutting etc. jumping in man and horse against man. The whole

thing was a mistake. Dr Good, Flora, Gertrude Mrs Mac. and Miss Judith Donnelly went with Mays.

Winnipeg.  
Thursday 9

Up at 6.30 Max. 88° Min 52°.

Busy all day. Was at the show had only one class to judge. Lunched with the society at the club. Made a speech in reply to all the nice things said about the judges. No musical ride. No rain. Sandow.

Friday 10

Up at 6.30. Max. 88° Min. 52 Sandow Very busy all day. Col Grant late Central India Horse called. He is here with his people to see the country, has passed thro' Japan and B.C. Nice man. Strong anti socialist gang which is attempting to ruin the Empire. The lot which Bob Ingersoll spoke of when he said that he never new [sic] a man yet who would shoulder his musket for his boarding house. Hugh John Macdonald has phoned me to lunch with him at 1.15 at the club to meet Frank J Clark and Jack Allan. Went to the Horse Show took Mays and Gertie Mr Vibart took Mrs Macdonell and Flora. A good show. Colonel Grant did not have time to see it through.

Winnipeg  
Saturday 11

Up at 7.30 Max. 90 Min. 54° Weather sultry and dry Busy all morning and lunched with Hugh John Macdonald and met Frank J Clark the author of \_\_\_\_ Jack Allan and Sullivan were there and a young Englishman. Capt Donnelly came up about the wells at the camp ground at Sewell, and had sample of water for analysis.

Sunday 12

Up at 7.30 Max 94° Min 58. Sandow Very hot and sultry. Went to church in the forenoon and in fact all day. Went to Dr Pennefathers for an hour after eight. Mr. Mair Jr called and had a chat with the folks. Mr Russell SH(RC) called. I am very much out of sorts. In good health but much worried and as no one knows my worries not even Mays they cannot quite understand that I am a little irritable. Our electric lights went wrong last night.

Winnipeg,  
Monday 13

Up at 6.30 Max. 94° min 54° Sandow Weather sultry. Busy all day in the office. Wrote many letters and read over and signed many papers. Major Vaux called and later on Dr. Watt and Mrs. Vaux, Major W.G. Bell called at the office. Got letter re Lord Strathconas crest and motto and arranged to change the motto to "Perseverance" his own and to make the [next line] the better, than it is on the sketch sent to him. Correspondence came through Mr Jos. Colmer. CMG. This business has been delayed a long time, Goodness knows why, a dozen letters at least have been written on the subject.

I paid my Federal Life policy premium 122.00/100 in advance. to Winnipeg manager. Wrote Sir Daniel MacMillan suggesting an efficiency cup for Squadrons of the 12<sup>th</sup> Man dragoons. Wrote and paid annual subscription to the Montreal Star, the Orillia Packet Harrison and Sons for Red River expedition 1870. Paid Sub<sup>n</sup> on busy mans magazine and cancelled further sub<sup>ns</sup> on the ground that I cannot afford it.

Tuesday 14

Up at 6.30 Max 95° Min. 58° very sultry. Busy in office all day. Inspected horses for Gen Sir John French and party at 10 am. ordered that Lieut Bells horse would come in from herd and be ridden and sent as an alternative charger for the general. Got reply from Sir Daniel MacMillan re the cups for the 12<sup>th</sup> Manitoba dragoons. He asks me to suggest the best way to manage the other cups as he approves of an efficiency cup to be competed in each squadron. I have made up my mind to suggest that the regimental cup be compete for ~~by~~<sup>by</sup> the best NCO or trooper in regiment. all round work, horse, shooting, horsemanship. equipment. The squadron cups to be for the best troop in the squadron. The test all round efficiency The officers cup to be a test of all round efficiency as an individual, no field officers to compete Captains and lieut only. Rain threatens. Went to bed at 11.PM. Sandow a lot.

Winnipeg.

Wednesday 15

Up at 6.30 Max 90° Min 58°. Sandow and feel better for a lot of it. Busy all day Major Jackson 90<sup>th</sup> called to see me about cadets for the 90<sup>th</sup> regt. Told him what to do and encouraged him. He said that he had not written any unauthorized letters to the press. I talked it over with him. Wrote Gen Lake and Colonel Lessard about horses, Gen Lake about arrangements when they came with Sir. John French to camp. Mrs Mackie called on the ladies in the evening she has had appendicitis for three years without the doctors finding it out, and has had a successful operation what agony she must have suffered, she looks thin poor young lady. Camp has started at Calgary. Mrs Gardener called with the usual knowledge of everything and desire to know more. Poor woman. Miss Jones told Mays that Flora was the best pupil she had ever had and that on the day the prizes are distributed she would get a surprise,

Thursday 16

Up at 6.30 Max 97° Min 60° Busy all day. Colonel Byng called to see me at the office. Nice man. Macdonell introduced me Lunched at club of(?) Macdonell. Col B says Wolseley was shamefully treated and that Bobs voted against him in the House of Lords. Scandalous! so unworthy of him, or any great soldier in fact any man. Macdonell drove the Colonel around before lunch and after lunch took him for a ride. Vaux reported that he had no teams for the field ambulance. Major Pousette sent out for them. Hired a motor and send Major Watts out to see about them at Meadow Lea. Wrote Baden Powell about shooting at Lake Manitoba. Major Snider writes to say that he can have plenty of shooting and all the boats, waders, and decoys he needs.

Winnipeg.

Friday 17

Up at 6.30 Max 95° Min. 62°. Sandow. Busy all day in office and when at home wrote out some points in manoeuvres. Capt Ketchen went up to see the Sewell camp and when he returned brought Donnelly with him to see about matters. The C.P.R employees had mixed matters up a bit and delayed the material for our wells at Sewell. Mays has decided not to go see the camp. I think she is wise The heat is very trying I sometimes feel quite dizzy on account of it. Called on Dr. Pennefather and had chat over old times and people whom we knew. The Highland regiment marched out this evening. People say they looked well. I did not see them. They have a great deal to learn yet.

Saturday 18

Up at 6.00 Max 75. Min 58. Cooler on account of clouds and very cool spot for thermometer. Busy all forenoon getting ready for camp. Kelly photographer came about photos in camp Told him that there were no restrictions

Winnipeg,  
Sunday 19

Up at 7.00 Attended church. Saw Col. Ruttan and Miss Harris. Mrs Harris too but she did not say much so that I could hardly take into my head who she was. Took tea with the O'Loanes and supped at the Pennefathers Very hot.

Camp Sewell.  
Monday 20

Up at 5. and left for Sewell camp with Staff Annual training camp of the Militia. Major Macdonell to instruct Border Horse, Capt Ketchen D.A.A.G. Capt Homer Dixon Chief Musketry officer Lieut Shaw Instructor. Lieut. Arnott instructor Lieut Cameron, orderly officer of 4<sup>th</sup> cav. brigadier Major Vaux and others. Arrived here at noon. Things going on as fast as possible under difficulties.

Camp Sewell.  
Tuesday 21

Up at 5. AM. the advance parties and engineers busy. Water and lavatory after a bit getting along. Donnelly working hard at all the engineering work. Ordnance, A.S.C. CAMC Guides. and all departmental corps busy. A lot of trouble to all hands. The camp being new. All Corps got in today and got into camp. A great deal of time naturally to get settled no sooner settled and properly to work than one has to break up camp. The 16<sup>th</sup> L.H. 20<sup>th</sup> B.H. and Sask L.H. came in in good and creditable order. The 12<sup>th</sup> Man drags much under strength and less up to the mark than any. The artillery good but short of wagon horses. I authorised some teams at three dollars and fifty cents per day

Wednesday 22

Up at 4.45 AM. Camp getting into shape A lot of worry to engineer of camp. Water supply splendid.

Camp Sewell.  
Thursday 23

Up at 4.45. All hands busy. A lot of work to be done to even approach order but Staff working well under difficulties. All greatly pleased with the camp. Flour not good. gunned(?) up the contractor and put a board on meat and bread. Gave orders that Quartermaster must not take a pound of food or forage from A.S.C. unless they are satisfied that they are first class Forage is first class. Rifle shooting and musketry going on but Dixon reports A Squadron 16<sup>th</sup> LH. as having made false score. One man who only made two points in one practice was given thirty two. I gave orders that the squadron would shoot over again. The officers were in it I am sure. Gwynne the O.C regt naturally very much shocked. He is not quite surprised though as one of them is rather well known and once the squadron won the shooting cup from the 12<sup>th</sup> Man. Dragoons. Lt McMeans a good young officer assisting Capt. Dixon at musketry had given score cards to the officer of A. 16<sup>th</sup> LH and after entering up the man the officer tore it up and handed in to Dixon the falsified cards. I think I could do nothing more or less.



#### Friday 24

Up at 5 AM. Dixon as ordered gave me his report on falsified scores of the A Squadron (Moosomin) 16<sup>th</sup> L.H. and as ordered by me pasted the torn cards together. They had been found on the ground and submitted. The falsified cards both had signature of the officer of H. 16<sup>th</sup> I gave orders that the game must be played in all these competitions. It is a pity that any such incidents should mar the proceedings.

I rode around and saw the whole camp the drill the musketry, the forage, rations etc. I am satisfied with the Staff of Comdt (mine) with the AS.C. with the CAM.C. the ordnance, with the stamp of men, with the musketry, but not with the camp. It is not need(?) in any corps but art(?) and the 22<sup>nd</sup> 99<sup>th</sup> Gave sharp orders about it. Band played at night. Gave many orders -

#### Camp Sewell.

#### Saturday 25

Up at 5.00 Busy all day. Visited all corps at drill and arranged for a brigade church parade tomorrow. Sent letters to different parties. Several people called. The camp of some regiments continues to be in some cases far from regular, the whole trouble is the troop and squadron officers who make no proper effort to teach their men. One tent is left up another is folded and another is not.

#### Sunday 26

Up at 5.30 Breakfast at 7.00 Busy all day. A good large divisional Church parade. Canon Gill of Minnedosa preached a most excellent sermon. After service the band formed up in front of me and the regiments marched past in fours to camp. The men are a good lot, but need a great deal of drill. The 20<sup>th</sup> Border Horse seem to have the finest physique of all. The medical corps looked very well indeed, bright and intelligent. Some men were overcome with the heat and the ambulance was brought into requisition and was useful.

John Clark, Dr. and Mrs McDiarmid Mr and Mrs. McDiarmid came to see the camp and attended church parade and with a number of others came to lunch. The Dr visited the Hospital and C.A.M.C. whilst Mr McDiarmid motored us around the camp and I shewed them the army service corps the lines, the wells Rifle Range etc. Colonel Jones joined and is encamped to inspect the army. M. Corps Major Bell and Camblie(?) and other 79<sup>th</sup> came

#### Camp Sewell

#### Monday 27

Up before reveillee as usual. Very pleasant. The 79<sup>th</sup> officers left after breakfast. I visited the camp. Not satisfied yet with it. I spoke Colonel Hosmer brigadier 4<sup>th</sup> cav. bde. and said that I expected the camp lines to be better and instructed him to send the brigade major along the lines to see that they are all right and ordered that they be made up as ordered, as well as told him that we must make up in discipline what we lack in horses and horsemanship.

I went on the north side of Ry and saw the Border Horse and the 18<sup>th</sup> M.R at drill. Gave advice and timed the 18<sup>th</sup> on the quarter mile at trot and gallop. The first time at the trot the Colonel led at one minute and five seconds, the second time he did it in 1.40. The nex(?) at gallop in one minute and three seconds. one minute and three the second time I then put the officers over at the gallop they did it in one three, after that sent the regiment over the ground in one minute and ~~th~~ five seconds, not steady in all squadrons but good in some.

#### Camp Sewell.

#### Tuesday 28

Up at 5. am as usual. Took the troops out for manœuvres. Work not so good as I would like. Cooperation not good at all, and impossible situations created. Went out again in the PM. south of Ry. A force from the eastward under Gwynne and one from the west (camp) under Lt Colonel Hosmer. The movements slow. The men did well but were not well handled. All were anxious to do well. More would be done if I had time. The training period is too short. Arranged judges for the cups given by Sir Daniel McMillan to the 12<sup>th</sup> Manitoba Dragoons. Ketchen and others, Major McDonnell and Capt Dixon judges for the Mann, Roblin and efficiency cups. The 16<sup>th</sup> Did not compete. It is a great pity that this corps which has been worked up so well would be in such a scrape as to be disqualified from the Mann Cup.

Camp Sewell.  
Wednesday 29

Up at 5.00 Sir John French arrived at 8.00 accompanied by Major Gen Lake, Brig. Gen. Henderson, Colonel Lessard, Lt Col Vic Williams. Major Watt and Mrs Beard, Sir John and Major Watt rode out and after that I escorted them to Breakfast. After Breakfast we had some manœuvres. As follows. A western force (Red) has been advancing through Manitoba eastwards. Its main body is at Brandon. An opposing force (Blue) is halted at Carberry. Special \_\_\_\_ An advance Guard of Red Force strength as per margin, camped at Sewell on the night of 28<sup>th</sup> June 1910 and is ordered to move on Carberry at 10.AM. on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June.

Parties of the Blue force are known to be north of the C.P.R. Main Line. The force in margin (Red) 12<sup>th</sup> Man drags. 18. M. Rifles L.Col Cowans Corps. 22<sup>nd</sup> AL.H. Lt Colonel Hodson 13<sup>th</sup> Field Battery less two guns. 16<sup>th</sup> F.Ambulance CAMC less one section. The Blue Force 16<sup>th</sup> Light Horse 20<sup>th</sup> Border Horse. 2 guns 13<sup>th</sup> Field Battery one section Field Ambulance FA.C.A.M.C. The Blue Force under command of Lt Colonel Gwynne 16<sup>th</sup> L.H. The Red Force under Colonel Cowan 18<sup>th</sup> MR. The Blue Force Left Camp at 9.30 and the Red at 10.00 Sir John and Staff were present and Sir Percy Lake acted as chief umpire. The latter informed me that he would have Colonels Lessard and the rest of the Canadian officers as umpires. I rode out with Gen Lake but before going got Major Fleming to take Lady Lake Mrs. Gwynne. Mrs. Belson and Evelyn Gwynne in his motor to see the manœuvres.

