

Steele Diary 1889

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**Front End Paper**

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**January**

Tuesday 1 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Nothing of importance. Very quiet day. No disorderly conduct or anything of that sort.

I was Called Messrs Hilton and Cowdray. Dined at the mess. Plentiful but rough(?) dances(?). Martin away on pass.

Wednesday 2 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on this day. Two men up for abuse each fined two dollars.

Two up on charge of talking the first while on sentry and the latter of talking to him. Gave each an extra guard for the same.

Thursday 3 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on Mail came in at 330 Sent all my correspondence to the post. Kept up well with the times. Wrote out my accounts and had all in good shape. ordered team for tomorrow to go to Lethbridge.

Friday 4 (x'ed out Macleod N.W.Ty) Lethbridge

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on. (x'ed out but)

Came down here from Macleod with Macdonnell and several others.  
arrived at 530 time 3 ¾ hrs. from Macleod

Called at \_\_\_\_ \_ (x'ed out Mark?) \_\_\_\_ \_ etc.

Saturday 5 Macleod

Birthday. Got Photo taken, in five different ways. Left Lethbridge at 240 p.m. after having mailed P.O.O. to many people and made some purchases.

Sunday 6 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Church parade as usual. \_\_\_\_ Good to see about the cause for the small parade and of the Church was informed by him that a number of men were excused from parade. Weather fine in the afternoon. Did nothing but \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ \_ with headquarters. inspected barracks as usual

Monday 7 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine Nothing of importance. Reprimanded NCO \_\_\_\_ for having their breeches and tacks dirty yesterday morning

Attended to a lot of correspondence which I had for last year

Visited Campbell and found him much better.

\_\_\_\_ \_ at \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_ \_ team to take his \_\_\_\_G\_\_\_\_ things to Lethbridge. also \_\_\_\_ the

Tuesday 8 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine Nothing of importance going on.

Visited the herd. Attended to lots of routine business Mail arrived at 400 p.m. Sorted at 530 Letters not very plentiful, but one very pleasant one from a dear friend. Wrote several letters to friends and on business. Looks like snow. Telegram from Deane asking for the arrest of a girl

named McNally(?) which was done. Constable am(?) to take her to Lethbridge.

Wednesday 9 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Nothing of importance going on.

The Commissioner arrived at 12 midnight and put up at Neales place. I retired at 1130 p.m.

Visited all the barracks, stables, shops, Hospital etc

Thursday 10 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine Nothing of importance. The Comms. and I walked around the barracks visiting the \_\_\_recreation room, hospital, shops, stables, sheds, harness rooms etc. Officers got a talking to (X'ed out ?) in the (x'ed out quartermasters) office He went away at 300 pm

Percival driving him as far as Kipp and Deane to meet him there Mail in at 400

Friday 11 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather cold and snow falling fast. Fined Constable Hope for being drunk, charge made against him by Const Penny. Not pressed case dismissed. and Penny placed under arrest to be tried tomorrow morning.

Called upon Dr. Allen, G\_\_\_ , Col Macleod & DJ Campbell, Spent evening at AMacdonnells place. Attended to lots of correspondence.

Saturday 12 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather cold. snow six ins deep. mail in at 400 The bishop of Saskatchewan arrived at evening. brought from Kipp by use of the Police teams from this Command.

Sunday 13 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine, but very wintry. Did not attend church in the morning. Did in the evening. Mailed\_\_\_to Mays, also a letter. One letter to Katie asking

her to \_\_\_ a present for Julia and a bracelet for \_\_\_ and letters enclosed to both ladies telling them of these articles being sent to them. Called on Campbell in the afternoon. \_

Monday 14 Pincher Creek (x'ed out Macleod)

Weather fine. Macdonnell and I sat on case of theft of saddle. Summary trials act. Sentenced Indian to three months of H.L. Order team for Pincher Creek and wrote several memos.

Started for Pincher Creek at 200 p.m. and arrd at 530 took supper in the mens barracks and then went to Wilsons found that he was not at home and that he had gone to inspect the Detachments

Mrs. W kindly asked me to stay all night. A miss Myles was with her. I stayed and went to bed early at ten o'clock after several games of cards

Tuesday 15 Macleod N.W.Ty

Inspected the Detachments and horses in \_\_\_ all found everything in fair order except floors of the rooms. Lunched at Mrs Wilsons and made for home at 130. cold day, and here at 500 pm

Found lots of letters and other correspondence ready Spent evening the Macdonnells

Additional note: See File 1889-93 Jan. 26

Wednesday 16 Macleod N.W.Ty

Attended to a lot of correspondence and other business

Wrote many letters. Sent Corporal Waite to follow the horse thieves who stole the horses seized by the Customs department

Took several informations against certain men in town(?) for illicit whiskey

Thursday 17 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Usual routine, nothing of any importance going on

Friday 18 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Heard a case with Macdonnell. One Sullivan (x'ed out \_\_\_) giving liquor to Indians fined him fifty dollars & costs of the court or three mos. hard labor. Wrote Leask telling him that Sandy Macdonnell could have his case up tomorrow afternoon at 200 oclock

Dined at Macdonnells and (x'ed out \_\_\_) spent evening there

Discussed charge against Constable Addam for disob of orders.

