

Steele Diary 1898 2008.1 Box 7, Folder 66

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Saturday 1

New Years Day. Very quiet. Service in RC Church. General holiday. Nothing doing yet.

Sunday Nothing doing.

Monday 3

Busy all day. Board consisting of Davidson and Jarvis taking stock. Then men ordered to Yukon, Jarvis, Corporal Wilson, Constable Wilson.

Tuesday 4
40° above

Ordered the SM Speer to have the Yukon mes kits inspected and see that everything would be applied for them ____ that is laid down in orders. Temp 40° above.

Wednesday 5

Weather fine. The Chinook still blowing. Temp 40° above. ____ Welch men came in and complained of bad accommodation on the construction. I wrote ____ of construction + told the Welch at 7:00 PM(?) the ____ of Mr Turnbull.

Macleod
Thursday 6

The Welch men came but are not satisfied with the arrangement made by the manager of construction. I have wired the commissioner of immigration to the effect that they are all ____ dissatisfied and ask what to do for them.

Friday 7

Weather fine busy all day

Saturday 8

Busy all day. Sent ____ (Sgt) to Pincher Creek to put up some ____ there and to get reply to some letters. Told the Welchmen what to do and asked them to come back and see me about the employment they might get at Canmore and Golden.

Macleod

Monday 10

Monday. The Welchmen came at 10:00. There were sworn in as specials to work around barracks. They are apparently good men and well sent(?). McHugh(?) came about last wagons. I said I would see about it.

Tuesday 11

Weather fine. Cold west wind blowing all day and night. Worked hard. Wired Commr re ponies(?) for Yukon and Jack Allens application for packing to that part of the country.

Wednesday 12

Telegram from the Commr to send Allen to the Asst Surgeon(?).

Macleod (Lethbridge)

Thursday 13

Weather fine. Nothing going but work. Went to Lethbridge and stayed all night. Beautiful drive got there by 3:00. Three and a half hours from here.

Macleod

Friday 14

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on. A Chinook very cold. Drove up from Lethbridge in four hours and arrived at 7:00.

Macleod

Saturday 15

Weather fine. A Chinook wind blowing all day. Large correspondence. A report of a murder in BC on the Ry construction line. I wired to the Gold Commissioner Mr Armstrong who rep is at Ft Steele. I asserted(?) when I saw the report in the papers that the thing was an exaggeration.

Macleod

Monday 17

Chinook wind. Tried Sergt Genereaux(?) for being too slow in carrying out an order of inspection. Jarvis "reprimanded." Dealt with several others and administered some severe rebukes to several of them. Fined Grogham(?). Horses (pack) for Calgary to-day if there is a train. Wired to officer ____ to have the ____ dollars ready(?).

Tuesday 18

Weather windy. A cold Chinook wind very strong dust flying all over the place. Mrs Pearce came in. Cons Ainsworth(?) drunk and confined. Johnath Jones with him at Pincher Creek and both

came back through the town of Macleod.

Wednesday 19

Mr Pearce to Lethbridge to-day. Tried a couple of (men) fined 1.00 each. Calm day. Fine etc. Busy all day, very windy in the afternoon. Orders to see about transport for the Commissioners to ____ into labour troubles. Const Ryan back from Calgary. Complains that the horses sent up were not treated properly.

Macleod
Thursday 20

Weather very fine. Busy all morning. Saw Mackenzie at 10 AM. Gave orders in writing re the transport of Labour Commissioners to BC. Wrote Cuthbert, Sanders, on the subject. ____ done in the No 4 barrack room. No snow.

Friday 21

Weather fine. Chinook no snow. Mr Pearce back from Lethbridge, last night. Nearly a fire last night. Court Judge upset stove in A barracks. Jarvis saw it in there (last night). Judge drinking(?) ____ of guard did not see ____ out in No 4 after practice dance(?). Commissioner of ____ will not be here to-day. Escort for P.M. next week.

Saturday 22

Weather fine. Busy all day in the office. Large mail, answered all. Capt Windmill(?) and the Royal Labor Commissioner came Judge Dugas, Mr Pealey and Mr Appleton. I put them all at the officers mess for their stay here. Sent a team with Windmill to Lethbridge. Mr Jarvis was off to meet the Commissioners.

Macleod
Monday 24
Sunday

Weather stormy. NS wind and snow. Called on the Labor commr at 8:30.

Monday

Wrote Sanders re role in Kootenai as his visit there. Men in from CPRailway asking for a pass down east which had been refused them. I asked why the [sic] wanted to go east. They said it was because they were not properly treated. I referred them to the Labor Commissioner.

Tuesday 25

Weather sharp but fine. Judge Dugas and party to Peigan reserve at 10:30 AM. The Laborers did not turn up at 10:00 so the Judge could not wait longer. The Macdonald(?) had a ball tonight reported a great success and very much crowded. No programmes issued at it. Judge Dugas and guard did not all go. Appleton went.

Wednesday 26

Weather fine. ____ Reported that Insp Wilson has made false reports to the commissioner with regard to the ponies I sent up ~~north~~ Calgary one the 17th in charge of Constable Ryan. I ____ posting this to the ____ and it is ____ that officers such as he are ____ to ____ in the _____. He also stated that he had reported me for not attending to requests(?).

Thursday 27
Macleod

Weather fine. Asst. Commr. and Capt Macdonell arrived at 2PM. Busy all day at routine work. Jarvis under orders for the Yukon by telegram of the Commissioner. Insp Wilson has reported the ponies as not being good. I have written sharply ____ him for having stated that the ponies were not fit.

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S B Steele N W Police
Thursday 24 March