I told off Major Macdonell as Staff Officer for Lt Col. Gwynne comd Blue Force and Captain Dixon Staff Officer for Lt Colonel Cowan of the Red Force. The Red Force was to be forced to retire and dispute the ground in front. This was done. We had too few umpires and were handicapped by that. The men did well in many cases. I spoke the Colonels before they went out and directed them on their work and the cavalry spirit they improved immensely. Sir John and O.C. etc lunched with us and he address the officers after seeing the lines. Complimented them all on the handling of the led horses and care of horses. The state of the camp lines etc etc and pointed out faults of a [next page]

neccessary [sic] charater [sic]. After that he left for Winnipeg. Heavy Rain. Prairie fire put out.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

Up at 5.15 Wrote Jarvis, and after Breakfast I addressed the officers, Impressing on them the neccessity [sic] for keeping(?) touch. Pointed out to the subaltern officers of the force their duty in keeping up the touch between the troop, the men and the squadron. Gave them a lot of advice and pointed out any faults that occurred to me such as loss of distance in the march past and a few things of that sort. I pointed out that we had to creep before we could walk and that we must be careful to attend strictly to the ground work. I wired the club to put up Sir John French and

Staff Gen Lake. Col Lessard Lt Col. Williams and Mr Beard. The officers after I left the ground after I addressed them gave me three hearty cheers and a tiger. I said farewell to them and left for my tent as soon as I had finished but when they got me out of sight they cheered me most heartily. Got wire from the Lt. Gov that they the guest at his dinner could come in any Comfortable dress. I repeated the wire to Sir Percy Lake. Swinford came about the two men who fraudulently enlisted in the 12. M. Dragoons.

July

Friday Wpg.

The review of 79<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> held by the orders of Sir P. Lake. The regts looked well. The Gen. Sir John French reviewed troops. Billman(?) gave the salute too soon. The Highlanders are remarkable for their physique and looked well, very well indeed. I offered for the officers a motor drive around the city in the PM but it was not accepted owing to another appointment. Went to the ball dinner given by Sir Daniel McMillan in honour of Sir John French. A military affair but the Arch bishop a few judges and prominent civilians were there I sat between Colonel Dennison and ~~the~~ Mr D.C. Cameron Lt. Col (Hon) of the 79<sup>th</sup> The officers dress and behaviour would have done credit to any military gathering in England. Did not see any more of Sir John French to speak to. Gen Henderson as usual nice and jolly.

2<sup>nd</sup>.

Busy all day. Camp broke up. 22<sup>nd</sup> won Roblin Cup, 18 the Mann Cup.

Winnipeg,  
Sunday 3

Up at 7.00 Church as usual. sub<sup>n</sup> as usual wrote a long letter to Colonel Edwards of the 101<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Mackie called and spent the afternoon. Angus called and took the children for a motor ride. I spent the evening at Dr and Mrs. Pennefathers. Miss P. invited me to go. Got home at 11.30 Mosquitos annoying today Went in the afternoon to tea at the Chambré Temp Max. 80° min 52. Sandow a lot.

Monday 4

Up at 6.3 max. 80° min 64° Busy all day Took no lunch, got home at six. Sandow a lot Spent evening at the McPhillips' very pleasant Played bridge. Mrs Merry for partner She is from Sandwich and was a Miss O'Loane. Her husband is the manager of Mann and McKenzies Construction Co. Minnie and Mr Herchberg were our opponents. We won. No money on it of course, the game is good enough without it. Big fight between Jeffries and Johnson coloured, took place today at Reno Nevada, Johnson won easily as I expected Jeffries fights when won were close calls for him. Fitzsimmons had him beaten when he got one blow in. The Toronto man was defeated in his heat for the diamond skulls at Henley to-day, so there is no chance for him.

Winnipeg  
Tuesday 5

Up at 6.30 Max. 80° min 60°

Busy all day. Wrote many letters. Lieut Bells gazette of a captaincy came to-day. He was in doubt about it before. on account of Cartrights gazette, Cartright is gazetted junior to him

Harwood went to Camp to-day at Stone Fort with the Boy Scouts. He is not to swim, play cricket or use his arm at any game but may use his legs as much as possible. His collar bone was broken some time ago and requires care for a time. I gave him a note to Major Macdonell containing ten dollars for expenses.

Spent evening at the C.N. Bells. a Scotch Lassie frae Dundas was there. Sandow a lot. Went to bed at 12.15

#### Wednesday 6

Up at 7.10 Max 85° Min 64 Eighty five max- sixty four minimum. Busy in office until 1.30 P.M. Major Parker called to see me about his uncle who was killed at Waterval in the Eastern Transvaal, Boer War. Visited the institute at 8.00 P.M. very nice, visited the mess. No one there Saw Shaw about the adjutancy of the (S.H RC) Corps Mays dispirited to-night Mrs Mac and Gertie went with A. de B on the boat.

#### Winnipeg

#### Thursday 7

Up at 7.00 Busy all day. Max. 80° min 58 Wrote CE.D Wood about the artillery battery at Regina. Sask. Wrote Capt Parsons about the same and rifle range. Wrote Jim about Fathers record and Johns do. Wrote Andrew Miller Edmonton about Strathconas Horse. William Briggs. Richmond St Toronto. Ont about Gen Stranges book Gunner Jingoos Jubilee. Wrote Edmund Moon Congratulating him on the finals in law. Winnipeg Crew Con. Riley stroke. Aldous. Carruthers and Allen won Stewards cup at Henley to-day Kinnear won the Diamond Skulls. Dr Montague gave me a motor drive to Country Club several young men and young Montague came with us the Dr was jolly and did not talk politics. Met Bill Alloway and Mrs Alloway at the place and a few others. Golf was going on at the club. roads good. Dr. Gave us a long drive home. Sandow.

#### Friday 8

Up at 6.00 Max 74. Min. 54 Sandow. Went to the "Boy Scouts' camp at Stone Fort with Mays, Flora and Gertie. Mrs Chipman was very kind the true lady that she always is. She is a sister of my friend George Borodaile who died at Medicine Hat of consumption, and who was one of my scouts in the 85. Troubles.

We lunched with Mrs Chipman and after that I drove the children to Selkirk along the river road a very stoical driver. I paid him and we came back by the cars. Then went with the children the little Chipmans The Governess to the camp and paraded the Boy Scouts a nice lot of lads. They did not have time to swim but did good shooting and "first aid." We got back to the city by the last train, after a pleasant day

#### Winnipeg,

#### Saturday 9

Up at 6.30 Max 70° Min 52° Busy all forenoon. Got a letter from ~~Sir John French~~ Sir Percy Lake to the effect that my letter giving him full particulars re the arrangements for Sir John Frenches visit had not been received by him until he returned to Ottawa and if it had Sir John would have appreciated it very much indeed. He was much pleased with the camp at Sewell as it was and with a knowledge of the trouble taken about the horses would have been more than pleased with what had been done for him. Sir Percy added that having devoted no time to anything but military instruction and cutting out all ceremonial was just what Sir John wanted. Letter from Mr Manseau to say that his son had been taken ill and that he had to leave the place

and see him all night at St Boniface hospital. Flora and I were to go to Stony Mt on this Saturday and stay the week end. We are very sorry for the illness of the young man. Sandow as usual

#### Sunday 10

Up at 7.00 Busy. max 70° Min. 52° Went to church paid in one dollar towards my sub<sup>n</sup> towards maintenance of the rectory etc. It rained in a showery way all day. Dr. Montague took me to the Golf links at the Country club. Max Dennistoun came with us. They played golf Max won, Dined with them at the club and got home at 8.00 P.M. Capt. Donnelly called to see me and left at 11.30. cool pleasant forenoon, showery P.M one heavy shower in town that we did not get at the club. Sandow a lot in the early morning. Wrote Sir Percy Lake in reply to his about Sir John Frenches visit and suggested longer time in camp and a day earlier for the advance parties who put up the tents.

#### Winnipeg

#### Monday 11

~~Up at 6.30 Max 70 Min 52° Fine day. Went to Donnelly and gave back his notes. It was not necessary. He left by the west bound train I saw him off at Street Car had a narrow escape from the next one through attempting the crossing before seeing that all was clear Made lively move,~~

Up at 6.30 max. 70, min 52. Busy all forenoon but did not go in the P.M. Had to get measured by London tailor. Hicks & Sons and then wrote some letters. Miss Snider Floras music teacher called to see her. I went out in the evening and saw Mrs Gardner first call until the next I suppose have not been in the house for a year. When I got home I found that Captain Donnelly had been with notes for me re swamp lands and left his book. Mr Vibart called. Sandow. To rest at 11.30 Nice night and a beautiful day

#### Tuesday 12

Up at 6.30 AM. Max. [blank] Min. [blank] Went to return Donnelly's notes he did not need them. Saw him off at Street car and had a narrow escape from the next through not watching the next one. Went to the reception and luncheon to Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Royal Alexandra hotel. Was well received by him and welcomed back to the country. He made a very tactful speech at the luncheon rather witty I think most of them thought from the laughter one heard. This reception was more partisan and civic and I was met by the Mayor (acting) Harvey who had invited me. Went with Mays to the Horse show building to hear Sir Wilfrid speak on Canada. As Mays did not care to go on the platform I sat elsewhere with her. The place was very hot and the speeches could not be heard so we left soon, and got home at 10.30 The crowd was the largest I have seen in Canada, but the place is not suited for such a gathering. It is Horse Show pure et. simple. Sandow as usual.

#### Winnipeg Wednesday. 13<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Wednesday 13

Up at 6.00 and left by train at 8.10 for the city power works at Trois Pointe de bois, the guest with others of the city. The Hon. Wm Pugsley was of the party and the principal Guest There were with him, Colonel Ruttan C.E. Consulting engineer, Messrs. Fisher, Bill Alloway Controller Cochrane, Controller Waugh, J Haggart M.P. D.C. Cameron, Balfe, Chase C.E.M Charge of the work Alderman Gowler, and others two or three whom I do not know. We got out at H Eleven, and saw the tremendous scene and remarkable efforts soon to be successful to

control the power. What a change since the days when a member of Wolseleys expedition when ~~cont(?)~~ portaged our stores and boats across the trois pointe de Bois portages. We lunched at noon and went over the rest of the work later. It is a great undertaking. Mr Gunn Jr. shewed us around. His father is the Contractor for the works. He was very pleasant a nice young man. Controller Cockburn spoke at the lunched(sic) welcoming the Minister of P.W and party. He replied and was followed in sensible speeches by Controller Waugh, Mr. Fisher and others. A pleasant ended at 7.30 Home again Max. 80. Min 58°.

#### Thursday 14

Up at 6.20 Max. 98° Min. 64°. Went through a lot of office work and caught the boat Manitoba at St Johns Park wharf and went down the river to the St Andrews locks. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon Wm Pugsley, Hon Mr. Graham, Minister respectively of Pub. Works and and [sic] Railways. Sir Wilfrid declared the locks open and we were "locked through" He went on to Selkirk and we returned to town. Met Senator Gibson on board and his son in law a very nice sensible young man, good looking and prepossessing in appearance. Many other well known men were on board Got home at 8.00 and dressed for the reception at govt house got there at 9.P.M. Sir Wilfred had not arrived. Poor Mays could not go her dressmaker had played the Diel wi her dress. She is most unfortunate poor girl. I had trouble too Martin thought I was going tweed as it was such a general affair and left nothing out so I had a rummage for clothes clean white shirt and shirt buttons, but got off at last. Sir W came in time and we were received by him Met Mrs. Burgess that was. And an Englishwoman with a dialect a Canadian with her both plain in speech and a pretty American, very unsatisfactory.

#### Winnipeg.

#### Friday 15

Up at 6.15 Max 85° Min. 64° I got a telegram yesterday from Colonel Laurie saying that the whole place officers and men of 96<sup>th</sup> are satisfied with site for Port Arthur drill hall. Colonel Jones finished his inspection yesterday and left for the east to-day. He seems pleased with his tour. He is willing to recommend the house for the hospital as it will bring a good price any time. Mays Flora, Gertrude and Harwood went to the exhibition. Fireworks good also the Military tattoo. Got home at 11.30 P.M. Hot and sultry.

#### Saturday 16

Up at 6.45 Max. [blank] Min. [blank] Rain fell last night and cooled the air

#### Stoney. Mountain,

#### Sunday 17

Up at 7.00 Went with Manseau and Flora to Church in the Chapel in the prison. After dinner had a long talk with Father Prud'homme and the rest. Then after dinner went over the gardens stables pens etc with Mr and Mrs Manseau and Flora. Went to bed at 12.15,

#### Stoney Mt to Winnipeg. Man.

#### Monday 18

Up at 6.00 and went over the work at the Man. Penitentiary at 10.00 with Manseau. Hot day Left for home at 2.40 and after a brush up went to the office and signed all papers re the camp. At Eight P.M. had a meeting in the interest of the Boy Scouts. There was a goodly array present. Major Hesketh was elected president and Mr J.A.M Aikens the vice president. A committee of seven including the president, vice president and secretary was formed and I think all in a fair

way to have things properly started. Lt Colonel Thompson drove me around in his motor  
Before the meeting broke up I was voted thanks for the interest I have taken in the movement.

#### Winnipeg to Moose Jaw.

Tuesday 19

Up at 5.00 Left by Local train to inspect land for remount and military purposes Townships 15, 16 and 17 Range 3, west of the third principal meridian, and township 3 Range four west of 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M. are those which I have been ordered to inspect. Local left at 8 AM. Tp 17 is on the C.P.Ry Melba the station or rather Siding in the township.

Arrived at Moose Jaw which is named after Lord Mulgrave when on a hunting expedition from Montreal to the buffalo country having had to repair the felloe of one of his wooden carts with a Moose Jaw bone, and consequently the hunters with him named the place as "Where the White Man mended the cart with a "Moose Jaw Bone"! When the mounted police came into country the place was called for short, Moose Jaw Bone

On arrival Mr. Simpson, Lieutenant in the 16<sup>th</sup> L.H met me with his motor car and took me to the Cecil hotel where I had a good room with a bath We had a chat and I returned at 12.15 after a good bath and a shave.

#### Moose Jaw to Mortlach and Parkbeg. etc and back to Mortlach

Wednesday 20

Up at 4.30 and got ready to go west by a livery team. I intended to start at 7.00 but by a mistake the team ordered did not come on time and as the telephone could not catch Mr Simpson, I walked to his house 91 Fairford street after trying the house of another Simpson. Simpson phoned and raised Cain with the phone people for their neglect. The phone was being used by a womens club! The team came while I was at Simpsons and I started at 9. o'clock. Driven by a young Manitoban named Ansell – I drove to Mortlach twenty five miles for dinner, and put up horses. A dreadful hotel, bad food, impertinent saucy waiters Common trash all over the place. Drove to Parkbeg in the afternoon ten miles, fed horses and then drove on to township 17 Range 3. West of 3 and examined part of it. Good grass and water. Some homesteads on the land. Drove back to Mortlach and slept at the wretched hotel. Very hot. Drank a lot of water at the stables. Great mistake for dept of Interior to offer 17. with so many homesteads on it.