Saturday 19 N.W.Ty

Weather cold and very stormy. Arranged for drill of Division on Monday 16 in a squad to horse per driver, Macdonnell to be tried today at 200

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## **March**

Monday 11 Pincher Creek

Up at 800 Started from Macleod for here at 200 pm and after a smart drive of 3 ½ hrs reached here and put up at Cyrs hotel Called on the bel \_\_\_ of the division and played whist until a late hour. Made arrangements to start for the South fork tomorrow morning and inspect the detachment.

Tuesday 12 Pincher Creek

Cold and stormy. Started for the South Fork to inspect the detachment, Nelson and Wroughton along with me

Lunched at Mrs Morris and was very hospitably received

Detachment all right \_\_\_inspected the horses. Came back then in the afternoon. very cold drive. distance 40 miles today and \_\_\_formed 5 hours. put up the the hotel dined at the Wilsons and played whist until 1100 heavy snow storm in full blast Inspected Pincher Creek detachment early in the morning and found all \_\_\_ no complaints.

Wednesday 13 Pincher Creek Alta

Up at 800 Attempted to leave for Macleod but after a\_\_ of about a mile found the horse riding \_\_ it was impossible to proceed so turned back and stayed all day in hotel. played whist at the Nelsons at night and turned in(?) at 1230

Thursday 14 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather cold and stormy in the early morning but cleared up towards noon. Started for here from Pincher Creek and made good time Constable Daly rode ahead to show him the trail and to bring back Inps Wilsons horse which we were obliged to later as the roan leader went lame on returning from the North Fork reached here in 4 ½ hrs lunched. signed letters for the mail. and attended to all matters regarding it. wrote several letters. The mail did not arrive today troop unable to cross at (x'ed out Lethbridge) Kipp.

Friday 15 Macleod

Weather fine. Sun bright. Mail came in at 730 pm having been delayed yesterday by the crossing at Lethbridge. Busy all day. Sent off a lot of correspondence.

Sent note to Wilson asking for receipts for my expenditures and \_\_ nights at the hotel ( Cyrs, at Pincher Creek nine dollars. Dined at Macs Wroughton called and left at 1115p.m.

Saturday 16 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine. Thawing all day. Wrote to Adams and enclosed five dollars. Wrote Dr. Bre\_(?) and asked for some more medicine. No mail today. It is to come in tomorrow morning. Spent the evening at Capt Macdonnells Busy all day at correspondence etc visited all the stables etc. telegram from P\_\_\_ asking to have our carpenter do the alterations in the stables. Dr. Jones \_\_\_ of Mont Stock Ass. asking for the brands of the horses stolen from the customs Dept. referred to Dr. Allen. Capt Neale and Wood trying some gambling cases.

Sunday 17 Macleod

Went to church morning and evening as usual wrote letters today. Spent

\_\_\_ at G Woods.

Monday 18 Macleod

Busy at all sorts of work Gambling cases Heavy \_\_\_ by T\_\_ and Wood

Tuesday 19 Macleod N.W.Ty

Went to Kipp with my four horse team. \_\_\_\_\_ Inspected the detachment all clean, arms in good order. Inspected stables, horses etc. came back after dinner Mail on trail \_\_\_ drunk and driving furiously coach full of men. Got home at 400 p.m.

Wednesday 20 Macleod

Weather very fine no snow. Busy all day in the office. visited stables and some of the shops. walked down town with Macdonnell Sent out to Pincher Creek for the rest of the men not drilled. Presented \_\_\_\_\_ Divisions to post pone lecture on Constable duties until the morning and evening of tomorrow to enable them to read up and prepare for the exam

Thursday 21 Macleod

Nothing of importance busy all day mail came in in good time

Friday 22 Macleod

Usual routine going on. busy all day

Saturday 23 Macleod

Busy all morning. usual routine. Mail in good time Everything came in all right.