#### Mortlach to Tp 16 R. 3. west of three and back to Mortlach and Moose Jaw

Thursday 21

Up at 4 AM. Called Ansell the driver at 4.10 I intended five, for we had to wait until 6.30 for breakfast at the hotel or restaurant Left at 7.00 and drove fast south west 16 miles amongst homesteads to township 16 Range three, and went west on it until I could ascend the highest hill on the tp, from which there was a full view of the country to lake Chaplin or the Old Wives lakes and north west over 17. 3. 3. Homesteads south of us on 16. Land hilly, gravelly and sandy fair grass suitable for horses or cattle, water to be seen, very dry season, small ponds dried up. The view I had extended over all the townships from the railroad to lake Johnston. on the south. Tp. 15 in full view all the same class of country Sandy, hilly and gravelly with small stones. This tract is the Coteau of the Missouri river and extends from the Cypress Hills which are its western escarpment. to the Missouri River many hundreds of miles. Drove back to Mortlach Dined, thence to Moose Jaw distance to-day 65. miles. Passed via Caron & Boharm(?) also The Great Sandhills Crops suffering from ~~DOC(?)~~ drought Simpson ~~and~~ and French called-

#### Moose Jaw to Regina 22.7.10

Up at 5.00 breakfast at 8. Mr Simpson called and so did French. The latter got records of the lands occupied on 15.3.3. 16.3.3. 17.3.3. 15.4.3. I lunched at the Frenches. Nice little woman. Mrs Stirling her grandmother there. Went to land office and had a long chat with Mr Rutherford the agent of Dominion Lands. He gave me full information and stated that the list of homesteads on 15.15.16. and 17 given to Mr Simpson was correct and that all the entries on them were made before the order from Ottawa to hold them reserved, and that Tps 13. and 14 R. 28 west of 2 selected by me are in the same condition as when reserved. No more entries were made since then. Weather very hot. Mr Rutherford states that the letter authorizing the reservation from entry of the first mentioned townships came from Ottawa on 6<sup>th</sup> of June last. and was attended to and list of homesteads sent by mail to Ottawa on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Left for Regina and settled up all about artillery etc Met by Parsons and others

Regina to Winnipeg. Man.

Saturday 23

Up at 6<sup>2</sup> 4.15 bathed. shaved and left by Imperial Limited for Winnipeg, and at 6.00 got home. Glad to see them all Flora poor dear looks thin, the rest well. Dr. Good took me and Mrs Macdonell for a motor drive around the city, very pleasant and good of him. Mr Evans brother of Sanford a captain some time ago in the 90<sup>th</sup> and a business man who was in the Q.O.R. in. 85 were on the train and very pleasant companions. I found a large mail awaiting me, and opened it. It rained pretty generally last night,  
Max 80. Min 55

Winnipeg

Sunday 24

Up at 7.30 Busy all day. Max ~~80~~ 70 D. Montague asked me to dinner but I could not go. I have too much on hand to do. Wrote up my diary Minimum temp 54° Wrote letters from 10 to [next line] to 4. P.M. Called on Donnelly's, and invited them to come up in the evening, which they did. Major Vaux called too – We chatted until 11.30

Winnipeg

Monday 25

Up at 6.30 Max. 80 Min, 54 Sandow a little Busy all day in the office. Got letter from Capt Mackie who seems to think that he may be passed over for others for the majority and command of a squadron of Strathconas Horse. I wrote in reply to say that he must not worry for he would get his step as soon as it would be vacant through the recruiting up of the second (B) squadron I have been informed to-day that Macdonell, Major Strathconas Horse had stated that my staff officer exercised an undue influence over me. I am quite certain that he did say this for in my opinion he is a most ungrateful man always full of vile gossip. I placed him in charge of a new regiment in camp, the 20<sup>th</sup> Border Horse so as to have it worked up and to give him an opportunity of rehabilitating himself after the carelessness of the period before the QM Store was burned. In fact I have constantly done my best to help him, allowed him to retain the qrs. he occupies altho entitled to them myself

One of the Wilsons from Pincher Creek called and in conversation let out that Macdonell, the late Inspector Baker and others including Devine were the cause of Colonel Herchmers supersession and removal from the CMR in the South African war and Colonel Evans being given the Comd It is significant that after the regiment got home to Canada Macdonell got the DSO. and subsequently jumped over the heads of the officers in the ~~CMR~~ R.C.M.R. to take Command, of it, and that Devine got a D.S.O Sanders who was loyal got none nor did any MP



officer get recognition for the war until Lord Strathcona stepped in. Wilson served in the CMR in the SA. War.

Tuesday 26 [*previous entry continues past the date*]

Up at 6.30. Max. 75. Min 56° Busy all day Major Macdonell took one of the remounts without authority. I ordered it returned at once, and gave instructions re other matters, particularly the Serpts Mess. Mrs M. told me in the evening that Major Macdonell had maligned me

Winnipeg .

Wednesday 27

Up at 5.00 Max. 76° Min 54°. Took Flora for a ride of an hour and a half and had a pleasant time. Went through the parks, the Crescent and Fort Rouge suburb. Very pretty and fine bright morning.

More of Macdonells slander unearthed will investigate if possible, infernal blackguard. Took Flora out for a nice of an hour and a half through Fort Rouge by Armstrongs Point the Parks etc. Saw Mrs Gardner Gardening at that early hour 6.00 when ~~who~~ we passed

Thursday 28

Up at 6.0 AM Rode out with Gertie [*written over Flora*] through sub ~~and beyond Norwood~~. Max. 75°. Min 56° Wrote Macdonell and demanded explanation of his conduct in speaking disparagingly of me before junior officers, lying about my origin. and stating that my DSA did what he liked about his duty. Capt Ketchen) complained that he had stated that Macdonell said to Major Vaux that he, Ketchen, would injure the regt if he could do so. Macdonell denied all this in writing and by stating that he had complimented me to others, endeavoured to get me smoothed down. I returned his letter to Ketchen and ordered him to demand a categorical reply to the charges made against him, as irrelevant matter would not suffice Gertrude did well and was pleased at the ride she got I took off stable guard and ordered that the regt guard visit the stables at intervals. This on account of the shortage of men. Mays and I spent evening at Dr. Burnhams. They are a very charming couple.

Winnipeg.

Friday 29

Up at 6 A.M. Took Flora for a nice long ride through Norwood. Beautiful morning got back at 8.10 AM. Office all day. Revd Dyke Parker called to see me/ Looks well I had to return Macdonells explanation and demand a categorical reply to every statement made by those who heard him make them. I feel pity for his family and for him. He has never been fit to command anyone, nor has he had any situation other than under the direct command of some one so that there has been no test of his fitness. Fine day. Cool and pleasant. Harwood and two Boy Scouts went off to camp for a day and took rations blankets etc. Max. 70. min 54°– Sandow a lot.

Saturday 30

Up at 6. AM. Max 74° Min 52° Weather fine Nice rain at 10.30 to 12.00 Took Gertrude for a ride at 9(?) 6.30 AM. through Norwood returning at 8.10 AM. She did well. The horses behaved first rate Bob only fussed about where there was a machine at work making asphalt. Major Macdonell sent in his report and reply to accusations made against him. He tries to wriggle out of them but only makes the charges clearer, who(sic) a foolish and treacherous man

he is! I have dictated the headings of a report to Headqrs This is extremely unpleasant. Mr Gordon called and spent a couple of hours with us, He says Cowan is not well at present Sandow a lot

Winnipeg,  
Sunday 31

Up at 7.30 Max. [blank] Min, [blank] Church as usual PO 50.<sup>c</sup> to maintenance. Sandow a lot on rising in the morning. Church rather empty to-day. Pleasant Young lady in next pew in front gave me a hymn book as I had none with the [blank] Mays busy writing letters to relatives'. Mr Gordon and Angus de Bellefeuille called to see us and had a good long chat. Gordon left for the hotel at 12, midnight and goes to the Pas to-day.

August

Monday 1

Up at 6. Max. 70. Min 56°. Took Torla out for a ride through Norwood for an hour and a half. Enjoyed it very much indeed.  
Office at 9.30 Sent of [sic] letter to department reporting on Macdonells, conduct and also with report copies of memos sent to him during the past year. The cricket association is busy. Two matches on.

Winnipeg  
Tuesday 2

Up at 6.00 Max 76 Min. 56 Took Gertie for a ride through Norwood. She enjoyed it. I was a bit seedy from some fruit Busy in the office all day Weather close and seems to threaten rain. Colonel Hosmer called and chatted a long time. I declined cricket dinner as Macdonell will be there and he might feel awkward. Sandow. Mrs. Mackie came to dine and played bridge all evening. It commenced to rain at 10 P.M. Mr M. stayed the night

Wednesday 3

Up at 6.00 It rained during the night and was drizzling when I arose so did not go out to ride with the girls. It was Floras turn,  
Max 76. Min 56. Sandow a lot in the morning Max. 66\* min 56\* Weather cool. Called on His Excellency the Governor General at his car Major Trotter at the car. His Ex at Gov House or Country club Left cards for him at Govt House and signed name in book. Signed Mays name too, as well as officers of the Permanent Force.  
Spent evening at the Genests.

Wednesday.  
Thursday 4

Up at 6. AM. Took Gertrude for a ride through Norwood, St Boniface and city. She rides well now on the roads. Busy all day from 9 to 5 At seven went with Mays to the "At Home" of the officers of the 79<sup>th</sup> Cameron Highlanders of Canada. Went with the rest by their boat chartered to go with the guests. A pretty place. Officers except "Ours" in mess. Arrangements good but officers shy of their lady guests except when intimate. Ours behaved like a pack of Young geese. Did nothing but hang around the same little group of people all evening. I must see that this does not occur again. Night cool. 45° on the river, Max in city 62°, Minimum. 50°. Got home at

12.30 Captain Dow of the 96<sup>th</sup> called I asked them to (96<sup>th</sup>) give nothing but skirmishing and manœuvres.

#### Friday 5

Up at 7.30 Max. 72. Min. 54 Did not ride this AM. Must not burn candle at both ends. Busy all forenoon. In afternoon went to the rifle association final wind up for the year. Lt Colonel Hosmer President was there and Mrs. Hosmer presented the prizes. She wished Mays to do it but very wisely she refused as it was Mrs. Hosmer's place to do it. The party I took was composed thus – Mays, Mrs Macdonell, Miss Mac Phillips, Flora, Gertrude and Harwood. I met many friends. One of them Warden ex S.A.C. to whom I had given a letter in South Africa when he left for Canada. He was glad to see me. He and his team won the Strathcona Cup. I also met Wynne and was presented to his wife and daughters. The prize winners were photographed after the presentations were made. Donnelly, Vaux and Major Mitchell called to see us in the evening and both Mays and Torla sang. Gertie did some of the accompanists work. All went away pleased with the evening. The day was hot in the sun for some time but not high in the shade,

#### Winnipeg, Saturday 6

Up at 6.00 Took Gertrude for a ride through Crescent wood and south. A lot of building going on. Busy all forenoon in office wrote Gwynne about Harwoods trip to Grenfell and about other military matters. Spent a couple of hours with the Pennefathers. Dr. tells me that Mills (Major) said that I told him to go on with the organization of the Grenadiers He is mistaken I said that he could go ahead with the officers gazette [sic] and qualify them as much as possible In fact have their certificates before they enlisted anyone. Got wire from Sir Robert Baden-Powell KCB. that he will be at Wpg at 9.30- Sunday. and wishes to meet me at Stn so that we can talk over matters of interest re his return journey and asks me to inform the president Canadian club. Max. 68°. Min 54. Sandow a lot.

#### Sunday 7

Up at 7.00 AM Max. 74.° min. 54° Wired to Gen Baden-Powell on train, en route west from Ontario, to the effect that I will meet him at the station at 9.30 and that the President of the Canadian club has been informed of his message Ketchen sent wires. Fine morning. Cool, but pleasant. Must get this movement started –Boy Scouts– as soon as possible. With Mitchell met Sir Robert Baden-Powell the hero of Mafeking on his way west with the intention of pushing the Boy Scout movement. We had a walk up town to stretch the legs of the Gen and his ADC. on the Main Street to get of(?) the natural wearisomeness of the long train journey. General very jolly much pleased to meet us. He gave me a letter to the Minister of Education which he wishes me to look over and see if it is all right, as different people different ways. He is to come back to us on the return journey 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> A banquet is I hope, to be arranged and a lunch at the Canadian club. an address from the general on each occasion. After we left the general and aid at the Car Mitchell and I came back to my qrs. and had coffee and cake with the family Vibert and Eleanor there,

#### Winnipeg. Monday 8

Up at 7.AM. Max. 70° Min 56°. Took Torla for a ride at 10. AM through Norwood and back through St Boniface Car line home. Her horse shied on the bridge and dashed against a wagon

on her left It is a good thing that it did not hurt her for the beast was cut and has to be put "off duty" we shall not be able to ride for some days unless we get another horse for the girls. Wrote a few letters, in the afternoon Mays Minnie and Torla went to the Cricket match Public Schools of England, Scotland, and Ireland against the world. The latter won easily. Went with Mays. Minnie and Torla to "bridge" at the Donnelly's. Capt Bell and Russell, Mrs Davidsons Miss Cradock made up the party Torla and the rest of the girls, had a great time of it and sang duets. Threatened rain all day but it never came. The thermometer registered no higher than 70. The barometer indicated "fair". Harwood busy getting ready for his trip to Grenfell to camp with Colonel Gwynnes Boys, Cadets and Scouts. Sandow.

#### Tuesday 9

Up at 6.35 Max 70 Min. 54 Harwood went off by train to Grenfell in high glee to camp there with Colonel Gwynnes 16<sup>th</sup> L.H. Cadets and will have a pleasant time no doubt. Delivered Baden Powells letters to the deputy Minister of Education. Had a parade of the 100<sup>th</sup> regt at 8.00 Ketchen present. Capt Homer-Dixon in charge of the instruction of the officers most of them very nervous. Lieutenants not grounded in company drill only in squad. I had them put through company drill. It is a ridiculous syllabus which prevents us from causing the lieutenants to pass in company drill. I wonder what become of the COs if the captains fell out. Went to the Institute after the exam and had a chat with the officers. Col Ruttan and Mills present. Came home at 11.40 PM. Sandow,

#### Winnipeg,

#### Wednesday 10

Up at 6. AM. Took Torla for a ride 7. to 8.20 to Tuxedo park, crossed C N. Bridge then home came pretty fast. Max. 74° Min. 54°  
Busy all day and wrote many semi official letters as well as attending to other work.

#### Thursday 11

Up at 6.00 Max. 84. Min 62°. Took Torla for a ride through the North End She was pleased poor dear. Busy in the office all day. Wrote several letters. the O.C. 98<sup>th</sup> Ferguson called he drinks I regret to say and had signs of it on him. He wanted Sergeant George with them at annual drill. I could not promise him to them as he has been told off to the Highlanders. Mays and I dined at the Walkers and had a pleasant evening with the fine old couple. The judge was a lieutenant on the Red River Expedition in 1870 and likes to talk about his old militia experiences. Day hot and close. Sandow. Wrote Jarvis re the butter.

#### Winnipeg,

#### Friday 12

Up at 6.30 Max 72 Min 52 Did not ride to-day I might as well but thought Torla was too tired after being out late with her aunt at the Davidsons. She might just as well have gone for a ride as we must make the best of our opportunities. Fine day. Got letter from A.G. re Macdonells case with orders to give him a formal reprimand I did so, pointing out every particular in connection with it. He admitted his guilt in nearly every case. The AG's letter is a peach.

#### Saturday 13

Up at 6.00 Max. 72° min. 52.° Took Flora for a ride up Portage to Tuxedo park at 6.25. and returned at 8.15 am. Wrote to Secy re Macdonells case pointing out the proper view to take in

the matter Attended to much in connection with Sir R. Baden Powells visit here on the 26<sup>th</sup> instant, and other matters

Winnipeg,  
Sunday 14

Up at 7.00 Max. 72. Min 52. Church at eleven. The curate preached a not very practical sermon. Wrote all afternoon and evening on RR. Expedition. Sandow,

Monday 15

Up at 6 AM. Max. 74°. Min 52 Took Gerty for a ride and was caught by a slight shower Office at 11, having remained in the house to do some writing. Young Manseau the elder called upon me, re a scrape he got into, shewed him how to get out of it, and gave him good advice, which I fear he may not take, there are so many temptations here for the unwary youth. Young Strutt called, he was farming as a labour(?) for some time and was given four dollars for a months work! He finds that he had more refined friends amongst the men of Strathconas Horse than on the farm. I wrote Major Snider for him, to see if he has work for him. Wrote his mother. Macdonell states that he did not know that he was officially reprimanded I wrote him to say that he was. Spent evening at the Judge Walkers, met Mrs Ross A.W. there. Wrote on Red River Expedition 1870

Winnipeg,  
Tuesday 16

Up at 6.00 Max 64°. Min 50. Did not ride  
Busy all day. Gave good advice and work in the ordnance to Young Strutt who has had such an experience in the country that he now finds that he was ill advised by the men he met. I inspected eight horses and handed them over to the squadrons. Wrote a little nine pages of foolscap on the Red River expedition.

Wednesday 17

Up at 6.00 Max. 64 Min 44 Took Torla for a ride out on the St. Boniface side of the river, and back at eight AM. She enjoyed it much but the crossing of the bridges is a nuisance. Major Broderick and his men from the Territorial force came and were met by Ketchen and me at the station. The men accomodated [sic] in barracks for their stay and Ketchen motored us down to lunch at the club. After that Captain Conger shewed them over the military institute. I worked the rest of the day. Mr McLaren late a constable in the mounted police called to see me. Had served from 77. to 1880. and then farmed in Southern Manitoba retiring well off last year. He has a son in the hardware trade. Young Strutt is hard at work at the ordnance stores, and is all right.

Winnipeg  
Thursday 18

Up at 6.30 Max. 70° Min 52  
Busy until lunch time when I had to attend the birthday lunch of Austro-Hungarian monarchy - invited by the consul. It was attended by a considerable number and the Press. The consul proposed the health of the King (George the 5<sup>th</sup>) and the lieut governor (Sir Daniel MacMillan) proposed that of the Austro-Hungarian Emperor both toasts [sic] were enthusiastically received. After lunch Ketchen motored the Lt Governor and self to our homes. Sir Daniel was very pleasant, and spoke much of his plans at the Lake of the Woods. I had the German secretary of

the Consul beside me all the time. Fearful old bore. Sandow a lot Did not ride, groom at musketry.

Friday 19

Up at 6.30 Max 74° Min 54°. Busy all day except to lunch at the Hon Dr Montague's to meet his old opponent, Lt Colonel Andrew Thompson, who is on a tour of the country, and is on his return to Ottawa Sandow. Did ride, groom at musketry.

Winnipeg,

Saturday 20

Up at 6<sup>am</sup> Max. 80° Min 54° Busy all day Met the English Boy Scouts at noon in the barracks (at Fort Osborne. and welcomed them to the city, said a few kind words to them. They were motored around the city to the C.P.R shops Oglivies Mills etc and in the evening they had a concert at Tuxedo park I spent evening at Dr Pennefathers, and went to bed at midnight. Sandow.

Sunday 21

Up at 5.45 (5.45) am. max 68° min 50°. Up at 6. AM. Did not go to church had to [sic] much to do Went to meet Antoine and Tilsey at the C.N.R. Stn but was not in luck, they did not come. nor did A. wire which he ought to have done. We were much disappointed. Wrote all the rest of the day until 8.30. P.M when the Donnellys came by invitation to spend the evening. Captain Bell and Mr (Lt) Russell called and stayed some time. Sandow at 6.30 to 7. AM. felt much benefit from it.

Winnipeg

Monday 22

Up at 6.30 max 68° min 58 A lot of leg exercise as usual. Had a long talk with Mills about the Institute and the treating habit telling him that it must quit at once or I would withdraw the estimate for a grant of 1500 dollars to the Military Institute Colonel Lindsay called me up on the phone and asked if he could put my private letter on the same subject before the board. I consented Met Edmund Moon at the station at 9.55 He is on his way west and is to stay a day or two with us Mrs Graham called to see us. She was a Miss Tilly Bricker. She says that Mr Davis her brother in law is settled in the states and has his son in the American navy.

Tuesday 23

Up at 6.30. Max 60° Min 50° Weather dull and cloudy. Edmund Moon here. Does not look strong. Busy all day in the office. Much concerned by report by Orr of "Boy Scouts" has not been behaving properly A distinct understanding must be arrived at or the movement will be a failure I have arranged to meet Hesketh, the chairman of the council of Winnipeg. Sandow. Bridge with Mays Minnie and Mr Vibart. Edmund was kept busy by the girls who sang and played for him.

Winnipeg.

Wednesday 24

Up at 6.30 Max. 58° Min 42° Busy all day at various things. Major Hesketh called and was told by me that if any of the Scoutmasters of the Boy Scouts used bad language or brought any intoxicants to the camp or places where the boys are instructed it would mean dismissal as it would not be tolerated by Sir Daniel McMillan or by me, and that if any one of them made use

of any insubordinate expressions with regard to myself I would make it rather disagreeable for him, that I did not wish to withdraw from the thankless task which I now have before me and publish the fact that the state of affairs is unsatisfactory. It would kill the movement in Winnipeg. I offered to let Mr Docherty take the new scout masters and teach them.

#### Thursday 25

Up at 5.20 Max 55° Min 42° Busy until 3.30 and then Sandow a lot, and in half an hour wrote a great deal until dinner at 6.30. then from 7. until 8.30 Telegram from General Sir R. Baden-Powell to say that my "program" satisfactory and that he would lunch with Sir Daniel on the 27<sup>th</sup> instant. Arranged about garden party and the invitations to dinner. Many want invitations to garden party to meet Sir Robert B. Powell. what tuft hunters some of us are! Harwood got back from the camp at Grenfell, Sask. He enjoyed himself very much and was treated so well by Colonel Gwynne, Mrs Gwynne and Evelyn. Arranged to meet the general at the station, and Ketchen got five motors to take us around the city at ten to-morrow morning. Major Mitchell came to ask me to preside at the banquet of the Canadian club. I object but it is impossible to get out of it as the president and every executive officer are away. I hope the weather will be fine.

#### Winnipeg

#### Friday 26

Up at 5.00 (five) [thirty written below]. Met the general, Sir R. Baden-Powell and his friends at the station. Sir Ronald Lane was with them and made it pleasant for all with his hearty greetings. Sir R. B.P. had Captain Irvine and M Van(?) with him. Dixon was with Ketchen and me. I took pte Martin down who attended to the baggage. Sir Robert came with me and was our guest Dixon put up the young officers, which he would do well I am sure. After breakfast, Colonel Ruttan, Affleck, Kitchen [sic], Horwood and Young Ruttan appeared with their motors and took us all for a drive Dixon, Mrs Homer-Dixon, Major and Mrs Mitchell, Mr Ruttan Mrs Ruttan and Miss Woods, Ruttans sister in law, Colonel and Mrs. Ruttan Mr Horwood Mrs Ketchen, Mrs Macdonell, Mays, ~~Torla~~ Gerty and Harwood came in Ketchens motor with the General and in others Flora with Capt Horwood, Harwood and Gerty with Mays. We visited the Cathedral at St Boniface. We were all over the parks too. Lunched at the Canadian club where Gen B.P. gave an address. I presided. A large garden party in the afternoon, at the Ft Osborne Bks. to meet the general. A fine day and good turn out. At 8.00 a dinner of the garrison at the clubs Manitoba. over one hundred attended. This filled the room songs and conversation in the ladies part of the club and home. General speech exceedingly good Max 68° Min 44° home at 11.45

#### Saturday 27

Up at 6.45. Max 60.° Min 50.° Busy all day. Went to office at 9.30 AM and arranged for the cadets to be paraded at the barracks for Lt Gen Sir Robert Baden Powell K.C.B.K.C.V.O. Attended a large luncheon party at Govt. House in his honour, then went with him to inspection of the Boy Scouts at Bks. 106 on parade Major Hesketh in command of them. The general spoke to every boy and encouraged them to do a good turn every day of their lives. He made as usual a most excellent speech. We then went to the Military Institute and there the general and Staff signed their names. We then had a motor drive Capt Ketchen Capt Irving and Mr Van Ralt with Colonel Ruttan After that we visited Ogilvies Mills and the Immigrant streets Mr Dobell(?) of the Mill and the Immigration office officials were the acmé of kindness, and the visit was

most instructive to all of us. We got home for dinner and the general had great fun with the children whom he admires very much indeed. He spoke very nicely of Harwood and in fact of the whole three they were all so natural. I saw him and Staff off in

Winnipeg,  
Sunday 28

Up at 7.30 Max 66°. Min 50° Went to church. Met Mrs Walker (Judge) and walked with her she is a nice old lady very nice indeed. She says Dr or Professor Bryces history of the west is very one sided.

Pattee(?) arrived in town and rung me up. I asked him to take a drive around the city tomorrow and lunch with me at the club. I must try and borrow the motor for the forenoon. Horses are too slow. The Donnellys called. D. told me some things which surprised me a lot I assure myself and him that few men can be trusted. I am not surprised but self interest should have made the fellow behave himself and be loyal to one who has done so much for him. Sandow a lot.

Monday 29

Up at 6.30 Max 66° Min 50° Busy until 10.00 then a chat on a very good matter the placing of unemployed soldiers in position out in the colonies I want some for SH. (R.C.) Took Pattee and son to the M. club and lunched there, a nice boy young Pattee Ketchen loaned us his motor and I took them for a drive in the city. They left at 6.10 for the States Minneapolis Minn. well pleased with their day. Sandow. Heavy rain, and at night electric and rain storm. The barometer proved it. Sandow

Winnipeg  
Tuesday 30

Up at 6.30 Max 60° Min 40° Day fine but cool with a strong wind blowing the whole time. Busy. Wrote many semi official letters. Wrote up diary and inked in at Colonel Griffiths Wainwrights diary of Red River Expedition. It is difficult as it was done in pencil not indelible, and consequently very faint. It is written very small too. Sandow, one hundred times at the thigh work, find myself much improved. Cannot ride as it is too muddy on the country roads. They get into a very bad state indeed, good roads much needed.

Wednesday 31

Up at 6.20. Max 62° Min 42. Busy all day and had several interviews. V. told me that L. said to his wife that he did not understand how it was and asked why it was that wherever he went he found all speaking so highly of. S. no matter what could be said it was always the same. How is it that he asked I am not the same. I replied to V. L. need not worry he is liked and respected as every man who is fair to his fellow man and free from snobbery.

Wrote up Colonel Wainwrights diary of Red River expedition and finished inking it all in. Quite a task Wrote to mjr Weyland about the putting off of the inspection of the 96<sup>th</sup> regt. and thanked him for his kind invitation to stay with them on that occasion. Stated that I would be down to see about it. Sandow. Leg exercise.

September

Winnipeg.  
Thursday 1



Up at 6.00 Max. 66.00 Min. 50.<sup>00</sup> Went to the Station with Mays Mrs Macdonell, Torla, Gerty and Harwood and saw Mrs Harwood Mays' mother there en route to Montreal to see the family. We stayed with her for an hour until the train left. Mrs Macdonald who was a Miss Macaulay (Miss) of Orillia was on her way to see her people there she now lives at Medicine Hat. After she left I went with Harwood to meet Antoine Harwood and wife at the C.N R. Station. They came up and stayed with us. I went to office and attended to the matter of office work mail small and everything up to date, so came back to the house at noon. Mrs. Donnelly came last night for a couple of hrs and we had music and conversation. Antoine is going to locate in Montreal in partnership with his brother Frank. Sandow. Placed my books shelves in order.

#### Friday 2

Up at 7.00 Sandow. Max 62 Min. 44° Busy all day. Had to see Antoinette's wife off - They left by ~~great(?) Nor(?)~~ C.N.R. for Montreal where A is to go into partnership with his brother, Frank. Weather fine with some wind Traffic is badly managed in this city. Not enough police to be found nor will the city supply them. Wrote Major \_\_\_\_ about the swords for his squadron. Pointed out that I quite understood that he supported me well but that I had done my best to have a good feeling between Permanent Force and the Active Militia that I naturally felt the remarks re Ordnance made by his lieut as nullifying to a certain extent what we had done (we the Staff) to have all smooth and pleasant.