Sunday 24 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather fine Nothing of importance going on. Church parade the change in arrangement made the Church of England party so large that they filled the Church. Last Sunday a number went to the Methodist Church as heretofore and then \_\_\_ up in the orderly room

Only one wanted to change his religion by the \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_.

Monday 25 Macleod NWTy

(the entry all x'ed out)

(Comr inspected kits , barracks and horses. Told off and approved of horses to be sold for being unfit for service. had some bother about employed men, But \_\_\_\_ all right. Issue of H\_\_\_\_ paraded to the Insp as to foot drill found them \_\_\_\_ fair as far as possible)

Tuesday 26 Macleod NWTy

(the entry x'ed out to last paragraph )

(Comr and Asst Comr left today at 1100 after inspecting QMs books. Busy all day with various cases. One Dunbar complaint stolen horse out of Trumans(?) stable, sent down a Constable for the horse. Another man arrested for smuggling horse on 86 \_\_\_\_ did a lot of official work)

Comr arrived today from Lethbridge with Asst Com and dined with us and lunched also.

Wednesday 27 Macleod NWTy

Weather raw. but bright. Comr inspected everything today kits, horses, cattle, \_\_\_\_\_ or room, Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ room cells etc.

Thursday 28 Macleod N.W.Ty

Weather cold and raw. Busy in the orderly room with Comr. and other \_\_\_\_ until 12 noon. when I went to my room. The Comr and Col. went off at 1100 o'clock with my four horse team to Lethbridge

Wired Deane description of man who took D\_\_\_\_ horse and sold. also said in telegram that the thief was said to have gone to Grassy Lake to work on a section. M\_\_\_\_\_ books inspected by the Asst. Comr

Friday 29 Macleod NWTy

Weather fine Nothing of importance going on. Wilsons vs (blank space)

smuggling charge withdrawn and duty paid. Gave the bugler\_\_ six days orderly\_\_\_\_for at second breakfast

Moore was the delinquent. G\_\_\_\_ and man to Peigan Reserve to search for \_\_\_\_ property \_\_\_\_

Called at the Hiltons at 730 and stayed until 915 came home everything very quiet.

Saturday 30 Macleod

Weather fine. Gen fatigue in the morning busy all forenoon and part of the afternoon in the office. Visited the bks \_\_\_\_ is busy walked around and saw how things were going on.

## **April**

Monday 8 (x'ed out Macleod) DJ Cochranes

Started from Peigan Reserve three pm The man who was told off to show us the way to D\_\_\_\_ made a mistake and led us astray He never having been there before We found ourselves at DJ Cochranes many miles out of our way miles 27 miles since one o'clock

Stayed the night

Tuesday 9 Macleod

Left DJ Cochranes at 910 AM Arrd the post at Dunbars at 1000 Left for here at 1010 and arrived at \_\_\_\_ Split Stone(?) at 1110 the Old Man river at 1210 and here at 1225 distance DJ Cockranes to Dunbars 8 miles.

Dunbars to \_\_\_\_ Split Stone(?) do. Old mans river do. and thence here 2 miles. total 27 miles yesterday and 26 today. Found the detachment at Dunbars all right Two men out on patrol and one at home Rooms clean - arms in good order

*April 10- June 7 Blank except for noted below*

## **May**

See file 1889-92 - Friday 10 , Saturday 11, Friday 31

## June

See File 1889-90 for 3, 4, 5

See File 1889-91 for 14, 15

Saturday 8 Macleod

Proceeded to Porcupine Hills with Asst Comr and inspected the detachment there. Went by \_\_\_\_\_ Fork which is deep and returned by the Reserve (Peigan

Sent off and signed all mail matter

Sunday 9 Pincher Creek

Busy at mail in the morning (x'ed sent) Lunched at one am Campbell \_\_\_\_\_ started. for here at 145 and arrived after an awfully hot drive at 600 pm. ordered some thing to eat a once Pitched camp on the banks of the Creek , \_\_\_\_\_ and to Wilsons that he (Asst Comr and I) had arrived

Monday 10 Big Bend

Left Pincher Creek at 800 and reached Kootnai at 1030 18 miles The Asst Comr inspected the detachment ( \_\_\_\_\_ x'ed ) He then dined Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ called on the Asst Comr he got his son posted at Macleod as \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Sgt. We left at 10 pm and reached here at 430 15 miles made good time. driving done well by Const Hough or Huff. Asst Comr inspected the detachment and complimented Const Conway on the state of his arms

Tuesday 11 St. Marys Det

Left Big Bend at 800 and reached Mormon Settlement at 1200 Asst Comr inspected the arms etc and found all correct. Decided that detachment cannot do any good here. Left at 300 and reached here at 430 Asst Come inspected and found all right but the kits (x'ed left) which are old and torn and one horse requiring shoeing.