#### Winnipeg

#### Saturday 3

Up at 6.45 Max 66° Min 46° Sandow Busy all forenoon in the office. Wrote much all afternoon and had a lot of Sandow at night, always rest much better for it. Dr. Good & Capt Cartright Called to see me. Read a good deal after they left at 10 AM. Weather fine and cool. The barometer indicates wind

#### Sunday 4

Up at 6.45 Max. 72°. Min 54 Did not go to church had too much to do. Wrote letters until 3. PM then went with Mays to call on the Inksters. We had a pleasant time. Dr. Mary Crawford and Mrs. Hamilton called too. Rain fell heavily for a time, but we waited until it was over, then we went home. It rained all evening. I wrote until 10.30 from seven thirty. 7.30 Raining at midnight Sandow a great deal. Leg exercise beginning to shew great results,

#### Winnipeg,

#### Monday 5

Up at 5.30 Sandow a lot particularly leg exercise muscles very highly developed Max 64. min 54 Max. [blank] Min. [blank] It rained all night and was still pouring at 7.00 What a pity people did not get it until that time. If in June would have saved the crops and in fact made the country. Worked hard all day satisfied with results but much worried in the forenoon in fact all day by my affairs. Was annoyed at the exuberance of the children poor things. Major Vaux. and Mrs. Vaux called and spent evening.

A man came in the afternoon and told me that Forde was said to have gone to Ottawa for the purpose of preventing Captain Sullivan from returning to his district as ordnance officer. I am not surprised at Forde, for I regret to record that he has not got the spirit of the true soldier about him. He does himself no good by this sort of thing. Young Mr Sifton has stated that he heard that Sullivan would not come back. Poor Sullivan he was not trained to the sort of soldiering

they did in Canada some years ago a relic of which still exists I must see that the Minister knows this.

Tuesday 6

Up at 6.00 Max. 64° Min 54° Sandow a lot. Office at 9.30 Busy. Macdonald (Gen) written about attempts to remove an ordnance officer by working over my head to get at him. Major Macdonell wrote me a letter containing a tissue of falsehoods one of which is that I took his squadron away from him and sent him out to inspect the ~~outposts~~ and stations of militia regts(?) and Rifle associations when he well knew that he asked me for the work which I arranged to give him. There was some little delay in working up the schedule, of trips and itinerary(sic) of same. I replied to him cautioning him to be careful in his reply as I purposed sending the letter to Headqrs Busy.

Winnipeg

Wednesday 7

Up at 6.00 Max. 56. Min 44°. Busy in office until 1. P.M and from luncheon time until dinner time. Wrote all afternoon on R.R. expedition and after dinner played bridge. Ordered Major Macdonell back to his squadron He is the worst tempered most conceited and rascally officer that I have ever met. His whole career is up to date one of duplicity and treachery, was no doubt mixed up [*caret*: in] and one of the chief causes of Colonel Herchmers misfortunes in Africa Not a shadow of a doubt but he was in the plot and later on in Winnipeg like a ghoulish wished to bite the hand that fed him. Colonel Evans having obtained for him the position of O.C squadron to which he was not by any means entitled I made a great mistake when I helped him out the scrape into which he got when the stores were misappropriated by Q.M Sergt Harris and the store burned, resulting in a loss of two thousand dollars which according any ordinary rates he should have paid up Sandow.

Thursday 8

Up at 6.30. Cold raw weather. Max. 50. min 42° Busy all day. Major Macdonell reiterates his statement that he wishes me to forward his protest to the effect that he was not reprimanded by me. I replied in writing that the thing was closed and that a full report had been sent by me to Headqrs Busy all day. Good Old Bob Belcher called to see us and had a long chat. He is off to spend the winter in Europe, Mrs Belcher and the unmarried daughters with him. He gave me his opinion of m. and told of the general satisfaction that was felt when he left the Mounted Police Cartright before he left the force Belcher said had turned his back on him on account of the way he and his wife was treated when the duke of York visited Calgary (George the 5<sup>th</sup>). and the general conduct of Macdonell when in the force was that of an insubordinate bluffer, who would talk of challenging men to duels. The man is no doubt quite mad.

Winnipeg,

Friday 9

Up at 6 AM. Cool day but better than any for some days past. Max. 60° Min 44°. 80° in the sun. Busy all day Had a long chat with the teacher of a Methodist Sunday School about the Boy Scouts and gave full instructions as to how he should go about it. Major Pousette called to see me about a rifle that he found in the police station. He has a rifle less in his armoury than he should have and in the search for his own he may have come on one of another corps as the found rifle has not the same sequence as the others.

Marcella came to see us to-day. The children were full of fun for her, gave her Highland dances and a drill etc. She laughed herself tired.

I went down and called on Mr James Ross of the Dominion coal steel and other companies His son and sons wife were with him as well as the physician. Mr Ross was in a good reminiscent vein and all were kind to me. Sandow.

Saturday 10

Up at 6.30 Max. 62. Min 40° Cool but pleasant day. Busy in office until 1.30 AM. In afternoon wrote a great deal. Captain Cartright came to say good. bye to me as he is off to the R.M.C. to take his course. Sandow Went to bed at ten. Too early for me I will not sleep well. Sandow.

Winnipeg

Sunday 11

Up at 7.am - Max.46.min34) Wrote all day did not leave the house Kept at it except for meals until long after midnight. The children worked up some annoyance(?), very sad how such things are taken Great pity. I am often misunderstood. Mr. Vibart and the boys called to say Good bye to Mrs Mac- the boys I mean. They are off to Port Hope school and leave to-night at 10.10 PM.

I am for Fort William ~~tonight too, to inspect~~ tomorrow

Left for Fort William at 10.10 by C.P.Ry went to bed at 1.30.

Monday. 12.

Left for Ft William at 10.10 PM. Vaux, Ketchen and Conger with me.

Ft. William.

Tuesday. 13. ~~Monday 12~~ 13

Up at 5.30 Train arrived at Fort William at 11.00 We were met at the station by Colonel Laurie, Major Weyland (Major Little lives in Port Arthur) Captain Young, and sent Duncan, Major and Mrs Weyland put me up.

At. 2.30 a motor came and I went off to Port Arthur to inspect the 96<sup>th</sup> Lake Superior Regiment. Mrs Weyland her sister Mrs Young and the children came with me we got to the ground at the proper time and I was received with the usual salute, and after inspecting the regt the Col marched them past. I then ordered four companies to move by a circuitous route to a position about a mile in the woods to the north. The remainder to move off the ground and get on a ravine on McVicars Creek. After that they threw out scouts found the Red Force and attacked but were forced to the ~~edge~~ edge of the ravine the battle ended by cease fire being called on the bugle (sounded) We then had the test for the cup presented by Mr. Whyte of the C.P.Ry for the most efficient company. This took some time and was finished at 6.15. Three sides of a square was formed and I address the corps pointing out its good points and its faults. They are only non attendance but will be ~~no~~ corrected soon. After 7.00 the officers gave a mess dinner at the Marriagi hotel Port Arthur. My health was drank very enthusiastically- and a pleasant even was spent

[note left between pages of Sept. 11/12 and 13/14:

**Militia and Defence, Canada.**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept at ten P.M. left for Ft William Major Vaux. Capts Ketchen and Conger with me remained there 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>]

Fort William,

Wednesday. ~~Tuesday~~ 13 14<sup>th</sup>

Up at 7.30 After breakfast I went to the Mayors office accompanied by Ketchen and Capt Conger the P.M of district and interviewed Mayor Pelletier about the pay for the men of the 96<sup>th</sup> for the suppression of the riots last year. After some discussion the Mayor was put in the proper frame of mind and agreed to pay the seven hundred and fifty owing(?). This did not include the transportation of the Squadron of Strathconas Horse from Winnipeg.

I called on Frank Gibbs and had a chat. He is a schoolmate in ~~Mayor~~ of Major Gen Benson, .K.C.B. Mr Gibb is not well, result of an operation Went to lunch at the Youngs. All the officers who came with me Mjor vaux, Capt Ketchen, Captain Conger, and self were there. I escorted Mrs Weyland the Major was there too. After lunch Lt Col Laurie came with two motors and we inspected the rifle range and the new site for an armoury. Came back to Fort William after saying good bye to the Weylands, where the officers came to dine. The Capt. Youngs came afterwards to see us and, then Young, Weyland and Duncan saw us off by the train, Imperial Limited. Sandow in the AM. Max. 70° in the shade. and min. 44° Found all kind and really delightful.

Winnipeg. ~~Wednesday~~ 14 15, Thursday

Up at 5.30 and arrd here at 11.00. All well. Office all day from lunch. Letters from many Mrs. Clarke of Maberly. P.O. wrote me asking if Lt Colonel Bliss had been ~~busy-busy~~ forced to retire on a pension. I replied to the effect that I could not give her the information she desired. I kept a copy of her letter, wrote Gwynne and others, and attended to several people. The Telegram night Editor rung me up to ask if it is true that Strathconas Horse is to be taken to the coronation at the expense of His Lordship. I replied that I have not the slightest knowledge of it, which is quite true. I cannot imagine what the mischief they are up to or how such a rumour could come out. Wrote a little at night and played bridge with the ladies and Mr Ogden. Max 72° Min 62°.

Winnipeg

Thursday 15

Up at 5.30 and arrived here at 11 o'clock.

All well office all day from lunch. Letters from many. One from Mrs Clarke of Maberly. P.O. in which she asked me if Lt Colonel Bliss had been forced to retire on a pension, I replied that I could not give her the information required, I kept a copy of my letter. Wrote Colonel Gwynne and others and met several people. White busy at cards with the ladies. The Telegram night editor to ask me if is true that Strathconas Horse would be sent to the coronation. I replied that I have not the slightest knowledge of it, I cannot imagine what they are up to and am much annoyed by this sort of stuff. Wrote a little at night and played bridge with the ladies and Mr Ogden a very nice young fellow from England five years in Canada Max. 72° min 62. Sandow as usual

Friday 16

Up at 6.30 Max. 64° Min 56° Weather mild and damp. 80° in the sun. Busy at office as usual until half past five o'clock. Mr. Carman called. Is an officer in the militia. The officers ask for a mess meeting to settle whether they will pay one hundred dollars towards the new hunt club which is being got up by Mr Abbott and others. Sandow as usual.

Winnipeg,  
Saturday 17

Up at 6.00 Max 62° Min 40° Wrote up my diary. Morning fine. Busy all day in the office until luncheon time, then wrote a good deal Got letter from a Mr Benson R.N. to get some information about Strathconas Horse. etc. I replied that I am not at liberty to give what he requires and referred him to the Militia Council. Went all over the ordnance store with Lieutenant Lyndon He is making great improvements in it, putting the lighter stores upstairs There were tons of tents and other heavy stuff up there It is surprising that the building did not collapse Wrote from dinner time until 10 11.15 my hands got cramped I did ~~so~~(?) so much. Sandow as usual. Max in Sun. 78°

#### Sunday 18

Up at. 7.30 Max 58 Min 44 Wrote up diary. Did not attend church, had not time was busy every minute of the day. The great procession of motor cars filled with members of the Roman Catholic church passed by the House. Mays induced me to go out and see it Cardinal Vanutelli was in front and it was in his honour. I dined at Govt House to meet Cardinal Vanutelli and the large number of prelates who were with him, Sir Daniel as usual a credit to Canada and his position. I met his brother in law there and had a long chat with him about Collingwood and Simcoe his native Country. Came home at 8.30 the dinner being at 6.30. owing a reception the cardinal had to hold at the Catholic Club. Mrs Mackie called on Mays and had supper. She is much stronger. The max in the sun was 72.° deg.

#### Winnipeg

#### Monday 19

Up at 6.30. Max in Shade 68° In sun. 100° Min 50 in shade. Office all day until 4.30 Letter re Macdonells signed Helmer asking why I did not report that I had taken him off the command of squadron I looked up the correspondence confidential reports and decided to go at it giving a full and complete history of Macdonell, from the beginning. Ketchen then found in the file that had been sent back from Ottawa, the letter reporting what had been done, so that they do not keep tab on what is done in the way of correspondence. The Hon J.W Montague gave me an invitation to lunch for tomorrow to meet Lieut Gov. Gibson. Wrote in the evening. Went with Mays by car to St(?) Boniface to the six arches in honour of the cardinal papal legate. Vanutonelli or vanutelli that latter I think. Sandow-

#### Tuesday 20

Up at 6.30 Max in Sun. 98. Max. in shade 70° Min, 42° Fine day. Wrote strong letter to Secretary Militia council to the effect that I had a great deal of trouble ~~about~~ with Major Macdonell, and I also proved that I had a great deal of trouble with him long before I reported him. I clearly shewed by documentary evidence that I had not kept him away from his squadron. I lunched with Dr. Montague to meet the Lieut Governor of Ontario. A pleasant lot of men there amongst the [sic] Sir(?). Daniel McMillan. McKechnie Wm Whyte, Hoskin, Kenneth McKenzie, Hastings Bob Rogers. The latter told me that his wife rode 45 miles yesterday, pretty good as Bob. Said. Capt Young of Dragoons was with Lt Gov Gibson as his AD.C. Spent evening at Mil Institute

#### Winnipeg

#### Wednesday 21

Up at 6.30 Max in Sun 82°. Max in Shade 64° Min, 42° Busy all day. Letter from G. says he called on the Headqrs staff and spent two and a half hours there, and shewed his cadet photographs, they were pleased with Harwoods taken with Miss Evelyn Gwynne. signalling to

one another, said that he is a "chip of the old block". and that they said nice things about the district (No 10). They should practice what they preach although I must say that apart from the A.G's office all goes well, Sandow a lot.

#### Thursday 22

Up at 6.35 Max in sun 56° Max in shade, 50 Min, 38. Cold raw wind N.E. Busy at office Wrote Weyland re the drill hall at Port Arthur. Letter from Gen, Macdonald to the effect that the fuel allowance cannot be increased. Inspected the officers of the 100<sup>th</sup> who had not been seen by me at the exam. They with one exception did very well, he has not had enough practice. Went to the institute then. A lot said there about Lt Colonel Merriitts address and other things. Colonel Ruttan drove me home in his motor. Sandow.

#### Winnipeg

#### Friday 23

Up at 7. AM Max in sun 56° Max in shade 50 Min. 42° Busy all day. Major St John Broderick called and said that his Territorials who came out to settle wish to thank the quartermaster Sergt and others who treated them so well during their stay in the barracks en route to their employment. He says that Kirkaldy is a sensible fellow (adjt 99<sup>th</sup>) and that he had them sworn in and got them work.

Wrote Gwynne reply to his of the 20<sup>th</sup> and have arranged to send him some remarks on the deliberations of the cavalry association. Sandow

#### Saturday 24

Up at 6.30 Max in Sun. 62° Min 36. Max in shade 50 Busy in office until 9 1.30 Saw Major Bell, the Camerons about George and the colours. Advised that no commission be given to George who wishes to run them, and not have to take orders from the adjutant. He is going too far, the colours to be presented on the college ground. I wrote Gwynne thanking him from the bottom of my heart for his letter and cuttings re Ross Rifle. Sent him a lot of remarks about the cavalry institution. Sandow a lot. A great change. Sandow.

#### Winnipeg

#### Sunday 25

Up at 7.30 Sandow. Max in sun 60° Max 48° Min. 32° Sir Frederick Benson has ~~written~~ phoned me and arranged for meeting at 3.00 re remounts etc First day that thermometer recorded frost since spring opened in earnest. Called on Major Gen Sir Fred-Benson, met Lady Benson a very nice kindly lady. My talk with the general very enjoyable. He is a charming man, a Canadian by birth and most distinguished in every way. I gave him all the information I could about remounts and offered to help in every way. He is to see Frederick Borden and Brig. Gen Macdonald about it and leases. Went to the Sherrifs Colin Inkster and met there the Sherrif, Mrs and Miss Inkster, Mrs Northwood senr Mrs. Northwood Junior, Miss Northwood and the Misses Macdonald of Quappelle. Got home at 6.30 Mays very seedy and dizzy all day. She called in Dr. Mary Crawford who prescribed for her and gave her good advice not to worry. Poor little woman she is such a dear good little pet and worries about the expenses and other matters. Read myself to sleep. Wellingtons Campaigns. Sandow.

#### Monday 26

Up at 6.30 Max in Sun 68. Max in shade 52 Min. 34°. Beautiful bright day. Busy in office. Got authority to get the ground for the Port Arthur drill hall, and other matters. Wrote in the evening. Not satisfied with it. Sandow.

Winnipeg  
Tuesday 27

Up at 7. Fine bright day. Max in Sun 82 Max in shade 62° Min. 42. Busy all day in office, looked into many matters. Some with Major Carey R.E. Sandow as usual. Wrote from dinner to 11.00 PM. Read as usual until midnight. 82° in sun

Wednesday 28

Up at 6.30 glorious day. Max in sun. 82° Max in shade 72° Min. 50.°  
Sandow as usual. Busy all day. Wrote a great deal in the P.M. Saw Colonel Ruttan about a dinner to Gen Sir Percy Lake. He thinks it a good idea and will sound the officers of the corps and the institute. Mays and I dined at Mrs Knights and she took us to hear Melba sing The tenor and the harpist and flute were splendid. Melba was called and recalled again. The party were Heber Archibald. Captain and Mrs Geddes. Miss White and Mr. Critchley.

Winnipeg,  
Thursday 29

Up at 6.30 Max in Sun 74.°. Max in Shade 64 Min 42° Busy in office. Ketchen away inspecting. Major Pousette called to see about a remount station I talked it over with him, but I cannot see where there is a show for a decent salary. Had a long talk with the P.M.O. and he said it cheered him up, as no doubt he is disappointed at not being able to go to England. Sandow, as usual.

Friday 30

Up at 7.00 Max in Sun. 76° Max in shade 58° Min 36° Busy all day. Ketchen at Portage LaPrairie, inspecting. Wrote letters and attended to accounts. Cancelled the inspection of the 90<sup>th</sup> regiment until further orders. Fine day. Sandow. Wrote in the evening until Vibart came in to play bridge Minnie and I lost.

October

Winnipeg,  
Saturday 1

Up at 6.45 Max in Sun 74.°. Max in shade 62. Min. 38° Busy all forenoon office, and in the PM at home. Ketchen back and ~~had~~(?) my arrangements made for the future. Wrote a good deal at night. Mrs Moore and her daughter Mr Mackie called. Dr Good called at night (9.30) and we had a long and to me pleasant chat Will pay into church for maintenance five dollars. Dr Good very sensible and jolly.

Sunday 2

Up at 7.30. Max in Sun. 76° max in shade 70° Min, 50.° Went to church paid in five dollars towards maintenance. Busy writing all afternoon and until 8.30 Capt and Mr Donnelly called to see us. Miss Pennefather called to see Mays and the family. Mrs Mackie spent evening and had supper. She returns to Calgary tomorrow. Sandow

Winnipeg,

Monday 3

Up at 6.30 Max in sun. 72. max in shade 60° Min, 50° Sandow for legs. Busy all day The weather delightful. Had call from Captain Macleod of the 101<sup>st</sup>. regiment, Edmonton Fusiliers, and had a long chat with him about the corps and its needs. Of course it is not my district, and I can do nothing for them, but I take an interest in the regt having induced the raising of it and done all in my power for it.

Tuesday 4

Up at 6.30 Max in sun 62 Max in shade 58(?) Min. [next line] Min. 40. Busy. Letters to write. Signed and read all returns for district paymaster. Mr an uncle of Mrs Ketchen called to see me a very nice man over eighty years of age. Comes from Bond Head Co Simcoe. Had a long chat with him about the country people. He knows all of mine. Mays had a few in to play bridge and met Mrs Talbot and Miss Thiel, of Calgary on their way home from the seaside in New Brunswick. Young [blank] called with them. I should say came, and the Davidsons and the Donnelly girls. Young Henson came too, a nice boy.

Winnipeg

Wednesday 5

Up at 6.30 Max in sun 58. Max 50. Min 30. First frost recorded on veranda. Busy all day in writing on official matters all forenoon. Mr de Courcy O'Grady called and talked over the Lt Colonelcy(?) of the 90<sup>th</sup> regiment. He decided at last to take it. I like his style and hope it can be worked through Wrote all evening until 10.30 Sandow as usual

Thursday 6

Up at 7.00 Max in Sun 62°. max in shade 62° Min, 42. Busy in office. Capt Ketchen away inspecting at Virden, and other points. Captain Barry called and had a good long chat about Mil. Matters. He expressed himself grateful for what I had done for him and speaks well of Lt Col Ruttans treatment, and of his capabilities. Went to parade of school children at Horse show building. Lt Governor asked Mays and me to dinner. Severely reprimanded Sergt Jacques for refusing to take over duty of caterer in the mess, S.Mess

Winnipeg,

Friday 7

Up at 7. Max in Sun 80° Max in shade 72° Min 44° Busy all day. Forenoon routine in office and the usual regimental routine. Capt. Gray called re a dinner to General Sir Percy Lake. I had wired him asking would accept it but he replied this evening from Grenfell that he could not accept kind invitation of the officers of the Winnipeg garrison having previously been invited and accepted another. Sir Daniel McMillan phoned me that he had invited him and hoped that he had not cut the officers out. I replied no that it was just as well. He then said he would make it a military dinner instead and that he would like to see me as I went to the office tomorrow. I replied that I would be on hand on time. What a fine considerate man Sir Daniel is, always thinking of others. Sandow, leg a lot, and dumb.bells. I wrote up the last of the Red River expedition diary return. Sandow.

Saturday 8



Up at 7.00 Max in sun 72° Max in shade 58° Min. 42° Very busy all forenoon. Arranged for the parade on Monday. Wrote up accounts It seems impossible to keep up ones position and make ends meet here. It is high time that something was done about it.

Called on Sir Daniel and had a long talk. He wished the names of the officers to ask to dinner and told me what ranks he wished to invite, and I gave him names of all in those ranks except Major Patterson of the 18<sup>th</sup> who was away and that I forgot to mention. I asked Ketchen to wire later,

Called on Dr Pennefather and stayed until ten o'clock P.M.

Wednesday,

Sunday 9

Up at 8.00 Did not attend church. Max in Sun 80°. max in shade 70. min, 48°

Colours presented to 79<sup>th</sup> Cameron Highlanders of Canada at 4.00 by Mrs D.C. Cameron. She did it gracefully as was expected. I addressed her. The Colonel, Thompson made a good speech, the largest crowd present that I have seen at any military parade or display in Winnipeg. The regiment marched past and I asked Sir Daniel McMillan who was present to take the salute, but he declined pleasantly He would not speak either. The work of the regiment was a little slow. The men are immense in size and the 30in pace does not suit them, Guardsmen would be small beside some of the Cols. The men being on an average far over six feet.

Monday 10

Up at 6 am Max. 62 (in shade Max in shade) in Sun. 80° Min 44° Went in Ketchens motor to get Sir Percy Lake a general officer, inspecting, at Royal Alexandra hotel. Ketchen came too, he went to the vicinity of Tuxedo park and saw Majr Macdonells squadron of S.H. a shameful exhibition of incompetence. A few simple movements will have to be done before they know as much as a raw squadron after a weeks drill, the squadron could have been ~~annihilated(?)~~ destroyed by a handful of riflemen. Books of Squadron, regt canteen. S.Men. P.M. Ordnance stores, Q.M Dist office. I am asured [sic] of this that the NCO know their business better than the officers. Adjutant slow and stupid. He can do it. Sandow

Winnipeg

Tuesday 11

Up at 7.00 Max in sun 62°. in shade. 56° Min 33° on veranda. out doors. 32°

Busy all forenoon Mr. [blank] from London called re the employment of soldiers discharged with a good character. Advised him to see if he could get a Sergeant Major from the army for any regt needing him. I also impressed upon him the great neccessity [sic] to have old soldiers for the permanent force and he states that all of that was mentioned to him, that officers suggested as much. The Rev Mr. Hall called to see me about the Lord Strathcona shield from the Nelson flagship coppers, to be given to the student who has the greatest knowledge of history etc.b Called on Colonel and Mrs Hosmer. bLt Colonel and Mrs Cowan 18<sup>th</sup> tea with the latter. Mr and Mrs John Ross Mr. James Ross. with Mays, and after dinner presented prizes to St Margarets church cadets, and made a short speech. We had some music too and a recitation. The cadets much improved. A nice lot of boys. The parents nice and pleasant.

Wednesday 12

Up at 7. AM. Max. 50° Minimum 34°. Busy all day in office. Sent off engineer estimates and got a lot cleared up The typing of the work of the Red River expedition story nearly ready for the printer, and editor.

Winnipeg  
Thursday 13

Up at 7.45 Have a bronchial cold my old enemy. Put on my winter underwear to-day, cool dark day. Max 48 Min 42°

Busy all day wrote a lot in the P.M. George Scott to whom I wrote brought us great pleasure by 'phoning and then on invitation coming to see us. Flora dance the Highland fling, Lord Macdonalds reel, the Sailors Hornpipe and an Irish reel for him which pleased him much good old fellow. Dark cloudy day. Sent off all estimates and reports to Ottawa, a lot, and wrote city for estimates.

Friday 14

Up at 7.20 Dark cloudy day. Max in sun 80° Max in shade, 60° Min, 46°. Mays a mixed party last night poor girl she enjoyed it and looked nice The Mitchells, JB and Vibart Lieuts Cameron and Arnott Russell, civilian, Henson-Strutt, Miss Theil and others. Busy in office, sent off a lot of letters.

Winnipeg  
Saturday 15

Up at 7.00 Max in Sun 80° Max in shade 74° Busy all day as usual. Wrote a great deal. Min 46°

Mays busy but much improved in health, Dined with Major Hornby at the Royal Alexandra. Met vicars after dinner Chatted with Hornby until 10.30 and got home at 11.00 He is settled at Lethbridge and was also at the Calgary camp on the staff. This he said had bad sanitation. He visited the the [sic] American camp in Washington state, part of the troops regulars. Sanitation good and the general gave him horses and orderly.

Sunday 16

Up at 7.30 Max in Sun 85, Max in shade 74°. Min 46. Wrote all day. Mays had a tea at which she had Major Hornby, Mr McPhillips Capt Donnelly Mr H.G O'Loane, Mrs O'Loane senior, Mrs. O'Loane junior, Mrs Donnelly, Miss Pennefather Mrs. McPhillips. They evidently enjoyed themselves. I asked Hornby to come to lunch tomorrow I wrote until 9~~in~~(?) nine, P.M. from 6.30 wrote all afternoon. Fairly well satisfied,

Winnipeg,  
Monday 17

Up at 7.00 Max 65° Min 45°. Air full of smoke from prairie fires and burning stacks. Hornby called and lunched with me at the club. We then went back to barracks and I caught P.C. Shaw for him as his mother would like him to meet the boy. Telegram, same strictly confidential to cancel a letter on the way. Some mischief brewing. I was sure that some damnable Machinations would result from the plot as soon as the Maneuvres in England were over. Spent evening at the Pennefathers home at 10.30 Mays and Minnie at the Hasletts for Bridge.

Tuesday 18

Up at 7.15 Cold still hangs on morning gloomy but not cold. Max 44° Min. 34, ~~cold~~ Cold and raw North wind. Busy all day. Told Capt Grey 18<sup>th</sup> M.R. to come on Monday next for duty. Gave orders about the marching and firing competition, also about the field day on Thanksgiving

day. Wrote a lot was kept busy until five. 30. Flora at a party at Mrs. ~~Andersons~~ Allens Fort Rouge. Wrote a little our lights went out in dining room Mrs. Macdonells room, bathroom, my study.

Winnipeg.  
Wednesday 19

Up at 7.00 Max. 38°. Min, 22°. The coldest day since winter. Busy all morning. Constantine called to see me. Is sorry McIlree has left as he is the soul of honour. Mr de Courcey O'Grady came to see me about the uniform of the 90<sup>th</sup> They would like khaki I said I would find out for him if there was any chance of a change.

Thursday 20

Up at 7.30 Max 44.° Min. 28°.

Busy in office all day. John (Major) Clarke called to see me. I got Sergt Spring to measure him for uniform. He is a good nice chap John a very good fellow. Says his wife is much better after her operation, is getting stout for the first time. We all went Mays, Minnie, Torla, Gerty, and Harwood to the Nelsons memorial meeting in the drill Hall. Mr Osborne delivered the oration. Rev Hall handed the shields of copper of the Victory, Nelsons flagship, to Sir Daniel MacMillan, Lieut Governor, of Manitoba who presented them to the representatives of educational institutions for competition on patriotic subjects. Rev. Mr Hall alluded to me in a complimentary and rather fulsome manner. I felt very uncomfortable, I hate such things and have no desire for them, particularly when they go beyond my deserts. Sandow. Cold still hangs on

Winnipeg.  
Friday 21

Up at 7.35 max. 50° min. 30° cool morning Busy all day. Letter from Lake re my brevet filled with bosh I have written to state why I should be considered and another that states that he need not mind about it.