Wednesday 12 Milk River

Left St. Marys at 830 and after five hours on an awfully rough trail, Country

hilly and desolate looking reached here at 130 Asst Comr inspected detachment at 500 found all right but the kits(x'ed of the )of one of them. spoke to them and ordered a change

Cold and windy at night noreast wind.

*June 13 – August 6 blank*

## **August**

Wednesday 7 Pincher Creek

Started at 130 from the barracks Macleod and reached here at 530 four horses all chestnuts one which kicked a good deal on his way up and nearly caused a run away. looked at \_\_\_\_ hay it is \_\_\_\_ very old \_\_\_\_ who looked at same \_\_\_\_ at P Creek and at the \_\_\_\_ which is the same \_\_\_\_ old in parts very dry and brittle.

Saw White-Fraser told him he could stay until next week before visiting the posts, told him about the church and to tell the parson.

Thursday 8 Big Bend

Left Pincher Creek at 700 A.M. and reached Kootenai at 930 Examined hay on the trail and very carefully too found it all of superior quality but the hot \_\_ can \_\_\_\_. Examined the stables of Kootenai and left orders in writing for Sergt Roby in charge to \_\_\_\_\_ floor with slats . make a foundation for the hay stable of piles and sprinkle brine on the hay as it is stacked.

\Left orders with White-Fraser to \_\_\_\_ the stack at P Creek and enlarge the corral. Situate the \_\_\_\_ for the fence to the East to \_\_. \_\_\_\_ fence \_\_\_\_ to build shed \_\_\_\_

Reached Big Bend found no salt for the hay. \_\_\_\_ dirty hay good. place not clean Left orders about \_\_\_\_ hay and digging \_\_\_\_ around stack

Friday 9 Macleod

Weather smoky. Up at 500A.M. the men up a little earlier. breakfasted

and left for Stand Off via Cochrane ranche. left at 620 and reached Cochranes 810 A.M. called but found him still at Macleod. moved on and reached Stand Off at 955 A.M. gave orders to bury \_\_\_ at 100 P.M. Wrote orders for Sergt Hilliard to make a foundation for the hay stack and instructed him to have salt put in the hay as it is delivered and in the form of brine. Also told Const \_\_\_ to take \_\_\_ of the same which he did. Left at 100 and reached Macleod at 315P.M. found my quarters topsy turvey owing to the carpenters working on them. \_\_\_ to the \_\_\_ had orders \_\_\_\_\_.

Saturday 10 Macleod

Weather fine. men at work in the morning. mail as usual. did a lot of correspondence.

Sunday 11 Macleod

Weather fine. Very busy most of the day wrote several letters and mailed a lot

Monday 12 Stand Off

Busy all morning. tried some cases. Const Craig \_\_\_ re\_\_\_ arrested by order of the Commissioner which came in cipher telegram. Dictated a lot of letters and signed them. Answered several telegrams Wrote another report on the trial of the Indians for assaulting the police and found nothing much \_\_\_ Ordered Wilson to takeover the store from Insp Mathews. and gave the orders that Fane was not to (x'ed out \_\_\_ \_\_\_ any longer) \_\_\_ to Lethbridge. Baldwin is to go down as soon as possible. Started for here at 300P.M. with Broughton and Mr. Hilton, got here at 530 supped and walked about \_\_\_ The Supt he says it was 32 horses which were (x'ed out \_\_\_) stolen from the Bloods by Mr. \_\_\_

Tuesday 13 Lees Creek

Left Stand Off at 600am reached St. Marys at 1000 AM MacPherson who left Stand Off an hour before us. The parson and Broughton went up with G \_\_\_ the cañon to fish Dined at 1230 inspected the arms and the saddlery at 130 \_\_\_ saddlery and arms are dirty. ordered men to parade

again. The fishing party returned at 530 and supped. I then started for Lees Creek where the whole of us camped. returned at 1000 Everything in good order.

Wednesday 14

Up at 545 as it was not necessary to be so early and to give the others a chance as they are not used to such early rising the parson especially. Kitchen required here also latrine. need the stable to be improved by chinking and roofing and a stand made for the oats and other stores. Inspected the \_\_\_ and then started for Macleod Called at Cards en route and found Mrs. Card at home. Reached Stand Off at 1025 three hours and thirty minutes from Lees Creek.