Saturday 22

Up at 7.00 Max. 46° Min 32° Fine

Busy all day Wired Gen Sir Percy Lake not to press the matter of brevet to which I am entitled. I wrote also to same effect I was busy all morning. Got a letter from General Godly(?) about his trip to New Zealand, and with it a letter of introduction from Sir Robert Baden-Powell asking me to take care of him, Godley served in the S.A.C.

Winnipeg  
Sunday 23

Up at 8.00 max 48°. Min, 38° Busy writing Was a couple of hours at Dr Pennefathers or perhaps only an hour and a half. A young Mr Jones and the Genest girls came to see our youngsters very nice quiet girls.

Monday 24

Up at 7.00 Max. 50. min 30°. Gwynne came to-day from Ottawa where has been chief instructor of the school of musketry this course He speaks highly of Sergt Major Instructor Sparks and Squadron Sergeant Major Mitchell. Busy all day at a large mail.

Tuesday 25

Up at 7.00 Max 50°. Min. 28° Busy until 4.30 at my office. Gwynne here settled up the matter of the ammunition. He is pleased with Lyndon who is tactful and capable. W.H.P. Jarvis called to see us and several others. Poor Mays needs cheering up. She has a hard time of it making ends meet. Gwynne gave me a book on cavalry. Gwynne took the girls and Vera Peel to the tea room. All pleased.

Wednesday 26

Up at 6.30 Max 45° min. 28° Saw Col Gwynne off. at 7.10 Busy all forenoon at routine in the office. Captain Grey came, is much cut up on account of being refused as an assistant to Capt. Kitchen. Wrote until 11 then Sandow. Gwynne left at 7.15 am for Grenfell. To sleep at 1.30

Winnipeg

~~Wednesday~~

Thursday 27

Up at 7.35 Max - 34° min 24°. Busy all day. Capt Charles of Abergavenny called re ex Lieut. Williams land warrant. I asked him to come to lunch tomorrow. My cold hangs on a lot. so does Mays' Met C.L. Shaw at 8.15 in the library Sandow

Friday 28

Up at 7. AM. Max. 30° Min, 22°.

Gen Godley ~~was~~ is to dine at Govt House tomorrow Mays and I are asked but cannot go. Tried to get Capt Thompson so as to tell him about it but could not. Very busy in the office until late. Sandow.

Winnipeg,

Saturday 29

Up at 7.30. Max. 60° in Sun. Max in shade 36 Min. 24° Busy. Gen Godley rang me up on phone and asked if he could see the barracks. I offered to take him and we also wished to go around the city with him. He had a letter to me and had written but Fred, Gauthier grabbed him, as he does anyone of note. We are therefore without the satisfaction of doing anything for him and Mrs Gauthier

They are to dine at Govt. House go to tea somewhere and we shall not see them after I show him the barracks.

Sandow. Donnelly called.

Sunday 30

Sunday. Up at 7.30. Max 42. Min. 22°-

Went with Sir Daniel McMillan to see the veterans We attended church service for them and had a sermon from the reverend John McDougall who made a strong plea for the work of the Almighty God. After the Service I was introduced to Kaid or general Belton of Morocco who is a guest of the veterans. The band of the 70<sup>th</sup> led the return of the procession I had forgotten to take change with me for a collection as I was not aware of any but Sir Daniel with his customary goodness passed me a five dollar bill for the purpose. What a thoroughly good decent man he is. what a perfect gentleman. I wrote twelve pages of foolscap after supper and had Sandow.

Winnipeg

Monday 31

Up at 6.30 AM. Max. 36° min. 20°

The marching and firing competition came off at 9 o'clock. Many of the teams late. All ~~the~~ of them were off at last and looked well. The Strathconas won, and besides were first on ~~trade~~ parade. Weather fine and favourable. Mills got me a cup of coffee. Sandow. Went to veterans smoker, had to speak Prof Osborne spoke knew more of greek history than of military history,

#### November

##### Tuesday 1

Up at 7.30 Max 30° Min. 23° Miserable windy day McIlree rung up the house, came to office afternoon rapped once and then left. I sent someone out when I heard the knock but no one was there. Rung him up at Mrs Morris' and got him but too late to see him. Told him that I had written to tell him that Mr Cameron would take three of the heads he wrote about. I asked him to see if he knew of a polar bear skin or head. Baldwin rang me up on his way to Toronto. Said he was leaving by that train would be back soon and call. Very busy with official.

##### Wednesday 2

Up at 7.30 vMax. 28° min 20° vMiserable raw day vBusy at official work all day. Wrote out my cheques in the afternoon. Wrote Gwynne about the state of the camp in reply to his complaint. He feels hurt that his officers should have done so badly when he had to go away and see to Miss Evelyns(?) operation. It is too bad fortunately it will not go any further. Sandow,

##### Thursday 3

Up at 7.30. Busy all day in office and wrote some at night Sandow as usual.

##### Winnipeg

##### Friday 4

Up at 7.30. Max. 30° min 18°- Busy until one Went to the Canadian club luncheon and at it Mr J.A M Aikens proposed a message of congratulations to Gen Louis Botha on the confederation of the Transvaal and other South African Colonies. I was asked by Aiken to second it which I had much pleasure in doing,

Professor Robertson addressed the club in most interesting manner on Conservation of natural utilities. He was well received. Brandon Asylum burned to the ground. No loss of life.

Donnelly will feel bad. A very difficult matter now to house the inmates of the late asylum. Sandow.

##### Saturday 5

Up at 7.45 Max 20° Min. 6° Coldest day and night since last Winter. Spoke at the ladies club Alexandra hotel. A large and attentive audience of splendid women. A great pleasure to me but time limit is too short altogether. No one on such a theme as "Reminiscences of a pioneer" can do it justice unless he speaks several times. Wrote a lot. Sandow a lot,

##### Winnipeg.

##### Sunday 6

Up at 8.00 max. 34°. Min 10° Did not go to church too busy. Wrote all day. Mays and (?) took supper at the J.B Mitchells. Home at 10.30. PM. Very pleasant evening. Talk on a variety of subjects. Did not sleep well. Got up and did a lot of Sandow which did me good.

##### Monday 7

Up at 7.30 Max. 32° Min. 18° Busy all day Was informed that the Staff are horrified at the behaviour of Major Macdonell. No doubt they are if they have even the instincts of a soldier in each one of them. Mr Vibart came to see Mays and Mrs at bridge. They coaxed me to join. I went after a lot of persuasion as I am very busy at memoirs. Sandow as usual

Winnipeg

Tuesday 8

Up at 7.30 Maximum 36° min 20°-

Busy all day. Wrote a great deal. Retired at 12.00 midnight. Sandow as usual.

Wednesday 9

Up at 7.45 Max 24° Min 10° Busy in office until one. Wrote in my quarters afternoon as it is a half holiday and Ketchen has nothing for me Gave orders about a great many things.

Winnipeg

Thursday 10

Up at 7.30. Max. 20° Min 14°

Busy all day until dinner time, 7.00 Then went to the concert with the family. Mays, Torla. Gertie Harwood and ~~others~~ enjoyed it. It was Boy Scout concert and very good. Got home at 11.30- In much misery owing to the expenses. Dull dark day.

Friday 11

Up at 7.15 Max. 24° Min 18° Dull dark day. Busy all day. Circular letter indicating that there is a new broom at Ottawa. The letter should never have been written. It is little short of an insult and whether the work of an officer of the permanent force or of a British army officer he should be fired for he does not know his work and is little better than an idiot unfit to Command men. Went to the Concert of the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders. It was poorly attended, very poorly. The troops should have patronized it a great deal better.

Winnipeg.

Saturday 12

Up at 7.45 Min - 18° Max 34° Busy all day long working out a lot of my diary of years ago. Went to the McPhillips to play bridge with Mays. Present Mrs Smith my partner, Mrs O.Loane, Mrs Donnelly who came with us to and fro, Mr McPhillips and two sons. A pleasant evening, Mrs McPhillips and Miss McPhillips very kind and ladylike. Sandow a little.

Sunday 13

Up at 6.45 Max. 30. min 17° Worked all day. Young Mair called to see us. Sandow night and morning.

Winnipeg

Monday 14

Up at 7.00 Max 26. Min 18°. Mays bought \_\_\_ stuff at Eatons and sends it off tomorrow at least Eatons do. Busy all day. Capt Gray called and asked me about his billet as staff officer to assist Captain Ketchen. I told him that the adjutant Gen- would not allow it. He showed me Senator Watsons letter from the Minister, who refused to let Gray go Sandow before going to bed. Wrote a good deal

Tuesday 15

Up at 6.45 Max. 20°. Min 16° Busy all day Wrote a good deal. Long letter from Gwynne. Capt Locke called. Gave him letter to Duncan. G. BC. \_\_\_\_ to manual drill for physical purposes. Sandow

Winnipeg.

Wednesday 16

Up at 7.30. Max. 26°. Min. 18° Busy all day. Rev Mr MacIntosh called about the desire of Whitewater people to raise a squadron. I told him all I could and asked him to come tomorrow morning for papers. Was writing when Mr. Burgess called introduced by Captain Mair. Commodore of the Allan line. He spent the evening and I asked him to come, [*smudged out*: Sandow a lot]

Thursday 17

Up at 7.30 Max 20° Min 22° deg. Busy all day. Wrote in afternoon a good deal Willie Jarvis called at 8.30 and spent the evening. Sandow

Winnipeg

Friday 18

Up at 7.30. Max. 25. Min 20° Busy all day. Went to tea with Jarvis' and Mrs. Homer at Eatons which was pleasant. Mays did not go because they did not call on her, quite right too. She asked the Jarvis' before but they seem to have forgotten it Sandow a lot.

Saturday 19

Up at 7.30 Busy. Max 26. Min 22° Lunched with Mr. J A M Aikin s Dined at the club dinner (at M. Club) by Lt Col Cameron (Highlander Self Col. Ruttan, Major Macdonell Capts Ketchen and Bell were the guests not belonging to the 79<sup>th</sup> A very pleasant evening was spent.

Winnipeg

Sunday 20

Up at 7.30 Max 25° Min 18° Dark day. Wrote all day and did not quit until night had crawled into eleven o'clock Sandow a lot always sleep better for it. Miss Pennefather called to see Minnie Children very happy and jolly as usual. Harold Henson called to see the(?) youngsters, A nice lad.

Monday 21

Up at 7.30 Max 30.° Min 16° Young Burgess called. Flora not well must get a tonic poor dear she has overdone it by study. Lt. Col. Rattray called to see me. Had a pleasant chat. Did not write at night,

Winnipeg,

Tuesday 22

Up at 7.45 Max. 32° Min 20. Chinook during forenoon which caused a thaw. Wrote a lot. Duncan Campbell to advise him to see D.O.C. The ladies, Vibart and Mrs Thomasson Mrs. Shaw.

Wednesday 23

Up at 7.30 A.M. Max. 30°. Min. 12° Busy all day Interviewed Dr. Montague re Boy Scouts and Mr De Courcy O'Grady called re the 90<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ and the Hon Lt Colonelcy of the Corps. Wrote all afternoon. Captain Farrar called to see me and had a pleasant chat. He is English a brother of Sir George Farrar of Johannesburg, S.A. and has been two months in the west motoring to Athabasca landing then to Prince Rupert, from that to every Norwegian Fjord. He says the coast is defenceless against Japan Sandow

Winnipeg,  
Thursday 24

Up at 7.30 Max. 24° Min 14° Busy all day Colonel Hosmer called to see me. Talked about the wagons for the camps. Said that if A.S.C did the work they would not need them. I quite believe that it would be all right in camp but not on the way home entraining and detraining Sandow a lot.

Friday 25

Up at 7.45 breakfast 8.30 Max. 22° Min 16°. Busy all day. Spent evening at the Ptolemys Home at 11. P.M. Fine weather. Archy Macdonald prophecies a mild winter. Got a telegram to go to the meeting at Ottawa of the Lord Strathcona trust. Sandow, leg exercise.

Winnipeg  
Saturday 26

Up at 7.30 Max. 26 Min 14° Busy all day arranged to ask Colonel Hosmer to go on the committee of the Strathcona Trust. Major Carstairs called. Sandow.

Sunday 27

Up at 8.00 Max. 24° min 4° Did not go to church. Carstairs dined and supped with us. I wrote a little, but interrupted. Coldest day to date.

Winnipeg  
Monday 28

Up at 7.20 Max. 10° Min. 8° below zero last night. 8° below- Busy. Severe reprimand for Macdonell for his conduct towards me and his brother officers pretty hard lines but brought upon himself by his infernal temper, conceit and natural disloyalty to all senior officers. Sandow a lot

Tuesday 29

Up at 7.30 Max. 6.° Min. 4° Min at 8.30 AM 0° Mays and I could not go to Colonel Thompson ball on account of the death of poor Will Henderson. I wrote to Jim and Elmes in condolence. Very busy all day. Declined the ball by phone and in writing. Declined St Andrews dinner. Thanked the T. Eaton Athletic club for courtesy in giving us the use of the rink on the same day as themselves. Thanked the Horse Show Directorate through Mr. Graham for two tickets. Wrote Mr Aikins re the Lord Strathcona trust to the effect that to get Manitoba in was in his hands. A lot of work up to date and must clear all off before I go to Ottawa. Asked Col Thomson to be a Military member of the Committee for the Lord Strathconas trust. He consented. Sandow

Winnipeg  
Wednesday 30

Up at 7.30 Max. 6° Min 6° below



The Highland regt ball a great success on the 29<sup>th</sup> Ketchen was there and told me all about it  
Could not be done better by the whole of the old regt. than by the new

## December

### Thursday 1

Up at 7.30. Max 14.° Min. ~~14~~° – Min at 4 below zero. Busy all forenoon bothered by a very persistant(sic) man re whos who in the west. Must get a lot of work through the [sic] wrote a good deal and settled some accounts. Sandow a lot. Harwood much worried

### Winnipeg

### Friday 2

Up at 7.30 Min. ~~14~~ [caret: 12°] Max 20.° Sandow at 5.30. AM. Shaved at 5.15 lay down until 7.30 above zero last night and day. Busy getting ready for Ottawa. Sandow in the morning.

### Saturday 3

Up at 7.30. Max. [blank] Min. [blank]  
Got ready to go to Ottawa tomorrow, to the meeting of the Strathcona Trust. Sat up late.

### On Train to Ottawa.

### Sunday 4

Up at 5.30. Left Winnipeg for Ottawa by the morning train C aptain. [blank] of the Strathcona Squadron of the Canadian (Alberta) Mounted Rifles on board with his mother en route to Princeton U.S both Scotch and very pleasant. Several Maple Creek people were on board. One of them Walter Robinson a young Englishman going home for the holidays a Mr Barsons of New Brunswick also. Major Wayland met me at the station, Ft William and had a talk with me. Sat up all day reading. Mrs Paré from High River, an old friend of Mays, very jolly. not well up in English and accompanied by a young Frenchman from Old France was with her. I had a long chat with both. The rest of the people were Yankees.

### Monday 5

Up at 5.30 loafed and talked all day with the young Captain. Arrived at Sudbury at dark. On train.

Max at Winnipeg 10° Min 2° below zero.

### Montreal,

### Tuesday 6

Passed through Ottawa at 5.20 AM for here Decided to stay a day or two and return in time for the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> so as to see the folks It is no use lounging about Ottawa doing nothing. Went to the Windsor and rung up Marie and Frank both replied. Frank and Antoine called at once to see me at room 213 and I went with them to 108 Sherbrooke St west where I met Mrs Harwood, Mrs Antoine (Tilsey) and went to lunch at Marie with Antoine and after that saw 'Gus' at the hospital, Notre Dame. Street cars crowded a bad service. "Pay as you enter" Gus looks well after his three operations for hernia, then back to Marie to supper. Frank and wife called to see me afterwards. The wife fine looking woman. Tall and handsome but somewhat different from others. Wrote up diary at the hotel. The children two little girls three boys one a baby one very nice Roddy quite a plucky chap, the girls pretty.

Max at Winnipeg. 9° above min. 20° below 0.

Wednesday 7

Up at 7.15 A.M. "Phoned" Richard Hubert Went to Gerties and had a chat with her and the family. She is not very well – stomach – so is Gertrude her eldest. Went to 162 Hutchison to lunch with Mrs. Marie Harwood, then called and said goodbye to Mrs. R.W Harwood Mrs Antoine, Frank and Antoine, then with Marie called on Gus again and had a good long chat. Richard came for me and took me home for supper with the family at Westmount. Had a pleasant evening there – Returned to the Windsor at 11.30 George Taylor there and others. Took George up to my room and he stayed until 2.30 I retired at 3.00 AM. He talked about my book and suggested a good deal and he said a Toronto firm would do it publisher said at 75. per cent for us. or me. I have my doubts about the success of a drawing room book.

Max. 2° above. min 12° below 0

Ottawa. Ont

Thursday 8

Up at 6.15. Left for Ottawa by C.P.R. at 8.35 got there at 11.45 and put up at the Russell, vw Steele had one ordered

Went to Mil. Hd. Qrs at once. No one there a French holiday. Supper with Vivian and Pope.

Max. 4° above. Min 10. below. 0.

Friday 9

Up at 6. AM. went to Head Qrs to meeting of Lord S. Trust. Met the Minister there The two Ontario members, Lt Colonel Matheson, and Lieut Col Hendric took the lead and were seconded by the Nova Scotians. General Drury- one of them and a professor. Not impressed by them particularly Drury. A bit of a snob. Sir F.W Borden in the chair. He did well. It was decided that the books be printed for circulation in the schools with the rules and drill exercises before much is done. Manitoba and Alberta the only provinces at present out of the list of those willing to come in, but hopes that more will soon come in.

Called on A.G. Q.M.G. Biggar, spoke to QMG about getting an army service corps officer and to Biggar the latter promised one. Spoke about the rifle range and handing over the officers qrs to be used (the O.C Qrs) at Fort Osborne ~~to be~~ for the officers taking courses there. Dined with Gen. and Mrs Macdonald, a nice time until 11.00. Pleasant chat.

Max. 2° above, min 3. below 0

Ottawa,

Saturday 10

Up at 6.15. Called on the A.G. and he told me that the new title of S.Horse suggested by me viz Lord Strathconas Horse had been approved but that Lord Strathconas consent must be got before it could be in orders althou' the Minister in Council had passed it unanimously The King has to give his consent too. It may be six months before it is in orders. Had talk about Macdonell, the A.G. introducing the question. He said that Major General Lake was to blame for putting him in the force and for merely reprimanding him and stating that there had been tale bearing, and the innuendo against the officers as well as myself, but that the new Chief of the Staff had reopened it on receiving my letter and had given the orders finally issued which are to the effect that Macdonell has been entirely in the wrong himself Talked over the new rifle and many other things. A.G. informed me that I am to have in April 110 men to each squadron that both are to be at Fort Osborne Barracks most of the time, and that squadrons will be changd around the country. Max 24 above. Min 10 above Spoke to QMG about barracks early supply of clothing

for units, also re the allowances and promotion etc. 25.00 per month for rent. Need carpenter saddle and tent maker

M.G. of Ordnance spoken to re barracks armouries. Agrees to putting good brick bags(?) in good sized towns, amongst them Prince Albert. Left card on Minister. He was not at home.

~~Sunday~~. Dined with Thacker at club. Nice time but bored by an old C.S. Called on Gen Mackenzie Satisfactory

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

Supped with ~~Vivian and Pope(?)~~. Nice

the Woodsides. Nice time. home at 11.PM

Max. 25°. above. min 11.

Monday

Monday 12

Up early. I called on General Mackenzie on Saturday. Nice man. He is chief of Staff and chief military advisor to the Minister. The interview was very satisfactory. Met Helmer after that and had a chat about the schools of musketry to be established in the west. I said I would give him full particulars has the same ideas as I re the rifle and its uses by cavalry of military and rewarding them. Saw Lt Colonel Thacker. Had a long chat, very satisfactory. All believe in getting the recruits from England to fill up permanent cavalry with first class tried soldiers. A.G. informed me that after April S.H. will have two squadrons, of 110 men each (220)

Left card again on Minister but he was out

Evelyn Steele called.

Called on Gen Otter to-day. A pleasant chat he wants inspection reports at an early date called on GOC Benson, Eastern Ont Command. Had a pleasant chat. and I also met Col Chimley(?).

Max. Wpg 3° above. min 14

Tuesday 13

Up early. Called on Director of ~~supplies~~ medical services, Col Jones. Nice chat on matters re ambulance. He will do what he can. I had to rush for train. Sam Hughes on board, with two ladies for Preston Co. Waterloo. Sam gave us lunch after we had changed at Smiths Falls on the Rideau R. Sam left us at Peterboro to preside over Sir Fred Villiers' lecture. I had a long chat with the ladies. Arrived at Toronto at 7.30 went to James Hendersons by invitation had high tea with him. After tea had a long chat. To bed at 10.30 Slept well, very comfortable room.

Max. 15° Min 4° below.

Wednesday 14

Up at 6 A.M. Wrote up diary. Called on Jim Clark had lunch with him and a long talk. Lunched at McConkeys(?). Dined at James Hendersons. Elmes, Freda, Millicent and ~~Freda~~ her husband Mr Green there, a pleasant evening.

Max. 24° above. Min, 14. Above.

Orillia, Ont,

Thursday 15

Up early. Left by motor. Elmes had stayed all night. Left him at home then called on Col. Williams and the rest of the officers at Stanley barracks. Lt Colonel Williams took me around the stables. Had long chat. Horses (at stables damp. Williams spoke of Macdonell, said he

knew all his ways and that he had maligned him, had worked against Herchmer, and was more or less mad

I drove to station Jim Henderson saw me off. Percy was with him. Left for Orillia, got there at 4.30 much snow all the way. went to Aunty Millahs(?) had dinner. Johnston Grace and Aunty there. Esther came. Went to the Manse and stayed, Grace and Esther with us. We had a nice chat at Aunty Millahs before going. Saw Alex Haure, who had been shot in the arm when out hunting. He was very glad to see me and is cheerful. He was shot by the guide with a soft nosed bullet, accidently of course when after deer. Arm much lacerated Had a chat downstairs with Jane. Then to the Manse, Donald McGregor is away.  
Max 30, Min 10. above,

Orillia. Ont  
Friday 16

Up early. breakfast in library. Called on the Millers. Aunty at home. Had a walk with Grace saw about a sleeping car berth to Winnipeg. Called on the Halls of 'the Packet' Dined at Aunty Millahs at noon. Tea at the Manse, then the choir concert. Home at 10.30 Sat up until 11. P.M.  
Max. 12°. Min 4°. above. 0.

North Bay. Ont,  
Saturday 17

Up at 7. AM. Called on Dr. Gray had a long chat. Called on Dr Gilchrist Alex Haures(?) in P.M. Dined at the Millers at noon Left for here by train, arrived at 10.00 Town quarantined with small pox. Took train for Winnipeg. Upper berth. Dr. Cash, MP. Dr Clark MP. and Senator Chevrier, Mr Haggart MP. Mike Carlin, on board. Nice fellows.  
Max. 21. Min 12. above.

On train west to Wpg.  
Sunday 18

Up early, read. Lisbeth of the dale a story by Esther Miller. Had pleasant chats with the passengers mentioned. Senator Chevrier and I dined and had other meals together. Long chats, Senator down on priests and bishop Langevin, of St Boniface. C.E. who knows me came on board at Port Arthur, met other people  
Max. 30. above. min 20° above. 0.

Winnipeg  
Monday 19

Up early. Arrived here at 10.30 Ketchen met me with motor, took me home. All glad to see me. Went to my room bathed. Had great talk at lunch with Marcella. Angus de Bellefeuille called on me as well as on the rest. Wrote up diary, finished it after dinner. All pleased with the ball at the barracks. Strike on street cars on. Wrote James Henderson, Esther, Aunty Miller. Cass Moon. Hugh Clark. Captain Conger called on me prior to leaving for Ottawa Ont for Christmas.  
Max. ~~20~~ 23° above Min 9° above 0

Winnipeg  
Tuesday 20

Up at 7.00 Max. 22° <sup>A</sup>. Min 6.<sup>A</sup>. Busy all day writing. Took no lunch, too busy. Wrote a lot of letters. Bought fowls. Jims letter shewed fifty three pounds. price 15. got them here at 14. It does not pay to send them east from Beaver Lake, eggs were bad too.

Went to bed at 11.30 Wrote letters until then

Wednesday 21

Up at 7.30. Max. 32° Min. 22° above.

Busy all forenoon. Wrote in P.M. and spent evening at the Donnellys. D. promised to give me all points necessary for the portion of my book dealing with South Africa. Fine mild day, wind south west.

Winnipeg

Thursday 22

Up at 6.30 Max. 32<sup>A</sup> Min. 6° below zero Busy all day. Street car strike still on. Busy at confidential reports on officers of P. Force. Much worried. Mrs Harwood sent word and Mr Moore through Mr. S. Aikens took Torla Harwood and myself to meet her at the station She looks well. Mays much disappointed at not seeing her mother. Great change in the weather since yesterday. The street cars strike hampers one much. A busy time of the year.

Friday 23

Up at 6.30 Max. 2° below zero. Min 20° below zero. Busy all day at confidential reports and other correspondence.

Winnipeg

Saturday 24

Up at 7.30 Max 6° above zero. Min 22° below. Captains Ketchen & Homer-Dixon at their C. examination. Pretty cold work sketching at 22° below zero. Major Cary along with the officers. Major Macdonald the other member present I am the president of the board They finish up their work at Dixons Major Carey present. Sandow.

Sunday 25

Up at 8. AM. Max. 16° above Min 0° (zero) busy writing all day. Nothing of importance The Donnellys came to spend the evening with the family. Flora and Harwood gave us great entertainment. Did not go to church. Do not feel like going I am not rich enough. Have to help others  
Sandow

Winnipeg

Monday 26

Up at 7.30 Max. 30° above, Min. 0. (zero) Busy all day. Visited the ~~officers~~ quarters and mens dinners. Invited the ladies to come as it was reported that the late DOC had done so. I find that his wife went but no others. The rooms were beautifully decorated and the men looked happy. Wrote Thomson about my book asking him to arrange a loan for the purpose of publishing it. Wrote until 10.30 then Sandow, and a cold bath. This is a legal holiday

Tuesday 27

Up at 7.30 Max. 8° above. Min. 2° above. Busy without intermission from ten to six and from 8. to 11.30 went to bed at 12. Sandow. Cpts Ketchen, and Dixon passed well for major. Self Pres. of board Majors Macdonell and Carey members The candidates deserve credit as their field work was done at 25 below zero! They are anxious to pass as soon as possible or I would

not have put them on the exam in "C" under such unfavourable conditions. Busy at inspection and confidential reports

Winnipeg.  
Wednesday 28

Up at 6.45 Max. 8° above. Min 10° below At office 10 to. 6.15 Vibart here in evening Did not write. Sandow.

Thursday 29

Min. 30<sup>below</sup> Max 10<sup>below</sup> Busy all day in office until. six thirty P.M Sandow Wrote all evening until Young Reiffenstein called.

Winnipeg.  
Friday 30

Up at 6.30 Max. 2 above min 20 below. Colonel Biggar with us. The evening at the Aikens. Everything made clear to the ~~Aikens~~ Colonel (Biggar) yesterday. Met at the Aikens, the Ashdowns, the Whytes, the Robsons, the Roblins. The host and hostess charming.

Saturday 31

Up at 7.30. Max. 2°<sup>A</sup> Min. 22° below. Colonel Biggar with us again. He decided not to go out to see the ground of the old rifle range. Will go Tuesday next. Cameron D.C rang e me up and asked to lunch. I went and found Biggar Cols Ruttan, Thomson, Major Bell, Captain O'Grady who is to command the 90<sup>th</sup> later on, Captain Dixon. A pleasant lunch with lots of discussion about the drill halls All spoke to that. Happyland is the favourite if large enough. I stated that this matter had been represented and that all possible would most likely be done. Colonel Biggar virtually promised the drill hall to the city saying that the money obtained for the barracks at Fort Osborne would be spent on drill halls etc in the city. I spoke strongly and said that I had met with encouragement at Ottawa and that it was better that no deputation would go down to Ottawa that Colonel Biggar would do.

Sunday. Winnipeg 1<sup>st</sup>. Jan

#### **Memoranda**

Up at 8. AM. Max. 26°(?) below. min 28° below. Wrote all day. Rung up friends and wished them a happy New Year. Wrote a little Mays and I supped at the Bells. Frank Webb and wife there.

Monday. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jan. 1911

Up at 7.30 Max 24° below. Min 32 below.  
Reception at Govt House of all the Military and at the mess. A fine lot of officers turned out to attend it. Very cold wind.

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