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Friday 30 Kootenay

arrd here at 700. \_\_\_\_\_ Shack \_\_\_\_\_ not at (?) Left Macleod at 600 and stoped at Kootenay 930 \_\_\_\_\_ remained dined until 1230 left for here by the Big Bend trail. Which became under \_\_\_ in many places from the first crossing of Crooked Creek. found this spot with some difficulty. Saw two prospectors. \_\_\_ did not get home until 900 he promises to go with me to cut my name in the post and to stake the location.

*No further entries until end of year*

## **November**

See File 1889-92 for 29

### **MEMORANDA**

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|---|-------------------|---------|
| 1 | Cheque I.G. Baker | \$28.55 |
| 2 | H.B.Co Macl       | 87.00   |
| 3 | Do. Ed.           | 20.35   |
| 4 | Co_____           | 114.00  |

5	LG.B. ____	8.60
6	Geo A Kennedy	74.00
7	I. G. B_____	18.25
8	HB Hanson(?)	10.00
9	Thurnson - ____	12.00
10	Self- Lethbridge	100.00
11	A Mard____	100.00
12	A.S Shelton	100.00
13	Maynard, H__	200.00
14	Henderson, Hold	<u>9.00</u>
	bill	861.85
15	Anderson	9.00
16	Tel Open New	<u>1.67</u>
		872.52

### CASH ACCOUNT – JANUARY

Date		Received	Paid
1	R.L.T.G. on loan	1000.00	
2	P.V.O. to Maynard _____		200.00
"	A Macdonald		100.00
	Murphy ____		
"	A.S. Shelton Calgary		100.00
"	E____ S_____		

“	Henderson cheque-	
“	Hold bill	9.00
“	I.G. Baker Co.	13.00
3 <sup>RD</sup>	I. G. Baker & Co. Exp	28.55
“	Hudsons Bay Co ____	87.10
“	Do. Edmonton	20.35
“	Sent back on C_____	114.05
“	_____	
“	I. G. Baker & Co	8.60
“	I. G. Baker	18.25
“	HB Hammond	10.00
“	Stenson	12.00
“	Percival Rek_____	10.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	Self	

**CASH ACCOUNT- MARCH.**

Date	Received	Paid
15	PO Gigol (note on piano)	50.00

**CASH ACCOUNT- APRIL.**

Date	Received	Paid
15	PO Gigol (note on piano )	50.00

**CASH ACCOUNT- MAY**

Date	Received	Paid
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15 Paid Gigol(note on piano. 50.00

CASH ACCOUNT (x'ed out JUNE)

Date	Received	Paid
11 <sup>th</sup>	Pd Galbraithe on a/c of ___ abs__by _____	30.00
"	Pd _ood for Gaguon but ___ Shaw ___ Jones, pay stolen by Stewart (_____)	57.00
14	_____ but to him on a/c of amt fwd _____ _____from _____	114.00
14	Brot fwd from _____ fold watch cl_____ two bracelets _____ to Julia Stub(?)	150.00
15	Brot fwd fr om January	
	Pd IG Baker Co	28.55
	HBCo Calgary	87.10
	Do. Edmonton	20.35
	IGB Co	8.60
	Geo A Kennedy	74.00
	I.G.B Macleod	18.25
	H.B.H.	10.00
	Stenson	12.00
	Self Lethbridge	100.00
	Self Macleod	900.00
	A Macdonald	100.00

A E Shelton 100.00

839.85

CASH ACCOUNE (x'ed out June)

Date	Received	Paid
15	Brot fwd	839.85
	Maynard _____	200.00
	Hotel bill at Lethbridge	9.00
	Auderton(?) photos	9.00
	Gigol(piano)	250.00
	Greburte(?) (last instalment in 320 acres land ____	50.00
	13 Pd C_____	2.00
	" IGB for Cash	4.00
	" Horan boots	15.00
	" " "	2.50
	" Maynard Harris	100.00
	"John Darlington	20.00
	"D. Brett	20.00
	"HBay Co. Calgary	45.00
	"RS_____	30.00
	"Bently & Co.	11.00
	R_____	12.00
	Nilssuey	26.00
	Cou_____	20.00

_____	11.00
Sil_____	57.00
Claney herding	11.00
1 _____	9.00
IG Baker Co	93.00

CASH ACCOUNT JULY

Paid Gigol two _____ for piano	100.00
P.U.O. to Greisbach	50.00

Sent instalment on land at Ft. Saskatchewan

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1 walnut sideboard	35.00
1 bedroom suit	45.00
1 bed brass	8
1 line _____	5
1 _____	11
1 S_____	12
6 leather chairs	35
1 _____ bed _____	15
2 prs pillars	4 a pr
1 cutting table	6.50
Cave (?) chair	1.75/6

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